

Thinking inside the box



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Following the Finnish lead, Johnson County agencies are offering “baby boxes” to residents in need and by doing so, possibly saving lives.

Each year, Early Childhood Iowa, previously known as Johnson County Empowerment, receives an \$11,000 grant from the state to invest in whatever local officials feel fit. Starting in January of this year, baby boxes have been given to new parents as an alternative to cribs.

“For heavy sleepers, it’s not uncommon for a parent to roll onto a child,” said Laurie Nash, the group’s early childhood specialist. “With the baby box, we can make sure the baby is in a really safe sleep environment.”

Baby boxes aren’t just empty boxes, they contain various supplies for newborn infants and their parents as well.

The county put together two teams to assess death rates in 2010, with one designated

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Kozak trial set to begin

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The trial for Alexander Kozak, who is accused of killing Andrea Farrington last summer in the Coral Ridge Mall, is set to begin today, on Kozak’s 23rd birthday.

Kozak, who will be tried in Story County, faces a first-degree murder charge. If convicted, he faces a life sentence without parole. The trial was moved from Johnson County because of the high-profile nature of the case.



Kozak
defendant

Farrington, a 20-year-old employee at the Iowa Children’s Museum in the mall, was working the museum’s information kiosk at around 7:30 p.m. on June 12 when Kozak allegedly shot her three times in the back before fleeing. Kozak had formerly worked a security guard in the mall.

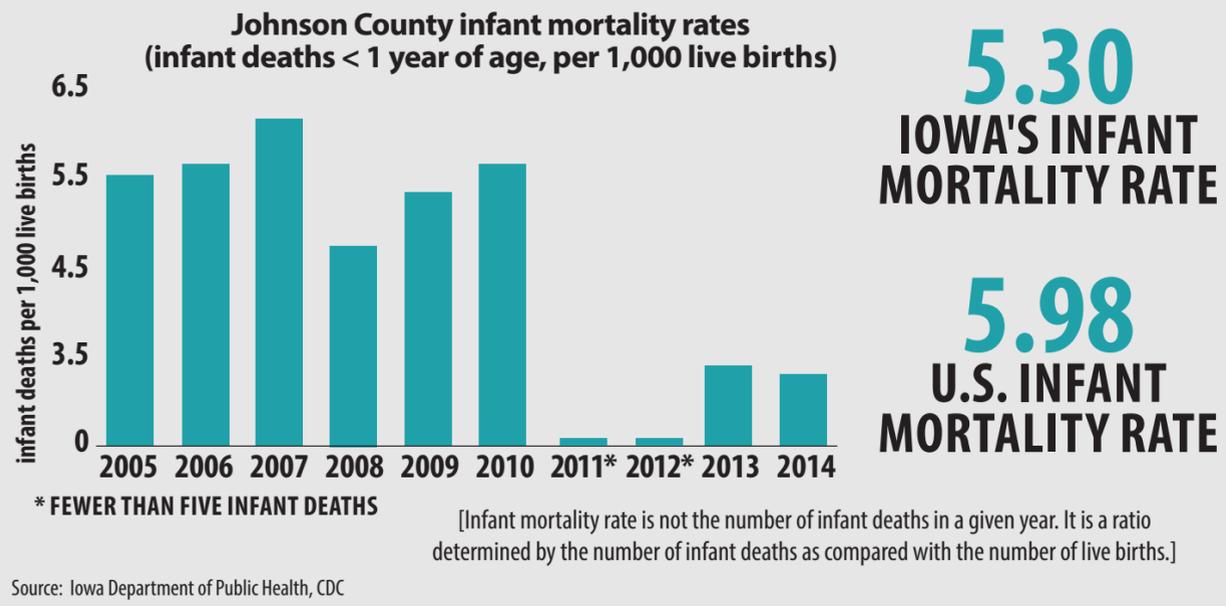
Kozak, a former North Liberty resident, was captured on I-80 the next morning.

Kozak has pleaded not guilty and submitted a diminished-responsibility defense, contending that he suffered from a mental defect. Alfredo Parrish is representing him.

Jury selection will start today in Nevada, Iowa, where the trial will take place. On Monday, Judge Christopher Bruns, who will preside over the case, ruled in a hearing that the psychologist for the state, led by Johnson County prosecutor Janet Lyness, will share test results with the defense’s expert witness.

The prosecution had failed to do so, Lyness said, because it was waiting for authorization from Kozak to share the results, as required by the Iowa Code.

Once the data are received, the defense’s expert will have the opportunity to review it. Bruns will rule this morning whether that expert, William Logan, will be able to testify.



Hardin steps to the fore

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A new grant will put Iowa on the map with one of the leading health-science libraries in the world.

The National Network of Libraries of Medicine recently awarded the UI Hardin Library a five-year grant to serve as the Regional Medical Library of the greater Midwest region, according to a press release by the UI.

“We’re really excited to have the Regional Medical Library here at Hardin Library,” said Elizabeth Kiscaden, who will serve as the new assistant director of the new regional library. “It’s been a goal of our institution, and we are really excited about our proposal.”

The library will receive \$6.5 million in funding from the network to establish the regional office, including six full-time staff positions, according to the release.

The National Library of Medicine is a network of eight competitively select-

ed Regional Medical Libraries in their respective regions. The national organization is also the world’s largest medical library and a component of the National Institutes of Health.

With the funds, the regional office aims to expand the network and collaboration efforts among network members, which include health-care agencies and other medical libraries in the Midwest, Kiscaden said.

Through member collaboration, she said, the libraries aim to strengthen the emergency and response plan.

“The intent of that [plan] is to limit interruption if there is a disaster,” she said. “For example, if there was a tornado in Ohio, the plan would have these other libraries step in and serve the information of that group if their collection was decimated.”

Linda Walton, the new director of the Regional Medical Library at Hardin, said the emphasis in building alliances with network members is to give people access to quality and filtered biomedical-information that is evidence-based.



Kiscaden
assistant director

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Comfort in discomfort

By ANIS SHAKIRAH MOHD MUSLIMIN
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Several University of Iowa alumni are back on campus to share real-world experience with undergraduates.

After establishing careers after graduation that reached Washington, D.C., and Mexico City, Howard Kerr and Elizabeth Kerr Rivera continue to nurture their roots in Iowa City, hoping to motivate current UI students.

Kerr has regularly returned to the university to speak with students in the Political-Science Department. Meanwhile, daughter Rivera was on campus last week to talk to students studying journalism, communication studies, and marketing.

The central message both said they wanted to share with students was clear: Take advantage of the opportunities offered on campus.

The two are part of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences’ ongoing efforts to

have UI alumni return to campus and share their experiences with students. Liberal-arts alumni are given opportunities to donate and volunteer for the college.

After earning his degree in 1960, Iowa native Kerr served as a U.S. naval officer. He went on to become the military aide to former Vice Presidents Spiro Agnew and Gerald Ford and later assisted as a naval aide and deputy presidential counselor to President Ford.

Cary Covington, a UI associate professor of political science whose class often features Kerr, said he gives his students insights on topics that they are unable to pick up from a college textbook.

“The nice thing of having Howard in is that his presence creates a venue for him to speak to students,” Covington said. “And given the context and his accomplishments, they are very receptive. He’s walked the walk, and so they listen to him when he talks.”

Kerr said his advice to students is to use their time at the university to prepare themselves for their future.

“A young lady came up to me after one



Kerr
UI alum

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DOWN RIVER



A cyclist rides down the Iowa River River Corridor Trail near Art Building West on Monday. The old Art Building has been closed since the 2008 flood. (The Daily Iowan/Joshua Housing)

ARTS & CULTURE

The music they carried with them

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Music does so many things; it can move one to tears, pump someone up for a competition, and remind one of the good old days. With the explosion of technology of streaming and iPods, the ability to throw on whatever song suits the mood can be taken for granted. But the soldiers who served in the Vietnam War didn't take their music for granted. For many, it was the only connection they had with home in the growing insanity they were trapped in.



Bradley author

Doug Bradley and Craig Werner, authors of *We Gotta Get Outta This Place: The Soundtrack of the Vietnam War* will be at Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque St., at 7 p.m. today discussing their book on the role music played for soldiers during the war and in recovery processes afterwards. Bradley is a Vietnam veteran and has written extensively on the war. Werner is a professor of Afro-American Studies at University of Wisconsin-Madison.



Werner author

"We talked to some 300-odd veterans of the Vietnam war ... we talked to them about what music

meant to them in Vietnam and the role music played in their lives when they returned to the United States," Werner said. "Music served three basic roles: It provided a lifeline back to the world they'd left behind, connections with girlfriends or family. Second, it was the glue that held the unit together. Third, music played a role in helping soldiers make sense of the chaos."

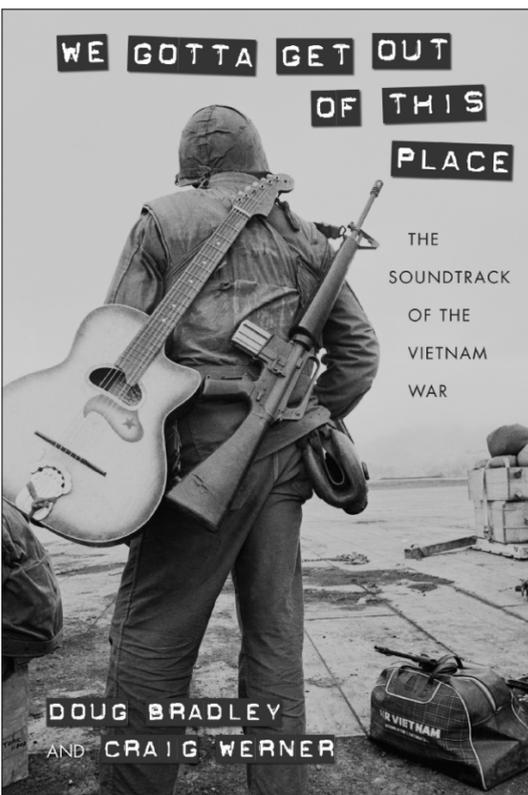
Their research found that even after the war, music remained important to veterans. A large number of them went on to become musicians themselves. But almost all of them used music in their healing process.

Since the book's release, Werner has been pleased by veterans' responses.

"It provides a forum for vets in the audience to share their stories," he said. "We've had a lot of times that people have come up to us afterwards and say that it was the first time they had been able to publicly talk about their experience."

Bradley said this type of opening up is what inspired them to write the book.

"During a Christmas party at the Madison Vet Center in 2004, the two of us were talking about the music of that era, and soon we noticed that a bunch of vets were crowding around, volunteering their own songs and stories," he said in an email. "It was then we realized that Vietnam vets were able to talk about a song that has stayed with them, and in that telling, they began to unload some of the pain and resentment they've had to carry around."



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While many soldiers were unhappy with their situations, their music choice was not about protesting, as many Stateside were. Instead, the soldiers focused on songs about emotional connections.

"Perhaps the most striking discovery was that while Vietnam vets were aware of pro- and antiwar songs and protest music, the songs that really stuck with them were ones about homesickness, loneliness, and missing their wives or girlfriends," Bradley said. "Songs like 'My Girl,'

'Dock of the Bay,' 'Detroit City,' and 'Leaving on a Jet Plane' came up over and over again."

WORDS

We Gotta Get Outta This Place: The Soundtrack of the Vietnam War with Doug Bradley and Dr. Craig Werner
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Crime victims step up

By KENDREW PANYANOUVONG
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"Aren't you over it?" "Still?" "When are you going to get over it?" These are some of the questions a mother who lost her daughter to murder six years ago faces.

"When it happens to you, your life is just completely devastated," she said to an audience on Monday. "I just want everyone to know there's never any closure or completeness of it. It's there every single day."

The Horizons Survivors Program in conjunction with the UI School of Social Work held a panel of victims, as well as family members of victims of homicide, domestic violence and vehicular homicide to speak on the impact

these crimes had on their lives.

This week marks the 35th National Crime Victims' Rights Week, an annual observance led by the Office for Victims of Crime to help promote and honor the stories and rights of those affected by all types of crimes.

"I'm not alone. This happens a lot more frequently than you can imagine," said a mother who lost her daughter in a car accident a number of years ago. "There's no precedent for this on how you should feel or act, but to have that awareness that is out there and that you have this group of people out there to go to and help you, that's super important."

Horizons is a family service alliance based in Cedar Rapids with a

survivor program that serves 20 Iowa counties. The program addresses immediate and long-term needs for those affected by death including murder, suicides, and domestic violence regardless of legality terms.

"We serve 20 counties and decided to expand out to a college town," Penny Galvin, a victim advocate at Horizons said. "You're never over it. So the message I wanted the audience to hear tonight is that these women are survivors. People grieve in different ways."

The victim-impact panel marked the annual week in efforts to spread and create awareness through advocating and sharing stories of victims of crimes ranging from domestic violence to homicide. The theme

for this year's Crime Victim Week is "Serving Victims, Building Trust, Restoring Hope."

The week aims to highlight the importance of victim services and early intervention, building trust among victims' and friends and family of victims in hope to enrich the recovery process, regardless of the circumstance and crime.

"It's an ongoing pain, but you got to deal with it and start to accept," one panel member said.

Another panel member with teary eyes explained her guilt and shame for going back to an ex-husband who once held her captive and abused her in her own home for 12 hours.

"We are survivors, and we prove that every day," she said.

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for children and the other for adults. Officials said as a result of child-safety efforts such as the baby box and parent education, those numbers are at all-time low.

Kate Bengston, an investigator for the Johnson County Medical Examiner's Office, said infant deaths have decreased statewide from 176 to 144 from 2014 to 2015. In Johnson County, numbers

have dropped from 51 to 39 during the same years.

"We've made the education a priority," Bengston said. "Bringing awareness to the community is making a big difference."

Nash said the county has spent \$1,200 on the boxes so far, and the grant is also being used to purchase car seats, something local agencies have been doing informally for years. Nash said one volunteer has even been buying cribs at garage sales out of pocket to donate.

"By having funding, it has been a way to formalize the

process," she said.

Several factors can go into a county's death rate, but Nash said she believes the recent infant safety efforts may have contributed.

Ally Hanton helps run the teen-parent program at United Action for Youth, which offers home visits to parents under the age of 23.

Aside from offering parents a baby box if there's a need, representatives educate young families on child development, care, and education.

"I think it's been well-re-

ceived," Hanton said. "Generally, when you give families information they need and educate them, they will comply with what's recommended."

She noted that the safety is nice for parents and even better for the kids. The baby box can also be useful if a family doesn't have an extra room to put a crib, and it keeps the parents closer to children during the night.

"I think both [baby boxes and car seats] are in high demand," Hanton said. "They're not cheap.

When you're somebody who doesn't have access to a lot of income, or the income you do have is being used for rent, a car seat or crib becomes kind of a luxury that you don't have."

With the grant money, Early Childhood Iowa is working with agencies that actually distribute the products and educate families based on a checklist the University of Iowa College of Nursing and the groups put together.

Nash said the grant has been beneficial because it has allowed for Early Childhood

Iowa to work with agencies it may not have been able to otherwise, allowing for further collaboration on future community projects.

Nash said dollars and equipment have been allocated for baby boxes and car seats until June 30, and the group's board will decide by July 1 what the resources will be used for in the upcoming fiscal year.

"I think [the boxes] are making the county safer," Hanton said. "I think everything needs to start with small steps, and this is a good place to start."

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"So people know that these tools are available," she said. "They are free to everyone because they are from the federal government,

and our job is to help people understand that these resources are out there, how to use them, and to help them make better decisions about their health care."

Besides building relationships with network members, the regional library at the UI will also

develop partnerships with other groups such as education programs, health professionals, and students, Kiscaden said.

"For example, one of the things we are doing is collaborating with the UI College of Public Health on a series of classes on health

information literacy designed for public-health professionals," she said.

Kiscaden said she hopes the new Regional Medical Library will get renewed after the five-year period is over.

The new library currently has two job positions that

will be open until April 20 at midnight. These positions include the community outreach librarian and a health outreach librarian.

Christopher Childs, the community outreach librarian for Hardin Library, said the grant provides a tremendous opportunity for

the Hardin Library.

"I think it opens a lot of doors as far community outreach," he said. "One thing I think will come out of this is I could see a lot of doors opening up, especially with the partnership if RML wanted to do, and I can certainly see my outreach increase."

ALUMNI

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of the lectures I had, and she said, 'You've been lucky to be able to do all the things that you have done,' and I said, 'Let me give you a definition of luck,'" he said. "I said, 'Luck is preparation waiting for opportunity.'"

Upon leaving the military, Kerr developed a successful private-sector career, becoming president and CEO of several companies. He later served as mayor on the City Council in Lake Forest, Illinois.

A proponent of a liberal-arts education, Kerr said he believes the humanities and liberal arts are important for individuals and society as a whole because the two fields are the foundation of the human value system.

"[A liberal-arts education] also prepared me to get along with different people with different disciplines," he said. "To understand and get people

together, and to listen to what other people have to say — a liberal-arts education prepares you for that."

Rivera, who graduated from the UI in 1999 with a degree in English and art, resides in Mexico City and works as the communications manager for the Mexico branch of McKinsey and Co. — a worldwide management-consulting firm.

An early adopter of electronic communications, Rivera said she brought innovation into digital communications and social-media outreach campaigns for a number of employers such as Themesoft Inc. and Accenture. She also worked in marketing for several private companies and had a stint at the American Medical Association.

Rivera said the contrasting effect of the college experience is that it could create an environment that lacks the flow of information among students, professors, and classes at the UI.

"People have a hard time figuring out what they want to do if they don't do

it the traditional way," she said. "So many people need to know that there is so many more opportunities than are necessarily presented some professors."

Being in college should help students figure out what they can and can't do, she said.

"You can't do everything," Rivera said. "I learned that I wasn't that great of a painter, but I really liked to really write about paintings, and I realize my future would be in writing because I really enjoyed writing about what I was painting."

Her best advice to students, she said, is to learn to be comfortable being uncomfortable.

"Now, I live in Mexico City, and I never learned Spanish as a high-school kid. I never took Spanish at Iowa. I'm all self-taught, but I got OK being uncomfortable," she said. "I don't need to be around people who are exactly like me all the time. And a Big Ten university gives you that opportunity; go join clubs that you know nothing about."

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Each year over 8,000 students are employed through the Student Hourly and Work-Study employment programs. The University of Iowa wishes to acknowledge the efforts of these employees and their contributions to the achievements of the University's goals.

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COLUMN

No clue, like the perpetual flu



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In Burma, now Myanmar, apparently the army representatives in its equivalent of Congress walked out after a vote didn't go their way because, as a representative told BBC Radio, the army was being "bullied" by those in favor of democracy.

The army, of course, had ruled the country for many more decades than most of us can remember in an iron-fisted dictatorship. Perhaps stainless-steel-fisted.

It's always Ionesco-style humorous when former dictators, especially in the military, whine about being "bullied." No fair, you kicked sand in our faces, say the former sand-kickers.

It's rather like Dick Cheney, the former Stealth President, complaining about being accidentally shot in a friendly hunting party. (See Cheney, Harry Whittington, Feb. 11, 2006. Or don't. But you'll miss something. Cheney didn't.)

Meanwhile, on the home front, rumors that Republicans are blocking spring until after the next presidential election so that the American people have a voice about whether they want spring or not are probably just that: rumors.

Likewise, the whispers that Donald Trump bought several metric tons of Saskatchewan winter weather cheap, installed them here, and will keep them here until the Republicans give him the nomination are also probably not true.

We'd like to believe the weather stuff is true because he's, well, the Trumpster, and it just sounds as though it could be true. That's one of the problems with being a blustery blowhard — people are more

than willing to believe just about anything.

Also, we believe it because he's rich enough to buy weather. Most of the rest of us had no clue that weather was for sale like so much real estate or unreal estates.

So much no clue going around like the flu.

And so we should regard with several metric tons of French sea salt rumors that Trump is building condos on the Moon for the next great leap into space. I have to admit, I thought it would take rockets to get to the Moon again, not leaps, but apparently, I am leaps and bounds behind the newest tech. (Suppress your giggles.)

The problem is, rumors say on the usual hush-hush, the windows on the Trump condos leak air, which is something of a problem on the Moon. Especially if you live there.

One of those most upset is Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Craters of the Moon, who had thought the Moon was his territory. Cruz is also one of those experts about leaking air.

Problems with Trump family housing developments is nothing new, which of course comes as a major surprise to those who don't listen to Woody Guthrie. The great American singer/songwriter (think "This Land is Your Land," which he meant in ways right-wingers will never understand) rented from Trump's father, Fred, in the early 1950s. And Guthrie believed that not only was the elder Trump a terrible landlord, he was also a horrible bigot about black Americans. Guthrie wrote a song about Fred Trump and his racist ways, so we can relive those grand old party ways.

It could be, as the cliché goes, the apple doesn't fall far from the tree. But I don't think anyone would accuse Trump of being an apple. Given his hyper-modern hairstyle, an orange, maybe.

Or maybe a sand-kicker.

EDITORIAL

U.S. needs to stop terrorism

The threat of domestic terrorism has been thrust to the forefront of the American consciousness given the recent events in Paris and Brussels. It is no longer the problem of the other hemisphere; the fear has become tangible, with so many wondering when it will arrive again at America's front door.

However, people carry out acts of terrorism. We are left with the death toll, the aftermath, and those passing moments of paranoia that reside in the absence of our peace of mind, but we forget that these atrocities are not acts of God. These are people with loved ones of their own, and what does one do when the source of fear is a neighbor, a coworker, or a family member? A recurring narrative has begun to present itself.

Take for example the recent story of Sal Shafi and son Adam Shafi of California, which is by no means the first of its kind. When it became apparent, at least to his father, that Adam Shafi had exhibited signs of imminent radicalization and a desire to join Islamic extremists, the elder Shafi made the hard call and alerted the FBI. The result was effectively setting up his son to a possible 20-year prison sentence "for attempting to support a terrorist organization." This was after Adam Shafi was arrested trying to board a flight to Turkey, a common access point for those wishing to join forces with the ISIS and similar terrorist groups and raises the question of what is to be in the moments between intention and execution.

The horrors in Paris, Brussels, and cities around the world are perpetrated by people. And when speaking about domestic terrorism, we are reminded that these

aren't faceless radicals emerging from a vacuum.

In any conflict, there are destroyed lives and broken homes on both sides of the line. At times it becomes impossible to draw a line at all when it must be drawn between family and country, father and son.

Those who have begun down the path of radicalization are by no means blameless. However, one must keep in mind that the actions of these misguided youths have far reaching implications and speak to larger issues that result in this drastic decision-making. By the time a radicalized youth shows up on the radar of law-enforcement agencies, it can be too late, and stories such as the Shafi's almost encourage families not to cooperate with law enforcement.

Similar stories have emerged everywhere from Brooklyn to Minneapolis, and what should be taken away from them is that ruthless, hardened terrorists are not made overnight, nor they do require an environment of ceaseless bloodshed to incubate. Whether it be from propaganda found on the Internet or growing resentment about the current socioeconomic circumstances in the United States, the path to radicalization has countless beginnings and only one ending.

That is not to say that beginning path must mandate the eventual culmination of a radicalized extremist at the ending. End-of-pipe solutions do nothing to help those who have lost their way or those who will in the future. Action must be taken at the first signs of radicalization, because while it may prevent the worst-case scenario, once a father calls the FBI on his own son, the damage has already been done.

COLUMN

An alternative to student loans



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Milton Friedman is one of the most-recognized U.S. economists in history. He is famous for his philosophy that businesses exist for one sole purpose: to generate profits and improve the wealth of its shareholders.

Friedman argued that the social mission of a profit-seeking business is not to benefit its community, employees, or the environment but to focus solely on improving wealth. From what I have learned in Tippi as a business student, while Friedman makes valid economic points, his arguments seem to contradict the 1st tenants taught in the business school, which outline how Tippi graduates are expected

to conduct business (that is, with Integrity, Innovation, and Impact).

However, for as much as I disagree with Friedman's shareholder perspective in business, I think he may have had a brilliant idea for how to better fund a college education. In a 1955 essay, Friedman proposed governments or private lenders could "buy a share in an individual's earning prospects."

As it turns out, Purdue University is doing just that with its new "Back a Boiler" program. The recently announced program will allow current juniors and seniors the option to pledge a certain portion of their future earnings to repay a form of loan called an "Income Share Agreement." The program is fascinating for two reasons.

First, the rates and value of the agreements vary for students based on their potential future earning potentials. Purdue offers a site in which current students can input their ma-

ior, number of credit hours completed, anticipated course load remaining, and anticipated graduation date to determine the value of their agreements. So I used my own scenario as an example.

I am a marketing student, with 118 completed hours and 26 semester hours remaining, due to graduate in May 2017. If I were to take my maximum available agreement of \$32,000, I would face an income share of 9.79 percent of my annual income. The site projects my starting salary to be \$49,000 and my total cost to repay the agreement as \$44,335 over 96 months (eight years) which would result in monthly payments of approximately \$400 for the first year. As a point of comparison, a standard student loan of that amount with 6.84 percent interest would cost me \$49,672 to repay.

While my monthly repayment would increase for the 96 months, I would be done paying as soon as I reach the end of

that time period.

But the second, possibly even more attractive aspect of the program, is that some students may end up paying back even less than they borrowed. Because the agreements are set up as a portion of real income, the actual value of repayment may vary. Moreover, Purdue's FAQ website for the new program indicates that "those who earn a substantial amount of income will not pay above a certain maximum amount."

Purdue's program is brand-new, by no means perfect, and operating in a gray area of existing tax law. But it represents a new way of looking at the obscene cost of a college education today.

As individuals who have already received such loans have attested, even this system cannot solve the issues of an education funding model that sends a large portion of the country into debt, but it is, at least, a new attempt at improvement.

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COLUMN

Execution is always wrong



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The gallows, the guillotine, and now the electric chair are all gruesome and obsolete methods of execution, now only used as symbols of state oppression in historical fiction and Hollywood. American society prefers the needle, a quick subtle slip of the condemned inmate into a void no one living knows. However, the chair almost made a comeback in Virginia Monday.

On Sunday, Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe vetoed a bill that would have mandated the electric chair, both hauntingly and endearingly referred to as "Old Sparky," as the preferred method of execution when the means of lethal injection are unavailable.

The chemicals used in the state execution of in-

mates have been increasingly harder and more expensive for states to acquire, because the companies that produce these chemicals have been distancing themselves from the issue of the death penalty. These companies do this because, and I'm sure everyone can agree on this one, murder is gruesome and people could assume their motives behind this distancing is probably fueled more so by maintaining an approachable public image rather than grasping for a higher morality outside of corporate gains.

The yesteryears' methods of execution are frequently met with grimaces and wincing. As each method falls to public outcry, a newer and seemingly more civilized one pops up. Yet the fact remains: No method of execution will ever be humane.

The death penalty is the apex of an institution's over-reach. There are few absolutes I hold on to, one of which I do should be glaringly obvious: Humanity does not have

the right to kill other humans. Murder violates an individual's fundamental right to, well, be alive. To reserve the exception to that should-be-undeniable right for a system of government is empirically oppressive. The notion of resurrecting methods such as Old Sparky to streamline and cheapen this human-right violation is not only revolting, it also works to cheapen the lives that the judicial system is unrightfully taking.

The chair, the guillotine, the gallows are all, as stated earlier, particularly disturbing when juxtaposed with lethal injection. Why? They all end human lives to some swift degree, they've all disproportionately affected minority populations, and they're all tools of state intimidation. I would argue the preference for the novel forms of execution of those past is societal bargaining. The act of execution is more digestible the better we get at it. Lethal injection provides a portrait of a docile passing into death, a narcotic ease

into the afterlife, the violence and inner-turmoil of the individual minimized as effectively as possible.

But back in 2014, Americans saw careless executions in Ohio, Arizona, and Oklahoma. They lead the public eye to the realization that execution is execution, no matter what degree of discrepancy or placidity is involved. Humans implicitly fear death, and therefore humans implicitly shy away from the use of death as a state punishment.

What we're seeing with the withdrawal of drug companies from selling chemical cocktails of execution to capital punishment states is the slow creep of societal realization (always a step behind the technology) that state execution is wrong.

McAuliffe, thankfully, vetoed a bill that would thrust Virginia back into a brutal history, and hopefully, in half a century, notions of bringing back lethal injection will be met with the same degree of public backlash.

Powerful force comes to face Hawk baseball

By JAKE MOSBACH
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As it inches closer to the .500 record mark for the first time this season, the Hawkeye baseball team has the opportunity to go head-to-head with a quality opponent, the Air Force Academy, today and Wednesday.

The two midweek contests are the first of their kind for the Hawks this season, and getting this portion of the schedule started against a team such as the Falcons will prove to be another great test for head coach Rick Heller and the Hawks.

Ahead of the clash with Air Force, here's a quick introduction to the powerful Falcons.

Air Force winning streak: 5 games

On top of their 18-8 record, the Falcons are riding a decent winning streak as they come to Banks Field. After defeating Northern Colorado on April 5, Air Force completed a four-game sweep of San Jose State to build some momentum.

Air Force is no stranger to winning streaks this season, either — the team has gone on two winning streaks of three or more games. But Iowa has some momentum, too, winning five of eight, including taking two of three from defending Big Ten champion Illinois.

It's safe to say two hot teams will do battle at Banks Field this week.

Air Force team batting average: .343

When it comes to performance at the plate, the Falcons will be one of the best teams Iowa will face all year. Hitting far better than their season opponents (their past foes average just .258 so far), the Falcons have power at the plate that the Hawks haven't seen this season.

Junior utility player Adam Groesbeck, batting a stunning .444 in 108 at-bats, leads the Falcons. Besides Groesbeck, the team features six other players

batting above .300. In the home-run department, junior outfielder Tyler Jones leads the team with 10 long balls this season.

Senior right-hander Calvin Mathews will start on the hill for the Hawks today, and it's clear he'll have his hands full with the high-powered lineup.

Air Force run differential: plus 71

With the Falcons, expect runs, lots of them. Air Force has outscored its opponents 218-147. This could partly be due to that when the Falcons get runners on, they score.

They've left 164 runners on base this sea-



Iowa's pitcher Calvin Mathews hands the ball after a grand-slam in the game against Indiana at Duane Banks Field on Saturday, March 30, 2013. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

son, compared with Iowa's 217. The Falcons are efficient with their runners, knowing how to score them.

Iowa's Mathews, and the Wednesday start-

er who is still to be announced, will need to limit base runners if the Hawks plan on cooling off the red-hot Falcons. If they get on, there's a decent chance they'll score.

RAMOS

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Hawkeye Wrestling Club. It apparently irked him for some time and resulted in a meeting with Tom Brands.

Ramos wanted to be the only wrestler supported by the Hawkeye Wrestling Club at his weight — that frustration boiled over after the meet.

He qualified for the weight class for the Olympics just a few short weeks ago and was the favorite, but being the No. 1 seed guaranteed him nothing.

Not in his wildest dreams

did he expect A) to not be an Olympian and B) to lose to a fellow member of the Hawkeye Wrestling Club.

All he had to do to get to Rio de Janeiro was beat Dennis, which Ramos failed to do, in spectacular fashion. In the best-of-three championship bout, Ramos was put on the shot clock twice for being too passive in first match, which gave Dennis a 2-1 victory.

In the second, Ramos was dominated 10-0 after Dennis caught him in a gut wrench and rolled him until the exposure points caused the technical superiority. Ramos was embarrassed in both matches in different ways,

which could have contributed to his comments. It's also hard to imagine having a different coach in the corner was the deciding factor in either match.

Regardless, this whole situation is sad. It's sad Ramos had to overshadow the truly happy story of Dennis — who was almost completely out of wrestling for much of the last four years — with this mess. It's sad Ramos feels so hurt by what he thinks Brands did.

I never got the chance to cover Ramos, and I don't know him, but from what I've gathered, he's an intelligent, media-savvy man who

is a good ambassador for the sport. Marketable and driven, he's been a person lots of young wrestlers look at and want to emulate.

At the same time, I have grown to respect and enjoy talking to Tom Brands. He's a smart, funny coach who is so intently passionate about wrestling that it's difficult to have anything other than admiration for him.

Brands wouldn't purposely slight Ramos in any way. I don't believe he would, at least. Ramos is, after all, Iowa's last national champion and not someone who his former college coach wouldn't want around.

The Hawkeyes have two excellent lightweight grapplers in Thomas Gilman and Cory Clark — both who could probably could (and likely have) learned from Ramos. Assuming both continue their trajectories, they could threaten the spot themselves at the 2020 games.

But yet, the Hawkeye Wrestling Club was created with giving all wrestlers a chance to compete at the highest level. It doesn't matter that Dennis and Ramos were in the same weight class — it was just an unfortunate circumstance for the team.

Ramos even said before the Olympic Trials someone would have his dream crushed. He obviously didn't think that through, even as he was saying it.

He discounted the possibility he could lose, which perhaps was his eventual downfall.

Nothing can ever take away Ramos' 2014 NCAA championship. He will always have the five years spent on Iowa's campus, not to mention a degree from the school.

Brands said the door will always remain open for Ramos to walk back in.

I hope he does.

KING

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spring practice at Valley Stadium in West Des Moines April 8 and kept coming back to it.

It seems "room for improvement" could better be used on other players; King was scouted as a top-10 player against both the run and the pass last year by Jeff Dooley of Pro Football Focus, as well as averaging more than 14 yards per punt return and 24 yards per kick return.

As much as anything else, King has shifted focus to making those around him better.

"There's always room for improvement, so [I'm working on] pretty much all the same things," King said. "I'm trying to perfect my craft, my technique, the communication in the back, and helping out the younger guys is pretty much my main focus this year."

King was dynamic with the ball in his hands last season.

The punt and kick returns were electric. Then there were the in-

terceptions. King tallied 118 interception-return yards, 15th-best in the nation, with 88 of those coming against Maryland for a touchdown.

Considering King won't get nearly as many balls thrown or kicked his way this year, is the logical step to get the ball in his hands to get him snaps on offense?

Head coach Kirk Ferentz did not shoot down the idea at his first spring press conference.

"I haven't thought about that," Ferentz said on March 22. "We'll have

to take that to the drawing board."

One of King's elders, however, apparently nipped the idea in the bud.

"My mom, she kind of gave me some words of wisdom [about playing offense]," King said. "I'm not going to say what she said, but it wasn't pretty. So I'm going to leave that out of there."

Too bad. The Kinnick-King comparisons will stick solely to interceptions.

Unless of course, he repeats what he did a year ago.

BASEBALL

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good on Sundays," he said. "But Coach has been telling us that if we want to win championships, we have to take Sunday."

Now looking ahead to

feisty Air Force, Heller knows that building a championship team is a process and if his team buckles down and focuses, the Falcons'

five-game winning streak will be shattered.

"We'll just keep plugging away and trying to get better; that's the name

of the game," he said. "We won't be focused on too much more than that, and we won't be satisfied with where we're at."

SOFTBALL

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season. In Iowa's last 11 contests, she has batted .485. During that stretch, she registered 10 extra-base hits with 5 doubles, 1 triple, and 4 home runs.

Iowa and Northern Iowa have split games, 3-3, over the past four seasons. The Hawkeyes won the last matchup in five innings when they outscored the Panthers 12-4 and the mercy rule went into effect.

SPORTS TRIVIA

A: Minnesota's Jayson Noss, who blew a 9-0 lead in the first round of last weekend's Olympic Team Trials to Aaron Pico. Pico scored 20 unanswered to beat Noss at 65 kg.

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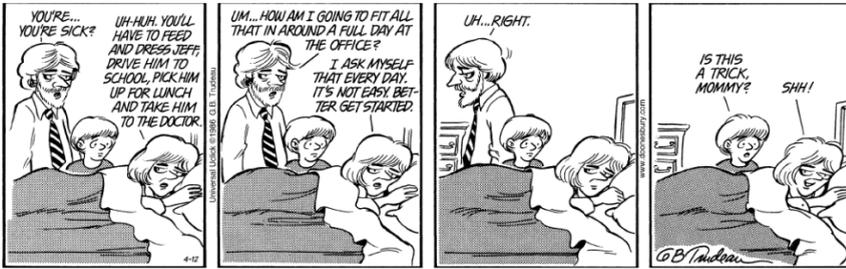


We hold these truths to be self-evident (and a little nerdy)

- Why is it taking so long for female-led superhero movies to catch-on? Is it because nobody likes attractive women in form-fitting clothes, or is it because nobody likes superhero movies? Is it both? It's probably both.
 - Growing up means finally admitting to yourself: You were probably always somewhere between a Hufflepuff and a Ravenclaw, even on your best days.
 - How desperate was Prince Charming that he made every girl in the entire kingdom try on that glass slipper? Like, seriously: give it the morning, then call it a day. Maybe post a flyer and let her come to you. You got princely stuffs to be doin'.
 - No matter what happens in the future, we won't be nostalgic for the era before time travel.
 - "A stretched rope is a rope that is stretched" is a double tautology.
 - I would pay good money to see a Superman movie in which he's just Clark Kent trying to save print journalism.
 - If there are infinite universes, that means there has to be at least one in which this final bullet is funny. Looks like it's not this one, though.
- Andrew R. Juhl** thanks many friends and many beers for the material in today's Ledge.

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- **#readforjustice Pop-Up Reading Group**, Main Library Learning Commons Group Area D
- **An informal Q&A with Sarah Lewis**, 3 p.m., Dey House Frank Conroy Reading Room
- **Undergraduate Art History Symposium**, 4 p.m., 116 Art Building West
- **Creative Matters lecture by Sarah Lewis**, 6 p.m., 240 Art Building West
- **Percussion Chamber Recital**, 6:30 p.m., 150 Music West
- **TRUE LIFE: I'm Broke**, 6:30 p.m., 335 IMU
- **This Changes Everything Screening**, 7 p.m., 1650 University Capitol Center
- **"Live From Prairie Lights,"** Craig Werner & Douglas Bradley, nonfiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
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- 9:30-11 DJ TRAINING
- 11-12 P.M. MICHAEL MINUS
- 12 P.M. NEWS AT NOON
- 1-2 SPORTS SQUAWK
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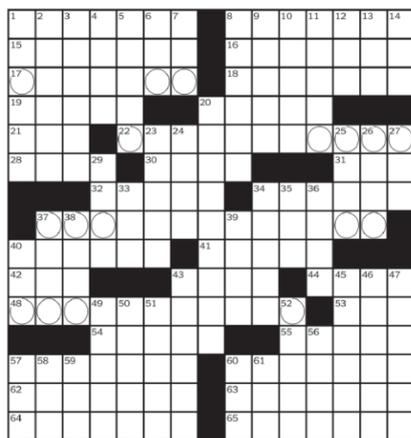
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- 1 Unable to escape
 - 8 Double helix parts
 - 15 Cuckoo, from the Yiddish
 - 16 Hard work
 - 17 Something to check if the lights go out
 - 18 Tree whose berries flavor gin
 - 19 Memorable hurricane of 2011
 - 20 Disneyland locale, briefly
 - 21 Rebellious Turner
 - 22 Lay out plates, silverware, napkins, etc.
 - 28 Princess in "Frozen"
 - 30 ___ shark
 - 31 Cabbage for miso soup?
 - 32 Where Samsung is headquartered
 - 34 Cut out (for)
 - 37 "Anatomy of a Murder" director
 - 40 The Taj Mahal, for one
 - 41 Mrs. Eisenhower
 - 42 One of the five W's
 - 43 Poetic measure
 - 44 Step on a ladder
 - 48 Quick-cooking cut of meat
 - 53 An eagle beats it
 - 54 Fracking material
 - 55 Major artery
 - 57 Placate
 - 60 Wrap "worn" by 17-, 22-, 37- and 48-Across?
 - 62 Cafeteria worker's wear
 - 63 Opening on the side of a vest
 - 64 Toads and kangaroos
 - 65 Sci-fi weapon

- DOWN**
- 1 "Nothing's broken!"
 - 2 ___ network (term in anatomy and artificial intelligence)
 - 3 Building, inventory, cash on hand, etc.
 - 4 Now's partner
 - 5 Unsophisticated sorts
 - 6 Previously
 - 7 ___ Romana
 - 8 Virgin Island that's 60% national park
 - 9 Armistice
 - 10 Stampeded toward
 - 11 Walled Spanish city
 - 12 40 winks
 - 13 Game cube
 - 14 Camera inits.
 - 20 No-win chess outcome
 - 23 Marry a cutie on the q.t., maybe
 - 24 Get the show on the road
 - 25 Tiny memory unit
 - 26 Wolfish look
 - 27 Crusty bread slice
 - 29 Sparkling wine region
 - 33 Word found in "time on end," appropriately
 - 34 "The Lion King"
 - 35 Prefix with brow
 - 36 Disney bigwig
 - 37 "Fancy seeing you here!"
 - 38 Video game film
 - 39 Broadway auntie
 - 40 Certain bachelor, in personal ads
 - 43 Archipelago parts
 - 45 Pull from the ground
 - 46 Christmas, in Italy
 - 47 Gadget for Parmesan
 - 49 Seize unlawfully
 - 50 ___ of Fife (Macduff's title)
 - 51 Like a beaver
 - 52 Destiny
 - 56 Adolph in New York Times history
 - 57 "That feels amazing!"
 - 58 ___ Tomé and Principe
 - 59 Drink hot chocolate, maybe
 - 60 Like the Beatles, in 1960s lingo
 - 61 Bookmarked thing



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- TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Extend a kind gesture to someone. Your sensitivity and compassion will bring high returns. Participate in events that will bring you in touch with someone from your past. An aggressive action will show others that you mean business.
- GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** A reality check is in order. Recall memories that will make you revisit a similar situation to the one you face now, and you will be wiser in the way you handle matters. A subtle change to your appearance will bring compliments.
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SPRING FOOTBALL



THE KING RETURNS

Iowa defensive back Desmond King punt returns the ball during the Cy-Hawk Series game against Iowa State in Jack Trice Stadium in Ames, Iowa on Sept. 12, 2015. The Hawkeyes defeated the Cyclones, 31-17. (The Daily Iowan/ File Photo)

By **BLAKE DOWSON**
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For almost all of the Iowa football team, the 2015 season ended when the Sun set somewhere over the Pacific Ocean and Stanford was crowned Rose Bowl champion.

However, for Desmond King, his 2015 season wrapped up about a month later in February, when he traveled to Oklahoma City to accept the Jim Thorpe Award, handed out annually to the nation's top defensive back.

"It means a lot to me, especially just being up there with one of the greats and especially with [Nile Kinnick's name] being our stadium," King said after tying the Heisman Trophy winner's record against Indiana. "It's a privilege to be up there and have that next to my name."

He earned the award by tying the school record for interceptions set by Kinnick.

King lived up to his name in the biggest games of Iowa's season; picking off two passes each in games versus Pittsburgh and Wisconsin.

Zoom back now to that almost surreal first day of January, in the stadium that has haunted Iowa football teams so many times before.

King, already one of the most decorated players in Iowa's history, had a decision.

The Jim Thorpe and Jack Tatum Award winner, the 24th consensus first team All-American in Iowa history, could choose to forgo his senior season as a Hawkeye and enter the NFL draft or return to Iowa City for one more season as a Hawkeye.

King had won the two awards over players who were on every NFL big board.

Vernon Hargreaves III and Jalen Ramsey, both projected top-15 picks on April 28, both took a back seat to King during awards season, and King had shown up on plenty of first-round mock drafts.

But the bond King had made with his brothers in Kinnick Stadium led him to decide Jan. 4 to return for his senior year.

Zoom forward three months, as King and the 2016 Hawkeyes are a little more than halfway done with spring practice.

He's back in Iowa City and has not looked back to Jan. 4 once.

"I have no regrets in making my decision," King said. "I believe it placed me in a better position for myself and my family and to help out my team even more."

"It was a very challenging [decision] ... I just felt like I couldn't leave the guys that I came here with and the brotherly bond that I have with all the players. I

didn't want to give that up."

King will return for his final go-around with the Hawkeyes with higher expectations than ever.

He will now play every home game with his banner hanging from the outer walls of Kinnick, as every other consensus All-American has been honored before him.

The star cornerback acknowledged it brings a level of expectation he has not seen before.

After all, if he repeats as a consensus All-American, it won't just be a banner hanging for people to see as they walk up to the stadium. His name will be permanently etched next to the likes of Kinnick, Randy Duncan, Larry Station, and few other immortal Hawkeyes.

"It brings a lot [of expectations]," King said. "But at the same time, you just have to stay humble, and remain focused, and not get complacent with yourself, because there's always room for improvement."

"Room for improvement" is maybe the most used cliché in football, but it seems to be one King has taken to heart this off-season.

The senior fielded questions for roughly 10 minutes after the Hawkeyes' annual

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SPORTS TRIVIA

Which wrestler did Daniel Dennis lose to in the 2010 133-pound NCAA Championship?

Go to page 5 for the answer.

THE TUESDAY COLUMN

The saga of Ramos continues



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Tony Ramos has every right to leave the Hawkeye Wrestling Club.

He can think he was betrayed. He can think he was slighted. The team bringing in another wrestler in the form of Daniel Dennis at the same weight is an understandable frustration. For Ramos.

But the organization he belonged to (assuming he doesn't change his mind) is the Hawkeye Wrestling Club. Not the Tony Ramos Wrestling Club.

That said, Ramos is, by all accounts, a good person. So is Hawkeye wrestling coach Tom Brands. They both wanted the same thing — a former Iowa wrestler in the Olympics.

And they got it. At Ramos' expense.

None of this should be an attack on either person's character (and if you type Ramos' name in a Twitter search, it comes up more than once). Sometimes people don't agree with each other and have different visions as to how an organization should work.

Ramos was mad for several reasons, starting with the coaching situation. He felt Brands should have "been in his corner." Instead, Terry Brands was, with USA wrestling coach Mike Dunroe in Dennis' corner. Tom and Iowa assistant coach Ryan Morningstar were both seated behind the officials' bench.

Second, Ramos was mad that he was never explicitly consulted about Dennis returning to Iowa City as part of the

SEE RAMOS, 5

Hawk baseball eyes Falconering

By **JAKE MOSBACH**
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Fresh off of a series win over defending Big Ten champion Illinois this past weekend, the Hawkeye baseball team (14-15, 5-4 Big Ten) will welcome a new challenge to Banks Field today and Wednesday.

The Air Force Falcons (18-8) will come to Iowa City for a two-game midweek battle with the Hawks, the teams' first match-up since 1999. Both games are set for 6:05 p.m.

After playing three games against the Illini April 8 through Sunday, Iowa head coach Rick Heller said resting is the most important thing.

"We're just going to hopefully get rested up before the double-midweek," Heller said after the series finale victory over Illinois. "It's going to be a challenge with how we had to extend our bullpen [against Illinois]. But I'm looking forward to it to see how we handle that."

The first game of the series will pit Iowa senior right-hander Calvin Mathews (0-3, 7.36 ERA) against Falcon freshman righty Matt Hargreaves (1-0, 2.70 ERA). Iowa's second-game starter on Wednesday has not been announced; the Hawks will face Air Force freshman lefty Ethan Nichols (0-0, 0.00 ERA).

Mathews will start after taking a brief hiatus from the rotation. Heller said there have been concerns about the Bloomfield native's control and that tonight's game will be a test for the senior.

"Mathews is a warrior for



Iowa's Calvin Mathews pitches during NCAA regional against Oregon at Hammons Field in Springfield, Missouri, on May 31, 2015. The Hawkeyes defeated the Ducks in the 11th inning, 2-1. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

us," Heller said. "We're going to start him [today], see if we can get him figured out, and see if he can get his command back, because really that's all it is. He's just been off a little bit."

The Falcons bring an impressive offensive stat line to Iowa City, hitting .343 as a team, one of the best averages the Hawkeye defense will all season. Junior utility player Adam Groesbeck leads the team with a .444 average, and junior outfielder Tyler Jones leads the Falcons with 10 home runs.

The powerful Falcons don't strike any fear into the Hawkeyes, however, senior outfielder Joel Booker said.

"Our mentality is the same as it was Day 1," he said. "Just take it pitch by pitch and don't look too far ahead or dwell on the past."

Freshman second baseman and pitcher Zach Daniels agreed.

Daniels, who came in to close the April 10 rubber game against Illinois, has had a solid freshman year. He sports a

1-1 record with a 3.00 ERA on the mound and said his performance against Illinois, along with the series win, could go a long way this week.

"We haven't been that

SEE BASEBALL, 5

Iowa vs. Air Force

When: 6:05 p.m. today, Wednesday

Where: Banks Field

Softball to battle Panthers

By **COURTNEY BAUMANN**
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The Iowa women's softball team will take on Northern Iowa when the Panthers travel to Pearl Field this evening.

Iowa, fresh off of a weekend sweep by Northwestern, has yet to reach 10 wins on the season. If the Hawkeyes win the game tonight, they would finally hit that mark.

Northern Iowa is yet another team to add to the list of opponents the Hawks have faced with a record above .500. Northwestern was the only team Iowa played against since February that had lost more games than it had won.

The Panthers come into the game with a 27-12 record and a team batting average of .312. Seven players in Northern Iowa's lineup are batting better than .300, including two — Bailey Lange and Alyssa Buchanan — who hit better than .400.

Lange also earned Pitcher and Newcomer of the Week honors on Monday. She hit .545 in four games last week and recorded a 0.50 ERA in two complete-game appearances.

There are also a couple of pitchers on the Panther staff that Iowa could have trouble with. Buchanan and Chelsea Ross each have an ERA of 2.50 or less.

On Iowa's end, redshirt senior Holly Hoffman has been a huge force on the field. She's hitting .344 thus far this



Lange
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