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## Working to end suicide silence

Traveling backpacks bring awareness to mental health and suicide.

By ALEKSANDRA VUJICIC  
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Book bags sitting on the Pentacrest typically hold notebooks, pens, and sandwich wrappers from the library café.

But Tuesday, the backpacks held a different meaning.

More than 1,000 backpacks decorated the lawn of the Old Capitol to represent the 1,100 college students who commit suicide every year.

The *Send Silence Packing* traveling exhibit included bags donated by friends or family members across the country who have been affect-

ed by suicide. Walkways were lined with pictures and stories of those who have died, and signs were posted with sayings including “Two-thirds of students who need help don’t seek it” and “Never be afraid to ask for help.”

Suicide is the second leading cause of death among college students. More than half of college students have had suicidal thoughts, and one in 10 consider attempting.

The University of Iowa Counseling Service estimates 300 UI students attempt suicide every year.

The exhibit was brought to campus by the mental-health

advocacy group Active Minds as a part of its Midwest tour, visiting anywhere between 10 and 14 campuses. The UI Active Minds chapter is one of the 400 chapters nationwide, in addition to a national chapter.

“We’d like students to know that they’re not alone if they’re going through this,” President of the UI Active Minds chapter Kyra Wilson said. “Clearly, a lot of students have been through the same thing and struggle with this every year. One of the things depression does is it creates this feeling of just being alone

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Photo by Mariah Green

## Abuse panel gets underway

By STACEY MURRAY  
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The University of Iowa President’s Student Advisory Committee on Sexual Misconduct held its initial meeting with UI President Sally Mason and other UI officials on Monday.

Fourteen students were selected from a 175-person applicant pool to serve one- or two-year terms on the committee.

The group elected UI undergraduate student Grant Laverty as the chairman and graduate student Kira Pasquesi as the vice chairwoman.

The committee was created as a part of Mason’s six-point plan to combat sexual assault on the UI campus. The plan includes cracking down on offenders, increasing support for survivors, improving prevention and education, improving communication, adding funding, and listening more and reporting back.

This year, there have been 12 reported sexual assaults on the UI campus. Thus far, Mason has added funding to provide an additional Ni-

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### Committee

The committee members include:

- Joshua Abdo
- Maddie Bro
- Deeksha Chada
- Mary Heer
- Ashley Jenkins
- Grant Laverty
- Xingchen Li
- Nealy Wooldridge
- Carter Bell
- Patrick Galligan
- Jarvis McCowin
- Elizabeth Rook
- Alexis Steele
- Kira Pasquesi

### EDITOR’S NOTE

The *Daily Iowan* conducts monthly Q&A interviews with University of Iowa President Sally Mason. The *DI* regrets to inform its readers that the Q&A scheduled for the month of April, originally slated to appear in Tuesday’s edition, was canceled.

*DI* reporters and editors were provided a one-hour notice on Monday that the 30-minute Q&A had been canceled. UI spokesman Tom Moore said the interview was canceled because Mason needed to “carve some time out of her schedule to prepare for the Board of Regents’ meeting later this week.”

In place of the Q&A, options were presented to interview UI Vice President of Strategic Communication Joseph Brennan or correspond with Mason via email. While the *DI* pursued the interview with Brennan, many of its questions went unanswered because they were better suited for Mason to answer. The *DI* rarely chooses to conduct interviews with officials via email.

A request to reschedule the Q&A was made on Monday, but the *DI* has yet to receive a new date for April, if any, from the President’s Office.

UI officials also canceled the Q&A in March. No reason for the cancellation was provided other than that her schedule had “become very busy today,” but Mason’s schedule for March 31 indicates that she had made phone calls to members of the state Board of Regents during the time of the interview, according to documents obtained by the *DI*.

The last Q&A took place on Feb. 17. Currently, the next Q&A with Mason is scheduled for May 14.

## New salon serves North Side

HABA will emphasize quality, the owners say.

By IAN MURPHY  
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Hair scissors now snip where soft serve used to swirl.

The HABA hair salon now occupies 212 E. Market St., where the North Side Dairy Queen was located for 30 years. HABA is an acronym for hair, art, beauty, and architecture, said co-owner Leah Ostby.

“It was certainly a whole lot of work renovating it and getting it to look like this,” she said. “It’s also just a cute little name.”

The salon held its grand opening on April 11 after being established in Iowa City earlier this year.

“We had always kind of wanted to open up back downtown,” said co-owner Nichole Schappert.

Figuring out the ownership end of hair dressing has been the biggest challenge, Ostby said.

“Over the last two years, I’ve been transitioning to the business side of it,” she said. “It’s a lot more in-depth



Co-owner Nichole Schappert works on a client’s hair at Haba Salon on Tuesday. HABA Salon is on East Market Street next to Pizza Pit. (The Daily Iowan/Joshua Housing)

than I realized; it’s a lot more expensive than I realized.”

Ostby and Schappert were both employed by Buzz Salon and started their business in Tiffin because of a

non-competition agreement, but they have now returned to Iowa City.

Buzz owner Jodi Connolly said she

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GET INTO DODGE



Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow ambassadors hand out fliers with information on this year's third-annual dodge-ball tournament on the Pentacrest on Tuesday. Winners of the tournament will receive season tickets to Iowa football and basketball. (The Daily Iowan/Joshua Housing)

# School projects progressing

By LILY ABROMEIT  
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Elementary schools in the Iowa City School District are getting closer to completing renovations and construction. The Iowa City School Board members approved the next steps for numerous building projects in the district, some of which are under budget. "We had a lot of Appendix Nine approvals, which is a sign that things are happening," said School Board President Sally Hoelscher. "We have talked about it for so long, it's nice to see it [happening]." The projects discussed included construction on South, Van Allen, and Twain Elementary Schools as well as renovations on Hoover Elementary. Duane VanHemert, the director of the Physical Plant, presented the

board with information and updates on each project and said they were "coming along well." He said while renovations at Hoover include replacing carpet and paint. The major addition will be adding air-conditioning units in every classroom. The units will be removable to allow for any future changes. Initially estimated at \$1.4 million, VanHemert said the project estimate has dropped to \$615,800 instead — half the original estimate. "Sometimes, the marketplace can affect that," he said. "And we typically estimate projects on the higher side so we don't go over budget." Also on the agenda was approval of the next step in the Twain project. The development includes an additional gym and music room, as well

as upgrades to the rest of the building. A plan was added to redo the kindergarten spaces. Board member Chris Lynch said he was pleased with the change to the kindergarten rooms, which will combine the current three rooms into two larger ones, could be included. "The kindergarten [area] was something the school asked for ... and we got it in the scope, and it's still on budget," he said. "That's what we're looking for." VanHemert said the next step for Van Allen will bring it closer to two additions to the building, which will include extra rooms for teacher collaboration and special-needs classes. Additionally, he said, construction on South Elementary is also on schedule and "right on target for the costs."

Board member Tuyet Dorau said she is encouraged by the approval of the next steps, because it means progress for the district and the students involved. "I'm pretty excited to be alive to expand our facilities," she said. "Our district is a growing district, and we have a lot of students who are in temporary [classrooms], and it'll be nice to have them in buildings." Dorau said one thing she would like to see improve is the rate at which North Elementary is progressing. "I'd like to see some acceleration of North elementary because looking at the projections and cluster-one maps ... many of those schools are going to be crowded, so I think we have to deal with those capacity issues in those areas," she said.

# Seeing climate as narrative

By KAITLIN DEWULF  
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The Iowa River is about to take center stage. The University of Iowa Office of Sustainability is bringing together science, humanities, journalism, and the arts to use the Iowa River as a focus for its historical and contemporary connections to environmental, agricultural, and sustainability topics through a media arts initiative. Jeff Biggers, the UI sustainability writer in residence, along with three students, studied the Iowa River for one semester. The initiative will include a movie screening, discussion, and presentation held today in the IMU Iowa Theater. "I see the Iowa River as a great story itself, its banks lined by cycles of cultures,

now afflicted with toxic runoff, drought, and flooding," Biggers said. "And yet, it still flows with a message of resiliency." The Climate Narrative Project was established as a way to investigate how climate change affects everyone. "The project has been launched in the belief that stories matter," Biggers said. "And that stories can change our lives and ways of living." Biggers said the project seeks to investigate how the UI campus, state of Iowa, and global population can envision more regenerative approaches to energy, food, agriculture, and transportation. UI Office of Sustainability Director Liz Christiansen said the department hopes to give students the opportunity to learn how to communicate issues asso-

ciated with global climate disruption in a new way. "The impact of global climate disruption is already being felt in Iowa," Christiansen said. "It will have an impact on our lives." Christiansen said she, along with Biggers, ended up collaborating to develop the Climate Narrative Project last spring after NASA announced the global concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere had reached 400 parts per million for the first time in recorded history. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released a report last week that concluded global emissions of greenhouse gases have risen to unprecedented levels and are a growing threat to food, water, and national security. The report included the issue of climate change "requires

immediate action." "While many observers called [the panel's] recent climate report a wake-up call, the great Iowa River flood of 2008 was arguably one of the most historic wake-up calls for our campus and town," Biggers said. Kelsey Zlevor, a Climate Narrative fellow, is exploring relationships UI students have with the river through a series of interviews in her project called "Once We Were a River Town: Exploring Our Sense of Place in the Age of Social Media." "We think our physical environment is a secondary concern as students when we're trying to pursue good grades, competitive internships, and prestigious jobs," Zlevor said. "Just because we may eventually leave doesn't mean the problems disappear."

METRO

Man charged with theft

Authorities have accused a local man of writing bad checks. Colton Keyes, 23, was charged July 2013 with second-degree theft. According to an Iowa City police complaint, officers responded to Hy-Vee for a report of bad checks. Keyes reportedly wrote three checks to Hy-Vee between July 19, 2013, and July 21, 2013, in the amount of \$1,626.52, the complaint said. All three checks were returned because of insufficient funds in the account, the complaint said. Keyes reportedly said he thought he had the money in the account; he was given 10

days to pay Hy-Vee for the bad checks. After 10 days, he had not paid Hy-Vee. Second-degree theft is a Class-D felony. — by Rebecca Morin

IC high schools rank high Two local high schools are among the best in the state. According to the 2014 U.S. News Best High Schools rankings, West High and City High are in the top 10 of the state. West High was ranked No. 4, and City High was ranked No. 10. Iowa has one of the highest high-school graduation rates in the nation. — by Rebecca Morin

BLOTTER

Jacob Bolstad, 21, Solon, was charged Monday with driving with a suspended/canceled license. William Conner, 38, address unknown, was charged March 2 with fraudulent criminal acts. Devari Doss, 17, 618 S. First

Ave., was charged Monday with driving with a suspended/canceled license. Michael Hargrove, 42, 1121 Gilbert Court, was charged Sunday with third-degree theft. Sullman Hduale, 44, address unknown, was charged Mon-

day with public intoxication. Darcy Norem, 51, address unknown, was charged Monday with criminal trespass. Emily Robinson, 19, 2023 Union Road, was charged Monday with OWI. Montesha Walker, 22, 2251

Davis St., was charged Sunday with assault causing injury and serious or aggravated domestic assault with injury. Yidan Zhang, 19, Coralville, was charged Tuesday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

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## BACKPACKS

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and being separated from the rest of the world.”

Wilson said the group's mission is to change the discussion on mental health, which includes decreasing the stigma associated with the illness and increasing awareness about stress, anxiety, depression, and suicide on college campuses.

Wilson and chapter Vice President Emily Roberts both have lost friends to suicide, which prompted them to take action and raise aware-

ness about the issue.

Roberts initially joined the student organization as a way of coping with the grief she had after losing a friend to suicide her senior year of high school.

“My friend was very social,” Roberts said. “You never would have thought he was going through this and why he felt like he couldn't tell someone. I'm sure he knew that resources existed, maybe he didn't.”

Today, Roberts works with Wilson to encourage students to speak up and seek resources if they are caught in similar situations. She cred-

its the help of other local organizations, including the Crisis Center and the University Counseling Service, for helping create a resourceful environment.

“This is a huge problem,” Wilson said. “It happens often, unfortunately. But one of the first steps is being able to build a strong supportive community.”

With events like this, Wilson said, she hopes to give students the tools to talk to their friends if they see any unusual behavior.

In an email statement, Director of University Counseling Service Sam

Cochran said the exhibit is well-known in suicide-prevention circles. It was funded by a three-year suicide-prevention grant the university received in August 2013.

Brandon Doman, who is with the traveling road staff of the Active Minds national office, said one of the organization's main goals is to provide a number of free resources that were available at the exhibit.

“Some people that come through have no idea this is an issue, and for those people, we want them to know that something is happening and also it's something that people can make a difference for,” he said.

## BY THE NUMBERS

### SUICIDE AND COLLEGE

Suicide is the second leading cause of death among college students.



More than half of college students have had suicidal thoughts, and one in 10 have seriously considered attempting suicide.



Among 18-24 year olds, the prevalence of serious psychological disorders is higher (18.6 percent) than all adults aged 18 or older. This group also shows the lowest rate of help seeking behaviors.

GRAPHIC BY ALICIA KRAME

## MISCONDUCT

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te Ride van, expelled one student for sexual misconduct, revised timely warning notices sent to students on campus, and created the committee.

“I think everyone's

looking forward to the work of the committee in the near term and in the long term,” said UI Dean of Students David Grady.

UI freshman Josh Abdo applied for the committee because he felt he could adequately represent students on campus. Abdo is involved with Residence Life at the UI and the

Campus Activities Board.

He said the initial meeting was “pretty straightforward.” The committee did not set a firm schedule for the rest of its meetings, but Abdo said he believes it will meet monthly beginning in the fall.

The committee will speak to students in their various areas of involve-

ment to hear reactions to the issues and policies.

“We're going to be the eyes and ears of the campus,” Abdo said.

Pasquesi was appointed from the Executive Council of Graduate Professional Students and will serve a two-year term on the committee.

“Our main purpose is

to advise the president in relation to prevention and response,” Pasquesi said. “President Mason wants us to solicit and monitor progress of the six-point plan and have a voice in what happens with decision making moving forward.”

She said feels a sense of commitment to the cam-

pus, because she received her undergraduate education at the UI. She said she feels an “invested commitment” to provide all students with a safe campus environment.

Pasquesi said she believes the committee will meet one more time before the end of the school year.

## HABA SALON

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is excited to see former employees chasing their dreams.

HABA adds to the pool of more than five other salons in Iowa City.

Ostby said she hopes HABA can bridge the gap between expensive and cheaper salons while maintaining high quality.

“We needed to add our voice to downtown,” Ostby said. “We felt like there was a hole that needed to be filled.”

Cuts range from \$55 to \$75 for women and \$25 to \$40 for men.

Ostby has been a hairstylist for 18 years, and

Schappert has been styling for seven years. Both said they will emphasize having highly trained stylists at their salon.

The salon is partnered with New York stylist Nick Arrojo, who was featured on the show “What Not to Wear.” The salon has access to his line of hair-care products and educational materials. HABA will send one of its stylists to New York City to work with Arrojo.

“Our focus, 100 percent, is on well-trained, highly-educated stylists, before they ever are cutting hair behind a chair,” Ostby said.

Ostby said most of the walk-in business has been college-age men, and so far, many of them have liked the results.

“At some point, all of this hair is going to fall

off my head,” said Anthony Cinquepalmi, a graduate student in creative writing and a client of the salon. “But for now, I might as well make it look good.”

Cinquepalmi said a friend referred him to the salon because he takes care of his hair.

“I had a lot of bad haircuts as a child, and it makes me sad to get

a bad haircut,” he said. “You have to trust the person who's defining your hair for months at a time. This is the only place I trust with that endeavor.”

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## COLUMN

### Iowa should recognize genocide



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In 1944, Raphael Lemkin, a balding, mild-mannered Polish lawyer born to a Jewish family at the beginning of the 20th century, had a problem. He was studying a crime that did not have a word. A crime that had extinguished the lives of millions through a systemic policy of elimination, formulated by government bureaucrats with a fanatical hatred of a minority ethnic group. Lemkin eventually combined the Greek word for family, *Genos*, with the Latin suffix for killing, *-Cide*, giving us the word which would describe acts of human barbarousness from Rwanda to Cambodia.

But the crime Lemkin was studying was not the destruction of European Jews, a destruction that took the lives of 49 members of his own family. Rather, the crime had taken place on the Eastern edge of Anatolia some 30 years before.

Ninety-nine years ago this Friday in Istanbul, the Turkish-dominated Ottoman Empire arrested and deported around 235 members of the Armenian intelligentsia. This event marked the beginning of the Ottoman policy of mass firing squads, death marches, gassings, mass burnings, and concentration camps directed towards the Armenian people, an ethnic group living in the South Caucasus, which eventually resulted in the murder of 1.5 million Armenians.

The motivations for this carnage were unsurprising: the creation of a homogenous Turkish Muslim state and the elimination of an ethnic group considered inferior by Ottoman officials. As Talaat Pasha, one of the main architects of the genocide, told a German official "Turkey is taking advantage of the war in order to thoroughly liquidate internal foes ... There are no more Armenians."

The United States, that beacon of morality, to this day does not recognize the genocide because of its political alliance with Turkey. However, in opposition to Congress, 43 states have recognized that genocide took place, according to the Armenian National Institute.

Unfortunately, Iowa is not one of them.

The Armenian genocide is considered the second most destructive genocide of the 20th century after the Holocaust. It is the second-most studied genocide, and the historical and academic community is in near consensus in defining the slaughter of the Armenians by the Ottomans as a genocide, with the International Association of Genocide Scholars, an organization comprising the word's premier genocide scholars, unanimously concluded that the crime against the Armenian people was a genocide.

And yet, the recognition of this travesty is somehow a hotly contested geopolitical issue nearly a century later. Turkey, the successor state to the Ottoman Empire whose Muslim-majority nature was built on the extermination of its Armenian Christian population, continues to understate the number of deaths, deny that a genocide took place, and even claims that Turkish deaths at the hands of Armenians were higher than the Armenian casualties figure. Only 21 nations have recognized that what happened to the Armenians constituted genocide.

In honor of this anniversary, the Iowa Legislature should join the opposition and recognize the overwhelming empirical evidence that the Ottoman Turkish government carried out a policy of death, destruction, and misery toward its Armenian minority that can only be described as genocide. To not do so is to continue to stamp on the bones of a people whose graves have been trampled upon by murderers and demagogues.

Let's offer some respect to the dead by acknowledging what evil put them in the ground in the first place.

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## EDITORIAL

### Affirmative action still needed in 21st century

It's the 50th anniversary of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, and many today would make the case that civil rights are a concern of the 20th century. We live in a post-racial society, this line of reasoning goes, and we've learned from our mistakes.

Unfortunately, recent news from the U.S. Supreme Court shows that these concerns are all too modern, and that the country and its higher education institutions are still divided on issues such as affirmative action.

In a 6-2 decision, the court upheld a Michigan voter initiative to ban racial preferences in the admissions process of the state's public universities, overturning a 2012 circuit court ruling that said the initiative was a violation of the Constitution's equal-protection clause.

In delivering the majority opinion, Justice Anthony Kennedy said the court did not have the power to overturn the initiative.

"There is no authority in the Constitution of the United States or in this court's precedents for the judiciary to set aside Michigan laws that commit this policy determination to the voters," Kennedy wrote.

This decision, though not a rebuke of affirmative action itself, nonetheless leaves states able to reject the policy outright, a dangerous precedent to set. Affirmative action ensures students have experience with diversity in college, which research shows is important for citizens of healthy democracies and an increasingly globalized world.

For example, A 2011 Notre Dame study examined three different aspects of campus diversity: more students of color, diversity-related curriculum, and interactions with peers of other races, and found these experiences were associated with an increase in civic growth.

However, the greatest benefits came when the experiences were not seen as structured, but as interpersonal interactions with racial diversity.

The researchers said the findings provided "solid evidence for the benefits of diversity experiences."

Without affirmative action, these experiences will be harder to come by. But diversity is not just something to be sought for a healthy citizenry overall. Though racial quotas have previously been frowned upon by the courts, a policy that takes race into account isn't unduly discriminatory. It's a correction.

Our country's checkered past on civil rights has left many people of color in a cycle of poverty and lack of opportunity, and education is the key to breaking that cycle. Policies such as affirmative action help correct long-standing social wrongs, evening the playing field for those that have not had the same chances.

Opponents of race-based affirmative action often argue for an income-based program of the same type. While such a policy would help correct class disparities on college campuses, such a program would undermine the goal of increased diversity and could lead to pernicious stereotypes.

As much as we would like to believe it, we do not live in a "post-racial" society. The ramifications of post Civil Rights Act discrimination are less visible than segregated schools and Jim Crow laws, but they do have a creeping homogenization effect on our campuses and communities. Without affirmative action, college students could go through their entire educational career without these critical experiences with students unlike themselves, and without affirmative action, cycles of poverty will continue to be perpetuated. Fifty years after outlawing legalized prejudice, the Supreme Court's decision has made it clear that states are free to turn back the clock on campus diversity.

#### Your turn

Do you think the U.S. still needs race-based affirmative action? Weigh in at [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com).

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Janet Lyness and me

On a night in January 2007, I was riding my bike home from work, and a driver coming up behind me, for whatever reason, did what many drivers do to cyclists. He decided to throw a little scare in me to remind me that drivers own the road and cyclists don't belong there. This is something that cyclists experience on a daily basis in Iowa City — or really any other city. I challenged this driver, he emerged from his vehicle with a 4-foot-long windshield scraper and bashed the right side of my head several times.

Ultimately, he began poking me in the face with his finger and — whether accidentally or on purpose — his finger penetrated my mouth. I bit down hard enough to break the skin, lacerating his finger as he pulled out. This more or less ended the confrontation between us. I called the police to report the incident (imagine that), and the driver left the scene.

I test positive for antibodies to

HIV. I am HIV positive. I have been since 1993, and I've never been particularly discreet about this. "Silence Equals Death," was the mantra of ACT UP as I came to adulthood and middle age during the health crisis.

To shorten a long story, the driver who threatened me — the driver who beat me and stuck his finger in my mouth, the driver who had been driving on a license restored to him for only weeks before this incident because he had been barred for points accumulation, who had a raft of speeding and other traffic infractions — wasn't charged with anything.

I was charged with assault causing injury, a serious misdemeanor. I was told by my attorney that Janet Lyness as county attorney was doing me a "favor" by not charging me with a violation of Iowa's HIV criminalization statute, which carries a mandatory 25-year prison sentence. I pled "not guilty" and awaited trial. A motion was made to keep the issue of my HIV status from the jury for fear it would prejudice the case against me. HIV transmission is only

a theoretical risk from a bite — no such transmission has ever been documented — yet Lyness' office insisted on using my HIV-positive status at trial, and the judge turned down our motion to suppress this.

The virus has been suppressed in my body since 1996. It's not likely I could transmit HIV to anyone even in the more conventional ways, let alone the bite of a finger. An argument could be made that the person who inserted his finger in my mouth represented a greater health risk to me.

In short, Lyness won her case against me. HIV is a scary thing for jurors who don't know much about HIV. My lawyer had tested the issue and informed me that it's not likely the facts of the case would have resulted in a guilty conviction without the issue of HIV.

I think reasonable people can disagree as to the appropriate nature of my choice to confront a driver who endangered my life. But reasonable people cannot dispute my lack of either intent or ability to transmit HIV to a man who inserted his finger into my mouth.

If this is the kind of justice that Janet Lyness finds fair in our much-lauded-as-progressive community, what other tactics has Lyness been willing to stoop to increase her win-rate at trial? I was lucky in some ways; while I'm gay and HIV positive, that doesn't trump the privilege of being white and having money. The County Attorney's Office under Lyness is in the position to needlessly ruin the lives of people who could never afford to go to trial or who would likely get much less than the best representation if they did.

This is my personal story of why I cannot support Lyness. Over the last year, I have gotten to know John Zimmerman, and I have become an early supporter. John represents the hope of significant change in our community; he will end the prosecution-happy, police-driven environment at the Johnson County Courthouse. Please vote for John Zimmerman on June 3 (early voting begins April 24).

Donald Baxter

## VOICES OF PHILANTHROPY

### Give while you're still alive

My husband, Rand, and I both went to the University of Iowa and graduated in 1951. My father, Walter Anneberg, M.D., also a UI graduate and lifelong supporter of the university, said to us, "Do not wait to give to the university until you can afford to give."

We were in the process of graduating at the time and soon after, married, and Rand was drafted and sent to Korea. So, we sent \$12.50 each for Alumni Association memberships.

My mother, also a UI

graduate and lifelong UI supporter, said, "Find programs and projects that interest you. Support them, and become involved." Her opinion was that community involvement makes life interesting.

Throughout the years, I have taken my parents' words of advice and expanded on them:

**Give regularly.** The university not only needs strong support from the state of Iowa every year but also increased support from the private sector, to maintain programmatic excellence

and educational opportunities for students.

**Give while you're still alive.** We have enjoyed supporting scholarships and watching those students succeed as well as contributing to the funding for some of the buildings on campus. Seeing Old Capitol and other museums on campus renewed and used brings joy to us because we've supported them over the years. Professor Ernest Pascarella, who holds our named chair in the UI College of Education, has exceeded our expecta-

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# Miller-Meeks visits IC

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Grand Old Party beer cozies were off to the side as a congressional candidate stood in front of attentive conservatives.

Mariannette Miller-Meeks, an eye doctor and a former director of the Iowa Department of Public Health, held a roundtable discussion with University of Iowa College Republicans on Tuesday night as part of the organization's Grand Old Party Week outreach efforts.

Miller-Meeks is seeking Iowa's 2nd Congressional District seat for the third time. She is running against Rep. Mark Lofgren, R-Muscataine, and Matthew C. Waldren, from Eddyville, in the June Republican primary. She previously ran against Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, in 2008 and 2010, both resulting in defeat.

Officials from the Miller-Meeks campaign reached out to the group, particularly to speak to students about the Affordable Care Act. Miller-Meeks has focused her campaign on her negative reaction to the health-care bill.

"I think it's very important that you meet people on their ground and on their turf, so part of this is learning and listening from and then also

explaining what I'm about and what my candidacy is about and hopefully to get young people on board with the campaign," she said. "I think it's important to know that you can keep your health care and you can lose your congressman."

Miller-Meeks said she is pleased with her campaign's progress since it began about two months ago.

College Republicans President Quentin Marquez said group members can be valuable to Miller-Meeks' campaign by providing support as interns and volunteers.

"We are an excited workforce both for the candidates and for the party," he said. "We have a lot of opportunities to get our college really involved in campaigns and on the party level, and we've done a very good job at securing those positions for our members."

Senate candidates Mark Jacobs, a businessman, and Sam Clovis, a professor at Iowa State University, have also visited the College Republicans. Senate candidate Rep. Bruce Braley, D-Iowa, Sen. Jack Hatch, D-Des Moines, and Loebsack have kept in touch with the UI Democrats.

Miller-Meeks devoted much of her discussion to the Affordable Care Act and how she believes it affects college

students. She gave examples of people she spoke to who had health-care costs raised or lost plans.

"The UDeMs support the president's agenda, so we support the [the health-care law]," UI Democrats President Carter Bell wrote in an email to *The Daily Iowan*. "I, along with many of the other UDeMs members, are extremely supportive of the [health-care law] and are tired of Republicans fighting a losing battle over what is the law of the land instead of bringing their own issues to the table."

Miller-Meeks also gave time to the subject of gender. Iowa has never sent a woman to Congress. The congressional candidate said she hopes the first will not be a Democrat.

Bell said she would like to "break the gender glass ceiling in Iowa politics" with a Democrat.

"However, I do not consider this to be a competition with Republican women," Bell wrote. "If Republicans think this is a competition to 'take' the first congressional seat held by a woman, then they should start by supporting a pro-woman platform, instead of promoting a slate of anti-reproductive rights, a repeal of the [health-care law], and cuts to education."



GOP congressional candidate Mariannette Miller-Meeks speaks to the UI College Republicans in Schaeffer Hall on Tuesday. Miller-Meeks focused on the goals of the Republican Party. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)



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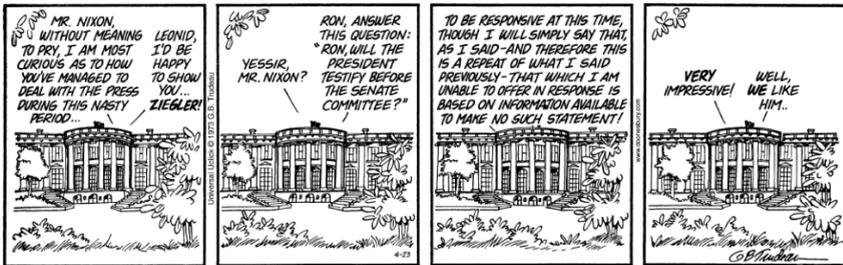
### General and Unsolicited Advice:

- You know all those selfies you take, then either delete or never, ever show anyone? That's what you actually look like to other people.
- If you want to accomplish great things in life, it's important to remember that the Hero's Journey is seldom taken at a leisurely stroll.
- For the record, you're going to need a turntable and decent speakers at some point.
- Just ask yourself this simple question: "Do I want an open or closed casket funeral?" After that, the rest of your decisions get quite a bit easier.
- Need to improve your conversational interviewing and question asking skills? Google it.
- If you hate a person that is constantly correcting you, then who you should really hate is the person *WHO* is constantly correcting you.
- Relationships work best when both sides share the same opinions on the following three topics: casual-dining restaurants, karaoke, and morning sex. (Take THAT, Match.Com.)
- I'll give you the single greatest piece of advice my therapist ever gave me: "Sir, for the last time, I am not your therapist. I'm a barista at Caribou Coffee, and I'm afraid that I must insist you put your pants back on and leave, now." Those words have gotten me through some really tough times.

Andrew R. Juhl suggests you take a whiskey-tasting class and study hard for the finals.

## Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



## DILBERT

by Scott Adams



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BY VIEV



## today's events

- **2014 Health Sciences Research Week**, "Neuronal Control of Metabolism," Jens Bruening, Max Planck Institute, noon, 1110A Medical Education & Research Facility
- **Express Workshops**, 1 p.m., Main Library Learning Commons, Group Area D
- **Chemistry Three-Month Seminar**, "The Role of Protein Dynamics on Structure and Function of Thymidylate Synthase," Thelma Abyeysinghe, 2 p.m., W323 Chemistry Building
- **Chemistry Final Thesis Defense**, "Nocturnal Hypoglycemic Alarm Based on Near-Infrared Spectroscopy," Sanjeeva Rasika Karunathilaka, 2:30 p.m., 125 Trowbridge
- **Stress Management**, Academic Support & Retention, 3:30 p.m., 347 IMU
- **Public reception for visiting 3D-artist Joshua DeMonte**, Museum of Art, 5-6 p.m., M.C. Ginsberg, 110 E. Washington
- **Festival Arts, Carnival, and Community Development**, Darryl Montana, big chief of the Yellow Pocahontas Mardi Gras Indian Tribe, 6 p.m., 2520D University Capitol Center
- **Movies Under the Dome**, *The Pit and the Pendulum*, in conjunction with the Old Capitol exhibit *Poe: A Wilderness of Mirrors*, 6:30 p.m., Old Capitol Senate Chamber 7:30 p.m., Riverside Recital Hall
- **"Live from Prairie Lights"**, Zach Savich and Hannah Brooks-Mott, poetry, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- **School of Music Presents: "Works 4 Strings: Bach's music for solo strings"**, Scott Conklin, Katie Wolfe, Anthony Amone, and Volkan Orhon, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Recital Hall
- **School of Music Presents: Elliot Czaplewski**, oboe, 8 p.m., 150 Clinton Street Music 376

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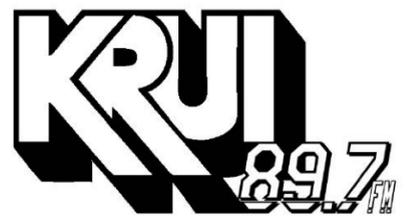
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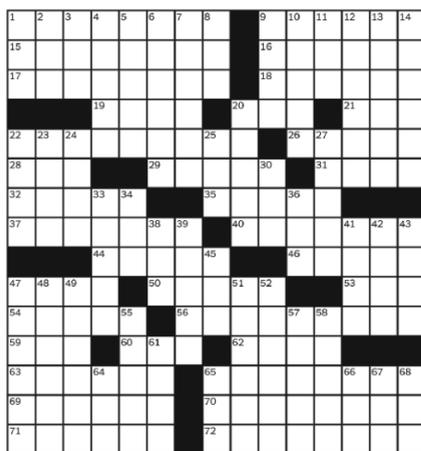
## OBJECTS OF ART

### The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0319

- ACROSS**
- Easy, in adspeak
  - Like the stars
  - Tooth next to a canine
  - The "cave" of "cave canem"
  - Go away as a marathoner might?
  - Go away as a Michael Jackson impersonator might?
  - Z abroad
  - Yank rival
  - Pothook shape
  - Go away as an outdoorsman might?
  - Augment
  - Olympics chant
  - Some Marine NCOs
  - Neural conductor
  - Wrinkle-reducing shot
  - Step up or down
  - Go away as a bumblebee might?
  - Go away as a speaker of pig Latin might?
  - Particle theorized in 1977
  - Carnivore that both hunts and scavenges
  - Overwhelm with flattery
  - "Wonderful!"
  - Word with living or dead
  - Caffeine-laden nuts
  - With 63- and 65-Across, go away as a soda jerk might?
  - "\_\_\_ be a pleasure!"
  - They're checked at the door
  - \_\_\_ instant
  - 63 & 65 See 56-Across
  - 69 A solar system "ice giant"
  - 70 Sculptor's works
  - 71 "For heaven's sake!"

- DOWN**
- "Science Friday" ainer
  - Tulsa sch. with a Prayer Tower
  - Mad-when-wet bird, idiomatically
  - Knock the socks off
  - Form of flamenco
  - Poky sorts
  - Hawaiian verandas
  - Joule fraction
  - Group featured in "Mamma Mia!"
  - "Later!"
  - Carrier in "The Aviator"
  - Hard-core
  - British upper-crustier, for short
  - Reveals one's feelings
  - Volkswagen model since 1979
  - Ernest of country music
  - Not worth \_\_\_
  - Willy who lent his name to a historic Manhattan deli
  - British scale divs.
  - "Pride and Prejudice" protagonist
  - College football star Michael in 2014 news
  - Conductor Seiji
  - Worthless tic-tac-toe row
  - 36 "Sorta" suffix
  - Garden of Eden tree
  - Much paperwork



- PUZZLE BY SAMUEL A. DONALDSON**
- Need a bath badly
  - Hathaway of "Becoming Jane"
  - When tripled, a Seinfeld catchphrase
  - Museum-funding org.
  - One often in need of a lift?
  - Official with a seal
  - Racetrack has-been
  - Closely resembling
  - Like some short-term N.B.A. contracts
  - Hole in one's head?
  - Stands the test of time
  - Raw data, often
  - Usain Bolt event
  - "It's \_\_\_-brainer"
  - Prince Edward Island hrs.
  - Mekong Valley native
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# The Constitution only gives people the right to pursue happiness. You have to catch it yourself.

— Benjamin Franklin

## COMMENTARY

# Men's tennis seeks the elusive doubles point

The Iowa men's tennis team has fallen short a few times this season.

By **JORDAN BUCHER**  
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The 2014 Iowa men's tennis team was dealt the same cards as last season, graduating only one senior from its 2012-13 roster and gaining just one newcomer. There's only so much that can be done with a hand of 8s and 9s against teams that easily have kings and aces. The future didn't look so bright for the Hawkeyes — and it wasn't.

But in their defense, the Hawkeyes are a better team than what the final score indicates, and only someone who attends the matches could justify that as true.

At a glance, Iowa's schedule is contaminated with a strand of Ls that appear on the right-hand side.

As head coach Steve Houghton said, the team is snake-bitten in terms of 4-3 losses to Big Ten rivals.

The truth of the matter is that Iowa isn't a good clutch team. The W was practically dangling in front of their faces in at least four matches (Western Michigan, Indiana, Nebraska, and Northwestern) this season, and the Hawkeyes couldn't quite snatch it.

Iowa is the only team in the Big Ten that doesn't have a national ranking, and in a sport that recognizes the top 75 teams in the country, one win over a nationally ranked oppo-

nent is enough to put the Hawkeyes on the map.

Coming off of a disappointing 7-17 record last year and returning all but one to their roster this year, the results from this campaign have been eerily similar.

At the start of the 2013-14, Iowa showed signs of promise in nonconference play, earning all nine of its wins so far this season. But it wasn't long until the Hawkeyes fell into their old ways, stumbling down the stretch to a 9-14 record overall, 1-10 in the Big Ten.

Unlike last year, however, the Hawkeyes have adopted a more aggressive style of play, thanks to assistant coach Ross Wilson, and have proved themselves as a team capable of competing against Big Ten opponents.

The main issue for the Hawkeyes this season in conference play has been their inability to win the decisive doubles point.

In the span of just over a week, the Hawkeyes ultimately failed to clinch a decisive tiebreaker match in doubles play against Indiana, were swept by Nebraska three days later in tight matches, and lost to No. 35 Northwestern on April 13 in a match that could have just as easily been a win if it weren't for — you guessed it — the doubles point.

Once again, the No. 3 duo of Chase Tomlins and Joey White found themselves in a decisive 7-point

tiebreaker, which teams must win by 2. The duo was just one point away from claiming the match at 8-7, but the end result wasn't there, just as it wasn't against the Hoosiers and Huskers, and the Wildcats clinched the tiebreaker, 9-7, to win the match and claim the doubles point.

It's been a close but no cigar type of season for the Hawkeyes this spring, but Iowa will have one more chance to make its own luck with the Big Ten Tournament taking place this week.

One thing is certain, though — the Black and Gold will have to play its cards wisely if they hope to pull off an upset and change the expectations for the program when next season rolls around.



Iowa player Joey White serves against Northwestern as teammate Chase Tomlins waits at the net during doubles in the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex on April 13. The Wildcats defeated the Hawkeyes, 5-2. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

## Cubs hammer D-Backs



Chicago Cub Junior Lake right celebrates with teammate Mike Olt (30) after Olt hit a 3-run home run during the fifth inning against Arizona in Wrigley Field on Tuesday. (Associated Press/Paul Beaty)

By **JOHN JACKSON**  
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Jason Hammel pitched seven strong innings, Mike Olt hit a 3-run homer, and Nate Schierholtz drove in a pair of early runs to lead the Chicago Cubs to a 9-2 victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks on Tuesday night.

Hammel (3-1) allowed just 1 run and 4 hits in seven innings to lower his ERA to 2.60.

Olt still is batting below .200 for the season (.195), but has 4 homers and 9 runs batted in.

The Cubs, who have won three of four, have won back-to-back games for the first time this season. They last won consecutive games on Sept. 9 and 10 of last season against the Cincinnati Reds. Their last consecutive home wins came on Sept. 4 and 6 against Miami and Milwaukee.

Brandon McCarthy (0-4) managed to lower his ERA

from 7.11 to 6.23. He allowed 5 runs — 1 earned — and 7 hits in five innings.

Arizona dropped its fourth straight and has the worst record the major leagues at 5-18.

The Cubs broke through in the third inning. Luis Valbuena stroked a one-out double to left-center and then scored two batters later on a two-out single by Schierholtz.

In the fifth, they stretched the lead to 2-0 when Schierholtz drove in Valbuena again, this time on a sacrifice fly to right field. Valbuena led off the inning with a single, went to second on a groundout, and then reached third as Arizona second baseman Martin Prado muffed an Anthony Rizzo grounder for an error.

The Cubs weren't done yet. Given the extra out, Starlin Castro singled to put two runners on and Olt followed with a homer into the right-field bleachers for a 5-0 lead.

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## BASEBALL

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season, having most recently dropped a 8-6 extra-innings heartbreaker to Western Illinois on April 15.

"The big thing with these midweek games is the energy level and the effort," head coach Rick Heller said. "The guys who haven't pitched dictate so much. Everyone who didn't pitch over the weekend will have to come out and throw strikes."

The Hawkeyes are

scheduled to start right-hander Blake Hickman against the Bluejays.

Hickman has a 2-1 record. Although he has one of the best arms on the team, he has struggled to find the strike zone in his last few appearances on the hill for the Hawkeyes.

"We've got to throw strikes and work ahead in the count," Heller said. "If we do, we'll have a good chance, but if we don't, it probably won't be so pretty. It's a tough ballpark to score runs in."

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deeper than the friendly confines of Banks Field.

However, the Hawkeyes bring an offense that has proven itself potent in just about every ballpark the Hawks have played in this season.

What's more, the Black and Gold have been on fire at the plate recently.

They've put up 5 or more runs in six of their last seven contests, including a pair of come-from behind wins against a tough Minnesota pitching rotation last weekend.

Bolstered by their strong performance against the Gophers, the Hawks hope

their confidence at the plate will prevail against the Bluejays.

"Anytime you can string a few together and boost your confidence going into your next game, it's a good thing to do," sophomore Dan Potempa said. "Usually, we win in the last three innings, so that will be huge for a ball club like this."

Potempa's 3-run blast late in the game helped lift the Black and Gold over Minnesota to give the Hawkeyes their first series win over the Gophers since 2005.

Potempa is part of an Iowa offense that has im-

proved leaps and bounds over where it was at the end of last season.

Going into last game, seven of Iowa's nine starters were hitting above .300, a huge reason they are second in the Big Ten in hitting.

"We've just been putting good swings on the ball when we needed to and just made things happen," senior Taylor Zeutenhorst said.

And while Iowa owns a winning record against Creighton over the last few seasons, Heller knows the dangers that come with taking any opponents lightly.

"Creighton is a good ball club," Heller said. "They play hard every day, and it will be tough, but I think the fact that we've seen so many good teams so far benefits us."



Former Iowa basketball forward Melsahn Basabe talks to a group of people about his basketball journey on the Pentacrest on April 11. Basabe plans to expand his merchandise in the near future. (The Daily Iowan/Alyssa Hitchcock)

## SLIME

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he said. "... I didn't want to sell something that I wouldn't wear and that I wouldn't be confident in."

Off the court an inspiring entrepreneur, Basabe is also a young father. His 7-month-old daughter, Eva, he said, has simplified his life.

"I only worry about certain things, and my No. 1 priority is being daddy," he said. "It also helps keep myself in check. Whatever

I do reflects on her."

S.L.I.M.E. isn't just a way for Basabe to touch his fans and friends; his role as a father plays into it.

"She's going to be a part of it," he said. "I want to be able to show my daughter just a good work ethic and success ... I want to show all my kids, in the future, that daddy built something."

On April 11, Basabe signed with Arete Sports Agency. He believes there is much more basketball to look forward to.

"That's what my coach-

es have been telling me, my agent has been telling me," he said. "You never want to speak something until it happens, but I think I could have a very successful [professional] career wherever it takes me, and I'm training hard every day, working toward that."

Basabe promises many surprises in the future, and he plans to have a website up in early May.

"Everybody is S.L.I.M.E. now," he said. "I consider everybody that supports me to be S.L.I.M.E., the S.L.I.M.E. family."



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## KERNELS

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Prepping at Cedar Rapids Washington, the then slightly heralded recruit ended up setting program records in eight categories in his four seasons with the Warriors.

After his senior year, he accepted an offer to play baseball at the University of Nebraska and managed to crack the starting lineup half way through his debut season. His time playing for the Cornhuskers left an impact on not only him, but also on his head coach — and former World Series champion — Darin Erstad.

"He's the kind of player that will show up to the ballpark every day with his lunch pail and ready to work his tail off," Erstad said. "Along with toughness, that mentality really works in professional baseball, and his hard work has and will continue to pay off for him."

"I don't think I've seen a tougher guy in my time here."

It takes a bit of toughness to swallow the grit-filled life of a minor league ball player. From the long travel days and bus rides to the low pay that comes along with playing single-A ball, the life is not one full of glory — but rather the pursuit of it.

Ten games into the season, Christensen is still in the novelty stage of being a minor leaguer, but reality is starting to set in.

"Baseball is just a grind; there are a lot of good days, and there are a lot of bad days," Christensen said. "You have to mentally brush off the bad ones and learn from it while you prepare for the next game."

He has certainly caught the eye of manager Jake Mauer, who Christensen impressed enough in spring training enough to earn a spot on the roster.

Mauer has enough trust in him to bat him third and has given him a chance to

play numerous positions in the infield and outfield.

"Chad's a guy that can play multiple positions, and you can put him pretty much anywhere, which is valuable here, in Minnesota and valuable at all the levels," Mauer said. "He contributes well with the bat, and if he continues to do what he's doing defensively, he's going to move through just fine."

For now, Christensen is still learning the ropes, along with the majority of his teammates who are also going through their first year of minor-league life. Shared experiences build camaraderie and one doesn't have to look far past sarcasm and laughter in the clubhouse to see it.

"Chad is an extravagant human being who really makes me laugh, and I like the way he plays baseball," outfielder Jason Kanzler said. "We hung out a lot last year in the good old [Gulf Coast League], and I think that helps building team unity and a nice, compact winning goal."

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**No night games for Iowa**

For the second-straight season, the Hawkeyes will not play a night game under the lights of Kinnick Stadium.

After missing out on ABC/ESPN's prime-time selections for the Big Ten last week, the Big Ten Network announced Tuesday that Nebraska and Ohio State will join Big Ten newcomers Rutgers and Maryland as the teams featured on the network's prime-time schedule this fall.

The last time Iowa played in prime time was two seasons ago, when the Hawkeyes fell to Penn State, 38-14, in what was the first of six-straight losses to end the 2012 season.

— by Joshua Bolander



Iowa players run out onto the field for the night game against Penn State in Kinnick Stadium on Oct. 20, 2012. The Hawks will play no games under the lights this coming season. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

**Fiedorowicz meets with San Francisco**

According to numerous media reports and a league source, former Iowa tight end C.J. Fiedorowicz visited the San Francisco 49ers as recently as Monday.

The 6-5, 265-pound Fiedorowicz has made visits to the Detroit Lions and New York Jets facilities on top of working out privately for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

The former Hawkeye caught 26 passes for 253 yards for Iowa last season and led the Black and Gold with 6 receiving touchdowns.

If drafted or signed as a free agent, Fiedorowicz will be the fifth former Iowa tight end on an NFL roster, not including Dallas Clark, who is currently listed as a free agent.

— by Joshua Bolander



Iowa tight end C.J. Fiedorowicz runs down field in Kinnick Stadium on Oct. 5, 2013. Fiedorowicz recently visited the San Francisco 49ers. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

**Huff to visit, Atwood to announce**

Former Nevada power forward Cole Huff will visit Iowa on May 2, according to Huff's AAU coach on Twitter, and with the recent departure of Kyle Meyer, Iowa could really use another power forward. As of now, Jarrod Uthoff, Aaron White, and Okey Ukah are the only forwards on the Iowa roster.



**Huff**  
recruit

Huff averaged more than 12 points and 5 rebounds while on the Wolfpack, but he will have to sit out the 2014-15 season. Huff would be junior when he can play again.

Huff's announcement to visit Iowa comes one day before much sought-after junior-college power forward Willie Atwood plans to declare which Division-I school he will play for next season. Atwood has stated that Iowa is one of his front-runners, and is being recruited heavily by another Iowa juco-signee, Trey Dickerson, to commit to the Hawkeyes. Iowa would still have a problem at forward next season even if Huff were to sign, so Atwood would be a hot recruit for Fran McCaffery's program.

— by Ben Ross

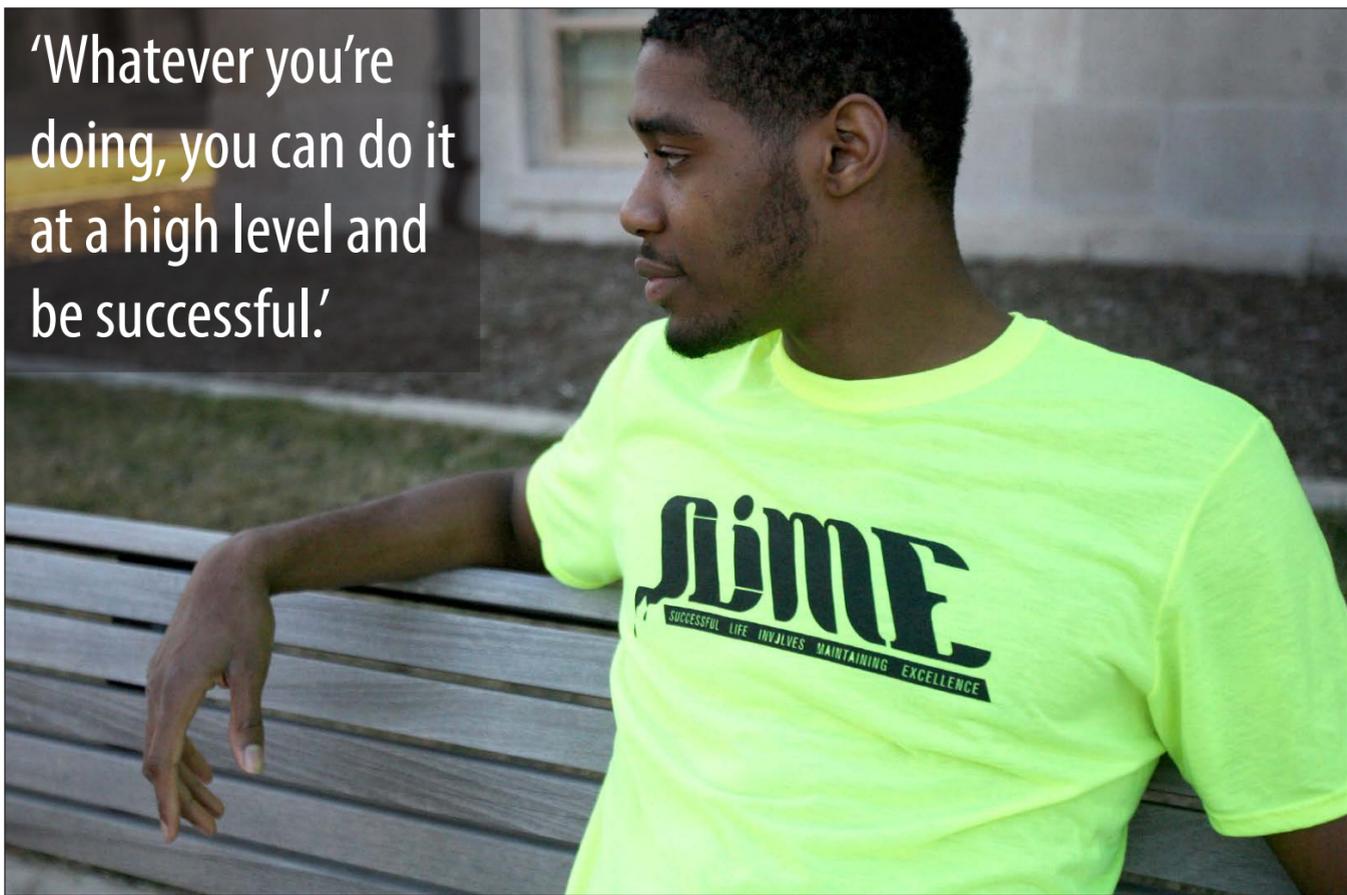
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**NHL Playoffs**  
Pittsburgh, Columbus, 6 p.m., NBCSN  
Anaheim, Dallas, 7 p.m., CNBC  
Chicago, St. Louis, 8:30 p.m., NBCSN

**NBA Playoffs**  
Charlotte vs. Miami, 6 p.m., TNT  
Dallas vs. San Antonio, 7 p.m., NBATV  
Portland vs. Houston, 8:30 p.m., TNT

**Getting with S.L.I.M.E.**

**'Whatever you're doing, you can do it at a high level and be successful.'**



Former Iowa forward Melsahn Basabe sits on a bench on the Pentacrest on April 11. Basabe's brand is S.L.I.M.E., which stands for successful life involves maintaining excellence. Basabe has plans to expand his brand and merchandise in the near future. (The Daily Iowan/Alyssa Hitchcock)

Melsahn Basabe is determined to make a difference after his time in Iowa City.

By **JALYN SOUCHEK**  
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Melsahn Basabe didn't give Hawkeye head coach Fran McCaffery much of an option. The 6-7, 220-pound senior grabbed the man he had followed more than 1,000 miles to Iowa City, pulled him into the center of the circle where his teammates were celebrating, and bear-hugged him from behind. McCaffery, red in the face and laughing, jumped and turned around, embracing his senior as the rest of the team continued to celebrate.

It wasn't just the night that Iowa had beaten then-No. 3 Ohio State in Columbus, or the night that Iowa earned its biggest win in the McCaffery era — at that moment, after Basabe's double-double led the Hawkeyes to an 84-74 win, a brand was born.

One hundred forty-eight career blocks and 1,119 points — that's the legacy that senior Melsahn Basabe will leave behind on the court in an Iowa basketball uniform, but it's the launch of his new brand S.L.I.M.E. that may ultimately end up defining him as a person, a brand that stands for "Successful life involves

maintaining excellence."

"I became aware of how many people supported me, and I really appreciated that," Basabe said. "... I wanted to give the people something."

Slime was a nickname that Basabe adopted in

**'Whatever endeavor I take part in, I want S.L.I.M.E. to be it, that's my brand. That's what I represent.'**

— Melsahn Basabe

his home neighborhood in Glen Cove, N.Y. The name stuck, and soon even Iowa fans were aware of phenomenon they so affectionately refer to as SlimeTime. Now, Slime has a whole new meaning.

"Whatever you're doing, you can do it at a high level and be successful, at whatever your passion is; art, music, there's no limit to it," he said. "That's really what my message is because that's what I live by."

But Basabe doesn't want his brand confused as a clothing brand. The former star of the Hawkeye hardwood wants to turn his brand into more than just merchandise by having sum-

mer camps and clinics.

"Whatever endeavor I take part in, I want S.L.I.M.E. to be it, that's my brand," he said. "That's what I represent."

Fellow student-athlete Kevonte Martin-Manley praised the decision for an athlete to brand himself post-college.

"I just think it's a great way for student-athletes to take advantage of the legacy they worked so hard for through their own brand," Martin-Manley said.

The neon shirt is the first, and currently the only, shirt Basabe is selling. It appeals largely to those who wear athletic clothing with its light, dry-fit material. The shirt is a limited edition.

"I know a lot of times we get that basic T's, and you put them in the wash and they turn into another shirt that you didn't even buy, two sizes too small, shrinks in length, triples in width,"

SEE SLIME, 8

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**Hawks next stop: limelight**



Iowa catcher Blake Hickman talks to pitcher Tyler Radtke during the third game of the series against Indiana at Banks Field on April 7. Indiana defeated Iowa, 5-3. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

The Hawkeye baseball team will head to Omaha to take on Creighton.

By **RYAN RODRIGUEZ**  
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The Iowa baseball team will get a taste of the spotlight this evening when it travels to Omaha to take on Creighton.

Not only will the game be

televised live on the CBS Sports Network, it will be played in TD Ameritrade Park, the home of the College World Series.

The Black and Gold are 3-2 in midweek games this

SEE BASEBALL, 8

**Iowa at Creighton**

**When:** Today  
**Location:** Omaha  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**At home in the minors**

By **JORDAN HANSEN**  
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There is no special fanfare when Cedar Rapids native Chad Christensen comes to bat for his hometown Kernels.

Nothing special from the PA announcer or any sort of music that would let the half-capacity crowd of around 1,900 know that the guy at the plate is one of their own.

He is just another minor-league baseball player focused on trying to take that next step up in the ladder to the majors.

And that is exactly how he wants it to be.

"This is a great place to be for now, but all of us are trying to get up to Minnesota at some point," Christensen said. "Nobody would be here if they weren't trying to eventually make it to the big leagues — that's the ultimate goal, and we're working day to day to get there."

That goal is something that the 23-year-old Christensen has worked toward for the majority of his life.



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