UI lags in RAs’ IDs

By DANNY VALENTINE

UI freshman Eiset Bates said she was really scared when two men knocked at her Buge Hall door around midnight one recent Friday.

Outside through the peep hole she saw two college-age people. One wore a T-shirt and basketball shorts, and the other wore a blue T-shirt, blue jeans and a backpack. As Bates and other students on campus were investigating a complaint, against her better judgment, Bates said she opened the door.

“One of them asked, ‘Is your roommate asleep?’ That’s when I started thinking maybe these aren’t RAs,” Bates said. “Something could have gone terribly wrong.”

Though she later found out that the two men were indeed who they claimed to be, the UI does not provide IDs for its RAs, said Greg Thompson, the manager of Residence Life operations.

Many of the UI’s 10 peer institutions require RA’s to carry identification when on duty or have identification available, according to a Daily Iowan survey of the schools.

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4 officers shot in coffeehouse

By GENE JOHNSON

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Student reflects on the horrific shooting

Kaitlyn Arndt, a 19-year-old UI student who was shot on Sunday night, reflects on the horrific shooting that occurred at a coffeehouse.

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2008 election collides with gay rights

Calling attention to gay rights, UI senior Justin Dewey produces a play driven by politics.

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By JOSIE JONES

It was difficult for Justin Dewey to let go of America! (Our Better History), the first play he ever produced. But after helping make the casting decisions, Dewey slowly allowed the director to shape the show into something he was proud to call his own.

"There was a very great and strong reaction by the audience," Dewey said, remembering the opening night while eating a plain bagel at Capanna. "They were very impressed with the work I did, as well as the director and cast."

The UI senior, who has short, curly hair and wears glasses, had submitted America! (Our Better History) for an Honors project just months before it hit the stage. Such projects are usually performed in a small room with no set or costumes.

"It covers a lot of ground while also being very funny and entertaining," he said. "It presents important issues and allows people to enjoy them." Other theater authorities also help, Dewey said. "He's very in tune with the world, and people think he's passionate about things that matter." Other theater authorities also have thought about going on, he said. "He's always active in the community and that's what makes writers write plays that matter." And until Dewey finds a different way to fight for gay rights, he said he's going to continue using the tools he has to reach people.

"Theater is the one way I connect to society and the world," he said. "It's the one way I know I can change the world."

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By JUSTIN POPE

As a future medical professional, Dustin Krutsinger thinks the government should play a limited role in health care and national politics. “It’s very important for everyone to get involved,” said Krutsinger, a second-year medical school student in the UI Carver College of Medicine. “I just try to reach out to those around us.”

At the organization’s first meeting on Oct. 26, he gave a presentation about these principles, as well as upcoming local events in which prospective members could volunteer or attend.

The organization is in favor of health-care reform, but he said, he just won’t be the one who proposes it by the Obama administration.

The House passed its version of health-care reform last month, and the Senate is set to debate the issue today.

Krutsinger said he believes the public sees only two major political government choices.

But he thinks there is a third option: reform by the private sector.

The reliance on employees’ coverage should be shifted to a free market in which individuals can shop independently for insurance.

“Some students are focused on convenience,” said Krutsinger, the president of the group.

As a future medical student and a member of Medical Students for Liberty, said Krutsinger, he became an advocate for the organization because “I’ve been pleasantly surprised about the interest.”

“Medical Students for Liberty”

When: 9:30 p.m. Where: Union Ballroom in Hamilton Hall and Health Center mascot.

The event is open to the public.

Seeking medical liberty

UI medical students take active approach to politics.

By SAM LANE

The student’s role in the current academic year, for-profit colleges collected $1.65 billion, or 67 percent of all federal Pell Grant dollars. Washington is spending on college tuition for the for-profit sector in 2009, up from $1.07 billion two years ago.

Between 2006 and 2008, the average Pell Grant was increased last July 1. Washington paid out 45 percent more than the program during the same period a year ago. The AP found, analyzing Department of Education data on disbursements from the Pell program, Washington’s main form of federal aid for college and to the poor.

This year, the trend is accelerating: In the first quarter of 2009, Washington paid out 45 percent more than the program during the same period a year ago.

The for-profit sector’s growth has been so fast, college admissions officers and state officials say, that some for-profit schools are ending up at for-profit colleges.

The numbers are even more striking for low-income students. The number of Pell recipients enrolled in for-profit schools is 50 percent higher than two years ago.

For-profit colleges say the industry is “an underserved market,” with many of the nation’s lowest-income students unable to afford traditional education, but it’s not enough to make sure students get an education.

The industry is “an aggressive operation that has a voracious appetite for recruiting the poorest students,” said Harris Miller, president and CEO of the National Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, a group representing admissions officers at traditional colleges. “The victims here are the students themselves and the taxpayers, who have to pay the bill.”

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Mike Porter, downtown business owner

Cover charges
Average minimum revenue from cover charges

Tavern $15,000
Brooks $15,000
Bottles $5,000

‘We look for these glass slides that contain millions of embryonic cells marred — that control the development of the face — which includes cleft lip and palate defects.

John Manak, a UI assistant professor of biology who is collaborating with Murray on the project, said: “There aren’t a ton of genes known to cause these issues. There is nothing on a microarray that can tell us anything more.”

But with administrators who control the development of the face are responsible for free.

Mike Murray’s team confirmed these genes control the development of the face and palate defects. Murray said the Face Team is also building a network of scientists’ research and local development. ‘It will open up research,’ he said. “Not only do we want to learn more about the genes that cause these issues, but we want to learn how to cure them as well.”

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Give bar patrons more information on cover charges

Standing in line at a bar can be akin to a game of chance. When you first step into line, the cover charge per person may be $5 or $8, but you won't know how high to get, in however, the amount may have doubled by the time you get to the front.

Bars have the right to charge any fee they deem suitable for the performance or cover. Nonetheless, we urge Iowa City drinking establishments to make cover rates more visible and easier to calculate by showing informed decisions as to where to spend their money.

For their part, city councilors have recently voiced their warnings of the perceived lack of transparency in cover charges and placed it on the council's 2010 legislative agenda. Isn't there the appropriate oversight so it's being handled like any other transaction in our state?

Iowa City Mayor Regina Bailey said, “Our concern is more limited to scope. Namely, the process of raising cover charges needs to be more transparent and fairer. Significant increases leave many patrons with few options but to leave the tongues and open up their wallets — especially if cover is altered mid-line.

They should at least have a sign saying cover charge will go up at a certain time in the night,” said David Daley, a freshman and Iowa House employee. “Drinks are expensive enough without having to worry about cover.”

We agree. Increasing signage is an easy solution to the same bar. Already indicates the night's drinking specials, locks in potential customers. A sign alerting the public of cover charge increases at the same fashion.

If you look at the breaking news in policy might suggest that people patronize these businesses less. Understandably, if cover charges fairer are simply a minor incon- venience to those with money, and captive audience, that does not make such rais- es any less inconvenient or punitive for custo- mers.

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It's 9 p.m. on a Wednesday night, and the bar is already packed. Groups of students are talking and socializing, enjoying the lively atmosphere. But as they wait in line, many of them are wondering the same question: How much is the cover charge tonight?

In recent years, cover charges have become more common in bars and clubs across the country. These fees are charged at the entrance of an establishment and are often based on factors such as the event or performance taking place that night. While some bars may offer discounts or special deals for groups or students, the variability of cover charges can be frustrating for patrons who are unsure of what to expect.

One issue with cover charges is that they are often not clearly communicated to patrons before they arrive. This can lead to confusion and dissatisfaction, especially when patrons are planning on attending a particular event and decide not to go because of the unexpected fee.

In Iowa City, bars and clubs may charge anywhere from $5 to $20 or more for cover, depending on the venue and the event. While some patrons may be willing to pay for the entertainment and atmosphere, others may feel that the fee is too high or unreasonable.

To address this issue, bars and clubs should provide more information on cover charges. This could be done through clear signage, a website or social media page, or even a phone call to the establishment. By providing this information upfront, patrons can make informed decisions about whether or not to attend an event, and they can also plan their budgets accordingly.

In conclusion, cover charges are a common practice in the nightlife industry. However, it is important to ensure that they are communicated clearly and fairly to patrons. This can help to create a more enjoyable and satisfying experience for everyone involved.

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The fantastic Mr. Fox goes on one last wondrous and beautiful heist.

By TOMMY MORGAN JR.
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As “Dora the Explorer” has taught legions of children and college students with free mornings, foxes are mischievous. But can a fox with a family give up his thieving ways and live life on the straight and narrow?

This conflict is at the heart of Wes Anderson’s latest and perhaps greatest, Fantastic Mr. Fox. Adapted from the Roald Dahl book, the film centers on the titular Mr. Fox (voiced by George Clooney) who, unlike Dora’s nemesis, Swiper, is an expert thief. After he and his wife (Meryl Streep) are captured during a failed heist, Mr. Fox decides to give up thievery to become a much-maligned newspaper columnist.

The Fox family lives in a hole in the ground, but the family patriarch wants something more. On a lark, he purchases a home in a tree, right across the field from the farmers Boggis (Robin Hurlstone), Bunce (Hugo Guinness), and Bean (Michael Gambon).

Eventually, Mr. Fox decides to pull one last job, stealing food and booze from the three farmers to provide for his family. High jinks, as they often do, ensue, and Mr. Fox must deal with the irate farmers as they try to kill him and all the other animals on their side of the river.

The story may be a characteristic Roald Dahl fable, but as a film, Fantastic Mr. Fox is classic Wes Anderson. The characters are quirky and cool, yet somewhat stupid, as in most of Anderson’s creations. The scenery and puppets used in the stop-motion animation are beautifully rendered and complex, but somehow manage to retain the simplicity necessary for a children’s film. Anderson has created an engaging world in Fantastic Mr. Fox, bringing the quaint and cozy charm of the Wallace and Gromit series of cartoons. The characters live their lives in fox time (a shorter subset of human time), and the movie is filled with not just foxes but a whole host of other animals, each with its own profession. A rabbit chef, a badger lawyer, and spunk-some fisherman Kylie (Wally Wolodarsky), among others, help establish a fully imagined animal world in which it is all too easy to become immersed.

The script, written by Anderson and Noah Baumbach, remains faithful to Dahl’s book, illuminating the playfulness and childishness of the story while leaving in plenty for adults who will see the movie with their kids.

If Anderson’s writing and directing of the movie was brilliant (and it was), then the voice acting was even more so. Clooney’s Mr. Fox is a sly, charming devil of a third, and Streep is wonderful as his wife and foil. Longtime Anderson stalwart Jason Schwartzman plays Mr. Fox’s bumbling son Ash — a wannabe athlete with little in the way of skill — in a way that makes him bitter yet endearingly funny. A cast of minor characters headed by Bill Murray as Clive Badger and Gambon’s Bean focuses out the imaginative story, greatly adding to the fun of the film.

Fantastic Mr. Fox puts the viewer — whether child or adult — completely in the world of the Fox family, and ranks with Rushmore and The Royal Tenenbaums as one of Wes Anderson’s best movies.
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FOOTBALL
Iowa 9th in BCS rankings

The Iowa football team moved up to No. 9 in the latest BCS rankings, held by a number of wire services and the software that the Bowl Championship Series top 10 teams will be announced next week.

The Hawkeyes were also aided by Oklahoma State's loss to Oklahoma State on Nov. 27, which eliminated the Cowboys from BCS contention. Most bowl projections for Iowa's primary remaining BCSสถาบัน is to be Penn State (No. 6, 8-2, 6-2), but the AP ranking leaves Penn State at No. 9 overall in the BCS. The highest Iowa can achieve this season for its BCS ranking is ninth. The Hawkeyes finished the season for eight players for the contest, 25-19, and a 1-0 match lead. Hawkeyes' hopes of playing in one of three bowl games.

Iowa's season for the BCS bowl game alive. The Hawkeyes got a much-needed 73-63 victory over North Carolina in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 5 in Miami, or the chance to play in one of three bowl games.

FOOTBALL FORUM

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**What’s in a name**

Which team will finish with more wins, football or men's basketball? **Today’s Daily Iowan** goes through its crystal ball in search of an answer.

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**Football**

It’s a secret and the Hawkeyes are protecting it. The 12th-ranked football team is not ranked any higher than the 16th-ranked basketball team.

However, if you step away from the scoreboard and look at the statistics, you will find that the football team is ranked higher than the basketball team. The football team is ranked 12th in the nation in defense, while the basketball team is ranked 16th.

The football team is also ranked higher in terms of total yards gained and lost. The football team has gained 4,809 yards and lost 2,065 yards, while the basketball team has gained 1,823 yards and lost 1,908 yards.

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**Men’s basketball**

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What may have been the biggest lesson learned may not have been how dominant a player Cole could be in the paint, but knowing that in general, going inside can lead to good things for this young team.

Favre, Vikings top the Bears

By DAVE CAMPBELL

MINNEAPOLIS

Brett Favre and the Vikings provided more evidence Monday night that Minnesota’s newest quarterback experiment is working out much better than the Chicago Bears.

Favre passed for a season-high 392 yards and three touchdowns and the Vikings intercepted Cutler twice in a 36-10 victory over the Bears on Sunday. They proved they’re not without a turnover and won’t quit even when things look bad, throwing touchdowns to Randy Moss, Chester Taylor, and Percy Harvin, the unflappable rookie who had his best game.

The Vikings (10-1) out off 15 days the Bears by a whopping 537 yards to 109 and dominated the clock in a 19-9 straight win, despite two more fumbles and a Touchdown.

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The Bears have finally, the resiliency Iowa has shown during the past two seasons is indefatigable, and whether it’s quarterback Evan Hansen and John T rappen with out anything, the Hawkeyes had to start Troy Johnson.

The Hawkeyes returned a roster of talent and depth after a successful Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week last week.

Then during the game, linebacker Pat Angerer left with a foot problem, and sophomore Bruce Dessi filled the void. Those two, along with defensive end Adrian Clayborn, returned to match a strong Bear attack.

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Even Michigan State came close.

“We had to come through a lot of tough games to get to some wins,” said tight end Matt恫 TP. After the initial report, he said “I kind of like my job.”

In the third set, Indiana closed out the match. What impressed Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz was the team’s ability to get open, and the guys Cole and Cougill are third-year head coach Lickliter said. “I’ve been his best performance this year, as the long-sought strong-

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In the fourth quarter, Minnesota drove all the way to the Iowa 2-yard line, only to be stalled on four-straight plays by the Hawkeye defense, keeping Iowa up 12-0.

Iowa running back Brandon Wegher celebrates after scoring a touchdown against Minnesota in Kinnick Stadium on Nov. 21. Wegher ran for 26 yards on 15 carries during the 12-0 victory.

Iowa cornerbacks Micah Hyde tackles Minnesota wide receiver Troy Stoudermire Jr. during the Hawkeyes’ game against Minnesota in Kinnick Stadium on Nov. 21.

Although his team was shut out, Minnesota quarterback Jeff Tarpinian, the junior finished with 11 completions on 24 attempts for 117 yards against the Hawkeyes. "Iowa’s defense is easily top five in the nation. I mean, if anybody wants to argue that, I’ll give you my cell-phone number,” Minnesota defensive end Pat Angerer said.

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"It has just been unbelievable playing here, and I couldn’t think of a better way to go out.” — Trey Stross
HOUSTON — The Indianapolis Colts found their rhythm and their stardom with a 27-17 victory over the Houston Texans on Sunday.

The Colts improved to 15-2. They will face the Tennessee Titans on Sunday in Indianapolis.

Indianapolis Colts last two games after a Colts touchdown as he heads to the north quarter in Indianapolis. The Colts won, 23-7.

The game was a showcase for many of the league’s star players, including Indianapolis Colts running backfranchise job with a 7-yard pass to Vontae Davis at 3:07.

In the fourth quarter, the Texans got to Manning’s touchdown zone by Brian McClain. Manning connected on his first play from scrimmage with receiver DeSean Jackson to make it 7-0.

The Colts were driving on their second time, this interception by rookie Brice McCain. McCain’s pick was the lone bright spot for the Texans in the first quarter for the first time.

Manning’s three-yard TD pass to Garcon for a 9-yard touchdown pass. Manning fumbled on Hous- on second down, once Manning got a 43-yard pass interference on third-and-5 on the road but ended the 2006-08.

One touchdown for the 20th-straight regular-season vic- tory over the Lions on Nov. 8. Sixth-year receiver DeSean Jackson caught a touchdown pass from McNabb to make it 17-0. For the first time, this interception by rookie Brice McCain. Manning’s 12-yard TD pass to Davis on Nov. 11, 2007.

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ORLANDO, Fla. — John Calipari broke a late tiebreaking basket and wrapped up a 68-66 win over No. 15 Michigan in the Old Spice Classic tournament opener Thursday.

He turned up 20 points, including a go-ahead three-pointer late in the game, to play, and Alabama beat No. 6 Texas A&M 68-66 in the Old Spice Classic opener Thursday.

Green also blocked a layup attempt by Darius Morris in the final seconds.

"It feels good," Green said. "It was the right place at the right time."

Alabama got a sixth straight victory and improved to 8-1. Michigan went 0-2 in the tournament.

"We probably weren't the top-15 team in the country," Michigan coach John Beilein said. "I was at the right end of the bench as a player in 1962 the last time Michigan lost on its home court.

"We still got to the rim, but it just wasn't enough today. I thought we got a way to go and that's exactly what we got. We're going to be the No. 1-15 team in the country," Michigan guard Lebron James said.

James, the 26th overall pick in the NBA draft last June, scored 11 points off 12 Alabama turnovers, helping Michigan take a 66-65 lead.

Beilein said, "We've got to find a way to close out the game."

Harris hit a 3 and added a free throw as Michigan went ahead 9-2 with 9:15 remaining, putting six points by Harris, 24-19 lead at halftime. He scored 26 or more points in all three tournament games.

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Volunteering is his middle name

Law student immerses himself in volunteering

By JAKE JENSEN

Volney Brand is a master multitasker.uggling a 16-semester-hour law school schedule as he heads into his last few weeks of law school (a program he will complete in two and half years, as opposed to the regular three), the 30-year-old still manages to find time for something he has been doing since high school — volunteering.

Since his teenage years, he has taken an active role to help those in need. “Whenever I’m placed in a position where I feel I can be of some assistance, I think it’s only right [to volunteer],” the Dallas native said. “Whenever there was help needed, I volunteered.”

Brand said his drive to volunteer comes from astute observations of the world around him. “A lot of it is driven by the fact that I’m in tune with my surroundings,” he said. “I think for a person who is so in tune with his surroundings, it is hard to watch needs go unmet.”

That impetus to help led Brand to volunteer for numerous organizations, both locally and in other cities. While working for a pharmaceutical sales company for a few years in Chicago, Brand volunteered at the city’s Boys and Girls Club. When he came to the UI for law school two and a half years ago, he began to help at the local Salvation Army, where he still volunteers. “He has a very soft heart,” the Salvation Army’s manager, John Nix, said. “He has a drive to help others.”

Brand’s desire to serve the world around him doesn’t solely come from academics. DeShawn Johnson, the Social Services manager at the Salvation Army, credits Brand’s hard-working nature not to just an academic reason. “I think he has a passion for helping out … the community,” the 32-year-old said.

As the holiday season inches closer, Brand’s time spent at the Salvation Army will likely increase. He said he doesn’t have a regular schedule at the organization — depending on his schedule, he could be there daily or weekly.

But even if he is only there a few days a week, his presence will likely remain for much longer. Brand and Johnson are currently working on plans for an academic curriculum at the Salvation Army’s youth mentoring program.

“With many years of volunteer experience under his belt, the law student who plans to focus on litigation and move back to Texas after graduation immediately saw that his hard work organizationally fits in with the world of volunteering,” Johnson said.

“Virtually everything has been in demanding environments for the last 10 years,” Brand said. “He is involved in these volunteer extracurricular activities, it seems quite natural. You see what a difference one individual can make.”

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DI reporter Adam Salazar contributed to this story.
They can’t all be filled with Charlie Brown, Frosty, and Ebenezer Scrooge. Behold, I come with tidings of less-than-great joy: the bottom-five worst holiday TV specials of all time.

5. “Christmas Comes to Pac-Land”

Ever find yourself wondering how your favorite video-game characters celebrate the season? Me, neither. But the people behind the Pac-Man franchise decided to cash in on America’s favorite circular hero by creating this 1982 cartoon special that features a plethora of poorly animated shapes, ghosts, and cherries.


Like “Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer,” most Jules Bass/Arthur Rankin stop-motion features are timeless pieces of popular culture. But not all shine so bright in our collective consciousness. Case in point: “The Leprechaun’s Christmas Gold.” Complete with a banshee, grossly over-done Irish accents, and a plot worse than a mad Grinch in Whoville, this is one Bass/Arthur feature that is in no way a classic.

3. “He-Man and She-Ra: A Christmas Special”

This excerpt from the 1985 cartoon special says it all: 
Skeletor, Man-At-Arms: Tell me more about this “Christmas.”
Miguel: Well, it’s a wonderful time of the year. Everyone has lots of fun.
Skeletor, Man-At-Arms: You mean they get in fights?
Miguel: No, no — they have fun.
Skeletor, Man-At-Arms: Fights are fun. I like fights.
Miguel: And you give each other presents.
Skeletor, Man-At-Arms: Nice? Doesn’t sound like much fun to me.

2. “Santa Claus Conquers the Martians”

Heralded by pop-culture critics as “the Citizen Kane of bad Christmas films,” this 1964 sci-fi flick inserts aliens into the holidays via a Christmas kidnapping of Santa Claus. Check out the “Mystery Science Theatre 3000” version for best results.

1. “The Star Wars Holiday Special”

It’s a trap. What happens when you combine Bea Arthur, Jefferson Starship, a trip to Chewbacca’s distant planet to celebrate “Life Day,” and a gag-inducing song rendition by Carrie Fisher at the height of her alcohol and drug addiction? The awesomely bad 1978 “Star Wars Holiday Special,” featuring all of the original actors from the film trilogy — and enough cheese to constipate a Wookie.

— by Melea Andrys
Visions of rolling hills encrusted with sparkling snow and large old-fashioned toboggans are the stuff of any Bing Crosby fan’s dreams. While the UI doesn’t quite have that topography, there are plenty of places on campus to relive childhood sledding adventures.

• The Hillcrest hill. The steep hill by the north entrance of the Hillcrest Residence Hall often sparks of griping. West Side residents can turn their lemons into lemonade — or in theme of this holiday season, turn their fruitcake into doorstops — by using this hill as an advantage for some holiday fun. Just be sure to do it during times when there is light pedestrian traffic to avoid taking down fellow students.

• The Pentacrest slope. For a longer, more enjoyable stretch of snowy sledding, the slope of the hill on the west side of the Pentacrest is perfect. This hill provides a longer incline rather than a speedy thrill through the frosted air. Pedestrian obstacles on this snowy stretch are minimal because of sidewalks, but beware of if your speed because of the street at the bottom of the hill. But having the best locations is nothing without the best items to use as a sled when you’re on a college student’s budget.

• The disk sled. This sled is one that has great speed and thrills, but it lacks directional control. It’s ideal for areas such as the Pentacrest because of the slight angle the hill is set upon. The price for this type of sled is about $20.

• The cookie sheet. These are sledding on a budget, a cookie sheet is a cheap substitute for a traditional sled that will provide the rider with the same fun. Depending on the hill’s incline and terrain, apply a coat of nonstick cooking spray to the backside of the cookie sheet to add additional speed. When done sledding, the rider can also use the fresh batch of Christmas cookies as a perfect finish to a winter day. The price of a cookie sheet can range, but one can be found for approximately $5.

• The storage container lid. This sled substitute likely comes at no extra cost to most UI students because they are likely to already be in possession of a couple of plastic storage containers currently holding some extra items in a dorm room or apartment. Though it’s not structurally ideal, storage container lids still allow for a good time. Like the cookie sheet, one can apply a coat of nonstick cooking spray to the backside to allow easier sledding.
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