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Iowa Sens. Chuck Grassley and Joni Ernst walk down the red carpet in the Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center Ballroom on Jan. 16. The senators attended Gov. Terry Branstad's historic sixth inauguration. (The Daily Iowan/Sergio Flores)

Senator Grassley abides

Iowa Sen. Chuck Grassley will run for a seventh term in Congress.

Grassley's Election History

Iowa Sen. Chuck Grassley is running for his seventh term in Congress. He has won every election since at least 1980.

1980

Grassley — 53.5 percent
John Culver (D) — 45.5 percent

1986

Grassley — 66.1 percent
John Roehrick (D) — 33.6 percent

1992

Grassley — 69.6 percent
Jean Lloyd-Jones (D) — 27.2 percent

1998

Grassley — 68.4 percent
Davis Osterberg (D) — 30.5 percent

2004

Grassley — 70.2 percent
Arthur Small (D) — 27.9 percent

2010

Grassley — 64.4 percent
Roxanne Conlin — 33.3 percent

By BRENT GRIFFITHS
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After a surprise retirement, Iowa's first open Senate contest in decades drew attention nationwide. But when it comes to expecting a repeat for 2016, political experts say those looking for sizzle would be better off gazing at the presidential contest.

"That Senate race becomes pretty boring with [Sen. Chuck] Grassley on the ballot," said Kyle Kondik, the managing editor of Sabato's Crystal Ball at the University of Virginia's Center for Politics. "He's not just an incumbent, he's a super incumbent. Grassley is just a tremendously popular figure."

The current head of the Senate Judiciary Committee has begun his run for a record seventh term. Mixing in fundraising events during time away from Washington, the 81-year-old is not about to take any chances.

"Maybe the person you're running against is unknown, maybe not, but by the time you find out, it's too late to do anything about it," Grassley told *The Daily Iowan* on Thursday.

When it comes to analyzing the New Hartford farmer's chances, one stat tells almost the complete story: 64 percent. Only once in the soft-spoken octogenarian's Senate career

SEE GRASSLEY, 3

FRIDAY

- **Innovation Workshops**, hotelVetro, 8 a.m., ticket prices vary
- **Art installations**, numerous locations, 11 a.m., free
- **Mission Print**, Prairie Lights, 3 p.m., free
- **Lit Crawl**, numerous locations, 5 p.m., free
- **Foxygen**, Blue Moose, 6:30 p.m., tickets \$15
- **Shovels & Rope**, Englert, 8 p.m., tickets \$20
- **Sir Richard Bishop**, Trumpet Blossom, 9 p.m., tickets \$15
- **The Sea and Cake**, Mill, 9 p.m., tickets \$15
- **Ben Miller Band**, Yacht Club, 9 p.m., tickets \$15
- **Com Truise**, Gabe's, 10 p.m., tickets \$15

SATURDAY

- **Indie Presses Book Fair**, Mill, 11 a.m., free
- **Art installations**, multiple locations, 11 a.m., free
- **Vegan Brunch: Seating 1**, Trumpet Blossom, 11:30 a.m., tickets \$20
- **Eula Biss reading**, Prairie Lights, noon, free
- **What a Load of Craft**, Blue Moose, noon, free
- **Memphis**, FilmScene, 1:30 p.m., tickets \$6.50-\$7.50
- **Mission Boutique**, numerous locations, 2 p.m., free
- **Burger, Beer, Bourbon, and Music**, Pullman Diner, 2:30 p.m., tickets \$10
- **Jordan Weber**, Dream Center, 3 p.m., free
- **Jad Abumrad**, Englert, 8 p.m., tickets \$30

APRIL 5

- **Last Call Brunch Buffet: Seating 1**, Mill, 11 a.m., tickets \$15
- **Art installations**, numerous locations, 11 a.m., free
- **Father John Misty**, Englert, 7 p.m., tickets \$20/\$22

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THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND

BEACH PARTY

Reaching out rules

By BILL COONEY
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When BEACH Party presidential candidate Sam Wampler was a freshman, the thought to get involved with student government hadn't crossed his mind until, of all people, his mother suggested it.

"At first I just thought 'Is she serious, there's no way I could do that,'" Wampler said. "After thinking about it for a while, I decided to go for it, and it was one of the greatest things that probably could have happened to me."

Shari Wampler, his mother, said he was born a leader.

"Sam has always been a natural leader, so when I saw student government, I told him to go for it, I knew he would do great," Wampler said. "He's always liked to organize things, I



Photo by Rachael Westergard

remember when he was younger he would organize all the neighborhood kids to play sports."

Wampler, a junior finance major from Champaign, Illinois, also credits UI President Sally Mason's presidential leadership course for helping him become a leader.

"I actually signed up for the class

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REAL PARTY

A record of service

By GRACE PATERAS
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Once a shy high-school senior, Liz Mills said her experiences at the University of Iowa have helped her become confident in her bid to become UI Student Government's next president.

Mills, the REAL Party presidential candidate, is devoted to service work, students at UI, and giving back to the local community.

The junior originally from Johnston, Iowa, is a political-science major and is minoring in Spanish all while being involved in a variety of UI groups and organizations.

Mills recently was a teaching assistant for the alternate spring break group and served in her eighth one-week mission trip.

She organized students and



Photo by Mikaela Parrick

built a team committed to serving people in Denver.

She picked the trip specifically on the focus and not the location. The focus was social justice, poverty, and homelessness.

"Service really focuses on what is important to me, which is giving back to the community," Mills said. "My main

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Cruz wraps up Iowa foray

By REBECCA MORIN
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On Thursday afternoon, there wasn't an empty seat at Sen. Ted Cruz's town hall meeting in Cedar Rapids at the Long Branch Hotel.

Between hums of "yes," and "amen," Cruz's first trip to Iowa as an official presidential candidate could be considered successful. On March 23, Cruz launched his 2016 campaign.

"The reason I'm optimistic are because of the men and women in the room," said Cruz, R-Texas. "The reason I'm optimistic is because we ran out of chairs."

Cruz kicked off his week in Iowa in Sioux City on Wednesday and also made stops in Davenport, Cedar Falls, Cedar Rapids, and ended in Des Moines on Thursday.

Polk County GOP Chairman Will Rogers said there were approximately 200 people at the event in Des Moines, with coordinators having to expand the room twice. He said the demographic was mostly strongly conservative Republicans, such as evangelicals and tea-partiers.

"First of all, Sen. Cruz gives a great talk, he's skilled there just as anybody I've seen," Rogers said. "These are people who wanted to hear what he wanted to say; half of the audience there really support him, really embrace his message."

With a little over a week into his campaign, Cruz said he had an initial goal of raising \$1 million, but has since announced that he



Republican presidential candidate Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, speaks at a campaign event at Park Place Event Center on Thursday in Cedar Falls. (Associated Press/Waterloo Courier, Matthew Putney)

made that in one day, and has now raised up to \$4 million.

During his speech, Cruz noted there are several things he believes should be changed, including tax reform, bringing back an environment that allows small businesses to grow, and "repealing every word of Obamacare" — which prompted a standing ovation.

In addition, Cruz said the U.S. needs to destroy "radical Islam," adding that he will "call it by its name." He also said he would make sure Iran would never get nuclear weapons, which comes after the announcement of the preliminary guidelines for an Iran nuclear deal.

Cruz also talked about immigration — both when making an IRS joke, saying they should send 90,000 IRS workers to scare undocumented immigrants from illegally crossing the border, as

well as when an attendee asked what would happen to undocumented immigrants currently in the United States.

Sidestepping the question, Cruz said if he were president he would first secure the borders, then streamline immigration.

"There is overwhelming bipartisan agreement that we have to finally, finally, finally, secure the borders and stop illegal immigration," he said as cheers erupted from the crowd.

While this was his first trip as a presidential candidate to Iowa, he said he would continue to come back with his wife.

"Heidi and I, together we can't win this," he said. "But you can."

Ted Cruz

After spending two days in Iowa for his official presidential campaign, Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, will now head to South Carolina.

- Today**
- **Event:** Rock Hill Town Hall Meeting
 - **Time:** 10 a.m.
 - **Place:** Holiday Inn, 503 Galleria Boulevard, Rock Hill, South Carolina

- **Event:** Spartanburg County GOP Town Hall Meeting
- **Time:** 3:15 p.m.
- **Place:** Beacon Drive-In Restaurant, 255 John B White Sr. Blvd., Spartanburg, South Carolina

- **Event:** Republican Women Dessert Reception
- **Time:** 6 p.m.
- **Place:** Poinsett Club, 807 E. Washington St., Greenville, South Carolina

- Saturday**
- **Event:** Lunch Stop
 - **Time:** 10:30 a.m.
 - **Place:** Palmetto Pig BBQ, 530 Devine St., Columbia, South Carolina

- **Event:** Aiken Republican Club Meeting
- **Time:** 2:30 p.m.
- **Place:** Newberry Hall, 117 Newberry St., Aiken, South Carolina

MISSION CREEK

Odd pairings create cool fusion

By JUSTUS FLAIR
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Music and dance aren't a ground-breaking pairing, but music combined with physics and engineering create odder couples.

These disciplines fused at Mission Creek Festival's First Kiss collaborative performance event in the Old Capitol Town Center Thursday evening.

The event teamed artists and scientists who had never worked together before and gave them a limited time to concoct a performance piece.

Watching from the crowd, one of the scientists was visibly moved to hear the music his work had helped create.

"I think [First Kiss]

fits perfectly well in Mission Creek," said audience member Nola Garda. "Mission Creek is all about innovation and new things, and this is as innovative as you can get in many ways. When many different people from different backgrounds come together, such as physics and dancers and literature, I think it's exciting."

The first piece, "Eden, Eaten," caught Garda's eye by using the mall's escalator. Fulfilling the dream of mischievous children, the dancers rode up the down and down the up escalators, no parents in sight, all while balancing and tossing apples.

"[Choreographer Jennifer Kayle] wanted it to be more of a con-

sumerism-type feel, so it turned into a sort of Garden of Eden type thing," performer Andrea Larabee said.

The last piece made use of the mall staircase. Garda found the unconventional "stages" intriguing.

"At the same time that I like to go to the theater and see a performance, I do like all the environments of the performance where you have to deal with whatever is happening, like in life," Garda said.

The event was eye-opening for the performers as well as the audience.

"There's a lot of different integration [of] the engineers and arts, music and dance," Larabee said. "As dancers, you collaborate a lot with the other

artists on campus, so it was fun to see a different aspect with the engineers working with the theater."

Other performances had a more direct message. A piece by Ari Craven (theater) and Kasia Lisinski (literature, art) humorously depicted the stress of meeting new people.

Craven represented a child in her "awkward stage," Lisinski the helpful guiding voice such kids need most. The show even came complete with advice: Put away your phone for a bit and give in to the uncertainty of real human contact.

Luckily, the audience listened, approaching the unconventional performance with an open mind.

METRO

Mason talks early retirement, admission numbers

University of Iowa President Sally Mason held a press availability Thursday in which she discussed the early retirement program and students being admitted into the UI.

During the meeting, Mason said 1,400 people were eligible for early retirement. Of those 1,400, 362 peo-

ple applied, and 197 were approved for early retirement.

The UI will save \$28 million over the course of five years because of the early retirement program. That includes \$16 million being saved from the general education fund.

"I applaud the artful thinking that went into putting the program together," Mason said.

Additionally, she said, enrollment has been a top priority for the UI. Currently, applications, admissions,

and students who have committed to the UI have all increased since last year.

The number of applications the UI has received is up 7.3 percent, and the number of admitted students is up 8.9 percent.

Residents of Iowa who have accepted their admission is also up by 13.5 percent, while non-resident/international students who have accepted their admission is up 15 percent, giving the UI an average of 14.2

percent more students than last year who have accepted their admission.

Last year, 3,327 students accepted their admissions. This year, that number has grown to 3,798.

Mason said the numbers for Honors-eligible students have also gone up.

"It's good to know that the quality of our programs continue to attract high quality students," she said. "We are thrilled. I am thrilled by the progress we are making here."

— Alyssa Guzman

BLOTTER

Jeffery Beckley, 24, 719 Michael St., was charged Thursday with public intoxication and criminal trespass.

Marvin Durr, 18, 366 S. Clinton St., was charged Thursday with PAULA and possession of a fake ID.

Brian Fisher, 23, Cedar Rapids,

was charged Thursday with OWI.

Gabriel Garcia-Lair, 22, Coralville, was charged July 15 with possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

Teshoder House, 36, 4 Regal Lane, was charged Wednesday

with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Randy Murphy, 24, 308 S. Johnson St., was charged March 4 with possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

Ellen Reeder, 20, 801 S. Gilbert Court, Apt. 205, was charged Thursday with pres-

ence in a bar after hours.

Emily Talarczyk, 20, 801 S. Gilbert Court Apt 205, was charged Thursday with presence in a bar after hours.

Sharon Thornton, 41, Washington, Iowa, was charged Thursday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

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GRASSLEY

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has anyone come close to enough to push Grassley toward defeat.

"Without a doubt, that was the toughest race," he said about his 1980 senatorial campaign.

The last time it happened, the Iranian revolution was a recent memory and Ronald Reagan was running for president for the first time. His opponent was a sitting Democratic Sen. John Culver, a Marine Corps captain with a Harvard law degree.

Rising in the polls as autumn turned into November, then-Rep. Grassley cruised with the conservative crush that tossed Carter and Culver out of office.

Thirty-four years later, that Senate seat is still his. In an era in which tea-party challengers can rough up Republicans before a general-election campaign, the six-term senator remains unscathed.

"Incumbency is a very powerful place to be,

coming from fundraising advantage that you almost always have, and challengers don't always have that the luxury," said Arthur Sanders, a professor of politics at Drake University. "He'll be very hard to beat."

Even one statewide Democratic strategist concedes it would take a major gaffe or moneyed self-funder to unseat Grassley.

"Overall, these candidates are well-regarded by people in the party; it's just hard to see the organization that they will need to be competitive," said John Hedgecoth, who has run three Democratic gubernatorial campaigns.

So far, two Democrats are in the race: former state Rep. Bob Krause of Des Moines and former state Sen. Tom Fiegen of Clarence. Both vied for a shot at Grassley in 2010 but lost to Des Moines attorney Roxanne Conlin.

With almost \$2 million in cash on hand, Grassley said he hopes to end up with around \$7 million, which is what he spent in 2010. In June, Iowa's senior senator



Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, speaks during the Freedom Summit in Des Moines on Jan. 24. Grassley is the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

will travel to New Jersey for a fundraiser with Gov. Chris Christie. Iowa events with other 2016 hopefuls are in the mix.

When it comes to why Grassley keeps winning, one GOP county head said there's nothing too complicated to his efforts.

"He's everywhere," Story County Republican Chairman Brett Barker said. "You can hardly go anywhere with-

out running into him somewhere, whether it's a mall, bookstore, or sporting event."

BEACH

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when I was still in high school," Wampler said. "That class taught me a lot of good things, like the importance of getting involved, giving back to your community, basically how to be a leader, it was a great starting point."

Wampler has a lot of experience in leadership and in UISG, said Thom Johnson, who is run-

ning for senate with the BEACH party.

"Sam was a senator his freshman year, voted senator of the year as a sophomore and was speaker of the Senate last year," Johnson said. "He's been highly involved with UISG since I've known him, he's a great leader."

Promoting the "It's On Us" campaign, which encourages students to help prevent sexual assault, is another way student safety will be addressed, Wampler said.

"Everyone deserves to feel at home here; there's no reason someone should feel unsafe while on this campus," Wampler said. "It's up to us, as students, to help prevent sexual assault and to educate others on how to do the same, that where the 'It's On Us' campaign comes in," he said

Extending hospitality to foreign students is also a large part of the plan to make everyone feel at home, Wampler said.

"I want them to feel

just as at home as a student that's from Iowa," he said. "We should be welcoming them when they arrive, we could even pick them up from the airport, anything we can do to make them feel welcome and a part of this community."

Wampler has a natural ability to interact with school administration, which adds to his leadership ability, Oliver Hidalgo-Wohlleben said, who is running for Senate on the BEACH ticket.

"Sam has an aura about him that just brings people in, he's a really easy guy to work with," Hidalgo-Wohlleben said. "He's a big-picture thinker, which means he really studies an issue to be sure he makes the right decision."

Wampler is also a natural listener, his mother said.

"Sam is really good with people, he likes listening to them," she said. "It matters to him to do a good job at whatever he's doing," she said.

Wampler said he wants students to realize all of the things they can become involved with at the university.

"I've grown to have a large amount of love and passion for this school since coming here," Wampler said. "This university has taught me that great things can happen if you step out of your comfort zone and try something new, that's what we want to encourage students to do."

REAL

CONTINUED FROM FRONT

goal in life is to empower other people, whether it's the Iowa City community, students, or the needy in Denver."

Another organization focused on leadership and serving that Mills was involved in on campus is the Panhellenic Council, the governing body for sororities at Iowa.

UI senior Amanda Hart met Mills last spring when she oversaw the council and

Mills was the vice president of philanthropy and community service.

"Service is her big thing, but she does small things by reaching out to her community and is involved as much as possible," Hart said. "The whole time in her role in philanthropy was to stress the importance of it, and not only the act of philanthropies, but the reason behind it."

Her friendly personality and genuineness is what makes Mills stand out as a friend and candidate, Hart said.

"She reaches out to

anyone and everyone on campus, which was one of the best aspects of getting to know Liz," she said. "I got to know more people because she knew so many people."

Mills said she was shy in high school, and was nervous about being in a big university. However, knowing her friends were attending with her helped her transition, as well as push her to be involved in a variety of student organizations.

Living in Daum Hall her freshman year, she and her friends ran for the Associated Daum Board.

She was elected president of Daum and was a voice for the students living in the building. She helped with budgetary issues and planned many social events.

Mills said this position is what gave her the confidence to run for student government her sophomore year.

"Daum was the first learning experience where I was confident in how I learned with advisors and learned the ins-and-outs of advisors," she said. "Associated Daum definitely helped me get to where I am now."

Mills said the REAL Party leaders have connections all across campus, which will help them accomplish goals such as expanding Nite Ride to all students and giving students the option to get a credit hour to community service work.

Currently, Mills is a senator for the OPEN Party, the current UISG party. Along with her is Sen. Katelyn Kelley, who is a senior this year and is helping Mills campaign for the REAL Party.

In September, Kelley said Mills went through UISG bylaws and de-

TECTED what needed to be fixed. Then, she presented her ideas to all the senators.

The bylaws, Kelley said, are necessary and are the backbone for student government. It was impressive how Mills read through the long documents, because she read them piece by piece and took a lot of time doing that.

"That's how I know Liz as a person and as a senator," Kelley said. "She doesn't do something until it's done with the best of her ability."

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Revisiting right to fair trial



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I'm not quite sure the importance of the right to a fair trial really resonates with Americans until their fate lies in the hands of foreign government's judicial systems.

Amanda Knox knows this all too well. In 2007, her study-abroad roommate was found dead, and the Italian government quickly blamed Knox and her then-boyfriend for the brutal death. Just a few days ago, the Italian higher court overturned the conviction, only after Knox had spent time in prison.

As an American, we are born with our rights. We have this amazing privilege of being innocent until proven guilty — something that can absolutely determine your fate if it were the other way around.

In the Knox case, the Italian government is legally allowed to release the prosecution's case file to the public domain even before the trial starts. Meaning that, before she appeared before the court, the Italian public already had their thoughts about Amanda pre-emptively solidified. The conviction, and eventual acquittal, of Knox got me thinking about the legal systems all over the world and how truly scary some systems are for Americans who are accustomed to the whole "right to a fair trial" thing we've got over here.

In Mexico, writes Washington Office on Latin America associate Maureen Meyer, you're "automatically guilty until you prove your innocence ... or pay your way out of it." If you're arrested for drug charges, you'll have to face the Mexican legal system often alone, or with minimal to poor representation.

A study done by the Washington Office of Latin America and Transnational Institute found that from 2006-12, of the 226,667 detainees accused of drug crimes, 33,500 (or fewer than 15 percent) were ever sentenced. This suggests that in a majority of the drug cases, the evidence against the accused wasn't strong enough, and the justice system was just looking for a quick buck from some naïve tourists.

In the Mexican Ministry of the Interior's 2012 National Survey of the Criminal Justice System, 6 percent of the Mexicans questioned had confidence in their justice system. That's right, 6 percent of Mexicans believe in their own system.

I can understand, and truly appreciate, the way other countries work and operate, that's their prerogative and decision. And the United States is no perfect leader of worldwide justice systems, especially with recent cases such as Eric Garner in New York, and George Zimmerman in Florida. The perception of the U.S. legal system has taken a huge hit lately with cases of unarmed shootings, especially along racial lines.

According to a 2013 Pew Research Center survey, 68 percent of blacks said that African Americans in their community are treated less fairly in the court system than whites, compared with 27 percent of whites on the same question.

It's clear to see many Americans believe that the system isn't working or that it's racially biased, which it very well could be, and that's an issue that needs to be addressed. But if I were to be accused of a crime, I'd rather have it be in America, where at least I'm guaranteed a lawyer, a trial, and (a supposedly) unbiased jury.

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EDITORIAL

Increase public school funding

Under Gov. Terry Branstad, the state of Iowa has been fiscally conservative in budgets since 1983. But what looks good on paper doesn't always translate to truly beneficial results for the people of Iowa.

The Iowa Legislature is at another school funding impasse. Democrats want an increase in spending, Republicans don't. Things get complicated when prior laws dictating how much or how little school districts can spend on their children become outdated.

The formula dictating how much may be spent on students has been vocally criticized recently by the Davenport School District. *The Des Moines Register* reported the superintendent of Davenport public schools is threatening to simply break the law and spend more per child. He is concerned that without a change in spending, staff cuts and larger class sizes will reign.

This formula that creates a minimum of what can be spent by districts per student was introduced in the 1970s with a noble intention. The minimum spending would require the state to supplement local property taxes, creating equity among school districts. The minimum amount per student spent today sits at \$6,366 per student. The law also dictates how much more than the minimum can be spent.

That leaves certain districts with neighbors that spend up to 2.75 percent more per student; \$175 a student might not seem like a lot, but it adds up very quickly, and is the difference between having enough teachers and struggling to provide a fruitful education.

State legislators have requested a "fix" to this problem from the Department of Education. The

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COLUMN

Is offering more degrees to choose from the answer?



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A new major has recently been added to the degrees one can earn at the University of Iowa: entrepreneurial leadership. This degree is a collaboration between the Tippie College of Business and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

The new degree "focuses on developing skills in innovation, creativity, opportunity recognition, leadership, and professional communications," in the words of Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center Executive Director David Hensley.

These days, employers are looking more and more for a certain set of

skills and experiences, and so this major seems to be a good option if you have the goal of owning your own business or being in a management position. However, it does also make me question whether these sorts of skills can be taught in a classroom.

The development of new majors is something that has always happened since the creation of public universities. While I applaud offering a wide range of options for students, I think it is also worth considering why this trend of offering more and more degrees continues to expand. Are new majors being developed simply to accommodate more students?

It is a well-known fact that since the beginning of university education, more and more people have seen college as simply "the thing to do" after graduating from

high school. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, enrollment in degree-granting institutions increased by 11 percent between 1991 and 2001 and another 32 percent between 2001 and 2011.

It's important to consider that increased enrollment is a double-edged sword. I completely believe that everyone who desires to attend university should have the chance, and perhaps this trend of increased enrollment reflects that. However, it could also reflect the growing social pressure and expectations that if you do not earn a college degree, you are a failure.

Keeping this in mind, it doesn't seem that absurd to associate the expansion of degrees being offered with the expansion of students enrolling in universi-

ties. But if more and more degrees are being offered, does it necessarily matter what degree you leave college with? "I do believe the degree matters," Hensley said, especially in regards to the new entrepreneurial-leadership major. "That said, the additional experiences gained through the university experience are also critical in developing a future entrepreneurial leader."

In the end, it seems as if while what degree you earn affects what career you can land after graduation (don't expect to get a job teaching at a high school if you have a degree in dentistry), what matters more is your drive to accomplish what you want to accomplish after graduating, which really cannot be accomplished if you are simply going through the motions of getting a college degree.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for highlighting our work

As a member of the UI community who has striven to make our campus a place that is truly inclusive, I'd like to discuss the "Diversity" section of BEACH Party's platform.

BEACH Party promises to "advocate on behalf of the Diversity Inclusion Education at Large Legislation to continue the advancement of general-education courses focusing more heavily on diversity and inclusion."

I'm ecstatic that BEACH Party has embraced the diversity legislation. As author of the legislation, I worked nonstop for weeks with UISG Diversity Liaison Kyra Seay and other senators to get feedback from student groups, and faculty and staff whose work focuses on diversity and inclusion. Even before writing the legislation, I wrote many columns for *The Daily Iowan* that focused on diversity-related topics.

Thus, I am outraged that BEACH Party is selfishly promoting its party by appropriating years of my hard work on their platform. However, since most of BEACH Party's "Diversity" platform has ideas that have already been implemented or that are not well thought-out, I sympathize with them for shamelessly taking credit for my work.

To add insult to injury, BEACH Party also wants to "Have regular multicultural

leadership roundtable meetings to ensure student government is representing and effectively serving students from every background." UISG recently voted on the Student Organization Diversity Outreach Act to fund diversity, inclusion and leadership trainings once per semester for student organizations on campus. The legislation also requires UISG executives to attend these seminars.

So, that idea has already been implemented, too.

It's been common for parties at UI to promise things during campaigning that never happen. BEACH Party is certainly breaking that trend by promising to do things that have already been done. I sincerely hope BEACH Party's platform was an April Fools' joke. Otherwise, it would just be really sad.

Sri Ponnada
UISG senator and former *Daily Iowan* opinions columnist

Improve access to apartment recycling, vote REAL

The vast majority of students and community members living in off-campus apartments have no access to recycling. Apartment recycling has been one of the University of Iowa Student Government's biggest action items for the last several years, and while the end is in sight thanks to recent city action, there is still some distance to go before this

long-awaited service becomes a reality.

In my two years in UISG, with one year serving as the UISG's liaison to the Iowa City City Council, I have had the pleasure of working with many passionate people both in the city and in the UISG in trying to improve access to recycling services, and their passion and enthusiasm will be needed going forward. This is why I support Liz Mills and Morgan Brittain of the REAL Party for president and vice president of the UISG.

Liz and Morgan have been active participants in all of our brainstorming, tabling, and outreach regarding apartment recycling. They have an intimate knowledge of the issue, they have all the resources they need to see it through, and they have the intelligence and strength of character to get it done in the best possible way for the student population and the entire community.

Liz and Morgan represent the best UISG has to offer, and I can think of no better executive team for both this campus and for this city. I urge all people for whom access to recycling is a priority to vote for Liz Mills and Morgan Brittain in next week's University of Iowa Student Government elections.

Evan McCarthy

Racial disparity in police treatment

Marcus Brown's column "No blaming

the victim" (*DI*, April 1) was great. I'd like to share a police brutality incident that I witnessed close to the Sycamore Mall. This is about six months ago, I think.

A couple of young black men passed me while I was walking to Clinton Street. One of the young men said hello, and I said hello back. They proceeded ahead of me.

At the next corner, a car came screeching to a stop. Another black man, much larger in size, jumped out of the car, forced the nice young man to the pavement, and proceeded to beat him up. Then a police car came, a big policeman exited the cruiser, and went over to the young man, who is flat on his back in the intersection, and proceeded to work him over. The young man was not struggling at all, so he was not a threat. He was treated very roughly while on the ground by the police and then roughly shoved him in the police car. The man who assaulted him was NOT arrested.

I called the police station to report that the young man they picked up had done nothing wrong. I also gave the street names of the intersection. I received no response at all.

In four years living here, it was the first time I had seen any policeman treating anyone like this. I was shocked.

I just do not understand why this is happening in quite a few states in America.

Mari Struxness

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Vilsack ties aid for possible Clinton run

By AARON WALKER
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A consensus of Iowa Democrats agree the more than decades-old rapport between U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack and former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, both public and private, will serve only as a blessing for her expected 2016 presidential campaign.



Vilsack
U.S. Secretary of Agriculture

Pundits have fancied a Clinton-Vilsack 2016 team as a surefire highway to victory in Iowa, but their history alone will shine a positive light on her standing in Iowa and likely lead to at least an endorsement from both Vilsack and his wife, Christie.

"[Vilsack's] connection to Iowa and his knowledge of the state runs deep," Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, said in a statement. "He and Christie's reputation and long-term relationship with the Clintons will benefit Iowa."

The history between the families dates back to the

Watergate scandal. Clinton served with Christie Vilsack's brother on the presidential impeachment inquiry staff advising the House Judiciary Committee. Clinton also appeared at a campaign event for Tom Vilsack's 1998 gubernatorial campaign.

After Vilsack's short-lived presidential campaign in 2008, he shifted his support to the Clinton effort. And in 2012, former President Bill Clinton donated \$2,500 to Christie Vilsack's failed House campaign for Iowa's 4th Congressional District, solidifying a political connection between the families.

Loebsack said having Vilsack on Rodham Clinton's side could only be viewed as a positive, especially since he ran two successful campaigns for Iowa governor.

Nearly a dozen other top Democrats in Iowa affirmed the notion support from Vilsack would hugely benefit Clinton's campaign and Iowans' perception of her in the state.

Sue Dvorsky, the former head of the Iowa Democratic Party, and her husband, Sen. Bob Dvorsky, D-Coralville, have both worked with the Vilsacks on a number of political ventures.

"It would be a big get for her campaign in Iowa," Sue Dvorsky said. "[Vilsack was] the first Democratic governor in a long time, so he was widely known and widely respected and not just in Democratic caucus circles but by everyone."

The unofficial acquisition of Matt Paul, a longtime Vilsack spokesman who left the Department of Agriculture last month to head her team in Iowa, is seen by top Democrats as an effort between the two to bring her presence in Iowa to fruition.

"I absolutely believe he is signaling by sending [Paul] back here, his support, not just support but really active support," Dvorsky said.

She touted Paul's record and considered him a key asset. She said he has connections across party lines and abundant experience in the state from his tenure during Vilsack's gubernatorial reign.

Scott County Democrat Chairmam Thom Hart, who knows Paul, said he held Paul in very high regard.

"I think if [Clinton] is surrounding herself with people like Matt Paul, that's a very positive sign," Hart said.

Paul's knowledge of the state and experience in



Then-New York Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton addresses Iowa residents in Cedar Rapids on Oct. 8, 2007. Some politicos say Clinton's ties to Tom Vilsack and her hiring a longtime Vilsack aide may help her in Iowa if she decides to run for president. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

agriculture could provide a grounding message from Clinton's campaign; she is often seen as a cosmopolitan businesswoman rather than a rural-economics expert.

Linn County Democrat Chairman Bret Nilles said he expects to see Paul in Iowa very soon and very often.

"I think any type of reminder with Hillary to Iowa is going to be a positive especially with Vilsack being a

governor Iowans respected," Nilles said. "I would suspect that the Vilsack's would be very supportive of any Hillary campaign in Iowa."

It appears the embrace between the two is an undoubtable complement for her image in Iowa. But even with the connection, Clinton hasn't visited the state in 2015.

And although Bob Dvorsky did say he expected an endorsement

from Vilsack, he said that won't make her a lock for victory in Iowa.

"In Iowa, the coattails aren't very long for most things, but it certainly wouldn't hurt her," Dvorsky said. "I think the key will be to get her over here in Iowa because you have a number of Republicans running around. So we need to have some sort of Democratic alternative here."

Johnson County supervisors eye travel ban

By BEN MARKS
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Soon, Johnson County may join the dozens of other states, counties and corporations around the nation who have vowed not to do business or travel in states with discriminatory religious-freedom laws.

During a work session on Wednesday, Supervisor Janelle Rettig proposed a policy to the Board of Supervisors that would place a travel ban for county employees to states with discriminatory religious-freedom laws, such as the one the LGBT community believed Indiana had until Thursday.

"We believe it's important to not allow discrimination like that," Rettig said. "We're not interested in using county tax payer dollars in entities that allow discrimination."

With a unanimous decision to place the policy on next week's agenda for a vote, Rettig said she believes the policy will pass easily.

Supervisor Terrence Neuzil said the policy would mimic the travel ban signed by San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee last week, which prohibits any county employee from using public funds to travel to Indiana.

However, Rettig also said the policy the supervisors discussed would be much broader than San Francisco's and would not simply be limited to Indiana but any state with legislation that the supervisors perceive as discriminatory.

"We don't travel to Indiana that often, but there are other states who are considering [these laws] who will be different," she said.

As an example, she noted the supervisors' trip next month to Wisconsin, saying

if Wisconsin was to theoretically pass such legislation, they would cancel the visit.

"I would urge the other entities to be as firm, including the University of Iowa, which I'm sure travels to Indiana a lot," Rettig said.

"If the university truly believes in human rights, it will find a different place to go to conferences and athletics events."

Last week after fans pushed to have the Big Ten championship football game be taken out of Indiana, Big Ten Commissioner Jim Delaney issued this statement:

"The Big Ten Conference and its member institutions believe in promoting an inclusive environment in which athletics competition can operate free from discrimination. The conference is aware of the bill that was recently signed into law in the state of Indiana and will further review its impact at the next scheduled meetings of its administrators, presidents, and chancellors."

Iowa Athletics Director Gary Barta said the UI supports Delaney's statement and will work with Big Ten officials.

On the city level, Iowa City Mayor Matt Hayek said the council hasn't discussed the issue because its next

meeting isn't until April 7. However, he said, it would probably come up during the next work session.

"If the university truly believes in human rights, it will find a different place to go to conferences and athletics events."

— Janelle Rettig, supervisor

Hayek said the county's efforts were laudable and addressed an "important topic" but said it's also a complex issue.

He said he believed the media were missing the most important issue in covering Indiana.

"Whether Indiana has a religious-freedom law or not, it is still legal to dis-

criminate there based on sexual orientation, and it was long before this popped up in the news," he said.

"Discrimination based on sexual orientation is illegal in most states and under federal law."

Early Thursday evening, hours after Hayek's comments, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, amid growing national pressure, signed a revised Religious Freedom Restoration Act with the provision that it will

not permit discrimination based on, among other things, sexual orientation and gender identity.

According to the American Civil Liberties Union, only 17 states, including Iowa, have statewide employment nondiscrimination laws that explicitly cover sexual orientation and gender identity.

Iowa City City Councilor

Kingsley Botchway echoed Hayek, and said although he would "definitely consider something like this," it's a difficult subject.

"From a legal standpoint, it gets kind of tricky," he said. "There are different laws throughout all our states that are problematic from a discrimination standpoint, and I think we need to do our homework on it to make sure we're not banning ourselves from all states."

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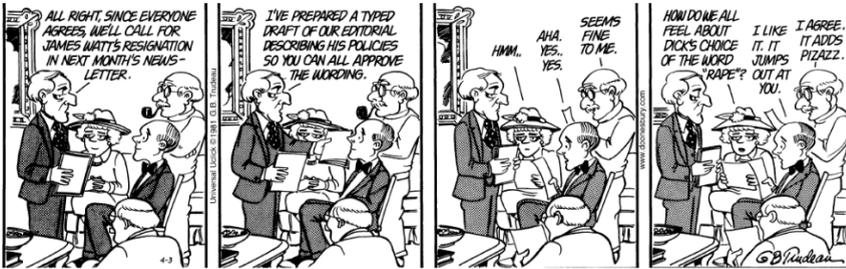
A partial list of things I should probably tell every prospective girlfriend:

- I like to blow my cigar smoke out while standing with my hands on my hips so I look like Superman using his ice-breath powers.
- Unlike most men, I do not have a nickname for my penis. I refer to it by its full Christian name: Maximillian Hammercock Juhl.
- I have spent years refining an educated, sophisticated taste in Legos.
- People are always unjustly accusing me of having a persecution complex.
- After sex, I think it's important to always have an honest discussion with each other about who won.
- I haven't hit my rock bottom yet, but I'm finally almost willing to admit that I have a mining problem.
- I am absolutely devoted to any woman willing to be in an open relationship.
- When we go someplace nice, don't expect me to dress any higher than to the sixes.
- What I look for most in a woman is someone who has a sense of humor about being incredibly attractive.
- I brush three times each day. My teeth are so white they own a timeshare in Branson.
- If truly loving you is wrong, then I will never be wrong.

Andrew R. Juhl is monolingual and ready to mingle.

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU



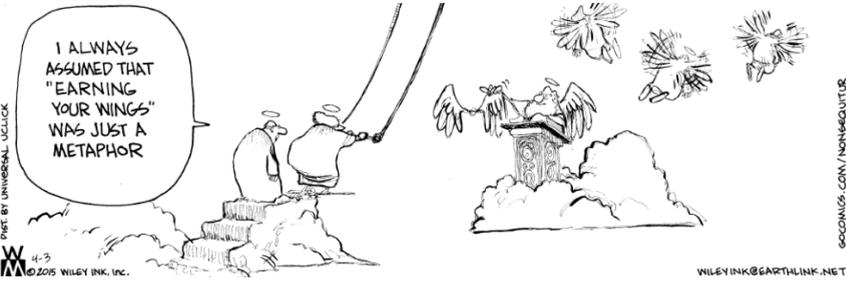
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- **UI Fulbright Day**, 12:30-4 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Center
- **revolutionary Research Club**, Katelyn Larkin, 12:30 p.m., 106 Biology Building East
- **Mission Print**, "Publishing Through a Digital Landscape," 3 p.m., Prairie Lights
- **Big Data Models**, Stewart Fotheringham, 3:30 p.m., C131 Pomerantz Center
- **Wawzonek Lecture**, "Finding Needles in DNA Stacks: How Oxidation of Guanine Leads to Structural and Functional Changes in DNA," Cynthia Burrows, 3:30 p.m., C20 Pomerantz Center
- **Biology Seminar**, "The origin and evolution of sex-specific traits in *Drosophila*," Artym Kopp, 4 p.m., 101 Biology Building East
- **"Capturing China"**, Art Museum First Friday, Stacy Wolf, 5 p.m., FilmScene 118 E. College
- **Benjamin Yates**, trombone, 6 p.m., University Capitol Center Recital Hall
- **Malaysian Night 2015**, 10 p.m., IMU Second-Floor Ballroom

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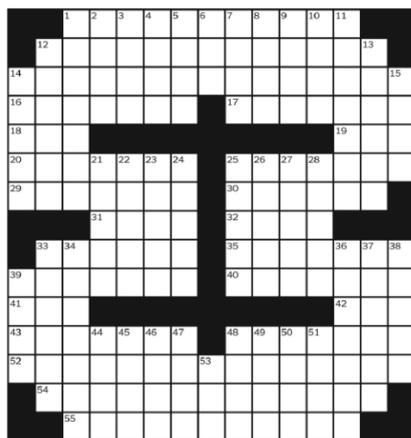
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 - 16 Pink
 - 17 Certain shooter
 - 18 Hill worker
 - 19 Google worker
 - 20 Musical phrase in which a single syllable is sung over several notes
 - 25 Part of some city streets
 - 29 "I know what you're thinking" thinker
 - 30 Rabbit homes, maybe
 - 31 Group of people
 - 32 Robin Williams title role
 - 33 Radiologist, often
 - 35 Disinter
 - 39 Hardcover or paperback
 - 40 Positive or negative
 - 41 Racket
 - 42 Dental problem
 - 43 We
 - 48 "Ready to go?"
 - 52 Evolutionary biologist who wrote "The Panda's Thumb"
 - 54 Trunks, e.g.
 - 55 Be lenient
- DOWN**
- 1 Like some low-grade beef
 - 2 Stand
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 - 4 Add up to
 - 5 First word in Massachusetts' motto
 - 6 Energy
 - 7 "True Blood" vampire Northman
 - 8 First name in gossip
 - 9 "___ first ..."
 - 10 Knot: toads :: parliament : ___
 - 11 Relative of a Fig Newton
 - 12 Line items?
 - 13 Some old-fashioned hosiery
 - 14 Galumph
 - 15 Colleague of Don on "Mad Men"
 - 21 Apple messaging software
 - 22 So-called Japanese chess
 - 23 Photocopy predecessor
 - 24 Tough nut to crack
 - 25 Certain shooter
 - 26 Prefix meaning "heavens"
 - 27 Frequent demonstrator of the Doppler effect
 - 28 Setting for Steinbeck's "The Pearl"
 - 33 Nuts
 - 34 Dances in 3/4 time
 - 36 Fixed, as a model airplane
 - 37 Tries to catch shrimp, say
 - 38 Wished
 - 39 Nestlé brand
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horoscopes Friday, April 3, 2015 by Eugenia Last

- ARIES (March 21-April 19):** An emotional issue regarding work is likely to arise. A straightforward approach will be in your best interest. Look at the positive side to whatever situations you face, and you will find the best course of action to take.
- TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Don't make assumptions or play a guessing game with someone who can influence your future or your reputation. Offer everything you can to ensure you come out on top. Try to control your situation instead of being controlled.
- GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Make a point of lending a helping hand, and you will reap unexpected rewards. Don't let anyone lead you in the wrong direction regarding a work-related problem. Learn from experience, and do what you feel will resolve the issues you face.
- CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Get whatever job you've been given out of the way. Keep a low profile, and refuse to let anyone force you into a debate. Concentrate on your needs, and do what makes you feel most at ease. Protect yourself physically, mentally, and emotionally.
- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Put your intelligence to good use. Using brains over brawn will bring the best results. Travel and communicating with friends and family will spark good ideas that can counteract someone's attempts to disrupt your plans. A minimalist approach will pay off.
- VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Have fun. Taking part in a social event or expanding your interests will improve your state of mind and bring about ideas that can help you improve your skills or your looks. Love is in the stars, and romance is encouraged.
- LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Don't procrastinate; make the changes that are needed to improve your life personally or professionally. Take the plunge, and start something new. Don't let emotional issues stand between you and your success. Discussions will bring good results.
- SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Don't be too trusting. Keep personal information a secret until you know exactly where you stand with someone. Love is highlighted, but overreacting will stand between you and romance. Keep your thoughts to yourself. Offer affection, not criticism.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You've got what it takes to make things happen. Live up to your potential, and make the improvements to your situation that will bring you greater satisfaction and joy. Nothing will happen unless you make it so.
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Say little and do a lot. Take action, but don't expect everyone to be happy with the decisions you make. The changes you make at home or to your personal life will be beneficial in time. Don't back down.
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Make an effort to position yourself strategically, and you will achieve the advancement you are looking for. Anger will not help you, but intelligence will. Speak your mind, and offer constructive solutions that will separate you from any competition you face.
- PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** A passionate approach to whatever you do will lead to success. Speak from the heart, and don't give in if there is something you want. It's up to you to stand firm and implement what you want to see happen.

Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school. — Albert Einstein.

Tough slate for tennis

By **BLAKE DOWSON**
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The No. 68 Iowa men's tennis team (10-5, 2-2) will travel to the state of Indiana this weekend for another crucial pair of matches.

The Hawkeyes are scheduled to head to West Lafayette today to take on Purdue.

"Purdue is really tough," interim head coach Ross Wilson said. "The top of their lineup is really good. It's tough playing anywhere in the Big Ten, and they're no exception."

Purdue (4-12, 0-4) is still seeking its first conference win after a rough start to the league schedule. The Boilermakers have dropped matches to No. 3 Illinois, No. 24 Northwestern, No. 29 Minnesota, and Wisconsin.

"Every match in the Big Ten is important and tough," assistant coach Ty Schaub said. "There aren't any easy matches; no part of your schedule is easy."

The Boilermakers also played seven ranked opponents in the nonconference season, including No. 1 Oklahoma and No. 2 Baylor. "Purdue has played a ton of tough teams," senior Matt Hagan said. "They made the NCAA Tournament last year. They're going to be gritty and tough, and we're going to have to grind through it."

Up next for the Hawkeyes will be No. 44 Indiana (12-8, 1-3) on April 5.

Playing the Hoosiers presents a great opportunity for the Hawkeyes to gain another ranked win against a team with a lot of experience. A win over Indiana would bolster an Iowa résumé that has two wins over ranked.



Matt Hagan returns a shot against Michigan on March 27 in the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex. (The Daily Iowan/Joshua Housing)

"[Indiana] is really good," Wilson said. "They're ranked highly, they've won a lot of close matches, and they're battle-tested. The schedule they play is tough."

The Hawkeyes' match against Indiana will be the Hoosiers' 12th ranked match of the year.

Indiana is 3-9 in those matches, with wins coming against No. 50 Dartmouth, No. 51 Oregon, and No. 59 Washington.

In order for the Hawkeyes to have a successful weekend, the one-two punch of Hagan and junior Dom Patrick will need to play better. The two are a combined 2-6 in singles play so far in the Big Ten.

"Matt and Dom need to step up this weekend," Wilson said. "They're at 1 and 2 singles for a reason. The results haven't been there lately. They both need to make some adjustments."

Staying mentally focused in his matches is something that Hagan said he has been trying to work on and something that he will focus on this weekend.

"I have to stay consistent through the whole match," he said. "My last match I started well but had a let down early in the

second set. I have to stay focused, no letdowns."

For Hagan, his focus on the court has a ripple effect with the rest of the team.

The young Hawkeyes feed off of their senior leader, and the team is only going to go as far as Hagan leads them.

If the senior plays to his potential, the Hawkeyes could see themselves playing in the NCAA Tournament.

For the senior though, it is all about taking steps before trying to run.

"This weekend is really important," Hagan said. "We have to be ready for anything. We're going to have to battle and compete really hard to get two big wins."

Iowa men's tennis at Purdue

When: 3 p.m. today
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Track splits for 3 meets

The Iowa track and field team is scheduled to compete in three locations this weekend.

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The Iowa track and field team will split into three groups in the upcoming weekend and head to opposite coasts. Sprints, throws, and mid-distance are set to travel to Gainesville, Florida, for the Florida Relays. Some distance athletes will travel to Stanford for the Stanford Invitational, and other distance runners will head to San Francisco for the San Francisco Distance Carnival.

Florida Relays

The Hawkeyes will have their second opportunity this season to showcase events that are not seen during indoor track. Among those are numerous throwing events such as javelin, discus, and hammer throw, longer hurdles, and the 4x100-meter relays.

Included in those events are Aaron Mallett in the 110-meter hurdles, MonTayla Holder in the 400-meter hurdles, and Gabe Hull in the discus. All three Hawkeyes claimed first-place finishes at the Baldy Castillo Invitational March 20-21. Mallett was also named Big Ten Athlete of the Week following his personal-best performance in Tempe, Arizona.

Other Hawkeyes who

scored points for the team at the previous meet included Jahisha Thomas in the 100-meter hurdles, Annemie Smith in the hammer throw, and the men's 400-meter relay team.

"Some of our stronger events are the javelin, the discus, and the 4x1. Now, we are able to use those athletes at bigger meets and they can score points for us," Director of Track and Field Joey Woody said.

Throws coach Andrew Dubs hopes to see better performances from his athletes now that the team has had the chance to practice outdoors for a few weeks.

Before traveling to Arizona, the team did not have much of an opportunity to

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— Matt Hagan, senior

actually get a feel for and adjust to throwing outdoors.

"[Being outside] is definitely an adjustment, especially since we've been throwing into a net and focusing more on the body positioning and technique," Dubs said. "Now that they have an open sky, they're kind of rushing things a little bit. I've been explaining it will take a couple of weeks for them to get back into the technical rhythm of it."

Because they've been

practicing outside, Dubs expects the Hawkeyes to perform better than they did at the last meet and post a few personal bests.

Stanford Invitational

A smaller number of Hawkeyes will make the trip to Stanford. Unlike the Florida Relays, the Stanford Invitational is more of a distance-friendly competition.

"It's kind of a distance carnival," Woody said. "Most of the best distance runners in the country will be out there trying to hit qualifying marks."

The Hawkeye contingent includes Ben Witt in the 5,000 meters, Kevin Lewis in the 10,000-meters, Shannon Maser in the 1,500-meters, and Marta Bote Gonzalez, making her college 3,000-meter

steeplechase debut. "It's sort of the icebreaker for her," distance coach Layne Anderson said. "It'll be good to see her get the first one under her belt."

San Francisco Distance Carnival

Lisa Gordon and Tess Wilberding are scheduled to compete in the 1,500 meter and Daniel Huff and Michael Melchert in the 5,000 meters in San Francisco.

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SOFTBALL

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the lone Hawkeye at the .260 mark. After that, four players are hitting under .221.

The lack of balance has stifled the Hawks in close games this year, as has clutch hitting and the ability to move base runners.

On Wednesday, all of these issues came to fruition in one of the team's toughest defeats this season.

Sophomore Shayla Starkenburg threw a 1-hit gem in Des Moines against Drake. Although the Iowa offense recorded five more hits, they left eight runners on base in a 1-0 loss.

If anything, Thursday's game at least saw the offense rebound from the lackluster performance the night before.

The team tallied 15 hits and 2 homers in the contest. Gyermann went 3-for-5 with 2 RBIs, while sophomore Kaitlyn Mullarkey added a

home run. The hope for the Hawkeyes is that those hitters who had success Thursday can carry that into the weekend series with Illinois and finish the remainder of the conference schedule more consistently on offense.

"I think Sammi has that opportunity in front of her," Looper said. "She kind of was on a high and then was trying so hard that she limited herself. Tonight, she did a better job relaxing and trying to get pitches she could hit."



Iowa's Ashley Yoways pitches against Western Illinois at Pearl Field on Thursday. The Leathernecks used a 10-run inning to defeat the Hawkeyes. (The Daily Iowan/Courtney Hawkins)

GYMNASTICS

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said. "We control our atmosphere, and we worry about ourselves. We don't worry about the scores, we don't worry about other teams — nothing else but us. That's what we preach every meet."

Although she is only a sophomore, the leadership of Metcalf and others figures to be a pivotal factor in how they perform in Auburn, but stepping up on weak events is necessary.

A breakout performance

on the balance beam might be the best way for the Hawks to pull off an upset. Of the six teams competing, including Maryland and George Washington, each one's worst event is the beam.

"It's the hardest event for every team," head coach Larissa Libby said. "The team that wins beam is the team that's going to go [to nationals]."

Alabama and Auburn are two of five SEC teams ranked in the top 10, and the conference is a hotbed for the sport. In addition to a riled up home crowd, the Hawks can also expect a well-represented

Crimson Tide fan base. Proximity and season rankings favor the regional's top two seeds — that is without question.

Earlier in the season, the team took on No. 4 LSU and lost, but the GymHawks hope the experience with the SEC suits them well at Auburn.

"I think going back and having that reference point knowing this is how the SEC functions," Libby said. "The number of people that will be there, the hype that it brings is something they're super excited about."



The GymHawks watch a teammate perform during the Iowa-Illinois meet in Carver-Hawkeye on Feb. 14. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

BASEBALL

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"Unfortunately, days like this can happen when you walk guys."

The Hawks will need

to be more diligent on the mound against the Boiler-makers, who are coming off of a big victory, a 9-1 win over Indiana/Purdue-Fort Wayne.

And though the Boiler-makers are one of the

slowest teams in the Big Ten from an offensive standpoint, the Hawks are still working out a few kinks of their own and need to string together a few more solid wins.



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SOFTBALL

WESTERN ILLINOIS 11, IOWA 8



Western Illinois players celebrate their win over Iowa at Pearl Field on Thursday. (The Daily Iowan/Courtney Hawkins)

Offense rebounds, pitching implodes

Western Illinois put up 10 runs in the top of the fifth to turn an Iowa lead into a rout.

By **JORDAN HANSEN**
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The top of the fifth inning in Thursday's game against Western Illinois was one to forget for the Iowa softball team.

In 14 at-bats, the Leathernecks scored 10 runs, and the Hawkeyes were forced to use three different pitchers en route to an eventual 11-8 loss. Iowa came into the inning leading 4-1, but after Iowa starter Ashley Yoways gave up 2 runs, she was pulled in favor of Jillian Navarrete.

She then gave up 5 runs, and Yoways went back to the circle and immediately gave up another 3 runs.

"I could have done a few things better, thrown the ball a little lower maybe," Yoways said. "I was really happy to get another chance to get out there and put some more down, but that didn't really happen."

Shayla Starckenburg came into the game to finish the inning and she stopped the bleeding, but Western Illinois didn't relinquish the lead the rest of the game.

However, not just the pitchers were to blame for the loss, something Iowa head coach Marla Looper was adamant about.

"It started with our defense not talking care of the ball," Looper said. "If we would have just gotten that first out, it would have been, 'All right, we got an out,' but they started some momentum, and we just let it go."

The play she referred to was third basemen Alyssa Navarro overthrowing Kaitlyn Mullarkey at first, allowing

a Western Illinois run to score. That started the mess that followed.

With that said, Iowa's offense was a bright spot for the Hawkeyes, despite the loss.

Catcher Holly Hoffman hit a 2-run home run in the bottom of the third inning, and for the most part, Iowa's offense was much improved from the game against Drake on Wednesday.

"My first at-bat wasn't good," Hoffman said. "My second at-bat I was looking to make adjustments, and I think that's what a lot of the people on the team were looking to do. Throughout out at-bats we're trying to make adjustments, and we were just making good contact."

Iowa tallied 15 hits on the evening, 3 more than Western Illinois, and consistently hit the ball throughout the evening.

Mullarkey also had a good offensive night, hitting a home run in the bottom of the third inning.

"There were some innings where we were good and we were driving the ball well," Looper said. "But we left way too many on and left way too many runners in scoring position, but we did do a better job of scoring runs tonight."

The Hawkeyes will have to have a short memory, as the Big Ten foe Illinois comes to town today for a three-game series.

"I think we're going to come out looking to attack," Hoffman said. "We're not scared to play anyone, and I think our offense is going to come out looking like this, and we're going to look to shut them down."

FEATURE

By **CHARLIE GREEN**
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Iowa softball is hoping its 15-hit, 8-run showing in Thursday's loss to Western Illinois is the start of something new.

"It shows what we're capable of," junior Holly Hoffman said. "I think in preseason, we faced some tough pitching, and that's only prepared us for Big Ten play, so I'm fully confident in our offense. I know we can play like this against anyone."

Despite playing more games than anyone else in the conference, the Hawks came into Thursday's game ranking 11th in home runs, 12th in hits, and 13th in runs and slugging percentage.

With their .257 batting average and .329 on-base percentage, they rank dead last in the Big Ten.

The numbers are shocking, given the season senior Megan Blank is enjoying.

The three-time all-conference selection is at it again, sitting second in the Big Ten

in hits with 45 and batting .417 in the process.

The drop in production after Blank is monumental, though sophomore Sammi Gyerman is batting .308 with 119 at-bats, the second most in the Big Ten. She added 3 hits Thursday night.

"It's not like that's my goal; I'm just trying to my job and do my role and it kind of just plays out," Gyerman said. "Thing maybe aren't falling for the other girls, and they're falling for me, but we're all working just as hard."

Hoffman has given the Hawks a boost offensively as well, hitting .289 in addition to blasting a 2-run homer on Thursday.

The two have been reliable for head coach Marla Looper's squad, but are nonetheless a large step below the production of Blank — and it gets worse from there.

Of the remaining players with more than 60 at-bats, sophomore Claire Fritsch is



Iowa infielder Alyssa Navarro wipes sweat off of her forehead at Pearl Field on Thursday. The Hawkeyes were defeated by Western Illinois, 11-8. (The Daily Iowan/Courtney Hawkins)

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Gymnasts head south for NCAAs

By **CHARLIE GREEN**
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The Iowa women's gymnastics team is scheduled to face off with six of the country's top 36 teams at the Auburn regional April 4 for a chance to advance to the NCAA Championships.

"Really all we need to do is what we've been doing all year," junior Alie Glover said. "We've had a lot of consistency and that's different for us. It's been a great change, something we really enjoy."



Glover
gymnast

But only the top two teams from each of the six regionals move on, meaning it's a win-or-go-home situation for the GymHawks. According to seeding, those two teams are No. 5 Alabama and No. 8 Auburn.

Iowa enters as the fourth seed, just behind No. 17 Minnesota. Both the Gophers and the Hawks will have their hands full with their powerful SEC opponents.

Alabama and Auburn are averaging more than 49,000 in all four events, while Iowa falls short on the vault and the balance beam.

The best event for the Hawks has been the floor exercise, where they are led by senior Sydney Hoerr's average score 9.868. Sophomores Angel Metcalf and Mollie Drenth, and Glover also provide depth in the event for the Hawks, who will need to put together a complete effort.

Floor is also Alabama's best routine at 49.389, as it is for Auburn, which averages 49.200.

"We only focus on ourselves," Metcalf said. "The only thing we can control is our gymnastics and our atmosphere."

Staying composed in the hostile environment has been a point of emphasis for the Hawkeyes, who are focused on zoning in on the task at hand.

"We're in our own little bubble," Metcalf

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Iowa women's gymnastics at NCAA Regionals

When: 6 p.m. Saturday
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Baseball tries to bounce back

Iowa heads to Purdue after its worst loss of the season.

By **RYAN RODRIGUEZ**
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Following a blowout loss Wednesday afternoon at Western Illinois, the Iowa baseball team will try to rebound this weekend as it heads to West Lafayette to take on Purdue.

The three-game series will be the second of the year in Big Ten play for Iowa, which recently swept defending Big Ten champs Indiana at Banks Field.

A win today would move the team to 19-7 overall, 4-0 in conference play.

The Hawkeyes are coming off of their worst loss of the season at the hands of the Leathernecks, who thrashed Iowa, 16-5, in a long-winded affair Wednesday after the Iowa pitching staff became careless with walked batters.

"The game crashed on us in the fifth and sixth innings," Iowa head coach Rick Heller said. "Whether it was the base on balls or the free bases, it gave them a chance to get back in it, and then they got hot, and we couldn't stop them. Thirteen or 14 of their runs came with two outs, and then in the fifth inning they got 6 runs with two outs."

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