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Corn planting flies ahead



A tractor is parked in a field outside Iowa City on April 15. Farmers are worried the prices of crops will be lower this year than they were in 2014. (The Daily Iowan/John Theulen)

By LI DAI | li-dai@uiowa.edu

While Iowa farmers are making good progress on crops this year, some area farmers are worried that crop prices could sink.

According to the crop-progress report from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, more than one-half of Iowa's corn acreage was planted last week, the largest percentage planted during this week in more than 20 years.

The amount of Iowa corn planted was at 68 percent compared with just 14 percent last week. The soybeans planted was at 11 percent compared with 0 percent last week.

Both of those numbers are higher than both last year's percentage planted at this time, and they beat the five-year averages.

Mark Licht, crop-systems agronomist for Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, said corn planting is well underway with many farmers fully planted.

"Generally speaking, the planting progress has been good," he said. "Cool weather early in April initially led to a slow start to corn planting. But as the weather improved, soil conditions improved, and planting took off at a feverish pace."

The report states that soil moisture levels are adequate

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Iowa crop progress

Dry weather in recent months has provided Iowa farmers with a record spring planting season. The percentage of crops planted statewide is high.



96%

Ninety-six percent of oat crops statewide have been planted.



68%

Sixty-eight percent of corn crops statewide have been planted.



11%

Eleven percent of soybean crops statewide have been planted.

SOURCE: IOWA CROP PROGRESS & CONDITION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
NOTE: PERCENTAGES REFLECT PROGRESS AS OF MAY 3, 2015

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ETHICS & POLITICS IOWA LEGISLATURE

Victims could be safer

By AARON WALKER
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Survivors of abuse are never entirely out of harm's way, but lawmakers believe that many will soon feel a sense of security closing their doors at night with the Safe at Home Act, which Gov. Terry Branstad signed into law Thursday.

"This is a victory for the victims of abuse and sexual assault," Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate said in a statement.

Pate worked with Rep. Dean Fisher, R-Garwin, in promoting the new law, which will provide address confidentiality for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and stalking, a service already practiced in 33 states.



Pate
secretary of state

A struggling constituent inspired Fisher to pioneer the legislation. She was forced to leave the state in fear of an abusive husband during a messy divorce and chaotic battle for custody.

"Now [that it has] passed its final hurdle, it's time to get down to work and make it happen," Fisher said. "But it feels good to know it's finally on its way."

Fisher said he expects between 300-500 victims to participate.

The bill was approved with unanimous bipartisan support in both the House and Senate. After being signed into law, state officials are aiming for an implementation date of Jan. 1, 2016.

But while hundreds of victims will be less shaken while conducting everyday activities, funding cuts may curtail future support programs.

"This is a great example of bipartisan legislation that will make victims safer," said Zeb Beilke-McCallum, director of housing and economic justice at the Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence. "But it's only one piece of the

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REACH-ing goals

REACH convocation brings reflections and consensus on its long-term effect for students enrolled in the program.

By CINDY GARCIA
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Donning caps and gowns, 26 REACH students will march across Macbride Hall today after an experience that may have irrevocably changed their lives.

The University of Iowa REACH program, a two-year certificate for students with cognitive and intellectual disabilities, will say goodbye to graduating students.

REACH student Patrick Bardsley noted that the program has changed his life.

"It's helped me gain independence and figure out where I want to go in life," he said. "It's helped me make friends because I've lived in the dorm for two years."

Of the 26 students graduating this year, 18 are from the second-year program, and eight are from the optional third-year program.



Rie
UI clinical professor

The class of 2010 will also be recognized for its five-year reunion on Saturday. The convocation will also be available through a live stream.

There was widespread consensus on the program's positive effect as REACH students moved out of Stanley Hall on Thursday night.

This kind of immersion is an essential portion of the REACH program.

"Our goal is to help them become as independent as

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County backs reform

County supervisors vote to show support for a constitutional amendment.

By BEN MARKS
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The Johnson County Board of Supervisors issued a resolution of support for an amendment to the U.S. Constitution on Thursday.

In the resolution, the supervisors asked for limits and regulations to be placed on campaign contributions, as well as making such donations public information. They also asked that entities such as corporations not be given the consti-

tutional rights of "natural-born citizens," in effect saying corporations are not people.

In February, Del Holland, a member of Move to Amend, a grassroots campaign dedicated to campaign-

finance reform, presented the proposed resolution to the supervisors and

asked for their support. "[Move to Amend] doesn't follow conventional partisan lines," he said. "The reality is there are conservatives and liberals supporting this thing, recognizing our government has been corrupted, and we the citizens don't have control anymore."

Like the rest of the supervisors, Supervisor Rod Sullivan voted in favor of the resolution but said he recognizes



Sullivan
supervisor

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TO BEAD



Elizabeth Levin creates glass-implosion beads for the Gems of Hope Workshop at Beadology Iowa on Thursday. The workshop focused on creating inspirational cards and beautiful earrings for new cancer patients at UIHC. (The Daily Iowan/McCall Radavich)

Kinnick to turn into cinema

By GRACE PATERAS
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Up until 5 p.m. today, community members can vote among three movies and choose what will be shown at Kinnick Stadium one night this summer.

The University of Iowa Athletics Department will host the first ever "Movie Night at Kinnick," in which fans can bring blankets for the turf and enjoy a movie shown on a large screen.

"We're always looking for opportunities for fans to have great experiences in our athletics facilities," said Lisa Pearson, the UI athletics marketing director. "We know Kinnick is a place fans want to be in."

The event will take place on June 27, and admission is free for students, community members, and fans.

Pearson said basic concessions such as soft drinks, water, popcorn, can-

dy, and nachos will be sold. Though Pearson said this event is geared toward families, officials will look at the demographics afterwards, which might influence future events.

"We might do a double feature [in future years], with a kid-oriented movie first and an adult-oriented movie following," she said.

This year, the public was given three options to vote on: *Remember the Titans*, *Field of Dreams*, and *Big Hero 6*.

UI freshman Stephen Kruse attended a dodgeball event on Kinnick earlier this month. He said he and his friends have talked about going to the stadium again for the upcoming movie night.

"I'm not a big fan of those movies," he said. "I don't really care which one is picked. I'd still go no matter which one gets chosen."

Since the event is free,

it will be hard to tell how many attendees Kinnick Stadium can expect. Pearson said the department hopes for more than 3,000 this year.

One Facebook group created for the event has 3,100 people who replied they would attend the event as of Thursday evening.

UI freshman Molly DeBrock saw the event when she was scrolling through her Facebook feed.

"I think it would be an awesome event," she said. "I think it would definitely interest students."

"Movie Night at Kinnick" isn't the first time a Big Ten school has hosted a similar event.

Schools such as the University of Illinois-Champaign and University of Wisconsin-Madison have provided movie nights on their football fields.

Drew Pittner-Smith, the assistant director of

marketing for Wisconsin's Athletics Department, said Wisconsin started its event during the summer of 2013.

Camp Randall Stadium, at the time, had a new video board that department officials wanted to showcase.

"After that first year, we decided it should be something we continue every summer," Pittner-Smith said. "It's a good [public-relations] piece for us."

At last year's event, community members voted on *The LEGO Movie*, which Pittner-Smith said is a good indication that these events are more family-based.

Like "Movie Night at Kinnick," Wisconsin officials offer free admission for fans.

"It's common for Big Ten schools to open their field up," Pittner-Smith said. "[It helps] grow a fan base."

Grant to aid Japanese program

By LI DAI
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A new grant for the third-largest language program at the University of Iowa will mean expanded Japanese programs around campus.

A more than \$300,000 Institutional Project Support grant from the Japan Foundation will bring new faculty, facilities, and opportunities for more students to learn Japanese at the UI.

"With the matching funds from various parts of the UI, it will be worth well over \$650,000 going towards advancing Japanese Studies on campus in many different ways," said Morten Schlütter, the director of the Center for Asian and Pacific Studies.

Kendall Heitzman, a UI assistant professor of Japanese literature and culture, said the grant will immediately allow the department

to hire a new professor in Japanese literary and visual culture next academic year.

Hugh Ferrer, associate director of International Writing Program, said exchanging cultures, increasing student interest, and laying a foundation for consistent Japanese participation in the fall residency in the future are benefits of adding three writers-in-residence from Japan.

"The annual fall residency offers windows on dozens of contemporary literary scenes around the world," Ferrer said. "Japan is one of the most vibrant literary cultures, and thanks to this grant, that literary culture will be present on campus in the most immediate way."

A new reading room on the second floor of the Main Library where the East Asian collection is held will be constructed in 2016 with help from this grant.

"The Main Library and

Japanese Collection are very happy to be the part of this grant application," said Chiaki Sakai, a Japanese Studies librarian at the Main Library.

Sakai said the Music Library will move out of the Main Library in the fall of 2016, opening up the spot for the new reading room.

"The space will be renovated for the East Asian Collection use including offices for the Japanese and Chinese Studies librarians and some reading space," she said. "We do not have a room design plan yet."

She said they will also enhance our popular culture and pre-modern literature sections, and this is to go along with the grant theme and projects.

"We hope the renovated space will be more welcoming and approachable, and attract more users to the East Asian Collection," Sakai said.

Heitzman said the grant

is an extraordinary gift but the department would like to raise more funds to create more opportunities for students to study abroad.

"Nothing would make the Japan Foundation happier than to see their grant help us secure additional money to fund our programs," he said. "In the future, we want to find donors who will help our students study abroad in Japan; the Japanese faculty and Professor Schlütter care about this very deeply and think about it constantly."

Heitzman said Japan is a very expensive place to study abroad, and for many of the students, it seems out of reach.

"I would love it if this grant were to help us make the case to other potential donors that we are a good bet, that even a modest gift could help send our students abroad and change their lives forever," Heitzman said.

REACH

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they can be," said Pam Ries, a UI clinical professor in charge of the UI program.

"They live in the residence halls like all incoming freshmen might, but we provide extra support to help them with executive functioning skills," she said.

REACH provides academic, professional, and social support through classes and development programs. Students who need help af-

ter graduation are also provided resources.

"We check in with them periodically, every six months or once a year to see if they need any help," Ries said. "If they want a new job, we would look at their résumé or practice interviewing them."

She also said students can attend reconnecting events for REACH staff and students.

"I've matured," Bardsley said. "Before, I was like, 'Whatever, I'll just get some kind of job.' Now, I have a path I want to get to."

His newfound sense of direction has led him to consider going into the landscaping and construction field after graduation.

Another member of the REACH program, Zack Minn, has decided to forgo graduating after two years by enrolling in the third-year option.

He will live at Parklawn next year with more independent living. He was adamant about the program's positive effect.

"It's been really great," he said. "It's helped me become more independent

than I even thought I could be. I love Iowa and the program. It's the first program of its kind — there's others that are similar to it but not like it."

Even though Minn will not graduate this year, he has plans for when he graduates.

"I want to go back home, go to community college, and become a para-educator and help students who are like me," he said. "It's hard for students at the elementary level to focus. I want to help them do the best they can."

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CORN

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or at a surplus in around 85 percent of fields.

One local farmer said the rain has really helped the planting of corn progress quickly.

"We have received 4 inches of rain," Tiffin area farmer Steve Swenka said. "The soil is very saturated, and we have some minor ponding in some of our fields. Prior to Sunday evening, conditions were near ideal."

Russell Meade, the Johnson County Farm Bureau board president and an Iowa corn farmer, said the season has been a good springboard.

"We are off to a very good start," he said. "We had a little later spring with cold weather hanging on through much of April delaying planting a little, but we had a good stretch of weather

last week, and we were able to get all of our corn planted with fertilizer and herbicides applied."

Meade said that overall, it has been a good start for planting but farmers are still worried about crop prices.

"Farmers' moods, I would say, are down, because prices for corn and soybeans are down from the historic high prices we have seen the last few years," Meade said. "Some farmers fear they will only break even this year due to high rent and production costs."

Chad Hart, an ISU associate professor of economics, said crop prices are lower because the crop markets expect large harvests this year, following the record harvests last year.

"While crop demand has been good, supplies are just so large that demand has been easily met, and more crop is being held in storage," he said.

Hart said corn prices

dipped slightly on the early planting, while soybean prices were unaffected by the news in the crop report.

"From a price perspective, lower prices have made this year tougher for farmers," he said. "From a production perspective, it is too early to tell. In most cases, the crop was just planted within the last couple of weeks."

While dipping prices may hurt farmers' wallets, it does lead to interesting innovation in farming techniques.

"At the same time, with lower prices, farmers will be more careful in their spending, equipment purchases are down, but investment in technology will continue because technology has helped farmers more efficiently use seed, fertilizer, and chemicals," Meade said.

While the rain has helped propel corn planting at much higher rates than expected, now, the moisture could pose a prob-



Tim Meade looks at his corn crop at his farm on July 24, 2006. This year's crop has been planted ahead of schedule. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

lem for farmers.

Swenka said right now, field work is at a standstill, the fields are saturated, and it will take sever-

al days to dry out after it stops raining.

He said this wet weather could have an effect on yields. "Luckily, we were able to

get a lot of things done early," he said. "Things were progressing really well, but now this extreme wet weather has halted progress."

VICTIMS

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puzzle that's going to allow victims to recover from their abuse and continue towards safety and success."

Still, Branstad views the safety of victims in Iowa as a high priority, said Jimmy Centers, a spokesman for the governor. He said this program would give victims the protection they need.

"Gov. Branstad was

pleased to be able to sign this measure that will be able to help victims of domestic violence," Centers said. "He's proud to be able to sign it into law."

Branstad has long supported efforts to protect victims, promoting tougher sentencing for abusers and allowing GPS tracking of stalkers.

As the start date nears, lawmakers will work with the Secretary of State's Office developing a system to provide mail, absentee

voting, and drivers' licenses to those benefitting from the program.

This process is expected to identify additional modifications necessary to

'If we save just one life, this program is worth it.'

— Paul Pate, Iowa secretary of State

ensure protection and maximize effectiveness.

"I think as we implement Safe at Home, there will be some adjustments

that will need to be made," Fisher said. "One I've got in mind is to make sure we've got reciprocity with other states using their Safe at Home programs."

Pate said this is a small price to pay to help survivors rebuild their lives.

"Safe at Home can save lives," Pate said. "If we save just one life, this program is worth it."

It is a step in the right direction, said Beilke-McCallum, but only a fraction of the larger picture. He is concerned about possibly losing state funding for survivor support programs.

The Republicans' House budget would cut \$1 mil-

lion in funding for victim services, resulting in a 15 percent loss of overall services in Iowa, Beilke-McCallum said.

"On the one hand we're excited about this positive step forward, but also worried it could be two steps back if we don't get the funding we need to continue these services," Beilke-McCallum said. "[The cut] would result in calls for help unanswered, jobs lost, and victims going unserved."

REFORM

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amending the Constitution is a difficult task.

"An amendment to the Constitution is a huge thing, a very difficult thing to achieve," he said. "It requires a lot of effort, but you have to start somewhere, and while adopting this resolution doesn't fix this on a federal level, if everybody takes a little step, you start to see there's the will to do it."

While this is only a local vote in support of

an amendment, the supervisors and Move to Amend hope to bring attention to a similar resolution that has reached the national stage.

House Joint Resolution 48 was introduced in the House on April 28, and among other things, calls for increased campaign regulations, ones that would reverse several recent Supreme Court decisions, including *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*.

A resolution, S.J. Res. 19, was brought up in the Senate in Septem-

ber 2014; it would have allowed the process to move forward for a constitutional amendment on major campaign-reform regulations. That resolution failed to reach the 60-vote threshold required in the Senate.

In 2010, in the *Citizens United* decision, the court ruled the government may no longer restrict political spending by corporations.

In the 2014 elections, 31,976 people accounted for \$1.18 billion in disclosed political contributions at the federal level, according to the Center for Respon-

sive Politics, a nonpartisan, independent nonprofit.

"Politics and our government should be about people, and leadership, and ideas — not about who can raise the most money," Supervisor Mike Carberry said.

HJR48 also seeks to remove corporations' constitutional protections, which might help reverse the 2014 *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby* decision where the court ruled that for-profit companies can have religious beliefs and are exempt from laws its owners religiously object to.

In Iowa, Lee and Black

Hawk Counties have passed such resolutions, as have several cities, including Des Moines.

Supervisor Janelle Rettig said she usually doesn't support constitutional amendments except in extreme cases, and she struggled with the discussion about the resolution.

However, she said, recent events such as the *Hobby Lobby* ruling caused

her to reflect more carefully and support such action.

"I believe money and politics corrupts, and I don't care whether it's corporate money or individual money," she said. "There's too much money in politics, and people tend to vote the way their donors ask them to vote, and that happens not only at a federal level but a state and local level, too."

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COLUMN

Religion and the Republicans



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When I was a freshman in high school, I read the book *Gifted Hands*. The book quickly became one of several contributing factors to my desire to join the medical field.

Gifted Hands is an autobiography by (now retired) pediatric neurosurgeon Ben Carson. Carson's story is an amazing one filled with tragedies and triumphs that have defined, if not caused, his immense personal and professional success.

The book led me to think about several things: my mortality, my career, my goals, my family, and my religion. One of the few things that did not come to mind, however, was that the author could one day run for president of the United States.

But, of course, that's exactly what happened earlier this week. With the help of a gospel choir singing the popular Eminem song "Lose Yourself," Carson announced his campaign to become the first doctor president of the United States.

In addition to his unique pre-politics profession, Carson has other trademark characteristics that play a major role in his political views and practices.

Carson's book is quite possibly the most fiercely religious piece of writing I've read outside of religion-based gen-ed courses.

Interlaced with powerful imagery of medical procedures and Carson's experiences in medical school is his unwavering commitment to Christianity. Carson carries this fervent attitude toward religion with him into his campaign.

It comes as no surprise that when compared with their liberal counterparts, potential GOP candidates place a greater empha-

sis on religion. However, this upcoming election is shaping up to be one of the more religiously driven in a long time.

On April 25, several previously declared GOP candidates attended an event in Waukee, Iowa, called the Iowa Faith & Freedom Coalition. The event served as an opportunity for candidates to present and endorse their various Christian faiths and impress upon the audience the importance of religion's presence in the shaping of American values, the *Wall Street Journal* reports.

The discussion focused on ensuring that religion plays an important role in American values. Candidates successfully avoided bashing Hillary Clinton and discussing matters of tax policy or trade.

This event is only one instance of the attention being paid to religion as the 2016 campaign season begins.

If I was told five years ago while I was reading *Gifted Hands* that Carson would run for president, I would have a hard time picturing it but, given his brilliance, it wouldn't be shocking. But if I had been told that Carson might not be the most religious person running for president, I'd have laughed in the face of the person that told me.

The separation of church and state is a complicated matter. Since the creation of the principle, there has been significant debate on whether and to what degree it has been successful — or if it even ought to be successful.

Religion can play an important role in defining values that are important to find in politicians: not lying, not cheating, and not stealing, for example. But it can also be the source of unnecessary conflict. Religion will always play an important role in U.S. elections; it is critical, therefore, that it play the right role. There are several good GOP presidential candidates with strong religious ties, and this can be a positive thing; if it's used to advance US wellness — not personal agendas.

EDITORIAL

A blow against NSA surveillance

A federal appeals court has ruled that NSA spying on American phone calls is illegal. The provision of the USA Patriot Act allowing the collection of phone records is deemed as an overreach that exceeds the bounds of what was originally intended for the law that was signed in 2001, just weeks after the 9/11 attacks.

Intended to deter terrorists in the wake of the tragedy, the surveillance program has since developed into a massive data collection. Collecting phone records in bulk from American citizens unknowingly is unconstitutional and puts our democracy in peril.

A government for the people, by the people, is hypocrisy if civil liberties are infringed. And especially to the broad extent of monitoring millions of phone calls, it's beyond worrisome.

There's an argument to be made for increased security to protect our country from terrorism. Investigation into isolated incidents with probable cause is well within the boundaries of the U.S. Constitution. The court's decision to strike down the surveillance program doesn't remove the ability for the NSA to perform duties assigned to it — it simply removes its supererogatory ability to unnecessarily spy on U.S. citizens without due process.

Our current times put us at a precipice in the history of technology. The ability to acquire private information is as easy as it has ever been. Modern

technology has made it possible to access people's private lives without effort. What people expected of privacy in 1950 seems grandiose and overly conservative compared with what people expect today.

Despite how things have changed socially, this ruling by the appeals court signals that the government does not get to take advantage of constituents' privacy just because it's now easy to do so.

As ISIS and other terrorist groups grow bigger and stronger, the case to be made for protecting personal privacy and liberties from the NSA will be even harder, particularly with recent attempted domestic terror attacks and an online threat released by ISIS that claims the group has members placed in 15 states, ready to attack.

But the ruthless extraction of metadata from millions of Americans, including not just phone calls, but also financial records, emails, and even medical histories, is not justified by these threats. There are ways to conduct surveillance and terrorist investigations without burdening the innocent.

The Age of Information has brought us to a point of unlimited possibilities in data collection. It's crucial to draw a line between security and Orwellian spy techniques. There's a balance that can be made between protecting the country from terrorism and protecting the U.S. people from their own government.

COLUMN

Don't displace Iowa City's students



Hannah Soyer

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On May 12, the Iowa City School Board will discuss the many proposals for redistricting the high schools. These new boundaries would take effect in 2017 with the opening of the new Liberty High, which is set to begin construction this year.

There have been more than a dozen plans proposed, all of them made as an attempt to reduce the disparity between poverty levels at each of the high schools, a measurement that is mainly taken from the percentage of students who qualify for free and reduced lunches.

While all of the plans are different, they deal with

changing boundaries and moving students around. As it is right now, Iowa City community members generally live in neighborhoods with other people of similar socioeconomic levels as they are, and people from the same neighborhoods then attend the same school, which is why the differences in poverty at different schools are so noticeable.

One of the proposed ways to address this is to bus students from specific neighborhoods to other schools, thus splitting up students who live in the same neighborhoods. Specifically, under plan F5, a portion of the students who attend Kirkwood Elementary School would attend North Central Junior High and then Liberty High, even though North-west Junior High School is just a five-minute walk from Kirkwood.

The community has conflicting opinions on which of the plans would be best.

At a recent School Board meeting, parents and students raised concerns about the plan to pull kids from their neighborhoods and transfer them to different schools on buses. A large reason for concern with this plan is that it is splitting up a community. All of the students who have previously been grouped together in the same school would now be dispersed, and while going to a new school with a new group of peers could be seen as a positive fresh start, this means uprooting students from a community in which they have formed roots.

On a more logistical note, if students are being bused to a new school, a school that they would not be able to walk to, the bus is now their only form of transportation to and from this school. About half of the high-school students would be old enough to have their

driver's licenses, but it would be ignorant to assume that all of them who can drive will have cars. If students wished to participate in an after-school activity, they now are unable to do so if they must catch the bus at a specific time. This is avoided by having students attend the school closer to their neighborhoods, so that walking or riding their bikes are options.

I did not grow up in Iowa City, nor have I been ever personally affected by redistricting in the district that I went to grade school in, but the arguments against splitting up a neighborhood or smaller community of students makes the most sense to me. The immense disparity between poverty rates at the different schools does need to be addressed. However, this particular plan should be reconsidered.

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GUEST OPINION

Fired for awarding high grades?

As the time for final exams and final grades approaches, students' anxiety about GPAs and jobs starts to ratchet up.

Surprisingly, instructors can also become anxious about final grades at semester's end. Untenured faculty — instructors, lecturers, adjuncts — have good reason to fear the fall-out from the grades they assign.

I am not talking here about instructors having to face the anger or scorn of disappointed students who thought they deserved better grades.

Instead I am referring to instructors being fired by department heads and deans because they awarded too many high grades.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, for example, suggests specific percentages for the distribution of final grades. In elementary courses liberal-arts deans want to see 15 percent As, 34 percent Bs, 40 percent Cs, 8 percent Ds, and 3 percent Fs — making for a course GPA of 2.50.

They expect advanced courses in liberal arts to result in 22 percent As, 38 percent Bs, 36 percent Cs,

3 percent Ds, and 1 percent Fs — making for a course GPA of 2.77.

The liberal-arts deans state that their "guidelines are intended for courses with representative enrollments and pedagogical approaches. Adjustments are expected for sections and courses of different sizes, formats, or levels of ability."

And the deans publicly call their guidelines "suggestions" or "recommendations" because they know that if they call them "requirements," they would blatantly violate instructors' academic freedom.

But neither a legitimate adjustment for size, format and level, nor a duty to respect academic freedom, stopped the head of the Spanish and Portuguese Department and the liberal-arts deans from terminating a lecturer in Portuguese last year. They fired her alleging that she awarded too many high grades.

The firing of the Portuguese lecturer reveals the liberal-arts grade-distribution policy to be a pretense. In practice, the policy is far from a "suggestion" or "recommendation."

If you can be fired for

deviating from it, the grade-distribution policy is in fact a "requirement," and using it against faculty is an act that endangers academic freedom.

Students and faculty at UI should ask ourselves: Would an instructor like Sarah Hagan — who teaches algebra at Drumright High in Drumright, Oklahoma, and was featured March 9 on NPR's "All Things Considered" as part of its "50 Great Teachers" series — survive at UI?

In addition to using different textbook materials from those recommended by the Drumright School Board, Hagan implements her own grading policy.

She believes that all of her students can eventually reach state-mandated proficiency levels. So, on assignments and tests, students receive grades of A, B, or Not Yet.

As NPR reported, "Hagan's no pushover. If a student bombs a quiz or an assignment, he has to do it again. And again. Until he gets an A or a B. But he's not struggling alone. Hagan is always there to help."

The Portuguese lectur-

er whom UI fired followed a teaching philosophy similar to Hagan's and resisted the liberal-arts deans' grade-distribution diktats.

Many students still on campus remember their experience with the Portuguese lecturer, and they will recognize her professional behavior in this last quotation from NPR concerning algebra teacher Sarah Hagan.

"She'll stay after school really, really late with you and help you with it. ... I've had to do that numerous times, [one student] says.

"That explains why, at lunch, students come to Hagan's empty classroom just to hang out or ask her for help with an assignment — even if it's for another teacher's class."

Tom Lewis is professor of Spanish and international studies and collegiate fellow in Liberal Arts and Sciences. His wife was fired as a lecturer in Portuguese at the end of spring 2014. She has since accepted a tenure-track position as assistant professor at a major research and teaching university.

The real IC underground

New scientific methods are being used to increase knowledge on Iowa City's beer caves.



Historian Marlin Ingalls describes the history of the underground brewery caves of Iowa City at the Museum of Natural History's Biosphere Discovery Hub on Thursday. The tunnels and caves were built in the 1850s and are located beneath several streets, including Market and Linn. (The Daily Iowan/Mikaela Parrick)

By **BILL COONEY**
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Hidden under the streets of Iowa City is another world unknown to most people who walk above it almost every day.

Thanks to modern underground imaging technology, more is being learned about these pieces of the past than ever before, said Marlin Ingalls, a University of Iowa architectural historian.

"Instead of having to dig up these sites where we think a cave might be, we can look and see if anything's down there," Ingalls said. "This technology can be applied to cities and towns similar to Iowa City across the country for the same purpose."

"I've already gotten calls from people in California who are interested in using the technology to find beer caves out there."

The beer caves of Iowa City are where beer was brewed under the three breweries that once served Iowa City, the Union, Great Western, and the Englert, located around the aptly named "Brewer's Square." The Union Brewery, built in 1855, still stands on the intersection of Linn and Market Streets.

The Englert stood where there is a parking lot between El Banditos and High Ground, and the Union was in between George's and the Bluebird Diner. These sites became parking lots partially due to the city's not entirely sure what lies beneath them, Ingalls said.

"We know that they're down there; what we don't know is how many of them or where exactly they're located," Ingalls said. "The city is hesitant to put a giant building on the spot when they don't know exactly what's down there."

Kathleen Alling, who was at an event Thursday to inform the public about these caves, said she came because she recently returned from Portland, a city with many beer caves.

"I was interested to see if they take people down there for tours or if they could be developed at all," she said. "I guess it would be too expensive, but I think a tour would be interesting if they ever open them up."

Ingalls said re-development of the caves has come up, but the price would be around \$750,000, and it would be almost impossible to get equipment into them.

The caves are currently closed to the public because of safety concerns.

"There's no stairway or elevator down there; it takes a 20-foot ladder to get to them," Ingalls said. "It's more like spelunking than a walking tour."

The beer caves are not the only subterranean structures in Iowa City.

Barb Stimmel came to

learn about the caves because of stories she heard from her father about ice caves in City Park.

"I'm always interested in history, especially Iowa City history," Stimmel said. "I really want to go down and see them. I think it would be very interesting."

There are caves in City Park, which was used to store ice before refrigeration, and tours for the Brewer's Square beer caves will be starting soon, Ingalls said.

"The caves in City Park are toward the back parking lot, and they're rumored to be long enough to turn a semi around in," Ingalls said. "We're doing the first tours later this month; we want to try to make it a monthly event."

That is just the tip of the underground iceberg in Iowa City. Tunnels run extensively downtown and are still used by many businesses and accessed through those metal doors on the sidewalk.

The University of Iowa also has an extensive tunnel system; almost 14 miles of steam tunnels run under the campus and are still in use today.

"It's very hot and very dangerous; they don't let just anyone in there," Ingalls said.

"Sometimes I'll get asked if I've ever found the bones of a student or old beer cans down there," he said. "It hasn't happened yet; I think that's probably why they keep them closed."

GODS, GRITS, AND PIZZA



Former Arkansas Gov. and GOP presidential candidate Mike Huckabee addresses a crowd in Cedar Rapids on Thursday. (The Daily Iowan/Sergio Flores)

Tippie breaks new ground

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The Quad Cities welcomes a new building for university students.

The University of Iowa Tippie College of Business broke ground Thursday on a shared-use facility for its M.B.A. program in the Quad Cities.

A majority of Tippie's M.B.A. classes take place in the evening, with the exception of limited weeklong courses, because students are working professionals.

With their new shared-use agreement, Tippie will be able to host classes at night while Russell Construction Inc. will be able to have training sessions during the day.

"All of the instruction

spaces will be highly flexible," said David Frasier, the associate dean of Tippie's School of Management.

The Quad Cities program has been around for almost 50 years — longer than those the UI has in Cedar Rapids and Des Moines — but it was still renting classroom spaces.

Currently, classes are held primarily at the Palmer College of Chiropractic.

"Without having facilities we control, it wasn't possible to put in the technology investment required in today's classrooms," Frasier said.

Michel Pontarelli, the Quad Cities M.B.A. program director, said an alumnus donated the money to cover technology

in the building.

The facility itself has an estimated cost of around \$5 million.

Pontarelli said technology would be especially important in enabling students to take classes offered in all three sites with professors rotating between sites.

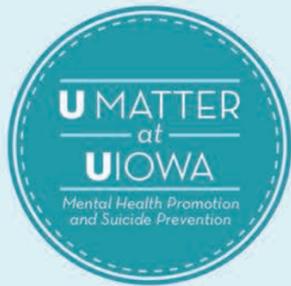
The location currently has about 160 students.

Pontarelli said the students are very excited about the new building.

"I think it demonstrates our commitment to the Quad Cities," Pontarelli said.

Tippie has scheduled a groundbreaking ceremony today for the new facility.

The new building is scheduled to open in January 2016.



MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING

WHAT IS MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID?

You may know CPR and the Heimlich Maneuver. You can call 911. But can you administer First Aid in a mental health crisis? Mental Health First Aid is the initial help given to a person showing signs or symptoms of mental illness or in a mental health crisis. Mental Health First Aid is provided until appropriate professional or other help can be engaged.

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- A five-step action plan to help an individual in crisis connect to appropriate professional care
- Resources available to help someone with a mental health concern

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10-10:10AM Break

10:10-12:10PM Depression/Anxiety Disorders

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DAILY BREAK

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Olympic Events

- If typos were an Olympic event, I'd take home both gold and silver.
- If napping were an Olympic event, I'd probably sleep through the qualifiers.
- If problem drinking were an Olympic event, I'd fall asleep on the couch while watching it on television and then probably piss myself.
- If being a good wingman were an Olympic event, I'd bang the winner's girlfriend.
- If time management were an Olympic event, I'd probably get to it at some point.
- If complaining were an Olympic event, it would be stupid and boring, and I'm cold.
- If sarcasm were an Olympic event, I'm sooo sure you'd be the best at it.
- If climaxing were an Olympic event, my girlfriend would never finish.
- If haiku were an Olympic event, I guess this would qualify.
- If understanding how sports worked were an Olympic event, I'd have a blue ribbon.
- If bronzing were an Olympic event, I'd have the bronziest gold medal ever.
- If coupon doubling were an Olympic event, I'd have three gold medals.
- If baking were an Olympic event, I'd have a whole bag of Gold Medal.
- If beating a dead horse were an Olympic event, this Ledge would be like taking Mjolner to Secretariat.

Andrew R. Juhl thanks all his friends who collaborated on today's Ledge.

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU



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by Scott Adams



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BY VIEV



today's events

- **Iowa New Play Festival**, Guest Roundtable: *TRICH*, 11 a.m., Conference Room; Reading, *Meloman (a music lover)*, 2 p.m., 172 Theater Building; *Below the Pacific*, 5:30 & 9 p.m., Thayer Theater
- **Tyler Roberts**, violin, 2 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church 320 E. College
- **Benjamin Drury**, trumpet, 3 p.m., University Capitol Center Recital Hall
- **Manuel Tabora**, viola, 6 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church, 320 E. College
- **Semiannual Last-Chance Percussion Concert**, 6:32 p.m., 150 Music West
- **"Live from Prairie Lights," Ink Lit Mag No. 8** launch reading, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Bassoon Studio Recital**, 7:30 p.m., University Capitol Center Recital Hall
- **University Choir**, 7:30 p.m., IMU Second-Floor Ballroom
- **Focus**, 8-11 p.m., 348 IMU
- **Kingsman: The Secret Service**, 8 & 11 p.m., IMU Iowa Theater
- **Undergraduate Dance Concert**, 8 p.m., North Hall Space/Place

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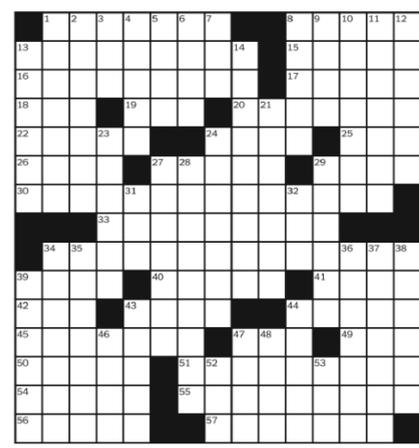
OBJECTS OF ART

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0403

- ACROSS**
- 1 Knew going in
 - 8 Sucker
 - 13 Term ender
 - 15 Wild lover?
 - 16 Coming up, informally
 - 17 Get around
 - 18 "Michael Collins" actor Stephen
 - 19 Evans of jazz
 - 20 Become big after a hit
 - 22 Bonkers, in Britspeak
 - 24 Onetime competitor of Mad magazine
 - 25 Gift that not everyone accepts
 - 26 Cartman's first name on "South Park"
 - 27 Place to take an umbrella
 - 29 Procter & Gamble product line
 - 30 Trading places
 - 33 Charlike Theron, e.g., by birth
 - 34 1837 short-story collection by Nathaniel Hawthorne
 - 39 Either Best Director winner of 2007
 - 40 Without a doubt
 - 41 Like sea caves
 - 42 Minute worker
 - 43 Topps card tidbit
 - 44 Lauper of pop
 - 45 Gentleman's agreement?
 - 47 ___ Jam (old arcade game)
 - 49 Blackguard
 - 50 Garden-variety
 - 51 Person who just can't lose?
 - 54 It "has very quick ears to an accusation," per Henry Fielding
 - 55 Now and then
 - 56 In the right way

- DOWN**
- 1 Works at a gallery
 - 2 Neighbor of four Great Lakes
 - 3 Encouraging word
 - 4 Lines of grief?
 - 5 It's bigger than a quarter
 - 6 Impressive way to turn up?
 - 7 Faint
 - 8 Sassiness
 - 9 Reason to downshift
 - 10 It's played close to the chest
 - 11 Saucer-shaped jellyfish
 - 12 Wearing a polo shirt and boat shoes, say
 - 13 Magazine that's on the market?
 - 14 America :: vaudeville :: England :: ___
 - 21 Songwriter with the 1941 autobiography "Father of the Blues"
 - 23 Presidential candidate who once hosted "Saturday Night Live"
 - 24 Hit the hay
 - 27 Firearms company since 1526
 - 28 People get off on them
 - 29 "Sweet Rosie ___" (Betty Grable film)
 - 31 Chain attached to buckets?
 - 32 One cast in "Jaws"?
 - 34 Works out
 - 35 Certain Coast Guard attire
 - 36 L'Oréal subsidiary
 - 37 Lives on
 - 38 Gets around
 - 39 Iroquois Confederacy tribe
 - 43 Full of oaths
 - 44 Social stratum
 - 46 Site of Santa sightings
 - 47 Seward Peninsula city
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 - 52 Sound made with a winec
 - 53 Some email attachments, informally



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horoscopes Friday, May 8, 2015 by Eugenia Last

- ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Don't fight the inevitable. Choose your words carefully. Do your best, and keep moving forward. Let your creativity take over, and spend your time developing ideas and planning your course of action. Discipline and hard work will pay off.
- TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Get organized, and address information required to make a positive change. Your intuition won't let you down. Follow your heart, and make an adjustment that will help you get what you want. Don't overpay for something.
- GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Refrain from buying something you don't need. Someone will mislead you regarding an investment or legal matter. Ask questions before you promise to contribute your money, time, or knowledge to someone else's business or plan. Protect your interests.
- CANCER (June 21-July 22):** An impulsive move will set you back. Don't let emotions lead to a poor decision. Look for a creative outlet, or take part in a cultural or philosophical event that will help you decipher what you want to do next.
- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Make choices that lead to personal freedom and enable you to use your skills more diversely. Initiate a healthier lifestyle. Put in the effort required to break bad habits, and make wise choices regarding your physical, emotional, and financial position.
- VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Get involved in social events. Participation will give you the opportunity to show off what you have to offer and to attract interest in your ideas, concerns, and future direction. A partnership will develop with someone special.
- LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Don't let the changes going on around you ruin your day. Take part in events that offer mental stimulation or add to your skills and knowledge. Someone you offer help to will spark an idea that can change your life.
- SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Don't put pressure on others to do or see things your way. Do your own thing, and you will attract the attention of the people you wish to work with. Love is highlighted, and romance will lead to a special promise.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** An opportunity to make a residential move or to update your current abode will bring you great joy and bring about conversations that will help you stabilize your relationship with someone you want to spend more time with.
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Stick close to home, and make plans to do things with the people you love. Beneficial alterations made to your surroundings should be geared toward practicality and pleasure. Love is on the rise, and romantic overtures will be appreciated.
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Focus on helping those less fortunate than you, but don't get tangled up in someone's personal affairs. If you meddle, you could be blamed for a negative outcome. Focus on home improvements and nurturing your relationships with the ones you love.
- PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Share your emotions with someone you care about, but don't lecture. A positive and unique approach will get you closer to a solution that suits both your needs. Don't let outside demands put a wedge between you and someone you love.

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Think about it like this: Contact sports such as football and hockey each carry their own risks when it comes to head injuries and concussions, and both have been discussed heavily about what changes can be made to make these injuries less likely.

You can take the high hits out of football (or try, at least). You can take the head shots and fighting out of hockey. You can't take the fighting out of boxing, for obvious reasons.

Given all that has come out in the last 20 years about brain trauma and chronic traumatic encephalopathy,

sports fans have become extremely empathetic about the toll these injuries take on athletes.

In 2015, it's kind of hard to watch a slow-motion close-up of a boxer's fist crushing another guy's head and violently jerking it back without having at least a little bit of guilt about the effect it's going to have on the poor guy later in life.

Just look at Muhammad Ali — a man who was once a symbol of skill and athletic ability has been reduced to a vegetable in his old age.

Who wants to see that happen again?

— Ryan Rodriguez

Pay Per View

If you wanted to watch the Floyd Mayweather vs. Manny Pacquiao fight that took place May 2, it would have cost you a casual \$89.95 for standard definition. For high

definition, you can tack on an extra \$10.

In a town full of poor college kids, or really anyone for that matter, \$100 is a steep price to pay for an event that will last less than an hour.

Even more, any bar wanting to show the fight had to pay thousands and thousands of dollars to have it on its TV screens. That resulted in the majority of establishments in Iowa City opting not to show the event that "could have saved boxing."

Imagine having to dish out \$100 every Sunday to watch your favorite football team play instead of just flipping to a network channel. It's unlikely that most people would want to do so and even more unlikely that they would consider the price worth it to buy the every game — especially the ones against dismal teams.

The unwillingness of viewers to pay for matches that are not between huge names such as Mayweather or Pacquiao is what is causing professional boxing to tumble into irrelevancy.

Many observers said the Mayweather/Pacquiao fight was supposed to save boxing, but it may have had the opposite effect. Not many people were happy about the outcome — a 48-0 decision in favor of Mayweather — or thought the fight was worth the price.

To make matters worse, Mayweather flaunted his \$180 million check from the fight. The fighters no longer fight for the glory of the sport, they fight for the eight- to nine-figure paychecks they receive after each of the two fights they compete in each year.

— Courtney Baumann

BASEBALL

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Hawkeyes trail Illinois by a game and a half in the Big Ten standings, and they cannot afford to lose ground in Big Ten games, especially this late in the season.

"Our goal is to stay in the Big Ten race," Mangler said. "Going into the tournament, obviously, you want to play your best baseball, and I think we're starting to figure things out where it's going to happen for us."

For the Hawkeyes, it is no longer if they will make the Big Ten Tournament, it's how far they will go, and this weekend will be pivotal in deciding seeding.

On paper, the Hawkeyes have the clear advantage in starting pitching and fielding. All three of Iowa's starting pitchers have ERAs of 3.06 or less, with junior



Minnesota catcher Mark Tatera hits against Iowa on April 20, 2014, at Banks Field (The Daily Iowan/Joshua Housing)

Calvin Matthews leading the way at 1.77. In the field, Iowa ranks second in the conference with a .979 fielding percentage.

Minnesota, meanwhile, enters with 19-26 record, having lost its last four games. It has

only one series win on the year.

But, as Heller has preached all season, anything can happen in baseball, and the team has embraced that attitude.

"It means a lot to us, especially against

a team like Minnesota," Goodman said. "It should be a great three games."

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SOFTBALL

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In the seventh, Sammi Gyermann gave the Hawks the lead for good with a 2-run blast. Starkenburg put the Rutgers bats down in the top of the seventh to seal the deal.

"She was throwing first-pitch strikes a lot," Gyermann said describing her home run. "I just kept it in my mind to be ready for that."

Starkenburg pitched a complete game for Iowa, giving up 3 hits, 4 walks, and striking out 5.

Rutgers' senior Chandler Howard and junior

Jordan Whitley had 3 hits each for the Scarlet Knights. The remainder of the lineup failed to record one.

Each of the Hawks' top three hitters — Gyermann, Blank, and sophomore Claire Fritsch — went 2-for-4 with a run scored.

The win marks the first time in three years the Hawkeyes have advanced past the first round of the tournament.

"I'm just proud of this group," Looper said. "They continue scrap, they continue to claw. That's grit, and that's Iowa softball."

With the victory, the Hawks advance to take on No. 2 seed Minnesota today. In three games

this season, the Gophers have outscored the Hawks 25-0.

Iowa faces a daunting task in facing Minnesota sophomore Sara Groenewegen, who recently was named Big Ten Player of the Year. The Gopher standout has been a standout at the plate in 2015 and also went 28-4 in the pitcher's circle.

"First things first; we need to keep playing defense well, that has kept us in a lot of games," Blank said. "I think seeing Groenewegen a couple times already is definitely a benefit to us, so hopefully, we can keep ourselves in the game until we can get a couple runs across."

been doing judo since she was 4 and now teaches judo classes at Iowa. Durnev is in the class that she teaches.

Abu Dhabi will be an experience for Myers, and she looks forward to meeting her new teammates.

"I don't really know anyone on the team," Myers said. "I'm excited to make some more connections; that can be really helpful. I'll have different people to train with, get some more bodies to practice with. I'm going to learn a lot."

Myers said the physicality of judo is what she likes most about it. Judo involves the entire body

and is very physically demanding, another thing she loves about it.

"It's very dynamic," Myers said. "It's a full body workout. I get to do things that other sports can't. In other sports, you can't throw your opponent, but in judo you can. It's great for me to work out."

She said she hopes her trip to Abu Dhabi leads to more opportunities to compete and leads to some wins as well.

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It was a good opportunity for me to get better and learn from my mistakes."

Myers' training partner, Art Durnev, a UI finance associate professor, traveled to Dallas with her and competed in his own "old man" division, as he called it.

"I competed in the old-man category," he said. "That's not as important [as Myer's division]. For Melissa getting second place, that is a big achievement."

Myers said she has

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Hawkeyes ready for Gophers

By IAN MURPHY
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To paint the Iowa baseball program's recent success as miracle work done by a baseball savior, in this case head coach Rick Heller, is not entirely fair.

The nine seniors, including the foursome of Jake Mangler, Kris Goodman, Nick Day, and Eric Toole, who have combined to start 628 games, will close out their Hawkeye careers with a final three-game series this weekend against Minnesota.

"It's not been any different from any other weekend this season," Heller said. "We have to go out and play good baseball."

Heller said the Gophers will play for their postseason lives this weekend — they are currently one game back of Nebraska for eighth place in the Big Ten.

The Big Ten only takes the top eight in the conference to the tournament.

For the Hawkeyes, however, the tournament is on the back of their mind — they are riding a high on the home front, with five-straight wins, and another series win would be 10-straight series wins dating back to last year.

"Friday, Saturday, and Sunday are going to be big games for us," Mangler said.

That's especially true, as the Hawkeyes are in contention to host a regional site. DIbaseball.com has pro-

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Softball knocks off Rutgers



Iowa players celebrate a run against Western Illinois at Pearl Field on April 2. (The Daily Iowan/Courtney Hawkins)

By CHARLIE GREEN
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After being down much of the night, Iowa softball rallied to defeat Rutgers, 5-3, in the first round of the Big Ten Tournament Thursday.

"I'm proud of this group and how they continued to scrap tonight," head coach Marla Looper said. "We got down early; unfortunately, we've done that a few times this year.

"They never said die, they never quit, and they continued to plug away."

After striking first with a run in the first inning, Rutgers blasted a 2-run homer over the left field wall in the third inning to put its lead at 3-0.

The Scarlet Knights kept that lead into the fifth inning, then loaded the bases with no outs. But Hawkeye sophomore pitcher Shayla Starkenburg retired the next three batters and kept Rutgers from blowing the game open.

In the top of the sixth, the senior Megan Blank led off with a triple, and junior Holly Hoffman wasted little time in driving her in with a single. Sophomore Kaitlyn Mullarkey, who smashed a 2-run homer to tie the game at 3.

"Once we started making adjustments, we started squaring the ball up ... when that happens, the odds are in your favor," Looper said.

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Frosh flips her way to Abu Dhabi

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Iowa freshman finance major Melissa Myers will head to Abu Dhabi with the U.S. women's judo team for the World Championships in October.

"It's going to be a great experience," Myers said. "It will be the third time I'll get to fight internationally in judo. I don't get to fight people from other countries very often."

Myers made the women's team after finishing second at the U.S. National Judo Championships, held in Dallas on April 11-12. After competing at the adult level in Dallas, Myers will compete at the junior level in Abu Dhabi.

In the sport of judo, contestants compete in different age and weight groups. The athletes must make weight before they start competition, in which they fight against others in their weight class in matches that last between three and five minutes.

Contestants pay their own way to the national championships in hopes of winning and making the American national team.

"Competing at the national championships was awesome," Myers said. "You get to fight people from all over the United States. There are a lot of people you haven't seen before."

"Those people give you a run for your money. They fight really hard.

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