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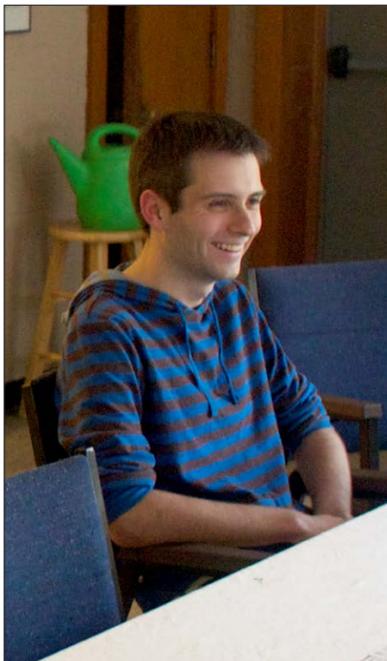
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## Coming into faith at Iowa



UI sophomore Jessica Graff; Photo by Margaret Kispert



UI senior Joe Rajchel; Photo by Joshua Housing



UI junior Asaju Walker; Photo by Margaret Kispert



UI senior Quentin Hill; Photo by Margaret Kispert

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**W**hen Quentin Hill entered the University of Iowa as a freshman, he was an atheist. Now, nearing his time to leave as a senior, he does so as a Jew.

Originally a Baptist, during his first year at the UI, junior Asaju Walker became a Muslim.

While also at the university, senior Joe Rajchel went from atheist to spiritual, and sophomore Jessica Graff went from New Thought Christianity to Pentecostal.

From belief to another, each of these students has undergone radical shifts in both faith and lifestyle during their time at college accomplishing something a rising number of young people aren't — not only maintaining a faith in college, but developing one.

According to the most recent Gallup Poll, 16 percent of adults in the U.S. identify as nonreligious.

However, in 2014, nearly 28 percent of college freshmen did not identify with a religion, the highest percentage ever recorded since the Higher Education Research Institute began measuring in 1971.

The bottom line: College students are more secular now than they have ever been.

While not a shocking statistic — this trend has occurred since the 1980s — it's easy to see why this number is worrisome to many religious institutions, which are losing young believers at ever increasing rates once they enter college.

Hector Avalos, a professor of philosophy and religious studies at Iowa State University, said the idea that college liberalizes students' religion has been seen sociologically for decades, traditionally because college is the point in students' lives when they are exposed to a much broader world.

This happens, Avalos said, because college works like a magnifying lens, intensifying and concentrating the diversity of the nation.

"In college, you have groups from dozens of religions, and that exposure alone can affect you," Avalos said. "Now, you're free to explore; you can hear other ideas."

And although rising college secularism has been a long-term trend, Avalos said it was only accelerated with the advent of the Internet. The Internet, he said, provided students with access to a much larger database of religions and cultures much sooner than students had ever had before.

But some students are going against the grain.

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Walker enters the Iowa City Mosque on a Sunday evening. After a ritual cleanse, he chats with the people milling around. *Salaam*, they say. Eventually, as he does in his own apartment, Walker faces east toward Mecca and begins praying.

Although Baptist throughout high school, Walker had been interested in Islam as a culture and said it was hard to reconcile the depictions of Muslims shown in the media in the aftermath of 9/11 with the Muslims he knew.

"This didn't make sense to me, because the people I was meeting were a lot kinder to me than almost any of the American Christian students I knew," he said. "The sense of community and brother- and sisterhood they showed each other didn't seem like a terrorist's ideal lifestyle, so I would ask them tons of questions."

Eventually Walker enrolled in Kirkwood Community College to pursue biomedical engineering, and he said by his second year there, he had abandoned his Baptist roots.

"Ultimately being born into something doesn't mean that's what resonates with you," he said. "When you're little, it was good for teaching you sharing, caring, treating thy neighbor as you would like to be treated, and I still held those values, but [Christianity] didn't feel right anymore."

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## GOP nomination race a big 'lump'

By **BRENT GRIFFITHS** and **ALEKSANDRA VUJICIC**  
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**WAUKEE, Iowa** — For nearly five hours this past weekend, nine GOP presidential hopefuls contested for the attention of more than 1,000 attendees at a gathering for social conservatives.

Packed into plastic theater seats in a sanctuary that looked more like an auditorium, onlookers to the Iowa Faith and Freedom Coalition's Spring kickoff exited at the end of night more aware of the White House contenders but far from ready to commit.

"There's a good bunch," said Janice Haag, a Johnston resident, who liked former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum but caucused for former Texas Rep. Ron Paul in 2012. "There are a lot more good conservative candidates than there were last time."

The Iowa Faith and Freedom Coalition, led by Iowa's Republican National Committeeman Steve Scheffler, draws presidential hopefuls to the state several times a year for events



Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker speaks during the Iowa Faith and Freedom Coalition in Waukee, Iowa, on April 25. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

with similar formats.

In interviews following the event, attendees struggled to separate one candidate from the bunch.

"I kind of feel sorry for Hil-

lary," Hampton, Iowa, resident Sam Dirksen said after saying Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker and Texas Sen. Ted Cruz were a

Cruz had an "excellent speech."

Lost in the rhetoric, stories, and biographical sketches was any semblance of a front-run-

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## Photos show real China

By **LI DAI**  
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Chinese photographer Wang Wenlan, with a career spanning the post-Mao decades, has produced a rich chronicle of a changing society.

"The whole process of China's reform over the past four decades — whether going forward or stalling — I've been determined to and have managed to document it all," Wang said.

A photo exhibition of Wang's work will run through May 12 in the Adler Journalism Building Resource Center. Photographs include representations of bicycle repairmen and construction from the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics.

"My biggest regret was not to capture anything meaningful during the Cultural Revolution period; it would've been a precious record," he said.

The Cultural Revolution, now widely regarded as a dark phase in the country's history, was a social-political movement in China from 1966 until 1976 under former Communist Party Chairman Mao Zedong.

Wang joined the national English-language newspaper *China Daily* in 1981,

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CYCLE CITY



Paul Webb of Nebraska talks to teammates Jordan Ross and Matt Tillinghast after the Old Capitol Criterium on Sunday. This was the 38th-annual criterium held downtown. (The Daily Iowan/Brooklyn Kascel)

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Woman charged with OWI

Authorities have accused a Galesburg, Illinois, woman of operating a motor vehicle under the influence. Heather Johnson, 29, was charged with OWI-second offense on April 25. According to online documents, Coralville officers pulled Johnson over, and police allegedly found an open Busch Light can in the car. She failed a field sobriety test and a breath test reported a .125 blood-alcohol content. OWI-second offense is an aggravated misdemeanor.

Man charged with contempt

Authorities have accused a Washington, Iowa, man of violating a no-contact/protective order. Corey Dietz, 29, was charged with contempt — violation of no contact/protective order on April 25. Dietz allegedly sent 17 text messages to a person between

April 23 and April 25. There is a no-contact order between Dietz and the person. Contempt — violation of a no contact/protective order is a misdemeanor.

Man charged with unauthorized credit-card use

Authorities have accused an Iowa City man of misusing a University of Iowa College of Law credit card. Gustavo Oropeza, 53, was charged with unauthorized use of a credit card, less than \$10,000, on Sept. 15, 2011. According to online documents, Oropeza was given a procurement credit card for the law school and made purchases for himself in the amount of \$1,905.37. Unauthorized use of a credit card, less than \$10,000, is a Class-D felony.

Man charged with driving while barred

Authorities have accused a Coralville man of driving while barred.

James Jorris, 36, was charged with driving while barred on April 25. According to online documents, Jorris was allegedly driving a gold Pontiac Sunfire and was pulled over by an officer. His driver's license is barred from Sept. 9, 2013, until Sept. 8.

Men charged with robbery

A Decatur, Illinois, man and two others have been accused of robbing Bank of the West. Benji Shaw, Sedrick Dudley, and James King were charged with first-degree robbery on April 23. According to online documents the three entered the bank and demanded money. First-degree robbery is a Class-B felony.

Man charged with theft

A Cedar Rapids man has been accused of stealing a phone. Quatron Cropp, 19, was charged with third-degree theft. According to online documents,

the phone was stolen from a person's car. Later, the person retrieved the phone and identified Cropp by seeing his Facebook profile in the Internet history. Third-degree theft is an aggravated misdemeanor.

Man charged with OWI

An Iowa City man has been accused of driving a car under the influence. Kagen Lewis, 18, has been charged with second-offense OWI. According to online documents, the defendant was driving a black Ford Mustang when pulled over by an officer. A search of the vehicle allegedly revealed a metal grinder, a plastic bag, and a makeup container with marijuana inside. A test found a blood-alcohol content of .042, he was arrested for a combination of alcohol and another drug. OWI-second offense is an aggravated misdemeanor. — by Nick Moffitt

BLOTTER

**Amber Ahlf**, 18, Bloomington, Iowa, was charged April 25 with PAULA. **Aqueelah Ali**, 38, Muscatine, was charged April 25 with fifth-degree theft. **Rogelio Aranday**, 25, West Liberty was charged Sunday with disorderly conduct. **Aqueelah Banks**, 18, Muscatine, was charged April 25 with fifth-degree theft. **Mark Barron**, 19, 521 S. Johnson St. Apt. 1, was charged Sunday with public intoxication. **Andrew Becker**, 21, 635 S. Dodge St. Apt. 5, was charged April 19 with interference with official acts and driving while barred. **Rose Beranek**, 33, Atkins, Iowa, was charged April 19 with obstruction. **Alma Berrospe**, 23, Muscatine, was charged Sunday with driving with a suspended or canceled license. **Chase Brennan**, 25, Chariton, Iowa, was charged Feb. 20, 2011, with disorderly conduct and public intoxication. **Eddie Carey**, 59, 1121 Gilbert Court, was charged April 21 with fifth-degree theft, public intoxication, possession of marijuana, and trespassing and was charged April 23 with public intoxication. **Jessica Coon**, 20, 601 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 624, was charged Sunday with presence in a bar after hours. **Jonathan Cowart**, 31, address unknown, was charged April 25 with public intoxication. **Adriana Castro**, 23, 2401 Highway 6 E. No. 3417, was charged April 14 with driving while barred. **Damon Dreckmeier**, 40, Burlington, was charged April 24 with prescription drug possession. **Ryan Driscoll**, 20, 521 S. Johnson St. Apt. 3, was

charged Sunday with having a disorderly house. **Katie Duckler**, 20, 278 E. Court St. Apt. 203, was charged April 24 with presence in a bar after hours. **Emily Duncan**, 19, Marenngo, was charged April 24 with driving with a suspended or canceled license. **Cori Ellis**, 36, Bettendorf, was charged April 25 with OWI. **Calvin Freese**, 24, Cedar Rapids, was charged April 24 with assault causing serious injury. **Douglas Fulton**, 21, 521 S. Johnson St. Apt. 3 was charged Sunday with keeping a disorderly house. **Taryn Gholson**, 20, Johnston, Iowa, was charged April 24 with public intoxication. **Tasha Gibson**, 38, Cedar Rapids, was charged Wednesday with third-degree theft. **Joshua Harris**, 23, Milan, Illinois, was charged April 24 with interference of official acts. **Trevell Henderson**, 21, 930 Boston Way Apt. B1, was charged April 25 with driving with a revoked license. **Marlene Hernandez**, 19, Carbondale, Illinois, was charged April 25 with PAULA. **Nestor Hernandez**, 30, 2128 S. Riverside Drive Lot 45, was charged Sunday with disorderly conduct. **Dakota Higdon**, 19, Fairfield, Iowa, was charged Sunday with OWI. **Leesa Humphrey**, 39, Burlington, was charged April 24 with assault causing injury. **Asaad Ibrahim**, 30, Coralville, was charged Thursday with fifth-degree theft and public intoxication. **Edward Jacobs**, 56, Bet-

tendorf, was charged April 25 with OWI. **Joseph Jensen**, 18, 1429 Laurel St., was charged April 25 with driving with a suspended or canceled license, possession of a schedule II substance, and marijuana possession. **Ryan Johnson**, 29, 2874 Triple Crown Lane Apt. 6, was charged Wednesday with domestic assault. **William Kenny**, 22, 504 Manor Drive, was charged Wednesday with OWI. **Kelley Kreminski**, 19, 321B Mayflower, was charged April 25 with PAULA. **Quinton Kruger**, 20, Davis Junction, Illinois, was charged Sunday with OWI. **John Lohnes**, 22, Wichita, Kansas, was charged April 25 with OWI. **Rachel Livio Bipendu**, 35, 1958 Broadway Apt. 12A, was charged April 25 with driving with a suspended or canceled license. **Madison Mari**, 19, Crystal Lake, Illinois, was charged April 25 with PAULA and unlawful use of another person's authentic ID. **Thomas Marshall**, 50, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 4405, was charged Wednesday with fourth-degree theft. **Melissa McNamara**, 36, Cedar Rapids, was charged April 22 with fifth-degree theft. **Alexa Mirandola**, 19, Crystal Lake, Illinois, was charged April 25 with PAULA. **Ollie Mitchell**, 56, address unknown, was charged Tuesday with possession of prescription drugs, possession of marijuana, driving with a suspended/canceled license, driving with a revoked license, and OWI. **Monterious Myrick**, 23, Milledgeville, Georgia, was charged March 17 with criminal trespass.

**Antony Nopoulos**, 36, 2801 Highway 6 E. Lot 70, was charged April 24 with OWI. **Katherine Norton**, 19, 1140 Quadrangle, was charged April 25 with PAULA. **Teresa Obert**, 27, 209 Holiday Road Apt. 208, was charged April 24 with driving with a suspended or canceled license. **Sierra Pippen**, 20, S223 Currier, was charged Sunday with public intoxication. **Jacob Priest**, 21, 413 S. Johnson St. Apt. 5, was charged with selling tobacco products to a minor. **Jacob Rigal**, 25, address unknown, was charged Sunday with interference with official acts. **Lucas Rock**, 20, Atalissa, Iowa, was charged April 25 with OWI. **Jason Rose**, 40, Atkins, Iowa, was charged April 21 with possession of a controlled substance. **Tatianna Scott**, 20, Muscatine, was charged Sunday with third-degree theft. **Ladonna Shaw**, 49, 932 Dearborn St., was charged Sunday with possession of an open alcohol container in public. **Hercules Smith**, 41, 1958 Broadway Apt. 5B, was charged Wednesday with OWI and possession of an open container of alcohol in a vehicle. **James Smith**, 23, 429 Southgate Ave., was charged April 22 with criminal trespassing and fourth-degree theft. **Rose Thomas**, 62, 1851 Melrose Ave. Apt. 212, was charged April 22 with selling tobacco to a minor. **Chelsea White**, 21, Maysville, Iowa, was charged April 22 with OWI. **Nicholas Whitters**, 22, Swisher, was charged April 24 with OWI.

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## CHINA

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and he has spent most of his career there.

"Thanks to the *China Daily*, I stood out," Wang said. "It was an irreplaceable platform."

Wang's images show the changes in China. With China's rapid economic development, changes are everywhere. Wang is dedicated to recording these changes, the contradictions between old and new, between tradition and modernity — all through his camera.

During the post-Cultural Revolution period in the 1980s, when China began to open up to the outside world, "people thought nothing was impossible," Wang said.

"We reflected on the past and were determined to move on," he said. "It was a special time. The air was filled with ideals, enthusiasm and all kinds of possibilities."

He said today's China is different.

"The country's goal has shifted toward a transition to a market economy since the 1990s," he said. "In-

dividuals also have since switched their focus onto consumerism and incomes from ideals."

UI journalism Professor Judy Polumbaum is the curator and organizer of this exhibition.

"I have known Wang Wenlan for 35 years, and his work is amazing, so I wanted to help to introduce it to more Americans," she said.

She said Wang's 40 years of work covers many social and cultural changes throughout Chinese history.

"He basically has documented their parents' lifetimes and their lifetimes," she said.

Polumbaum said the messages they hope to deliver through the exhibition are "first of all, the dramatic changes in Chinese society. Second of all, the clarity and humor and passion with which one individual."

"He shows a lot of hidden corners of China," she said. "Not necessarily dark or ugly corners, but hidden things that do not get attention otherwise."

His photos over the past four decades take the audience from China's countryside to the growing cities.

"My job isn't to chant slo-

gans," Wang said. "I take photos first. It's great if they can be published; if not, they'll eventually be part of the history."

Wang said what matters is the perspective, and he felt obligated to observe and criticize through his lens over the years.

"China is unfinished," he said. "It's always a work in progress."

Resource Center coordinator Jennifer Cooper said they do not keep track of the number of people who have visited the exhibit, but she sees people looking at the photos daily.

"I think there are a lot of students interested in the exhibit," she said. "Many students who come in to the Resource Center for other things stop and look at the photographs. I think other students have heard about the exhibit and come specifically to see it."

UI student Ya Wang, who comes from China, said it is a really nice exhibition that could show people here the cultures and changes in China.

"I can see the changes through the eye of the photographer Wang Wenlan," she said. "I come from China,



The Wang Wenlan photo exhibition is shown in E305 Adler on April 22. The UI School of Journalism and Mass Communication is showcasing one of contemporary China's most accomplished photographers. This is Wenlan's first solo exhibition in the United States, and it is open to the public until May 12. (The Daily Iowan/McCall Radavich)

but these photos show me a completely different China." She said this exhibition could help Americans to change their perceptions of China.

UI student Siyan Jiang said words couldn't express how much she liked the bicycle photo collection because it helped her to recall her memory in childhood.

"I enjoyed all of Wang's wonderful photographs," Jiang said. "The moments that were captured are really powerful."

UI student Shuai Zheng, who worked with Polumbaum to organize the symposium, said that as China continues to change, he hopes Wang will continue to display his works.

"Helping people gain greater understanding of the real China through a photo exhibition that will never be finished," Zheng said. "Since the start of China's reform and opening, along with changing forms of transportation, people's habits and ways of thinking have altered dramatically."

## GOP

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ner. Mirroring most recent polls of likely GOP caucus-goers, reactions could indicate that nine months from caucus night the race for the nomination is wide open.

"It's just one big lump at this point," said Timothy Hagle, an associate professor of political science at the University of Iowa.

Hagle described recent polls that show a number of early states, including Iowa, are statistically too close to call. But his explanation personifies a field that in some

ways has become a conservative, amorphous mass.

A few spectators could point to a particular candidate who stuck out to him or her, but even among those Iowans many emphasized that they have plenty of time.

Shawn Lohry, a Sioux City resident, said she was particularly enthusiastic about former Hewlett Packard CEO Carly Fiorina, who she said had no prior knowledge of before the event.

Lohry said Fiorina is not well-known in the state and the faith forum gave her great exposure to Iowa voters.

"She's conservative," she said afterwards. "She's

right. She's got connections with world leaders. She's accomplished a ton already."

Mary Whisenand, a delegate of the Polk County GOP Central Committee and a member of the Executive Committee for Polk County Republicans, said Cruz and Walker stood out to her because of their personalities on stage.

"Maybe that's why the two of them stick out, is there's just a more relaxed atmosphere about them," she said.

Most of the would-be and official candidates began their speeches weaving in stories about their past. The technique led to some

laughter and applause, but reactions were almost evenly distributed across the board.

Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal elicited the strongest response of the night when he talk about religious liberty and the history of the country, but an otherwise short burst of applause punctuated rhetoric that touched everything from Israel and Iran to the strength of the family.

The choice to focus more on an introduction left any inner-party jabs and assaults for later, which Hagle said could change as the summer campaign season featuring the straw poll, state fair and primary de-



Former Texas Gov. Rick Perry speaks at the Iowa Faith and Freedom Coalition in Waukee, Iowa, April 25. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

bates approach.

"At a certain point you have to start saying what are you going to do as

president," he said. "It's going to be impossible to have that many people on the debate stage."

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## COLUMN

### Sex sells, and we buy



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If there is one truth that I have seen when it comes to catching the eye of the consumer, it is that the use of sexual imagery is often the most powerful use of advertisement.

I have seen this type of “sex sells” mindset from the likes of clothing stores, fragrances, and even one for a strangely eccentric grocery store. Probably the most notable store with this racy marketing ideology is the world-renowned franchise Abercrombie & Fitch, whose semi-nude promotional material and live shirtless models have been a constant marketing strategy since as long as I can remember.

It seems as if all of this is about to change however.

As of last week, Abercrombie & Fitch has announced that it will change its image and sexualized advertising techniques to focus on better customer services and more diversity among its in-store personal. Furthermore, the lascivious images featured on their paraphernalia (bags, gift cards, etc.) and their employees will no longer be referred to as “models” but “brand representatives.”

Personally, I’m all for this change. From a business standpoint, I believe that these changes will make the brand appear more approachable, thus encouraging continued partisanship and more repeat business. However, from a more sociological standpoint, I believe that this occurrence has brought to light just how much everyone have gotten accustomed to such licentious content.

In my free time, I like

to watch a lot of vintage television. This has given me ample time to see how public thinking on certain topics and events has changed. Over the decades, the perception of what is publicly appropriate has changed. We have gone from “I Love Lucy” where no character was allowed to say the word “pregnant” on television to basically every other minute of content in “Game of Thrones.” It would seem as if each year, people try to see how much farther they can push. The whole world seems to be comfortable in this more embrace attitude.

Because of these circumstances, it is safe to say that what has been deemed as appropriate and acceptable is now more lenient than ever, and I find that to be worrying. I am worried because we glorify such content with attention and desire. By seeing such content on such a common basis in repetition, it teaches the impressionable people that this is how one should look and act like. And while there may be some emotional exceptions, such train of thoughts will cause a major dip in individualistic self-esteem.

Why does any of this matter? Because the use of sexual appeal in order to catch the attention of the masses may be profitable, but it is also representing a falsehood that all people should look like a certain body type or be shaped a certain way. The only reason I think that a person should ever change their body is because they have come to the conclusion, on their own, to change their appearance. Abercrombie & Fitch is doing the right thing, but I believe that the effort is fruitless. Sex will always be used to sell. It’s modern propaganda and impossible to avoid.

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## EDITORIAL

### Historic case for gay marriage

The Supreme Court appears to be ramping up toward declaring nationwide legalization of same-sex marriage that would coincide with a general shifting of public opinion in favor of such an action.

The Supreme Court will hear arguments that will ultimately decide the fate of same-sex marriage across the country.

Despite the legalization of same-sex marriage in 37 of 50 states, the issue is far from unanimous, with staunch pockets of opposition remaining. Same-sex marriage is not solely an issue of political affiliation, state rights, individual rights, religious or moral views, but a hybrid of all of the above. Thus, any decision on the matter for and against represents a multifaceted tug of war among a multitude of constituents with opposing agendas.

A unilateral decision on same-sex marriage has been a long time coming, despite the Supreme Court’s hesitance to definitively address the matter. This could be partially contributed to the progress being made across the nation for same-sex equality cannot overshadow the residual opposition that will remain a critical influence on the potential decision.

It is important to keep in mind that the Supreme Court is not an institution tasked with social justice advocacy, even if that is a result of its decision-making. The Supreme Court’s job is to interpret the Constitution in relation to the legality of state and federal policy.

As a result, public opinion both in favor of and against same-sex marriage may or may not be tak-

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en into account alongside precedent and varying interpretations of what is outlined in the Constitution by the nine Supreme Court Justices.

Whatever decision the Supreme Court makes by the deadline at the end of June, there will still undoubtedly be opposition from the losing side. It will take more than words on paper to unify all of the American people behind a decision on such a divisive issue.

An official ruling on the legality of same-sex marriage may address the legislative side of the issue, but the complete integration and implementation of same-sex marriage will take time.

For example, Iowa was the fourth state in the U.S. to legalize same-sex marriage after an Iowa Supreme Court ruling upheld a lower court ruling in 2009. However, legislative decisions do not account for the thoughts and beliefs of every member of the constituency. In 2010, voters in a judicial-retention election ousted three of the justices who had supported the ruling.

Opposition to same-sex marriage remains in Iowa, and an adherence to social conservatism is still a viable political platform in the state.

Given the contentious nature of same-sex marriage, an inarguable decision by the highest court of the land will be an important step in solidifying its place in society. The hearts and minds of the American people cannot be changed overnight. However, taking same-sex marriage out of the arena of legal obscurity and conflicting state position will at least help to consolidate the fields in which it can be opposed until it cannot be opposed at all.

## VOICES OF PHILANTHROPY

### The mythos of philanthropy

In one of my favorite episodes of “The West Wing,” Sam Seaborn argues, “Education is the silver bullet. Education is everything.” In my college experience, I have found that statement to be true — but only with the help of philanthropy. Fortunate to be a recipient of the Presidential Scholarship, I have had the financial flexibility to pursue interdisciplinary course tracks, leadership positions in student organizations such as student government, and global internships and study-abroad programs. The Stanley Undergraduate Award for International Research also supported my work on environmental reforms in China, which has significantly influenced my future hope to help build a more sustainable U.S.-China relationship.

The silver element of philanthropy’s contribution to education is not personal advancement; rather, it is reflexivity, a willingness to examine the responsibility that comes with opportunity. I spent spring break with a group of Presidential Scholars engaging with the issue of educational equity — and one thing we learned is that 389,730 food-insecure people and 10,000 homeless children in Iowa must often choose between their immediate needs (such as finding food to eat or a safe place to sleep) and education. To be truly reflexive, philanthropy mandates an ethic of care for the less fortunate. I believe the University of Iowa has met this standard, often with the

support of philanthropy. For example, donors provide scholarships for engineering students so they can serve developing countries’ water and energy needs and provide funds to support breakthroughs in medicine, public-health initiatives, arts outreach, and diversity-enrichment programs.

The effect of philanthropy through these programs is exponential, but I want to end with a discussion of its meaning. To be frank, I still find a definition of philanthropy to be quite amorphous. The word is wrapped up in mythos and originates from *Prometheus Bound*. The concept of mythos often carries a negative connotation, but just because a story is not entirely true

does not mean it cannot contain truths. In retellings of the myth, the titan Prometheus displays his love of humankind by bequeathing the gift of fire. But in the story, Prometheus, known as the first philanthropist, gave humanity another more important gift: hope. Fire is useful for technological advancement, but hope is our eternal spark. So perhaps philanthropy is meant to be amorphous in its form — with gifts ranging from fire to funding to hope — but definite in its capacity to bring warmth and light.

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## VOICES OF PHILANTHROPY

### Opportunity to say thank you

I came across the iconic phrase “It is better to give than to receive” sometime prior to my teen years. It was a catchy phrase so it stayed with me — though I did not fully understand or appreciate its deeper meaning until much later.

Thirty-eight years ago, Iowa gave me my first faculty position, right out of a doctoral program. Iowa has been my sole faculty home, and when I retire, it will be from Iowa. As the years have passed, the University of Iowa has been a wonderful place for me to develop a deeper understanding of why it is better to give than to receive.

The power of philanthropy, fueled by attachment and loyalty to Iowa, has inspired me since I arrived here. For 25 years, I directed the UI Connie Belin and Jacqueline N. Blank Center for Gifted Education. The center, as well as the beautiful Blank Honors Building that houses it on the East Campus, was largely built on the generosity of individual donors — and they gave from their hearts. These donors cared deeply about gifted students and had confidence that the University of Iowa could translate their caring into tangible and inspiring programs.

Their gifts established the Belin-Blank Center from scratch, and since then, it has grown into an internationally respected institution serving students, teachers, and parents.

Now I am the dean of the College of Education, and I continue to work closely with donors. Their generous gifts make it possible for so many of our students to have scholarships and assistantships; for so many of our faculty to have support for their teaching, research, and extensive outreach; for endowed chairs that bring some of the nation’s best faculty to claim the UI

College of Education as their academic home.

For many years, my wife, Kay, and I have contributed to the Belin-Blank Center and to the College of Education. This is our home and we want to help keep it strong. Both Kay and I are first-generation college students, and we know profoundly the importance of higher education. We hope our giving will help keep doors open for other students and their families.

To give is an opportunity to say thank you.

**Nick Colangelo**  
Dean  
UI College of Education

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ETHICS & POLITICS EDUCATION

# School funding stuck

Education funding is at an impasse.

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“We’re going to be bursting at the seams in our classrooms.”

That is the worst-case scenario for Iowa City School District Superintendent Stephen Murley, who convened last week with local lawmakers and education administrators over the legislature’s funding impasse.

Originally, Democrats in the Senate had approved a spending increase of 4 percent for next year’s state education funding. But Republicans in the House stuck to their guns, unflinchingly insisting that a 1.25 percent increase is the most the state can afford.

Now, with the debate at a standstill, lawmakers need to decide by June 30, or the funding budget will remain stagnant with an increase of 0 percent.

“If we get 0, you’re essentially pulling a dozen teachers out of our class forever,” Murley said. “So would I rather win on principle and force them to 0, or would I rather have those dozen teachers? I’d rather have those dozen teachers.”

A 4 percent increase would increase spending by \$212 million for next

year, a 1.25 percent increase of approximately \$90 million.

Last week, House Majority Leader, Rep. Kraig Paulsen, R-Hiawatha, said Democrats were playing politics with school funding and putting Iowa’s education system at risk.

“If [Democrats] are under the impression this is some sort of negotiation over a used car, they better get their

the frustration in the House over the debate, there appears to be no movement from Republican leadership.

A proposal floating around the Capitol would create a 1.25 percent increase, but add a one-time cash expenditure from the state’s reserve fund.

This idea appears to strike fear into lawmakers and business lobbyists who fear it would result in increased property taxes. But Mascher said these funds

wouldn’t necessarily result in a tax hike and would provide schools with adequate funding.

“It doesn’t have to be an increase,” she said. “But anything that smells like it might be a property-tax increase, they oppose.”

Each time the state government dips into the reserve fund, officials tend to want to replace it, said Joe Cozier, the chief administrator at the Grant Wood Area Education Agency. He said property taxes wouldn’t go up right away, but over time, they could.

The Democrats appeared pessimistic and bitter about the failure to compromise.

“The [Republican] leadership [today] is so narrow-minded,” said Sen. Bob Dvorsky, D-Coralville. “It’s sad.”

‘This is about schools and kids of Iowa.’

— Kraig Paulsen, House Majority Leader

priorities straight,” Paulsen said. “This is about schools and kids of Iowa. We’re serious when we put the 1.25 percentage increase ... and we haven’t made any progress.”

Local Democrats in the House and Senate are hoping for at least a compromise at 2 percent, but many others in the Senate are vying for a 2.6 percent increase.

School districts across the state were forced to submit their budgets by April 15 without a solid knowledge of what their budgets will look like.

“Obviously, our schools are desperate, [saying] just give us a number,” Rep. Mary Mascher, D-Iowa City, said. “Help us get the most you can, but just give us a number so we can plan accordingly.”

Mascher said despite

# Garden has open house

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The University of Iowa Student Garden branched out to students Sunday afternoon with an open house, garden tours, and a greenhouse pull as Earth Month draws to a close.

The garden was established in the spring 2009 semester to provide an educational model of producing food.

Much of the food produced in the garden is sold to the University of Iowa Food Services, said Andrew Hirst, a co-president of the UI Garden.

“A lot of the produce we grow we sell to the River Room in the IMU,” he said. “The money from that goes back into the garden, and what we don’t sell, we donate. What we don’t donate, we eat.”

The garden is located across from the intramural sports fields next to the faculty art-studios building. The garden and the art building share a cooperative relationship Hirst said.

The Student Garden was originally started by the UI Environmental Coalition, but it soon branched off to become a separate organization, said David Osterberg, a UI clinical professor of occupational and environmental health at UI.

“This kind of thing is part of the solution to many environmental and health problems people are facing right now,” he said.

Getting students involved in growing organic-, pesticide- and herbicide-free food is the main mission of the Student Garden, co-president Jake Simpson said.

“We’re really focused on getting closer to a sustainable food supply,” Simpson said. “That’s why we’re out here. We really think that the organic way of growing food is the right way to do it.”

The organization is hoping the UI Food for Thought theme semester will increase student membership, Hirst said.

“I don’t know if it’s increased student interest in the garden, but I hope it has,” Hirst said.

The Student Garden is looking toward the future, and Sunday’s event is just one of many aimed at getting more people interested in and involved with the garden, Hirst said.

“There’s a lot going on right now. We definitely want as many people as possible to get involved,” Hirst said. “The university is talking about moving us to a new location in the future, but for now, we’re getting ready for growing this summer.”

Students involved in the garden have a say in what is grown there, Hirst said.

“I’m excited to grow some peppers this summer,” he said. “I’ve got some crazy hot ghost peppers that I’ll put into the ground soon. That’s what’s awesome about the garden — that people have to opportunity to grow food that interests them.”

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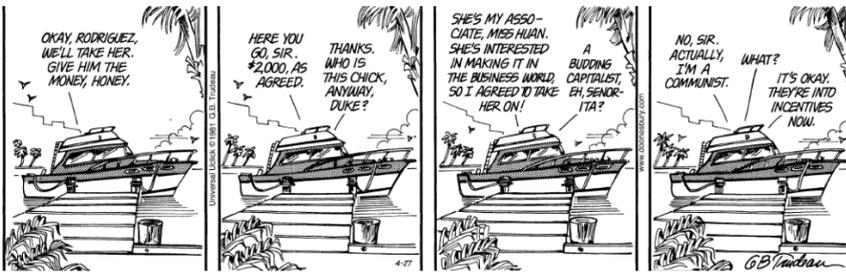
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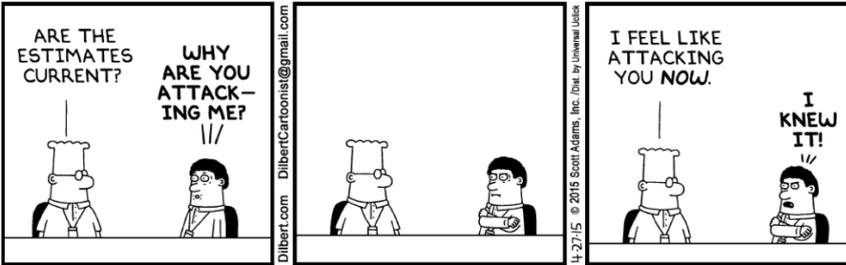
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- **Latin American Studies Program Spring Speaker Series, "Latinos Inc. in Social Media: Univision and the Dynamics of Mass Connected Hispanic Media,"** Sean Gelles, 4 p.m., 315 Phillips
- **Rex Honey Lectureship Award, 4-6 p.m.,** 2780 University Capitol Center
- **Allison Offerman,** oboe, 6 p.m., University Capitol Center Recital Hall
- **Renaissance in the Belly of a Killer Whale,** 6 p.m., 348 IMU
- **Peace Corps Application Tips,** 6:30 p.m., 1124 University Capitol Center
- **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** Angela Flournoy, fiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- **American Institute of Architects Lecture Series, "The Palace Site, a 7000 Year Old Community Along the Des Moines River,"** 7:30 p.m., Art Building West
- **Englert Reading,** Melody Pope, 8 p.m., 221 E. Washington
- **John Cummins,** saxophone, 8 p.m., University Capitol Center Recital Hall
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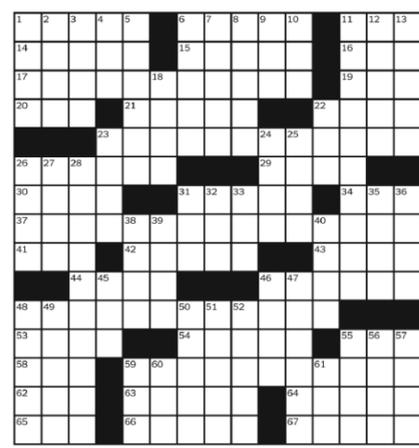
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## OBJECTS OF ART

### The New York Times Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Actor Malcolm Warner of "The Cosby Show"
  - 6 One way to be in love
  - 11 Sandwich often on toasted bread
  - 14 Way overweight
  - 15 Letter-shaped building support
  - 16 Note of promise
  - 17 Compulsion to steal
  - 19 Baby bear
  - 20 "Oh, My, God!"
  - 21 Port-au-Prince's land
  - 22 Depression-era migrant
  - 23 What a bracketologist is caught up in
  - 26 Swings wildly
  - 29 Keister
  - 30 "Yours, Mine and ..."
  - 31 Hajj destination
  - 34 Frequently, to a poet
  - 37 1977 hard-rock hit by Ted Nugent
  - 41 "Beg pardon?"
  - 42 Puts the whammy on
  - 43 Display model
  - 44 "Terrible" Russian autocrat
  - 46 Age, and not try to hide it
  - 48 Miniskirts or oversize sunglasses, once
  - 53 The double of a double play
  - 54 Stars and Stripes land, informally
  - 55 Get in on the
  - 58 Footfaraw
  - 59 What a major scandal results in
  - 62 Onetime Russian space station
  - 63 Prepare, as coffee beans
- DOWN**
- 1 One might start "Knock knock ..."
  - 2 \_\_\_ to leap tall buildings ...
  - 3 Timid
  - 4 Egyptian cobra
  - 5 Like the bite of a 4-Down
  - 6 Copycat
  - 7 "Spish splash, I was takin' \_\_\_" (1958 lyric)
  - 8 Jeans material
  - 9 China's Chou En-\_\_\_
  - 10 Soprano Sumac
  - 11 Squabble about
  - 12 Designer Vuitton
  - 13 Centers of toilet paper rolls
  - 18 Rowboat rowers
  - 22 Based \_\_\_ true story
  - 23 \_\_\_ America pageant
  - 24 Half of the McDonald's logo
  - 25 Like many users of sign language
  - 26 French W.W. I general Ferdinand \_\_\_
  - 27 Hawaiian party
  - 28 Subject that includes Goya and Gauguin
  - 31 Highest amount, informally
  - 64 Boat with a double-bladed paddle
  - 65 Pigpen
  - 66 Deuce toppers
  - 67 Long, hard look



- PUZZLE BY MICHAEL DEWEY**
- 32 Summer, in Giverny
  - 33 IV amounts
  - 35 Relief org. after hurricanes and tornadoes
  - 36 Ancient city undone by a large wooden horse
  - 38 Black tea-and-milk drink
  - 39 Nevada city
  - 40 Perimeter
  - 45 Pre-DVD format
  - 46 Heavy fishing hook
  - 47 Missouri mountains
  - 48 Froths
  - 49 Check of financial records
  - 50 Movie whose genre is taking off?
  - 51 Hit TV drama starring Gary Sinise
  - 52 Blacktops and such
  - 55 Author Seton
  - 56 Old Russian autocrat
  - 57 Rug rat
  - 59 Co. administration
  - 60 Blunder
  - 61 Sup

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## horoscopes

Monday, April 27, 2015 by Eugenia Last

- ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Aim to impress. Love is on the rise and romance in the stars. No matter what your focus is, do your best. An older relative will appreciate your concern. Neglect will play a role in the way a situation unfolds.
- TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Stick to a set formula or conservative strategy when it comes to budgeting and making your nest egg grow. Don't feel pressured by what others do or say. Think for yourself, do your own thing, and you will avoid a loss.
- GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Focus on home, family, and self-pampering. Do whatever it takes to keep things running smoothly. A problem when dealing with institutions will crop up. Put off any legal, financial, or medical matters for now. Love is in the stars.
- CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Accept whatever changes are going on around you, and keep moving in the direction that seems the most appropriate. It's best not to make a fuss or promise too much. Just do what's expected of you and avoid emotional conflict.
- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Overly reacting will not help you avoid disputes at work or at home. Make whatever changes are necessary, and do your best to take care of your responsibilities to avoid complaints or criticism. Discipline and hard work will be your best response.
- VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Live and learn. Ask questions, and respond with confidence. Taking part in community events or traveling for business will be emotionally draining, but it will give you plenty to think about. Progressive action will pay off.
- LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Expect the unexpected. Learn to go with the flow, and you'll keep the peace as well. Don't get involved in a joint venture or put cash into something that is aimed to help someone else instead of helping you.
- SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Taking an introspective look at your life and the way you've been living will help you make some necessary adjustments that will lead to a more creative and interesting future. Don't worry about what others do — follow your heart.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Look around you and make personal changes that will bring you added confidence, greater satisfaction, and improve your love life. Real-estate investments or fixing up your residence will help your assets grow. Romance is highlighted.
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Concentrate on the changes you can make at home that will better your life. A last-minute change someone makes must not alter your plans or leave you feeling confused. Use your imagination and your skills to improve your surroundings.
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You'll be offered help, but before you accept, find out what it will cost financially, emotionally, or physically. You may be best to go it alone or negotiate your position and what you are willing to give in order to receive.
- PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Expect to face a roadblock. Challenge anyone who gets in your way or criticizes you. Be willing to let someone walk away if it is in your best interest. Try to surround yourself with positive, upbeat, and helpful people.

# The best argument against democracy is a five-minute conversation with the average voter.

— Winston Churchill

## RELIGION

CONTINUED FROM FRONT



However, while he no longer practices any religion, Walker continued to interact with Muslim students, who, he said, provided a lot of the support and community he looked for, something that he never found in Christianity.

"If you were having hard times with something, it was always, 'We'll pray for you,' but you never actually saw any of these people physically show up," he said. "But with Muslim people, it's constant community, constant support."

In Islam, Walker said he felt accepted and welcomed.

Because Walker had spent years exploring Islam as a culture, when he told his parents he was converting, he said, they were less shocked and were instead equally concerned, confused, and accepting.

His mother, he said, was concerned about his safety as a member of a group hated by mainstream America, as well as confused about why he would turn away from Christianity. In the end however, she understood his decision.

"She said, 'Well if that's what you feel like, you have to do to keep bettering yourself; I won't stop you,'" Walker said.

His extended family, however, was not quite so accepting. "[My aunt] kind

**'BUT WITH MUSLIM PEOPLE, IT'S CONSTANT COMMUNITY, CONSTANT SUPPORT.'**

— WALKER, UI JUNIOR

of told me I was banned from her house, and I wasn't her nephew," he said.

Other family members taunted and teased him about his faith.

"It hurts on one level, but being African American in America in general hurts," he said.

"So overall you start to develop certain guards; you joke back, it gets easier to brush things off. More so than hurt, I'm more shocked by their ignorance."

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Ultimately, despite the differences among each student, the narrative of community and inclusion that Walker said he found in Islam is repeated through each of their stories.

Finding a community in college, a place they felt as if they belonged, they said, was one of the most important aspects of their journey.

"Everything we use to make sense of the world comes from social groups," said UI sociology Associate Professor Steven Hitlin. "Rarely do humans do well when they're isolated; it's one of the worst punishments you can get, such as in prison or being excommunicated from the church."

Religion, Hitlin said, is full of the socializing and rituals that human beings are drawn to.

"Rituals for human beings seem to be very important," he said. "Whether that's religious, or singing the national anthem, or family rituals. Human being seem to like that, and religion is one place where all those things can exist together."

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Standing in a darkened room in the IMU, hands in the air, Graff sings her favorite hymn, "Jesus Paid it All," to an

acoustic guitar during campus ministry Chi Alpha's Wednesday service.

Graff became a Pentecostal Christian shortly after coming to the university.

Before she was Pentecostal, however, Graff was raised as part of the Unity Church, a spiritual philosophical movement in the New Thought movement, which also created Religious Science and the Church of Divine Science.

While both Unity and Pentecostalism both classify themselves as Christian, they may be as far apart on the ideological scales as it's possible to go.

She said she valued the feeling of family she received from her faith most.

"One of the biggest principles in Christianity is living in community," she said. "I grew up feeling unloved and abandoned, so feeling that unconditional love by people and a family I never felt like I really had is what drew me in."

With divorced parents and an autistic older brother she was often responsible for, Graff said her home life was "tumultuous" and said she spent a lot of high school drinking and smoking pot in an attempt to escape it. She was even arrested twice, once for chain shoplifting and once for stealing money to try to buy drinks.

She eventually left her hometown of Vienna, Virginia, for Iowa City, where she continued to party. Soon, though, she said, she began to realize it didn't fulfill her in the way she had hoped.

Immediately after her freshman Orientation, her roommate introduced her to some campus ministries such as Chi Alpha, in which, she said, she fell in love with the community. "God runs after his sheep," she said. "If I hadn't gone to the University of Io-

**'GOD RUNS AFTER HIS SHEEP.'**

— GRAFF, UI SOPHOMORE

wa, he would have found me no matter what — maybe a little later, or maybe at the exact same time."

When she broke the news to her mother that she had become Pentecostal, Graff said her mother's reaction was extremely negative.

"She disowned me. She said, 'I don't want you to be a part of my life anymore,' then two weeks later she decided to forgive me," Graff said.

Being at college was a blessing at this point.

"If I was living at home when this was happening, I would have lost my mind," she said. "I came to school with a lot of baggage. But being surrounded by people who love me for who I am has been extremely positive; it's like having a family away from home."

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At the synagogue on Friday after Shabbat service, Hill stands as candles are lit and a blessing is recited, first over wine and then over two loaves of challah bread. Afterward, surrounded by talk and laughter, he eats dinner to honor the Sabbath, the Jewish day of rest.

However Hill has not always done this. Although his mother was ethnically Jewish, the family did not practice Judaism. Instead, he grew up atheist.

"Both my parents were super athe-

ist, so I never really knew anything about it except it was a part of our ethnicities," he said.

When Hill first told his parents about his decision, they were worried.

"There was a lot of skepticism from them about why I wanted to do this," he said. "But I made them read a couple books, and once they got that out of the way, they've been really supportive."

In fact, once his family warmed up to the idea of Judaism, Hill said his family stopped celebrating Christmas and began to celebrate Hanukkah.

During his first year on campus, some Jewish students took him to some events at Hillel, a Jewish center at Iowa.

"I think the people I met here really had an impact on me going in that direction."

Hill said he never considered Judaism as a religion until he came to Iowa and said he doesn't believe he would be Jewish today if he hadn't gone to college.

Because Hill's mother was Jewish, however, he did not have to go through the process someone converting from another religion would have. Instead, Hill pored over religious texts, reading up on his heritage and the religion that, technically, he was a member of.

**'PEOPLE LOOKED AT ME FOR WHO I AM AS A PERSON, AND NOT WHAT I REPRESENT.'**

— HILL, UI SENIOR

"The most enriching experience about the Jewish community on this campus was I walked into an environment where no one knew me, and I immediately felt welcome," Hill said. "It wasn't hard for me to make friends or get involved in Hillel. It was amazing how open and accepting everyone was."

That acceptance, he said, he never received from his experiences with Christianity.

"My dad's side of the family is Christian, and I remember the few times I ever did have to go to church, I never felt welcome there," he said.

One of the most important aspects of the Jewish community, Hill said, is the members' LGBTQ acceptance.

"Being the only gay kid in a small town, you can feel everyone whispering about you, but I've never walked into a synagogue or an event of all Jewish people and felt like that," he said. "People looked at me for who I am as a person and not what I represent."

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On Tuesday night, Rajchel sits down at a table filled with homemade vegan food and a dozen friends. He lights prayer candles and talks about his heart, soul and the role faith has played in his life recently.

Rajchel was raised in a strongly Catholic family. Eventually, however, he said he "fell away" from the faith, and in his junior year of high school told his parents he was an atheist.

"I became angrily atheist," he said. "I wasn't only like 'God doesn't exist,' I went out of my way to antagonize my parents and say things I knew would upset them."

After he moved to Iowa, Rajchel said he began to feel lost.

"All of my sophomore year, I was in a really bad place," he said. "I didn't know if I belonged here; I didn't know what I was doing or where I was going."

However, when he was a junior at the UI, his friend persuaded him to attend a panel on religion and LGBTQ issues hosted by the Wesley Foundation, a Christian campus ministry.

As he attended events, he was offered a job as a Wesley programming intern, and despite his not considering himself Christian, he took it.

"It's been a weird thing," he said. "It's all just fallen together, to put me in this position of being in a religious community that I never would have thought was something I'd even touch."

Slowly however, his faith developed and grew, and while Rajchel no longer considers himself atheist, he also doesn't consider himself Christian. Instead, he's spiritual.

"There have been days in which I just need to walk into a church, and it doesn't matter which one, I just need to be there," he said.

As an example, Rajchel said, one Sunday he was late for Gloria Dei's service, so he instead decided go to the United Church of Christ because he was walking by it.

If there's any church Rajchel can be said to attend regularly, it's Tuesday Table.

"There's prayer, there's communion, there's community, and that feels like church, but the best kind of church, not like the church you were dragged to as a child," he said.

Coming to college, Rajchel said, was the biggest reason his faith is where it's currently at.

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— RAJCHEL, UI SENIOR

It also allowed room for questions. "I had such a narrow upbringing in faith," he said. "So having this more open environment has really helped. You can raise and discuss questions, and we may not find answers, but that's OK."

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In the end, while the beliefs, gods, and traditions of each faith may be different, for these students, the search for acceptance, love, and community — the things that brought them to the place they are today — are very much the same.

The same aspects of college that drive some students away from religion — new experiences, new people, freedom from parents, literature, science — are the same things that drive other students toward it.

"The people who end up in college are knowledge seekers; they come to define themselves and discover themselves," Walker said. "You can't blame the institution."

Graff agrees. "College encourages exploration, and I think exploration is your own personal journey," she said. "I definitely think faith and college are compatible. It's not the easiest thing to do, but it's not impossible."



## WEISMAN

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as well — a sign that he hasn't quit training since the 2014 season ended.

If and when a team does take a chance on Weisman, the 23-year-old's exact role on the roster will remain unclear.

But what is clear is that depth rules in the NFL. Teams with quality backups enjoy stellar special teams units that can dictate field position and can also survive injuries to key starters. What figures to stand as Weisman's best

chance at making a 53-man roster is whether a coaching staff thinks he can make an immediate impact in the kicking game.

His power running style still has a valuable place in today's pass-happy game. If Weisman's short-yardage ability transfers to the next level, there's not a team in the NFL that doesn't like to have that option deep in the red zone.

If not as a situational runner, he has the body-type and strength to develop into an effective lead blocker — something he was not accustomed to

in his college days.

While at Iowa, Weisman proved to be a bruiser, willing and capable of dishing out physical punishment, and that style won't go unnoticed by pro scouts.

But in the nature of today's game, teams just are not likely to invest a draft pick on his prototype. That being said, he has the potential to be one of the hidden gems of the NFL's undrafted class of 2015.

"It doesn't matter to me," Weisman said. "Whether I get drafted, or whether it's a free agent or whatnot, I just want an opportunity to compete."



Iowa running back Mark Weisman runs in Memorial Stadium on Nov. 15, 2014, in Champaign, Illinois. Weisman had 34 carries for 134 yards. (The Daily Iowan/Valerie Burke)

## FOOTBALL

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and would have likely had numerous sacks had Beathard not been wearing the red "don't touch me" jersey.

"I think we're communicating better as a defense; everyone kind of trusts everyone and can ask each other questions," Ott said. "There's no rivalries among us, we're just working toward a common goal."

### Running backs deep

Although no official stats were kept, the Hawkeye running backs looked promising. There were some missed holes, but Wadley, along with Jordan Canzeri, LeShun Daniels Jr., and converted wide receiver Derrick Mitchell, Jr. looked the best of any offensive group.

Albeit a small sample size, Wadley looks to have gotten rid of his fumbling troubles, and don't be shocked if Mitchell plays a significant role for the Hawks in the coming years.

Should they get lanes to run through, the running backs will have a strong season.

### Duzey injured

Because of an injury suffered in practice last week, Iowa will be without tight end Jake Duzey until the season begins, at the very earliest.

A senior, Duzey has 58 career catches and is arguably Iowa's second-best target behind receiver Tevaun Smith. George Kittle got the

majority of the reps in place of Duzey in the spring scrimmage.

"Based on what I heard, I think it's realistic to think we'll get him back for the season," Ferentz said. "It might not be right off the bat, but hopefully, we'll get him back for the season."

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## BASEBALL

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from third to cap a comeback for the Hawkeyes in a 3-2 victory.

The late-game heroics, which have become a theme of the Hawkeye's season so far, were not needed in the second game for Iowa to complete the weekend sweep and win its sixth Big Ten series.

The Hawkeyes pounded the Cornhuskers for 5 runs, one each in the second, third, and fifth as well as 2 in the fourth, on 13 hits as junior Tyler Peyton, who played first base in the first game, pitched 8.2 innings and struck out 9.

Peyton was questionable to play. When he doesn't pitch, he bats cleanup and plays first base for the Hawkeyes. However, with a fastball in the low 90s and a chan-

geup that froze numerous batters, he did not look like an injured pitcher.

"A lot of us, me included, didn't know what to expect. He asked to be pulled in the first game," Heller said. "And to see him basically pitch as well as he's pitched the entire season is incredible."

In all, the Hawkeyes, who struggled in the second game of a double-header last weekend against Northwestern, put together arguably their most complete game of the season to capture their 13th Big Ten and 30th win on the season.

"It seemed like we had more of a hop in our step," Peyton said. "It might be the focus."

Iowa did not win its 30th game last season until May 22 in its second game of the Big Ten Tournament. This marks the first time since 1989 and 1990 that the Hawkeyes have won 30 games in consecutive seasons.

Iowa, 13-2 in the Big Ten, also remains just a half game behind Illinois in the conference. The Illini are 13-1 on the year after sweeping Penn State.

The ceiling for the Hawkeyes is high, but Heller said he and his team are not thinking that far ahead.

"We'll play them all the same way," Heller said. "We'll go out and try to find a way to win."

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Iowa's Dan Potempa celebrates after scoring on April 25 at Banks Field. The Hawkeyes swept Nebraska in the three-game series. (The Daily Iowan/Joshua Housing)

## SOFTBALL

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24 strikeouts compared with just 1 walk.

Junior Erin Erickson and senior Megan Blank recorded the team's only 2 hits in Sunday's game. They were also the only Hawkeyes with more than 1 hit in the series, notching 2 apiece.

Although sophomore Sammi Gyermann extended her reached-base streak to 18, Iowa's offense finished with just 6 hits in the series. And its pitching didn't make things any easier.

Sophomore Shayla Starkenburg gave up 9 earned runs on 6 hits and 4 walks in just four innings of work on Sunday. After getting shelled for the second time in three games, she

falls to 14-21 on the season, and her ERA in Big Ten play rose to 6.72.

After holding the Gophers scoreless in the first inning, a pair of early walks in the second set the table, and Minnesota built a 3-run lead heading into the third.

Five more runs in the third and 1 in the fourth provided more than enough insurance for the Gophers to hold off the struggling Hawkeye offense.

"Unfortunately, our pitching staff hasn't allowed us to get to the sixth or seventh inning to give our hitters another at bat to make adjustments," Loooper said.

After the sweep Minnesota is 41-8, 15-3 in the Big Ten. Iowa drops to 16-37, 7-13 in conference action.

With just three league games remaining, the sweep by the Gophers

seals a sub-500 fate for the Hawkeyes in the conference.

Next weekend, the team will cap off regular-season play with a three-game series against Northwestern in Iowa City. Fresh off a four-game stretch that has seen it outscored 35-2 (including an -April 22 loss to Missouri), Loooper is looking for any sort of takeaway from the Gopher series to help her squad rebound.

"If you don't learn from this experience, you just wasted moments and days and opportunities in your life to be better," Loooper said. "I think the big thing is that we learn from it, and I know our girls have."

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2015 DRAKE RELAYS

# Hawkeye relays run into obstacles at Drake

By COURTNEY BAUMANN  
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DES MOINES — Director of Track and Field Joey Woody has made it clear what he wants his team to be known for — great 4x100 and 4x400-meter relay teams. The Hawkeyes' weekend at the Drake Relays, however, did not showcase those women's teams in the way they would have liked. Last year at the Drake Relays, Iowa captured the women's 4x100-meter relay. This year, the team was hoping — even expecting — to maintain control of its crown. The Hawkeyes qualified for the finals after they took second in their preliminary heat on the third day of festivities. Women's sprints coach Clive Roberts even pulled Lake Kwaza and Brittany

Brown out of the 100-meter dash final in order to focus on the relay. Unfortunately for the Hawkeyes, the end result was not one the team or coaches were happy with. The quartet of MonTayla Holder, Elexis Guster, Kwaza, and Brown finished third with a time of 45.20, and although they still ended with a top-three finish, they were not satisfied. Roberts stated that, short and sweet. "We've just got to be better in the 4x1," he said. "We've got to be better, plain and simple." Even more disappointing for the Hawkeyes was that the 4x400-meter relay group did not even get the chance to challenge for the title; it was knocked out in the preliminary rounds. Things have yet to re-

ally come together for the event group — its best this season of 3:38.38 at the Florida Relays is 3.5 seconds slower than its best of 2014. Granted, Brown has replaced Alexis Hernandez, but the remaining three members of Holder, Guster, and Kwaza have remained consistent until the team went to Drake, where Kwaza was switched out with freshman Sheridan Champe. Although Woody noted baton hand-offs as a potential issue with the group at Drake, there may be larger problems in the relay. "We have a lot of great individual talent, but every time it comes to relays, we do not deliver," sophomore Guster said. "I feel like we're not taking it as an, 'I'm running for her so, I have to go out and run

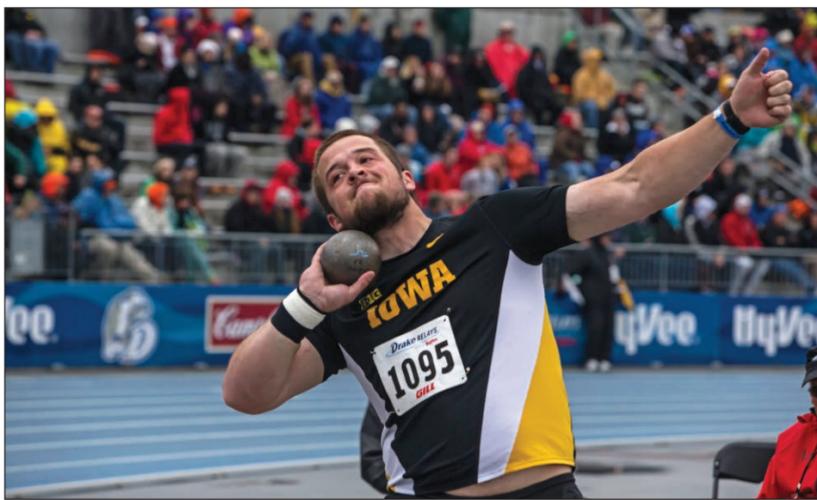
my hardest,' as opposed to, 'I'm just going to go out and run this 400 for myself.' It's not something that we can't get, but I'm not sure if everyone has the 'I'm going to run for my team' mindset." Since the 4x4 is the last event run at every meet, Iowa's coaches — Woody and Roberts especially — insist upon excellence in the event, which problems in the group are preventing. "The 4x4 is honestly the most important event for us because it's the last thing you see. We could have a horrible day, but if the 4x4 does well, you leave feeling pretty good," Roberts said. "It doesn't matter what meet we're at; we have to be a player in the 4x4." In order to ensure the wrinkles are smoothed



Members of the Iowa 4x100 relay team pass the baton at the Drake Relays in Des Moines on April 25. The Iowa women finished third. (The Daily Iowan/Sergio Flores)

out by the time the Big Ten meet comes around, Guster noted that the first step toward being a better 4x4 is to work as a team. "There were a lot of people who I thought could have stepped up a little bit more, and it just wasn't there," Guster said. "As a

team, we need to be more together than just two people who want it and two people who don't quite want it. Follow @cbomb12 on Twitter for news, analysis, and updates on the Iowa track and field team.



(top) Iowa senior Gabe Hull puts the shot at the Drake Relays on April 25. Hull finished sixth, with his farthest throw being 17.97 meters. (The Daily Iowan/Sergio Flores) (bottom) Iowa junior Kaitlyn Nelson passes a competitor during the distance medley at the Drake Relays on April 25. The Iowa women finished last in the event. (The Daily Iowan/Sergio Flores)

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BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

# Hawks 2nd, Schaake 1st

Carson Schaake finished 4-under par to win Iowa's first individual golf title since 1992.

By **KYLE MANN**  
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The Iowa men's golf team traveled to the Big Ten Championships this weekend, and the return trip from Victoria National Golf Club in Newburgh, Indiana might even be a little better than they expected.

The Hawkeyes were the second seed at the conference tournament behind the fourth-ranked University of Illinois, and the leaderboard finished thusly. The surprise of the tournament, however, was sophomore Carson Schaake claiming the individual title.

Schaake shot a career-best 65 (-7) in the first round on Friday to put him in a threatening position from the outset,

setting up an epic battle for the title with Nick Hardy of Illinois.

The freshman Hardy had a strong performance on Saturday to lead the field by two strokes and Schaake by three. Schaake finished the tournament on Sunday with a 73 in the final round while Hardy shot a 76, leaving the two tied at -4 to share the Big Ten title.

The Hawkeyes sat in third place after 54 holes, but Schaake's performance was part of the team's round-low 292 (-3) which allowed it to secure second place in the tournament.

Senior Ian Vandersee shot a five-under par 67 in the first round on Friday, but fell to rounds of 74 and 78 on Saturday in less-than-ideal weather. His 74

in the final round placed him in 11th place at +5.

Senior Brian Bullington opened with rounds of 75, 74, and 76, but his impressive 69 on Sunday shot him up the leaderboard and left him in 13th place.

With three players in the top-20, the Hawkeyes were tied with Maryland and had less than only the champion Illini.

Sophomore Raymond Knoll shot rounds of 73, 71, 79, and 76 to finish 11-over par, while junior Nate Yanovich shot 75, 78, 84, and 81 to finish 30-over.

Schaake's co-championship makes him the first Hawkeye to win the tournament since 1992.

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Iowa golfer Carson Schaake tees off during the Hawkeye-Great River Entertainment Invitational on April 28. (The Daily Iowan/John Theulen)

BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

# Young golfers finish 10th

The Hawkeyes traveled to Indianapolis for the Big Ten championships this weekend.

By **ROD ENGBLOM**  
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After three days of play, the Iowa women's golf team wrapped up the Big Ten Championships in 10th place out of 14 teams, finishing behind Illinois by 3 strokes.

The team tallied a final score of 901, scoring 305 on the first day followed by 303 and 302 on the second and third days.

Sophomore Jessie Sindlinger shot the lowest total score for Iowa, totaling 226 and finishing tied for 32nd.

Senior Shelby Phillips shot the second lowest score for Iowa, 227, placing her tied for 36th.

Northwestern won the tournament with a score of 863, and Wildcat Sara Cho came in first at 213.

Iowa head coach Megan Menzel was disappointed in the team's performance this year but invoked confidence in the future.

"We certainly did not compete the way we were hoping coming into the tournament," Menzel said in a release. "But we are a young team, and

I believe we can take many good things away from this weekend."

Although the Hawkeyes didn't achieve the type of redemption that they wanted see from their prior tournament at Ohio State, the future looks bright with four out of the six players who went to Big Tens, one sophomore and three freshmen.

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Iowa golfer Shelby Phillips hits her ball out of the sand trap at the Diane Thomason Invitational at Finkbine on Oct. 5, 2014. (The Daily Iowan/Valerie Burke)

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**SPRING FOOTBALL 2015**



Quarterback C.J. Beathard calls a play during the spring scrimmage on April 25. The Iowa offense and defense competed against each other in front of fans in Kinnick Stadium. The offense outscored the defense, 29-28. (The Daily Iowan/Rachael Westergard)

# Offense 'beats' defense in a whisper

By **DANNY PAYNE**  
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If fans in Kinnick Stadium on April 25 were looking for offensive fireworks from Iowa's football team, they likely went home disappointed. Although the Hawkeye offense beat the defense, 29-28, Iowa's first-team offense struggled to gain traction against the first-team defense.

It took the offense until the five-minute mark of the fourth quarter to find the end zone, when running back Akrum Wadley scampered in untouched from 4 yards out against the defensive reserves.

However, that lack of production wasn't concerning to head coach Kirk Ferentz, who said it's not uncommon for the defense to be ahead of the offense during spring ball.

"At this point, after 15 days, our defense might know our offense better than the offense does, quite frankly," Ferentz said. "That happens in camp, too, when you work against each other pretty extensively — that's nothing to be alarmed about."

**Beathard good and bad**

Like the entire spring scrimmage, quarterback C.J. Beathard's performance in a damp and windy Kinnick Stadium should be taken with a grain of salt. Iowa doesn't open the season until September, after all.

Like his offense, Beathard's showing was less than stellar. He struggled to get in any sort of rhythm with his wide receivers and overthrew them on numerous occasions. Part of that was due to the conditions, but Iowa will benefit largely from Beathard finding the right touch on home runs.

"If we had gone through that whole time without scoring a single touchdown, it would have sucked," Beathard said. "It's kind of like a game; sometimes you just get in there and can't score, you just kick field goals. You just have to keep pounding away."

**Line play**

To keep with the defense, theme, the No. 1 defensive line looked better than the No. 1 offensive line all afternoon. That's not a surprise, given that seniors Drew Ott and Nate Meier are in the upper-tier of the Big Ten's defensive end duos and offensive tackles Boone Myers and Ike Boettger are first-year starters.

In particular, Ott made a living in the backfield

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**2015 NFL DRAFT**

# Weisman not likely to be drafted

The former Iowa running back will get his chance in pro football, it just may not begin on draft day.

By **CHARLIE GREEN**  
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Only two fullbacks worked out at the NFL Combine in February in Indianapolis.

Former Iowa workhorse Mark Weisman was not one of them.

Despite being one of the most productive rushers in school history, fullback figures to best fit his size and skillset as he prepares for a career in the pros.

"Built like a fullback, he rarely wins with make-you-miss quickness," nfldraftscout.com's Dane Brugler wrote. "But he does have the balance, power, and no-nonsense run style that allows him to rack up positive yardage."

It's a position that may not be quite as glamorous but most certainly epitomizes the gritty approach Weisman brings to the game.

"Obviously, fullback's kind of like the offensive line," Weisman said. "You don't get too much attention out there, but they do the dirty work."

Listed at 5-11, 242 pounds (he looked larger than 242 pounds last week during a media session), he transferred from Air Force and rushed for 2,602 yards during his three years in Iowa's backfield, amassing 32 touchdowns (with half of them coming in 2014).

But as a fullback, his road to the NFL isn't likely going to come via the draft. In 2014, only three fullbacks were taken — the first being Auburn's Jay Prosch in the sixth round (211 overall).

CBS Sports ranks him as the sixth-best prospect at the position, and if NFL front offices agree with that assessment on their draft boards, the Buffalo Grove, Illinois, native will have to live without his name being called in Chicago.

But make no mistake — he will get his chance in professional football.

At Iowa's pro day on March 23, Weisman ran the 40-yard dash in 4.69 seconds, a faster time than his fullback peers Michael Burton (Rutgers) and Jalston Fowler (Alabama) posted at the combine.

"I don't know how much I was on anyone's radar; a lot more teams have obviously talked to me since then," Weisman said.

Although he didn't participate in the bench press, it appeared he had added 10 to 15 pounds of muscle



**Weisman**  
former Iowa back

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**IOWA 5, NEBRASKA 1**

# Hawks sweep Cornhuskers

By **IAN MURPHY**  
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It might have taken longer than head coach Rick Heller would have liked, but when the machine got rolling, it could not be stopped.

The Hawkeyes on Sunday at Banks Field got back to playing Heller-ball, a brand of baseball that focuses on getting men on base and good defense, in the sixth inning of the first game, and the comeback was on.

"If you had told me before the season started we would have swept Nebraska with Peyton not hitting and Nick Day not playing third or hitting, I would have had a hard time believing that," Heller said following his team's sweep of Nebraska.

In a game that was exciting to watch all the way through, the Hawkeyes began chipping away at the lead in the sixth inning with a Jake Mangler triple that scored Eric Toole.

In the eighth, Joel Booker, who had been hitless for a number of games, ripped a triple; he scored on a Toole sacrifice fly.

For Booker, getting the hit that led to the tying run was just as important as getting the win.

"Today, I was keeping the swings up, and I was like, all right, this one's going to drop," Booker said. "That's about when I hit the triple."

With two outs in the 10th, the bases loaded, and a full count, junior Jimmy Frankos fouled off two-straight pitches along the third-base line.

On the eighth pitch of the at bat, Frankos squared up and hit a blooper off of true freshman Garrett King along the third-base line that appeared, at least for a moment, to have been caught by Nebraska outfielder Christian Cox.

However, the ball popped out of Cox's glove as he hit the ground, and senior Kris Goodman scored



**Heller**  
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**2015 DRAKE RELAYS**



Iowa freshman Marta Bote Gonzalez falls into the water pit during the 3,000-meter steeple chase at the annual Drake Relays on April 25. Athletes from around the world come to compete in the relays in Des Moines. (The Daily Iowan/Sergio Flores)

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**MINNESOTA 9, IOWA 0**

# Gophers swamp Hawk softball

Minnesota completes a sweep of Iowa softball behind a stellar pitching performance.

By **CHARLIE GREEN**  
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Iowa softball has seen better days.

The team capped off its series at No. 12 Minnesota with a 9-0 mercy-rule defeat on Sunday, likely happy just to put a miserable weekend in its rearview mirror.

"It's not fun standing there after being swept by run-rules all games," head coach Marla Looper said. "It's not that they're not giving all their effort, because they are. We've got to continue to make adjustments."

It took just five innings of action for the Gophers to win Sunday's bout and complete the sweep. Over the three games, they outscored the Hawks 25-0.

And the games were remarkably identical, too. Each one ended in five innings because of the mercy rule. Minnesota pitchers dominated the double-header on April 25, holding Iowa batters to 1 hit in the first game and 3 in the next.

Not much changed for the Hawks on Sunday. Facing one of the country's best hurlers in Minnesota sophomore Sara Groenewegen, the group mustered just 2 hits and struck out nine times.

The Gopher's pitching prowess showcased itself over the weekend; Minnesota used three pitchers to collectively put up an astounding



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