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BUDGET CRISIS

COGS holds surcharge protest

Approximately 40 UI students write letters to make a statement against a proposed surcharge.

By **LAUREN MILLS**
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As the number of students and textbooks sitting at the brown tables in the Old Capitol Town Center grew on Tuesday, members of the graduate-student union encouraged passersby to voice their opinions on a potential \$100 UI surcharge fee.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Campaign to Organize Graduate Students lobbied students to send e-mails asking state Board of Regents members to reconsider imposing a \$100

extra fee on next semester's tuition. Around 40 students sent e-mails.

The group lined six laptops up on tables, with templates opened, allowing students to quickly sign their name and send the letter from their personal e-mail account, said Sarah Ekleberry, the vice president of COGS.

"The union feels the university is kind of trying to gut education," said Ekleberry, a graduate student in health and sports studies, and she does not believe the surcharge would be an effective way to bandage the gap in state funding.

The regents will vote on the surcharge Thursday.

Officials said the surcharge, a one-time \$100 fee for full-time students, should raise roughly \$5.9 million in the three state universities.

Regent Robert Downer supports imposing the surcharge because of the immediacy of the universities' budget cuts, and he said the e-mail campaign probably wouldn't change his mind.

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Grad student cites protecting subjects as reason not to testify

Scott DeMuth says he refused to testify before a grand jury to honor confidentiality agreements.

By **REGINA ZILBERMINTS**
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A Minneapolis man arrested in connection with the 2004 UI Spence Labs/Seashore Hall break-in said he refused to testify before a grand jury to maintain his integrity as a

sociologist, and that he was charged because of his activism and research.

Scott DeMuth, 22, was charged with conspiring to commit animal-enterprise terrorism and causing economic damage to the animal enterprise in November. The charge came

after he refused to testify before a grand jury in Davenport.

"I went to Davenport on Nov. 17 knowing I could be jailed for contempt of court but willing to deal with whatever legal consequences came with my decision," DeMuth told *The Daily Iowan* in an e-mail.

DeMuth said prosecutors

didn't pursue criminal charges until after he refused to speak.

"If the prosecution really considered me a suspect in the University of Iowa investigation, then it does not make sense why they would subpoena and grant

SEE **HEARING, 3**



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Snow. More snow.

Meteorologists estimate at least 6 to 10 inches of snow will fall on campus, along with winds in excess of 30 mph; as the storm moves east, bitterly cold temperatures and wind chills well below zero will hit the city. **METRO, 7**

Long-ago past comes to light in North Hall café

Renovators uncover 60-year-old artifacts from North Hall elementary students.

By **ASHLEY OERMAN**
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A young artist named George will lead Jefri Palermo on a historic adventure 80 years in the making.

The development coordinator for the UI School of Social Work will use the boy's yellowing pencil sketch of a train, signed with the initials "G.E.M." in the corner, to unlock stories of North Hall encapsulated

within and behind the furniture of Wild Bill's Coffee Shop. The café was George's kindergarten classroom in the 1920s.

Workers recently uncovered the room's original flooring and discovered red painted circles numbered from 1 to 15 — remnants from the days when the building served as a K-12 school. The large dots probably made up a "reading circle" which students sat

Historical discoveries

Renovators found the following in North Hall's Wild Bill's Coffee Shop, which was once a kindergarten classroom:

- Slips of paper with student's names: Virginia, Betty, Barbara
- Crayon drawing of a boy in a green T-shirt
- Flash cards with the words: blue, rain, cardinal
- Quarantine signs for diphtheria, whooping cough, and influenza

Source: Jefri Palermo, School of Social Work

in while listening to stories, Palermo said.

Workers also found children's drawings, emer-

gency-procedures signs, and other education aids from the early 1920s that had slipped off of a bulletin

board and behind the school children's cubbyholes.

Even before the remodeling project started in October, Palermo said, she had heard former students talk about their reading circles, and seeing it made the past come to life.

"We're part of a long chain of events in that building," she said.

North Hall — one of the UI's oldest buildings, built

in 1915 — is now home to the School of Social Work.

During the 60 years that elementary, junior-high, and high-school students used the building, the UI College of Education used the facility to train teachers and administrators. The university closed the school in 1972 because of reduced funding.

SEE **HALL, 3**

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CORRECTION

In the Dec. 4 article "3 hopefuls focus on economy," the *DI* incorrectly reported U.S. Senate candidate Bob Krause's stance on President Obama's decision to increase troops in Afghanistan. Krause is opposed to the escalation, and he said it has no strategic purpose for the United States. The *DI* regrets the error.



UI alums paying debts

Iowa has the highest average of student debt when compared with other states.

By **JOHN DOETKOTT**
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As students across the country default on their student loans at an alarming rate, UI graduates seem to be committed to paying off their debts.

The national default rate on Stafford Loans reached 6.7 percent in 2007 — the most recent data available — while graduates from the UI default at a rate of only 2.1 percent, according to the UI Office of Financial Aid.

The news comes after the Project on Student Debt recently released a report showing Iowa students who graduated in 2008 had more debt than those in any other state with an average of \$28,174 in loans. The only region with a higher average was Washington, D.C., whose students had \$29,793 in debt on average.

And while the economy

in Iowa has not suffered as much as that in other states, Mark Warner, the director of the UI Student Financial Aid Office, said the reason that UI students make the payments has more to do with their level of education than it does the job market.

Warner said he didn't know why UI graduates are not defaulting on loans as much as their peers but suggested it was how the university prepared them for postgraduation life.

"When they graduate, they are able to secure jobs and jobs at salaries that allow them to pay back their loans," he said.

UI alumni who graduated in May had an average debt of \$22,684, with 39 percent obtaining no debt.

Warner noted the UI's average debt among graduates is the lowest among the three regent institutions.

With relatively low

tuition rates — the UIs is among the lowest compared with its peer institutions — some officials said they were confused on why Iowa students have so much debt.

"It seems a little inconsistent that the debt levels are so high," said Regent Jack Evans.

The regents are studying the subject, he said, but they could not give any specific reason for the disproportion.

Warner said nearly half of the more than 20,000 undergraduate students in the fall 2008 semester took out a Stafford Loan. The money borrowed topped \$67 million, with the average loan equaling \$6,607.

While officials wish the default rate among UI graduates was 0 percent, they said, they're glad it's lower than most universities.

Defaulting on a loan can have significant consequences on a people's credit rating, said Marc Davis, the supervisor of student loans in the University Billing Office.

"That's something they

Student loans

Statistics for federally funded Stafford loans:

- National default rate in 2007: 6.7 percent
- UI default rate in 2007: 2.1 percent
- Average debt for Iowa college students for the class of 2008: \$28,174, highest of any state
- Average debt for the UI class of 2008: \$22,684

Source: Mark Warner, director of the UI Office of Financial Aid

should be really concerned about," he said. "That's why it's important for students to stay on top of what their loans are and who holds them."

Davis said students can find a report of their financial aid on the ISIS website, and they should check to make sure they always know where their financial aid is coming from.

"In the long run, the better job they do in knowing the source of their financial aid the better off they will be," Davis said.

Thinking positive at Southeast

New positive-encouragement methods have helped Southeast Junior High students.

By **HOLLY HINES**
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Eighth-grade student Lexine Schumm has been reminding friends at school how much she likes them.

From the desk to Lexine's left, Savannah Reese said she's noticed the effort. "That makes me happy," she said, coloring a chubby gray penguin on a Christmas card.

They agree that school-wide community-service projects and positive-behavior support methods, such as Lexine showing appreciation for her friends, have helped improve Southeast Junior High.

District officials and teachers at Southeast formed a six-member positive-behavior support team for the school last fall and started teaching lessons associated with the program this year.

The team has encouraged students to be responsible and courteous by training staff in a schoolwide project in which teachers hand out "SOAR" tickets as rewards,

Positive Behavior

District officials and teachers have instituted positive-behavior support teams.

- Schools in the first year of the program — Lucas, Penn, Hoover, and Van Allen
- Schools in their second year — Coralville Central, Horace Mann, and Wickham
- Schools in their third year — Kirkwood, Hills, Roosevelt, and Twain, North Central Junior High

Source: District officials

said Kelsi Salter, a teacher at Southeast. SOAR is an acronym for behaviors the team supports: self-discipline, ownership, achievement, and respect.

Students earning the tickets are eligible to win prizes, such as "first in line" lunch passes and candy, Salter said.

Southeast is one of 13 schools in the Iowa City School District with such teams, said Kerry Wiersma, a district project director.

District officials said they hope to institute support teams at all district schools during the next three years, Wiersma said, and the project is part of the Safe Schools, Healthy Students grant the U.S. Department of Education awarded the district last year.



RACHEL JESSEN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Southeast Junior High eighth-grader Savannah Reese works on a card for patients at the Ronald McDonald House alongside Lexine Schumm in the school on Tuesday. Schumm was writing a thank-you card to PE teacher Cindy Elmer for being so understanding about her hearing aid. These projects are part of a schoolwide program to encourage students to participate in community service projects and display positive behavior.

Savannah said the positive-behavior support methods are easier to understand than a similar project the school used before.

"Students want to be told that they're doing good and they've achieved it," she said.

Southeast students are also working on community service projects, such as making Christmas cards for the Ronald McDonald House and writing thank-you cards for people who have done good deeds.

Students chose the projects they wanted to work on by voting in their home-rooms, Salter said, and they can earn SOAR tickets if they stay on task and focus

on the projects.

Students are enjoying the projects, said Natalee Thompson, a special-education teacher at Southeast.

"The kids all have some ownership in the project because they picked it themselves," she said, and her students will finish writing letters to U.S. troops just before winter break.

Lexine said she enjoys the projects because they encourage her to think about "real stuff."

"It sounds really cheesy, but if you actually go out and do that, it makes you feel like a better person," she said.

METRO

Most see economy rebounding

While a majority of Americans feel the economy is in poor condition, around half think it will improve significantly by next year, according to a Hawkeye Poll released Tuesday.

Forty-nine percent of those surveyed said they expect the U.S. economy to recover by 2010. Poll conductors contacted 772 random adults between Oct. 23 and 31.

Those who had a more positive outlook toward the country's economic standing are also more pleased with President Obama's

performance, according to the poll.

Of those who feel the economy is in very good condition, 80 percent are satisfied with Obama. Roughly 68 percent of those who said the economy is very poor are unhappy with the president's performance.

Political affiliations also affected views on the economy. Around 70 percent of Democrats think the economy will either be good or very good in a year, while only 48 percent of Republicans and 45 percent of independents feel that way.

— by Brian Stewart

Meth lab busted

Police arrested an Iowa City woman after raiding what they described as a meth lab Monday afternoon.

Cindy Guhl, 50, 101 Shrader Road, was charged with keeping a drug house and child endangerment.

According to police, officers responded to 101 Shrader Road after a report of an active meth lab. Guhl gave consent to officers to search her home, police said. However, police said, they had to get a search warrant after one of Guhl's children denied consent to search his room.

When officers executed the war-

rant, they allegedly found meth paraphernalia, precursors packaging material, a digital scale, and evidence of meth manufacturing, police said.

Police contend that Guhl admitted to knowing that one of her children was making meth because she could smell a "toxic odor" coming from his room.

Guhl's 15- and 12-year-old children were also living in the home and were exposed to the lab, police said.

Keeping a drug house and child endangerment with no injury are both aggravated misdemeanors punishable by up to two years in prison and a fine of up to \$5,000.

— by Marleen Linares

POLICE BLOTTER

Nicholas Beidman, 20, 201 E. Burlington St. Apt. 1524, was charged Sunday with public intoxication and interference with official acts.

Austin Bowman, 21, 1556 S. First Ave. Apt. 3, was charged Dec. 4 with possession of marijuana.

Travis Carlson, 21, Normal, Ill., was charged Dec. 5 with public intoxication and fifth-degree criminal mischief.

Jonathan Garrity, 18, 309B Mayflower, was charged Sunday

with possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. **Chad Grau**, 37, 441 Taft Ave., was charged Oct. 13 with second-degree theft.

Tyler Lundsgaard, 19, Ames, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Cristal Moreland, 21, 307 E. College St., was charged Dec. 5 with public intoxication and urinating in public.

Michael Movall, 22, 417 S. Gilbert

Apt. 4314, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Jordan Mullen, 19, N221 Hillcrest, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Maxwell Petersen, 19, 700 Carriage Hill Apt. 5, was charged Sunday with OWI.

Thomas Plotkin, 19, 732 Mayflower, was charged Dec. 5 with public intoxication.

Keaton Rickel, 19, N221 Hillcrest, was charged Monday with public

intoxication.

Donald Schminkey, 22, Shellsburg, Iowa, was charged with unlawful use of driver license or ID.

Robert Shaffer, 64, 1122 Denbigh Drive, was charged Monday with criminal trespass.

Matthew Storm, 19, 723 Slater, was charged Sunday with possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia.

Josh Venckus, 19, 1141 Reinow, was charged Dec. 5 with PAULA.

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METRO

Nite Ride extended

UI police will extend Nite Ride's service hours during finals week.

Nite Ride will run from 10 p.m. until 5 a.m. each day from Dec. 13 to 17. The free van service for women normally stop service at 3 a.m.

Police offer Nite Ride two

routes — one leaves from downtown Iowa City and the other from the Main Library. The van is operated by full-time guards from the UI police.

Women can request a ride home by calling 319-384-1111. For more information on the Nite Ride service, visit www.uiowa.edu/~pubs-ftf/nite.htm.

— by Brian Stewart

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Steve Brown helps rebuild Wild Bill's Coffee Shop in North Hall on Tuesday. Brown was one of the workers who found artifacts from the room's days as a kindergarten classroom hidden beneath the wooden floorboards. The various objects, dating back to the 1920s, ranged from drawings to quarantine posters.

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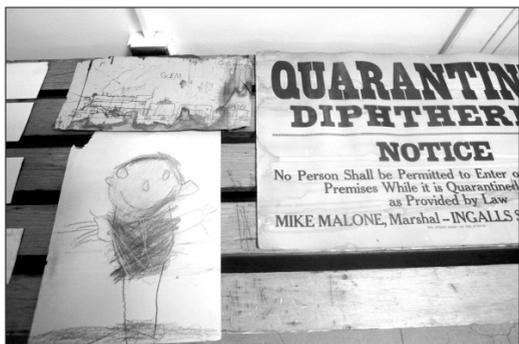
Officials hope the recent discoveries can give them more insight into the building's background.

Students and staff in the School of Social Work are excited about the artifacts because they appreciate the history of their school and want to preserve it, she said.

After the pieces of the past were uncovered, renovators and staff have decided to take special measures to save and display their findings.

Marvin Dejean, who is working on the coffee-shop project, said workers plan to show off the reading circle by covering it with a clear finish.

In addition to preserving the floor, Palermo said, she plans to frame the kindergarten class's artwork and show it off during



LAURA WILLIS/THE DAILY IOWAN

Artifacts dating back from the 1920s are on display in North Hall on Tuesday.

Wild Bill's reopening next semester. Officials also plan to use two other antiques — a cabinet and a large mirror in the coffee shop.

Though social-work student Lindsey Remegi said she knew the building used to be a primary and secondary school, she had never heard it very much about it. The junior is looking forward to the completion of the coffee-shop renovation so she can check out the

historical discoveries between classes, she said.

"You see on the building that it says elementary and high school, but I don't know why," she said.

The shop's renovation will make it more handicap-accessible; it is funded by donations and profits from Wild Bill's. The coffee shop is scheduled to reopen Jan. 21.

HEARING

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me immunity and not pursue criminal charges originally," he said.

Officials from the U.S. Attorney's Office didn't return calls seeking comment.

DeMuth's federal indictment didn't specifically mention the Spence/Seashore break-in, in which four masked individuals caused about \$450,000 in damages. But the dates, location, and nature of the charge matched the incident.

Grand-jury proceedings are sealed, and DeMuth said he isn't entirely sure why he was subpoenaed. But he believes his work supporting animal rights and environmental movements, as well as his sociological research into these groups is why prosecutors are so eager to have him testify.

As a graduate student in sociology at the University of Minnesota, DeMuth has

interviewed people involved in activism and those conversations are protected by confidentiality agreements — upholding this confidentiality is the reason he didn't testify, he said.

A sociologist who testified before a grand jury would likely lose all credibility in her or his field, said Lisa Waldner, a professor at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn., where DeMuth conducted research as an undergraduate student.

"If he wants to go in front of a grand jury and spill his guts, it would create a huge problem," she said. "He could never again do research as a sociologist."

Sociologists often speak to people who break the law, and that research is integral to helping the public understand how certain groups work. In the process of those interviews, it's not unusual for a researcher to offer her or his subjects promises of confidentiality, said Christopher Uggen,

the chairman of sociology at the University of Minnesota.

Confidentiality protects the research subject from harm and helps the researcher by allowing people to be more comfortable answering questions, said UI sociology Assistant Professor Michael Sauder.

DeMuth is supported by his professors at the University of Minnesota, one of whom has started an online petition urging prosecutors to drop charges.

DeMuth said prosecutors showed no evidence proving he was present during the Spence/Seashore incident. Authorities contended that DeMuth was linked to the break-in after a journal and lock-picking device were seized from his home in 2008.

DeMuth has pleaded not guilty to charges; he was released from jail Nov. 30 pending trial.

A fellow activist, Carrie Feldman, remained jailed as of Tuesday evening on a charge of contempt of court.

LETTERS

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"This is a bona fide emergency," he said.

Instead, Downer believes lowering the potential 6 percent tuition increase for next year would be more feasible.

Some students most affected could include the many international graduate students at the UI, said Gyorgy Toth, the international student representative for COGS.

For most of these students, he said, the university provides their main source of income; strict immigration laws limit outside employment for such students.

"I can't just go out and get money for this surcharge by working nights at McDonald's," said Toth, who is from Hungary. "If I tried to do that, I would get deported."

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— Gyorgy Toth, international student representative for COGS

UI senior Claudia Taylor, who sent an e-mail, said she is paying for her out-of-state tuition on her own.

"It may seem like it is only \$100," she said. "But I already take out a lot of loans, and with interest rates, \$100 will go a lot deeper than just \$100."

Taylor said she doubts the regents will consider her request to reconsider the surcharge.

However, some students said they were not concerned about the surcharge.

"I have other concerns related to being a graduate student," said LeDon Sweeney, a graduate student and English TA.

But members of COGS said they think the campaign could sway the vote. At their October meeting, the regents approved the UI's proposal for cutting its budget by a small majority, 5-4, but decided to postpone the surcharge vote until this week's meeting.

"If students are dissatisfied, maybe they will go somewhere else," said Bill Peterson, the president of COGS. "Drops in enrollment never look good, and then you don't just lose \$100, you lose that entire tuition."

Your turn. What would you say to the Board of Regents about the possible spring tuition surcharge? Weigh in at dailyiowan.com.

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Editorial

In a democratic society, political violence is unacceptable

People around the world participate in the political process in a variety of ways. Some vote in elections. Others stage protests or contact their legislator. Still others opt for the more extreme approach of committing violent acts to serve a political end. Political violence occurs all over the world, and Iowa City is no exception. Extremists since the 1960s have committed acts of violence on campus — one of the most recent being the Spence Labs break-in in 2004.

The ongoing trial to prosecute the alleged wrongdoers is a reminder that violent acts, no matter their political intent, have no place in a democratic society.

The debate over the legitimacy of political violence has been going on since the days of the Greek philosophers. Proponents of political violence will argue that the ends justify the means and that they must combat what they view as an unjust world.

History, for the most part, has sided with the political pacifists over those who choose violence — and so do we. History champions great thinkers like Martin Luther King, Jr., and Gandhi as the driving force for change, while marginalizing people who advocated change, “by any means necessary,” like Malcolm X.

Still, there are groups who continue to justify their violent strategies with historical precedent.

While Jerry Vlasak, a press representative for the Animal Liberation Front, denied those accused of breaking into Spence Labs were affiliated with the central office, he defended their actions as means of liberation. He even compared their acts to those of the abolitionists and Nelson Mandela.

He said people will not give up power unless they have to and won't stop abusing others unless forced. Conventional forms of participation — voting, lobbying, etc. — were useful, but

not enough, Vlasak argued. Violence would need to supplement those actions.

Comparing the Animal Liberation Front to Mandela and his African National Congress is beyond a stretch. While it is true that Mandela did organize a militant group to try to overthrow the apartheid government in South Africa, he did so only after the South African government banned the African National Congress — his last means of legal political participation. Groups like the Animal Liberation Front can still use other forms of participation like lobbying, voting, or staging protests. They do not need to commit acts of violence to further their goals.

In addition, committing these violent acts is myopic from a simple effectiveness standpoint. UI political-science Associate Professor Frederick Boehmke called such acts a “very risky method.” Groups run the risk of inducing a backlash, as the damage could harm more than just those the groups targeted. Boehmke also placed committing violent acts as one of the least effective ways of creating real political change. A group would have much more success lobbying a congressman than committing a violent act, he said.

There is no doubt that people who commit political violence are passionate about what they believe in. Violence is a drastic tactic and is not to be taken lightly. But these acts come at a price, a price that is too much to bear. A democratic society has many outlets for people to participate, and the further a person or group moves beyond these outlets, the less chance they'll have of changing the system.

For the sake of themselves — and, more importantly, for society — groups who wish to commit political violence should realize the ineffectiveness of their methods.

Your turn. Is political violence ever justified? Weigh in on dailyiowan.com.

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Go meatless for the earth

I was delighted to hear that the UI's plan on going trayless for the environment (“The trays may have had it,” Dec. 3). However, there is an even better way to save the environment: add more vegan food. According to a recent United Nations study, raising animals for food contributes more to climate change than all cars, boats, and trains combined. If we really want to make a difference, the first step is to cut out the meat.

The amount of resources wasted on producing animal-derived products is staggering. We currently feed more than 70 percent of the grains raised in the U.S. to animals raised for food. Similarly, nearly half of the water and 80 percent of agricultural land consumed in this country are used for livestock, rather than for direct consumption by humans.

Thankfully, it's never been easier to find delicious and “green” meals — like veggie barbecue riblets and vegan

pizza — at your local grocery store. If the UI wants to help lead the way in saving the planet, the single best cafeteria item to go without is animal products.

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The powerful dollar

Memo to Zach Halstead (“Transparency needed at the Federal Reserve,” Dec. 2), who views the Federal Reserve to be

a shadowy organization bent on ruining the American economy: Don't believe everything you read by the American Institute for Economic Research, who seem to see conspiracies bent on world domination wherever they look. And if you really believe that the Federal Reserve has “presided over the nearly complete destruction of the United States dollar,” I'd be happy to take any of those destroyed dollars off your hands.

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The beauty of Antichrist



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This week's screening at the Bijou Theatre is *Antichrist*, a highly controversial film by director Lars von Trier. It made its debut last Friday, and yours truly was in attendance.

At the one-hour mark of the film, I made a mental note that this was by far the most violent and shocking film I had ever seen. But the film is also a perfect example of how far we have come from the censorship era that rocked this nation for much of the first half of the 20th century.

Antichrist begins with the tragedy of losing a child and illustrates the massive effects this can have on the lives of those left behind, albeit in an over-the-top manner. The film is full of graphic scenes of sex and violence so provocative that the Motion Picture Association of America did not give it a rating.

Censoring the content of films has long been an issue, dating as far back as the '20s. Words such as “virgin” “sex,” and “affair” were unmistakably absent from Hollywood. We are lucky that the moral majority didn't win the fight, or we would still be watching reruns of black and white melodramas that ignored human nature.

The mentality of “shoot first and ask questions later” is normally frowned upon. But in a free society — one that promotes free-thinking men and women — this should be the rule for any art form.

Men and women can disagree, but it is far better to offend someone by the art than by the suggestion that we lack the confidence in judging for ourselves what art is and isn't in good taste.

Honest discussions like these would not occur if we preemptively censored films, books, or music.

Fewer than 60 years

ago, mainstream films were not protected under the First Amendment as an extension of free speech and expression. This astonishing fact makes it all the more remarkable that this university has its own independent film venue, showing the films mainstream America neglects or avoids. Venues like the Bijou Theatre allow multiple viewpoints to thrive in a world where being “politically correct” means the “unusual” opinion is always wrong.

Antichrist won't be the last film that prompts the discussion of how far is too far. And let's hope it won't be. Heated discussions over art enhance our appreciation that we live in a country that promotes free expression over stringent censorship.

Freedom of expression shouldn't always be associated with a liberal ideology either. The First Amendment is often in discussions about which political group is right about a certain controversial subject.

Freedom of speech for conservatives is acknowledged by some as threatening or hateful, but when liberals have their say we tout its open-mindedness. As American philosopher Noam Chomsky said, “If we don't believe in freedom of expression for people we despise, we don't believe in it at all.”

I dislike (not despise) Glenn Beck. But his rants are as much an extension of freedom of speech as any film or book — especially in the case of *Antichrist*. While my inclination is to censor him, I simply choose not to listen to his ramblings.

If you choose to attend *Antichrist* this week, you may come away offended, shocked, or mortified. Hyperbolic adjectives are easy to come by with this film. But, in the process, remind yourself how uneventful or mundane life would be if we agreed on everything.

The morning coffee break would be nowhere near as enjoyable. ■

Guest opinion

Israeli-West Bank barrier essential to preventing civilian casualties

By JOSE ASSOULINE

In response to Patrick Hitchon's guest opinion in the Nov. 19 *Daily Iowan*, walls are necessary and useful. In fact, we all have walls around our home, our institutions, and commercial entities. They create a form of comfort and keep noxious elements out.

We are all impressed that Hitchon remembers the litany of numerical identifiers of the U.N. resolutions pertaining to the wall separating Israel from its neighbors of the West Bank. However, he conveniently seems to have difficulty remembering the simple reasons for which it was built.

Here are some numbers to remember: more than 1,000 Israelis, as well as 64 foreign nationals, were slaughtered by suicide bombers and other assaults. Women taking their children to school and others going to the supermarket with grandma were shredded to pieces — all dead. Many innocent civilians died in buses that exploded because suicide terrorists came from across the border for no other reasons but to kill. From September 2000 to the ceasefire in 2003, 17,405 attacks in Israel and territories were recorded, according to the Israeli newspaper *Haaretz*. Shots were fired

at passing vehicles 2,199 times, roadside bombs were detonated 1,091 times, 64 Israelis were killed, and another 657 bombs were found and disarmed before they exploded.

Israel's security fence has proven to be extremely effective in preventing aggressive infiltration. Walls separate people; this one helps people on both sides survive.

Hitchon frequently projects his revisionist views and selective memory of historical facts to our community. He ought to keep in mind that we are at an age of technology that allows for rapid and accurate

verification of facts and events. He is not fooling anyone. He is correct only in that many U.N. Security Council resolutions on the subject have not taken hold. In U.N. Resolution 181, the General Assembly decided to implement the partition of the British-mandated Palestine into Jewish and Arab states. It called for the complete evacuation of the British troops by Aug. 1, 1948. Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria attacked the newly-established state of Israel very soon after.

The consolidated Arab armies also included the Arab residents of Palestine, who were promised large

real state rewards after victory. It didn't happen. Other failed U.N. resolutions include: Resolution 118 (regarding Egyptian violation of maritime laws by blocking the Suez Canal), Resolution 234 (concerning violation of numerous Arab armies for attacking Israel in 1967), and Resolution 332 (dealing with the unprovoked Yom Kippur war in 1973). There are many more UN resolutions that have not been observed by Arab countries united in the intention of destroying the state of Israel.

So who is to blame? Who did not abide to the terms of the most recent resolutions and preferred the lobbying of

Qassam rockets directed at school yards? Who sent suicide bombers into buses? In his article, Hitchon asks the U.S. to pressure Israel to remove the protective wall. Americans still harbor the poignant memory of thousands of innocent people killed at the hands of cowardly terrorist acts because of unprotected borders.

So, I say, leave that wall alone — at least until terrorism is eradicated in the region and people of all creeds and religions can finally live in just and equitable peace.

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Writing 'little collisions'

Ben Lerner clears the way for linguistic sincerity in his latest poetry collection.

By **REBECCA KOONS**
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Ben Lerner investigates modern American society, one line at a time.

The 30-year-old Topeka, Kan., native, who currently teaches writing at the University of Pittsburgh, has made a substantial name for himself as a resident observer of the human condition, turning what he sees and hears into verse — of which there are now three volumes.



Ben Lerner
Mean Free Path



Ben Lerner will put his poetic prowess on display today at 5:30 p.m. in the Dey House's Frank Conroy Reading Room.

'This was a poet ... who wanted to work language to a sharp edge.'

- Michael Wieggers, executive editor at Cooper Canyon Press

Lerner's first two published works, 2004's *The Lichtenberg Figures* and 2006's *Angle of Yaw*, have garnered him recognition as a poet to be reckoned with, as the former was awarded the Hayden Carruth prize by Copper Canyon Press, and the latter was a finalist for the 2006 National Book Award. He also lived and wrote in Madrid as a Fulbright scholar in 2003.

Lerner will read from his works at 5:30 p.m. today at the Frank Conroy Reading Room in the Dey House. Admission is free.

Michael Wieggers, executive editor of Copper Canyon Press (where all of Lerner's books have been

published), recalls "having the top of his head taken off" upon a first reading of Lerner's work as an anonymous entrant for the Hayden Carruth prize.

"This was a poet ... who wanted to work language to a sharp edge," Wieggers said. "Throughout my time reading for that contest, his book became the one for all the others to beat. None did. His second book ... ratcheted up how the poet looks at and to language."

Wieggers has been a support system of sorts for Lerner in his publishing

career, having edited all three of his books.

"[Lerner is] very confident in how he approaches his work and knows how he wants to see it out into the world," Wieggers said.

With *Mean Free Path*, which will be released next year, Lerner essentially moves within the same trajectory as in his first two works, in terms of his strong emphasis on the importance of language. On a more personal level, it will also carry concern regarding the commercialization of public space and speech,

READING

Ben Lerner

When: 5:30 p.m. today

Where: Frank Conroy Reading Room

Admission: Free

in addition to focusing on the ways that various forms of violence are sedimented in societal rhetoric.

The inspiration for *Mean Free Path*, Lerner said, draws from the phrase's meaning in physics, defined as the average distance a particle travels between subsequent impacts with other particles.

The poet then applied this notion to the works in the collection, which Lerner asserts are "full of little collisions — stutters, repetitions, fragmentations, recombinations — that track how language threatens to break up or change course under the emotional pressures of the utterance."

By displaying a clear desire to tackle the woes of contemporary society, Lerner is setting himself up to become a watchdog voice in his own right. This kind of consciousness is what Wieggers said he hopes people will gain from the poet's work.

"[Lerner] is a very smart, passionate man ... with a need to address the biggest issues of our lives while not allowing them to be lost to easy, cast-off language or habitual thinking," he said.

Letterman jokes about Woods

By **JAKE COYLE**
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — David Letterman, after a week off, dived right into material about Tiger Woods on the "Late Show," joking that he wishes the golfer would stop calling him to ask for advice.

Even though the CBS late-night host is only weeks removed from his own scandal, he kicked off his monologue with the subject of Woods, who has been hounded by claims from several women that they had affairs with him. "Boy, it looks like that Tiger Woods is having some trouble, huh?" began Letterman, puffing his cheeks out.

He joked that if Woods' situation had happened three months ago, he'd "have material for a year." He still got plenty of mileage out of it Monday, on his first new show after a week of repeats.

"President Obama is sending troops to Afghanistan," Letterman said. "Hell, he ought to be sending them to Tiger Woods' house."

Woods, the world's No. 1 golfer, crashed his luxury SUV outside his Florida mansion on Thanksgiving weekend, and his wife told police she used a golf club to smash its back windows to help him out. The Florida Highway Patrol cited Woods for careless driving and fined him \$164.

The accident and Woods' refusal to answer questions about it fueled speculation about a possible dispute between the golfer and his wife.

Just days before the crash, a *National Enquirer* story alleged Woods had been seeing a New York nightclub hostess, who denied it. After the crash, *Us Weekly* reported that a Los Angeles cocktail waitress claims she had an affair with Woods.

Last week, Woods issued a statement saying he had let his family down with unspecified "transgressions" that he regrets with "all of my heart."

In October, Letterman admitted to workplace affairs that police say led to a blackmail plot. CBS News producer Robert J. "Joe" Halderman has pleaded not guilty to trying to extort \$2 million from Letterman to keep some of the comedian's sexual affairs quiet.

Dine on a dime

Anxiety, panic, and stress -- you can smell them in the air.

It's almost finals week once again and thousands of students have begun the ritual colloquially known as "freaking out."

There are only two definite ways to overcome all the symptoms of "freaking out." The first is to get your work done early, so you never get swamped (I know -- it's hard for me not to laugh at the thought as well).

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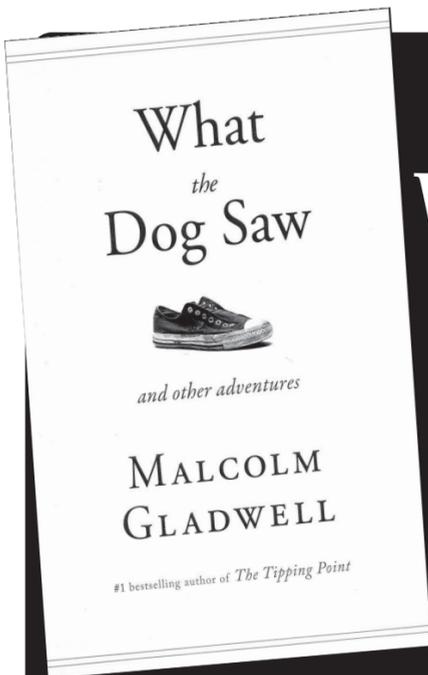
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- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cups butter
- 1/2 cups evaporated milk
- 2 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 jar marshmallow cream -- 7 ounces
- 1/2 teaspoons vanilla

Directions:

Mix sugar, salt, milk, and butter in a glass bowl. Microwave on high for three minutes (uncovered). Stir. Microwave on high for seven minutes. Remove from microwave and mix, adding chips, vanilla, and marshmallow cream -- in that order. Pour into greased 9x13-inch pan. Cut within 45-60 minutes. You're done!

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Piano-playing traveler fits right in

Piano-playing exchange student feels 'right at home' in Iowa City.

By **JORDAN FRIES**
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Yifan Ivan Lai has been playing the piano since he was 3, when his parents plopped him down in front of the keys and told him to churn out something beautiful.

The toddler, not knowing what to do, began banging on the keys, glancing up at his parents for approval.

They promptly scheduled lessons for him.

"I didn't know what to do at first, but this was a sign that my parents loved me and wanted me to excel," Lai said, sitting cross-legged on the sixth-floor Daum lounge floor, his Macbook Pro and marketing homework strewn about his feet.

It's safe to say he would have rather been playing the 88 keys in Stanley or Currier.

The UI freshman came to the UI this past August, a foreign-exchange student from southeastern China. He splits time among studying (a lot), doing tae kwon do, watching "24," and, of course, combining chords, sharps, and flats of classical and contemporary music for three to four hours a day.

He cites Chopin and Bach as his favorites to play, but he doesn't stick strictly to the classics. He can play everything Elton John's "Tiny Dancer" to Céline Dion's "My Heart Will Go On" — tunes he dubs "painfully easy" compared with classical.

And they're certainly not the tunes that gets him gigs in London (his favorite), Paris, Sydney, and Berlin. As a 14-year old, Lai won a national Chinese award

naming him the best piano player in the entire country for his age group.

Lai said he can't achieve his "destiny" without the help of his parents.

"Everything seems planned out from the moment I was a little child," he said. "My mom has played such a big role in my piano playing, and I am honored to be a part of this blueprint, something greater than myself."

That sense of the bigger picture and respect for his heritage, he says, has allowed him to visit so many places to play.

Lai said he's used to spending up to three months away from home at a time traveling to perform, and he is "not too homesick." His sixth-floor Daum peers have done their part to help him feel comfortable.

"Sometimes, my mom will bring him brownies," said UI freshman Miranda Nielson. "She feels bad that his mom lives so far away."

Lai said he "loves the dorm experience" and meeting so many new people.

"He is a really adaptive guy, and I haven't had to do much to help him along," said Justin Guan, Lai's sixth-floor Daum resident assistant. Guan, a UI senior, is originally from China himself.

Lai's transition has also been made easier by his bounty of natural talent. He taught himself English by watching American movies and TV shows, and he possesses an insatiable desire to read the Merriam-Webster Dictionary.

"I have a natural sensitivity for picking up languages quickly," he said. "I

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See photos and hear Yifan Ivan Lai play the piano.



enjoy sitting for an entire day sometimes reading dictionaries."

Sometimes, he isn't so different from his American peers. He says he sometimes ignores his parents' calls for two weeks, and he is forced to hear their complaints as a result.

And his mind is still focused on a 2013 graduation date, where the "honor awaits" him both behind the grand piano and at the head of a marketing firm.

Yifan Ivan Lai

- **Age:** 18
- **Hometown:** Hangzhou, China
- **Most recent honor:** Presented at the Chicago Federal Reserve as part of a multicultural business gathering.
- **Favorite American food:** Steak or chocolate brownies
- **Favorite American music:** Hip-hop
- **Favorite American movie:** *The Knowing*
- **Favorite American tradition:** Humor ("They're not a big fan of humor in China.")

Know someone we should shine a light on? E-mail us at: di-spotlight@uiowa.edu. Catch up with others from our series at dailyiowan.com/spotlight.



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Yifan Lai walks in between Burge and Currier en route to the Currier piano lounge on Tuesday. In a city with heavy snows and a population that is dwarfed by that of his southeast China home city's — 3 million — Lai said he is beginning to feel he is "at home" on campus.

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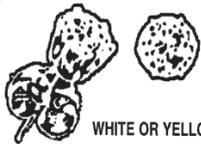
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Pedestrians wait for a Cambus in cold winter weather on Tuesday. According to university policy, the UI will continue to function normally during severe weather if it is safe.

Storm lashes IC

Iowa City hasn't seen snows and winds of this magnitude in 10 years.

By **MARLEEN LINARES**
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The first winter storm to hit campus this semester could be one of the worst in the last 10 years, and many UI students wonder if classes will continue the rest of the week.

Officials said weather conditions will be "dangerous" and urged Iowans to limit travel Tuesday night as the winter storm made its way through the area.

"This kind of storm is definitely unusual," said National Weather Service meteorologist Chris Legrow. The weather service continually updated the caliber of the storm on Tuesday, raising its ranking from "hazardous" to a blizzard and then to an "extremely dangerous winter storm."

"Once people get home [Tuesday] night, they should just stay home and ride the storm out," Legrow said.

Meteorologists estimated at least 6 to 10 inches of snow by the end of the storm, along with winds of more than 30 mph. After the storm passes, temperatures are expected to plummet.

UI prepares for 'dangerous storm'

UI spokesman Tom Moore said officials will announce whether classes will be canceled at 6 a.m. today.

He said there are no specific rules for determining if professors should hold classes as scheduled.

"We just always keep the well-being of the students, faculty, and staff in mind," Moore said.

The last time classes were canceled because of icy winter conditions was in February 2008.

But some students are worried about missing out on the extra in-class studying — many class sessions this week are focused on reviewing for finals.

"It is critical that we have class [Wednesday], said UI junior Mahmoud Siddig. "This week's classes help because we can get a lot of reviewing done."

UI officials closed all university buildings at 10 p.m. Tuesday to encourage people to go home and stay there, Moore said.

But with the Main Library shuttering up four hours earlier than its normal 2 a.m. closing time didn't go over well with some UI students hoping to review for finals.

"It's pretty frustrating, because you have to find somewhere else to study," sophomore Christine Moorhead said.

Aside from the inconveniences the storm will bring, she said, she was also worried about the storm itself.

"I'm worried if I have to go outside and the university doesn't do anything about

The UI's reaction

University officials have canceled:

- Tippie College of Business Undergraduate Commencement Brunch, today.
- Kwanzaa Celebration, today.
- Student Flu-Shot Clinic, today.
- Graduate College Mentorship Award Ceremony, Tuesday.

Source: UI website

City precautions

On Tuesday, Iowa City officials:

- Declared a snow emergency.
- Informed locals of snow-emergency parking regulations.
- Urged residents to stay inside.

Source: Iowa City website

the weather," she said. UI officials should keep students in mind, she said.

Other students were concerned about driving in the weather.

"I was hoping to go home [Wednesday], and I have work," said sophomore Christina Davison, who lives in Cedar Rapids. "I don't know if I will be able to because of the storm."

The UI also canceled flu shot clinic for students scheduled for today.

City aims to keep citizens safe

Though UI students were expected to attend night classes, Iowa City schools and other area districts were dismissed two hours early on Tuesday.

Iowa City officials said they hope to keep the streets clean and safe on today despite the inclement weather.

The city declared a snow emergency, set to begin today at 8 a.m. and last until Friday. During a snow emergency, streets that normally permit parking on both sides of the street will be subject to "alternate side of the street" parking. That means that on odd numbered days of the month, parking is permitted only on the odd-numbered side of the street and vice versa.

Iowa City City Councilor Mike O'Donnell said the policy will help city officials prevent unnecessary buildup of snow or ice.

"This is something we've needed in the city for a while," he said. "When an ice pile forms from a car, it's there all winter."

If a car is parked on the wrong side of the street during a snow emergency, it could be ticketed and towed.

"I sincerely hope we don't have any problems," O'Donnell said. "We don't want to tow anyone. It's a huge inconvenience for both parties."

Iowa City Mayor Regenia Bailey said the weather "seems standard" and noted the real challenge is that this week's storm is the first of the season.

"It's winter. It snows," she said. "As long as people are sensible, there shouldn't be any concerns."

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UISSC advances

UISSC advances to men's 3-on-3 pre-holiday championship thanks in large to effective substitutions Tuesday night.

By **JAKE KRZCZOWSKI**
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On a night when gusting winds and snow kept many home and warm, the consolation side of the men's intramural pre-holiday 3-on-3 basketball tournament came to a heated finish Tuesday night at the Field House.

UISSC advanced to the semifinal game after defeating Team Esteban on Monday, earning the chance to battle Omelettes with a title trip prime for the taking.

Because of inclement weather, officials closed the Field House early Tuesday evening, but just enough time was left to get the last few scheduled intramural games in

before the championships.

The foursome of Nick Kron, Reed McManigal, Caleb Recker, and Clark Anderson proved too much for the Omelettes. The UISSC quartet combined for an offensive fury through the first half of the contest, mixing their long-range game with an array of acrobatic drives to the basket for a 15-10 win.

The squad then took the third and final matchup, 15-8, to move on following a close second contest.

"We try to drive first," UISSC player Kron said. "We just try to find who is open. There's no one who really takes over."

The Omelettes took the show early, flashing an impressive 3-point game

while employing quick first steps on the dribble to set up drives to the hoop.

The UISSC and Omelettes split the first two games of the best-of-three program.

Fatigue was anticipated to be a large factor in the final game of the series. UISSC players prepared themselves by substituting after every two points.

The fresh legs made all the difference, and UISSC earned the majority of its points off turnovers and hustle plays when Omelettes players began to falter.

"We were getting pretty tired toward the end there," Anderson said. "Playing two games before didn't help either, but the way we did subs helped."

The UISSC defense also

was crucial. McManigal served as a catalyst for UISSC, racking up several steals throughout the three games played.

"It's all about finding the things that the other guys don't want to do," he said.

The pre-holiday 3-on-3 tournament is scheduled to conclude tonight in the Field House, when UISSC will take on Blue Chips for the tournament championship.

UISSC players said they are ready to get back to action in the final round after previously falling out of the winner's bracket and making a successful run while continuously facing elimination.

"We're just trying to do the little things right," McManigal said.



Above: UI junior McKensy Long goes up for a shot during the women's 3-on-3 pre-holiday championship at the Field House on Tuesday.

Below: UI junior Tori Isenhour drives the baseline. Isenhour's team Fearsome Foursome won 1 game but lost 4 to Dime Pieces.

Dime time

By **MATT SCHOMMER**
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The defending champion Dime Pieces overcame a scrappy and relentless Fearsome Foursome to capture the women's intramural 3-on-3 title Tuesday night in the Field House in a game that went well over two hours.

Dime Pieces already had lost previously during the season; with the double-elimination format, it had to win four games to capture the championship.

Scoring mostly inside, the Dime Pieces eeked out the victory as the series went 15-13, 18-16, 16-12, 17-19, and 15-9 in the squad's favor.

"When we lost our first game, I think that was our best and worst moment," Dime Pieces senior Dani Olerich said. "It made us fight back to win the championship."

With such a long and exhausting final, the Fearsome Foursome couldn't cope with the fatigue as the team had no substitutes.

"Playing as many games without a fourth person killed us," junior McKensy Long said.

Both teams agreed that the marathon of basketball took a toll on their bodies.

"I'm going to sleep like a baby tonight," junior Liz Bloyer said. "It has already been a long week."



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NATION

Student opens fire in Va. classroom; no injuries

By **NAFEESA SYEED**
Associated Press

WOODBRIDGE, Va. — A 20-year-old student opened fire in a community-college classroom, but did not hit anyone. He was arrested in a hallway, police said Tuesday.

No injuries were reported following the afternoon shooting at Northern Virginia Community College's campus in Woodbridge, approximately 25 miles south of Washington, D.C.

Jason Michael Hamilton, 20, of Manassas was later charged with attempted murder and discharging a

firearm in a school zone; he was being held without bond. Whether Hamilton had hired an attorney was not immediately clear.

Prince William County Police spokeswoman Kim Chinn said the student, armed with a high-powered rifle, fired several shots and left the classroom. Officers found him in a hallway, where he was cooperative and was taken into custody, Chinn said.

The spokeswoman said the unidentified teacher ducked when the student opened fire.

"When she saw the gun, she hit the floor,"

Chinn said.

Hamilton did not have the gun when he was arrested, but he told police where it was, the spokeswoman said.

Chinn said she didn't know exactly where Hamilton's rifle was found, but it wasn't in the classroom.

Police spokeswoman Sharon Richardson said officers responded about 2:40 p.m. to an "active shooter" situation following reports of a gunman in the main administration building.

The college enacted its emergency lockdown procedures and later issued a statement saying all Wood-

bridge classes were canceled Tuesday because of the shooting. Some students, faculty and staff were sent to a nearby high school.

All classrooms are in one building and the students were in lockdown until about 5:30 p.m. Swat teams went into each classroom during the lockdown, said Chinn, who didn't know how many students were inside or how many shots were fired.

Biology Professor Miriam St. Clair, of McLean, Va., said "we heard a loud noise, it sounded like a desk fell over and we heard another loud pop, we knew it was a gunshot."

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TENNIS

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"We need to get this team to a point where all of them to play at a high level," Dougherty said. "All eight have the opportunity, they all have played at a high level. It's getting them to do that on the same day and match after match. If we can do that, we can put together some good wins."

Assistant women's tennis coach Mira Radu, who served as an interim head coach during the search for a replacement, noticed a distinct difference in tune. Radu said practices have become more focused under Dougherty.

"She very energetic on the court," said the second-year assistant coach. "She

is resourceful with practice drills, and she has a good communication with the girls, which is important."

Junior Alexis Dorr said practices have changed. While the team has not been drilling together in the off-season, the women have practiced individually with their new coach.

Dorr, who said she loves the new coaching style, said is looking forward to the spring season. She described the new coach as "subtle but effective."

"The drills are very intense," the academic All-Big Ten honoree said. "We're moving throughout the entire time were on the court, and it's really good."

Dorr knows firsthand that being introduced to something new can be a difficult task. However, she believes her teammates are

using the circumstances to their advantage.

"I think the new coach is really moving us in a great direction," she said. "She's really giving the team more of an aggressive feel, lets you play your own type of tennis. She's just trying to make us all better doing what we do best."

Dougherty admires her new players. She said it's been a very tough situation coming to campus in the middle of the season.

She has felt welcomed, though.

"It's a good group," she said. "They want to be pushed, and they want to be motivated. I think they're looking for leadership and someone who's going to take them to the next level."



Chicago Bulls' Brad Miller and Luol Deng fight for the ball with the New Jersey Nets' Brook Lopez (center) during the first half Tuesday in Chicago.

Nets upend Bulls

By RICK GANO Associated Press

CHICAGO — Brook Lopez scored 25 points, and Devin Harris hit the go-ahead basket with 14.9 seconds left Tuesday night as the New Jersey Nets got their second win of the season and first on the road, beating the Chicago Bulls 103-101.

The Nets, who got off the worst start in NBA history at 0-18 before beating Charlotte and then losing to the Knicks, are now 2-19 — 1-12 away from home.

Chris Douglas-Roberts added 20 points, and Harris had 17 for New Jersey.

Derrick Rose scored 11 of his 27 points in the fourth quarter for Chicago, which lost for the eighth time in nine games. Luol Deng also had 27 for the Bulls.

Rose drove past Courtney Lee and banked in a high arching shot to give Chicago a 100-99 lead with 19.5 seconds remaining.

But Harris answered with a driving shot of his own with Rose guarding him, putting the Nets back up 101-100 with 14.9 seconds to go.

After a time-out, Chicago's John Salmons missed a jumper, then Rafer Alston made two at the free throw-line with 6.3 seconds remaining, giving New Jersey a 103-100 lead.

Rose was fouled with 2.1 seconds to go. He made the first and missed the second intentionally before Lopez grabbed the rebound — his 10th of the game — as the buzzer sounded.

Douglas-Roberts had three baskets as the Nets began the second half with a 10-0 run to pull out to a 64-54 lead, and they increased it to 12 on a basket by Lopez, who would later pick up his third and fourth fouls in the third quarter.

The Nets led 80-70 after three, and when the Bulls missed four-straight free throws to start the

final period, the boos began to pour down at the United Center.

Then the Bulls went on a 9-0 run.

Taj Gibson sank a jumper, Rose drove for a basket, Deng dunked, and Salmons hit a 3-pointer from the corner to cut the lead to one.

Lopez picked up a loose ball to score for the Nets, but Deng hit another 3-pointer to tie the game at 82.

Rose finally put the Bulls ahead with a basket at 94-93 but Harris responded with a drive, and Douglas-Roberts sank a jumper for a three-point Nets' lead with 2:10 left.

NOTES: Entering the game, the Nets were averaging an NBA-low 87.6 points per game. The Bulls were two from the bottom at 90.4. ... Chicago rookie Gibson scored a career-high 20 on 8-of-12 shooting after he was replaced in the starting lineup by Brad Miller.

REDSHIRT

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He competed unattached at the Harold Nichols Cyclone Open and the Kaufman-Brand Open Titles this season. In the Nichols Open, he scored two major decisions and two pins in six matches, losing just once. At the Kaufman-Brand Open, the Parnell, Iowa, native had one technical fall and two major decisions in six matches, losing only to Ballweg.

For now, and maybe for the next few months, St. John will continue to wear red.

That doesn't mean he won't be on the mat near the end of the season, though.

"I think he's on track and capable, but it's a decision that's not easy," Brands said. "I don't have a formula, and I don't have a target date. Chances are, his first event won't be the Big Ten championships, but if it is, he's already been through the Nichols Open at the senior level, the Kaufman-Brand open, and the Midlands.

"He's been getting ready for big matches his whole career."

St. John said he is improving his skills and preparing himself if a chance presents itself. He's forced to play a waiting game but said he'd be ready if Brands decides the West High graduate is needed.



Iowa 157-pound freshman Derek St. John wrestles with Iowa 165-pounder Ryan Morningstar during practice in the Dan Gable Wrestling Complex at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Tuesday.

The fourth-year head coach said he is in no hurry to make a decision, making sure he gives St. John time to grow. The 157-pound weight class could be open for a long time — maybe until the Hawkeyes weigh somebody in at the Big Ten championships.

Brands doesn't want to overwhelm a freshman who isn't used to the grind of college wrestling. Matches are a minute longer than in high school, and riding time is also a factor.

"The baptism of fire needs to be in the practice room, not just throwing him out there and expecting by the end of the year to be cultured and brought along to the point where they can contribute," Brands said. "That's not a real strong thought process. It's a very

brutal, hard-nosed sport for a young guy who doesn't know what it's about. And it's good to see how he handles that experience."

Brands said he has no blueprint for how he goes about deciding on redshirts. He said there needs to be dialogue with the student-athlete, maybe even with his family, and a decision has to be made based on what is right for the individual. It's important all parties agree on whether to redshirt, he said.

"When you take a guy out of redshirt, it has to be the best for them," Brands said. "It's not a shot-in-the-dark type thing. If you don't know if it's going to work out or not, it's probably not going to work out. You better be sure it's the best move for the betterment of the program."

BASKETBALL

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Lickliter update

Before the Hawkeyes and Panthers game in Cedar Falls, Iowa head coach Todd Lickliter revealed what caused him severe headaches that eventually led to a medical procedure over the weekend.

Lickliter underwent a

stenting in his carotid artery, where doctors at the UI Hospitals and Clinics had discovered the beginning of a tear after he had informed them of symptoms.

The carotid artery allows blood to circulate to the head and brain.

While Lickliter continues to recover, Walthall will remain in charge of the head-coach duties.

"I love the game, and I'm

thankful for the opportunity to coach basketball and to be the head coach at Iowa," Lickliter said in a pregame radio interview. "But at the same time, your health has to take precedent over everything. I hope everyone will pay attention to the way they feel and follow up.

"I had bad headaches and a few other symptoms. The physicians were well in tune."

NBA

Rondo carries Celtics for 8th straight

BOSTON (AP) — Rajon Rondo had 13 assists and nine rebounds and scored all of his 11 points in the fourth quarter on Tuesday night as the Boston Celtics pulled away to beat the Milwaukee Bucks, 98-89, and win their eighth-straight game.

Kevin Garnett scored 25 to go with nine boards, and Paul Pierce scored 15 points. Reserve Rasheed Wallace added 13 points, hitting a pair of 3-pointers in the fourth quarter before the Celtics broke an 86-all tie by scoring 12 of the game's final 15 points.

Andrew Bogut had 25 points and 14 rebounds, Ersan Ilysova scored 19 and pulled down eight rebounds, and Brandon Jennings had 17 points for Milwaukee. The Bucks lost their fourth in a row and their eighth in nine games.

Milwaukee tied it at 86 on a lay-up by Ilysova with 4:51 left, but Boston scored the next seven points. Rondo hit a pair of free throws, then Kendrick Perkins made one of two and, after Jennings double-dribbled the ball away, Rondo hit a pull-up jumper to make it 91-86.

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- Terry Pratchett

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Overheard at Iowa

"I didn't wanna look for my bathroom key, so I just peed on the floor and went to bed."
- A girl before Rhetoric class, henceforth known as "Party Champ."
(Overheard by Marcus Klein)

Guy 1: Dude! Where were you?!

Guy 2: I dunno, but the food in the fridge was awesome!
- If you stock it, they will come.
(Overheard by David Lam-Lu)

"Just remember that while this quiz may have sucked, your day could always be worse!"
- A professor, while holding up a broken walrus penis that healed crooked.
(Overheard by Anonymous)

"I don't see what's so appealing about an apple pie. Scalding hot apple filling? Also, it doesn't even feel like the real thing."
- Why Calculus TAs shouldn't be allowed to watch movies by themselves.
(Overheard by Nick Leytem)

Girl 1: It's not like it was pot or anything, just a little cocaine.
Girl 2: That's OK, then; cocaine's not as illegal as pot.
- Munchie discussion at the Burge Market Place, and technically... she's right.
(Overheard by Ben Bordeaux)

- Andrew R. Juhl thanks the above contributors for originally posting on the "Overheard at Iowa" Facebook group.

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UI students Drew Wittler and Mark Stastny hang prints at the Studio Arts Building on Tuesday. The prints are for their final critique in Beginning Digital Photography.

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PRESENTS...

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Wednesday, December 9, 2009
- by Eugenia Last

ARIES March 21-April 19 You may feel like being generous, but, this time, you should ask everyone to pitch in and help rather than taking on a burden all by yourself. You can pull things together and oversee what needs to be done without compromising your personal and professional obligations.

TAURUS April 20-May 20 Question your motives before you start telling everyone what you plan to do. A power struggle is the last thing you need when there is so much at stake. Pressure and progress will go hand-in-hand.

GEMINI May 21-June 20 Being frugal is the answer to moving ahead. Doing something for less will attract attention and potential business. A partnership can form, but it must be based on equality. Make romantic plans for two.

CANCER June 21-July 22 Calm down before you end up in a feud that ruins a relationship you cherish. Meddling or making false accusations may be tempting, but in the end, you will be the one blamed. Keep your personal and professional lives separate.

LEO July 23-Aug. 22 You should be making plans for the future that include a little fun and entertainment. Updating your look or improving your lifestyle will play out satisfactorily. The choices you make today don't have to exclude anything or anyone.

VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Don't put up with someone trying to make decisions for you. Take matters into your own hands, and stand up for your concerns. Back away from anyone giving you an ultimatum. You can be the leader or the follower - the choice is yours.

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Keep things simple if you want to avoid emotional turmoil. The less running about you have to do, the better your time will be spent. Don't limit what you can do because you don't want to ask for help.

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Problems with elders in the family will mount if you don't clear up a misunderstanding. You cannot trust what you are told or base what you do on what others want. Personal information must be kept a secret, or someone will use it against you.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Don't make unpredictable moves because you are upset or don't like what someone else is doing. Let whatever situation is bothering you play out. You are in a much better position than you realize.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19 There is plenty to do before the year comes to a close with regard to your finances and your future plans. There will be an opportunity to lower your overhead if you are quick to respond to an offer made.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18 You'll be eager to take action when it comes to a personal relationship. Don't let an emotional ploy stop you from following through with your plans. You have to satisfy your own needs before you can consider helping others.

PISCES Feb. 19-March 20 Research will pay off. Ask questions if you don't fully understand what's expected of you. Before signing a contract or taking on a new challenge, consider if it's worth your while. Don't let uncertainty in an emotional relationship affect your decision.

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- **Blood Drive**, 10 a.m., Regina High School, 2150 Rochester Avenue
- **Computer Basics**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Preschool Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Midday Connection Luncheon**, noon, Melrose Meadows Retirement, 350 Dublin Drive
- **Retired Teachers Tea**, 2 p.m., Walden Place Retirement Residence, 2423 Walden Road
- **Staff Council Meeting**, 2:30 p.m., 2520D University Capitol Centre
- **Kidrobotics**, 4:30 p.m., Performance Health and Fitness, 3290 Ridgeway Drive, Coralville
- **Dawn's Bead and Hide Away Staff Show**, 5 p.m., Dawn's Hide and Bead Away, 220 E. Washington
- **Writers' Workshop Reading**, Ben Lerner, poetry, 5:30 p.m., Dey House Frank Conroy Reading Room
- **Hubbard Group Kwanzaa Celebration**, 6 p.m., IMU Black Box Theatre
- **Unwind Wednesday**, 6 p.m., Muddy Creek Wine Company, 100 E. Oakdale Blvd., Coralville
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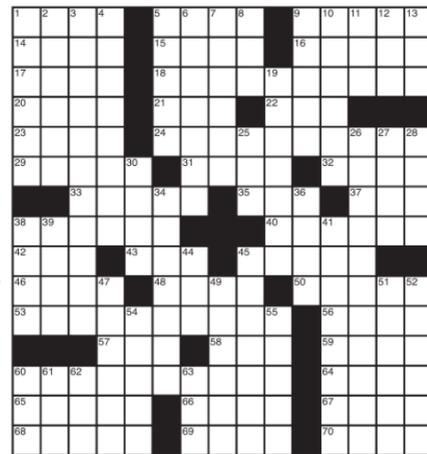
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 - The way of the government?
 - Volcano that devastated Catania
 - Totally wow
 - Very, very
 - Sailed through
 - Old TV parts
 - Not mint
 - Spike Lee's "Gotta Have It"
- Down**
- 1-Across, for one
 - 1941-42 Allies vs. Japanese battle locale
 - Film that's been specified?
 - Like some summer school classes
 - Words from an emcee
 - Mime who created Bip
 - Afghans, e.g.
 - Comedian Margaret
 - Bro native
 - 10 More or less
 - Lead-in to law or med
 - Constellation south of Scorpius
 - Dictator Lon
 - Having a reddish-brown tinge
 - Tree on a Connecticut state quarter
 - '63 role for Liz
 - "No ____, no foul!"
 - Cure-alls
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 - Pass on
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FOOTBALL

18 Hawks honored

Finishing 10-2 overall and earning a trip to the Orange Bowl next January has done wonders for the Iowa football team this postseason.

A league-high 18 Hawkeye players were named to Phil Steele's All-Big Ten teams, including six first-team honorees, on Tuesday.

Senior linebacker Pat Angerer, junior offensive tackle Bryan Bulaga, junior defensive end Adrian Clayborn, senior tight end Tony Moeaki, sophomore safety Tyler Sash, and junior cornerback Amari Spivey all earned first-team recognition.

The six selected are the most of any team in the Big Ten.

Senior center Raphael Eubanks, senior offensive tackle Kyle Calloway, senior linebacker A.J. Edds, and junior punter Ryan Donahue were named to the second-team. Eubanks, Calloway, and Edds previously received second-team All-Big Ten recognition, and Donahue was an All-Big Ten honorable mention.

In addition to the all-Big Ten honors, two Hawkeyes earned freshman All-American honors.

Offensive tackle Riley Reiff was named a third-team freshman All-American by CollegeFootballNews.com and FoxSports.com. Reiff appeared in all 12 games, starting three times at left tackle and seven games at left guard.

— by Ryan Young

GYMNASTICS

Hansen, Simbhudas honored

Two members of the Iowa women's gymnastics team were selected to the 2010 Preseason Big Ten Gymnasts to Watch List on Tuesday.

Sophomore Jessa Hansen and junior Rebecca Simbhudas are two of the 14 gymnasts on the list of prospective conference leaders for the upcoming season.

Hansen, from Clive, Iowa, competed on bars, beam, and floor last season, recording a career-best score on the floor exercise (9.9) against Iowa State in addition to a best score on bars (9.775) at the Big Ten championships.

Simbhudas, from Markham, Ontario, Canada, scored career-highs in every event during the 200-09 season. She also earned Big Ten Gymnast of the Week in February and finished first in the all-around competition against Iowa State.

"I think there are a lot of gymnasts who show promise on our team, but these two girls are the two that have the most potential to make a difference and improve from last year," Iowa head coach Larissa Libby said in a statement.

The Hawkeyes will return to competition on Jan. 9, 2010, against Michigan.

— by Ryan Young

FOOTBALL FORUM

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UNI 67, IOWA 50



Iowa sophomore guard Matt Gatens watches from the bench as Iowa takes on Prairie View A&M in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Dec. 5. Iowa won, 80-51.

Panthers put bite on Hawks

The men's basketball team struggles in its first true road test, falling to Northern Iowa for the first time since the 2005-06 season.

By **BRENDAN STILES**
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On a night in which a blizzard covered the eastern portion of the state, cold shooting doomed the Iowa men's basketball team at the McLeod Center in Cedar Falls on Tuesday.

Thanks to an eye-popping 22-1 run in the first half, Northern Iowa picked up its first win over Iowa since the 2005-06 season, 67-50. The loss dropped Iowa to 3-6 overall; Northern Iowa, which was the preseason favorite to win the Missouri Valley this season after reaching the NCAA Tournament last year, moves to 6-1.

The contest seemed as if it would go the Hawkeyes' way early on, with sophomores Matt Gatens and Anthony Tucker each knocking down 3-pointers early to give Iowa

'We had spurts. Our guys, at times, really fought to get back into it, getting over the top, and my hat's off to UNI.'

— Chad Walthall, Iowa associate head coach

a 6-2 lead. But the game became one-sided afterward.

Northern Iowa took its first lead after the first media time-out and didn't look back. In a matter of minutes, the Panthers went from trailing by four to leading the Hawkeyes, 24-7.

To Iowa's credit, the Hawkeyes battled and cut the Panther lead to six points early in the second half at 39-33. But turnovers and missed opportunities plagued the Hawkeyes at the worst possible times.

"We had spurts," Iowa associate head coach Chad Walthall said in a postgame radio interview with the

Hawkeye Radio Network. "Our guys, at times, really fought to get back into it, getting over the top, and my hat's off to UNI."

One of the few bright spots for Iowa on the night was Gatens, who led the Hawkeyes with 18 points on 7-of-11 shooting. Iowa also got strong outings from Tucker and freshman guard Cully Payne, both of whom finished with nine points.

The three each played more than 30 minutes on Tuesday.

The Panthers were led by junior Kwadwo Ahalegbe, who finished with 20 points, and Northern Iowa's dominant inside duo of sen-

iors Adam Koch and Jordan Eglseder each dropped 10 points on a combined 8-of-16 shooting from the field.

Even more impressive, the Panthers only had five turnovers to the Hawkeyes' 16 giveaways.

"We stopped taking care of the ball and doing what was working," Gatens said in a postgame radio interview. "When we're not getting stops, it's tough to make runs."

"Our offense, I thought, was there tonight, but making more stops and taking care of the ball is the main emphasis we're going to take out of this."

Iowa will return to the road again on Friday to face Iowa State. Tip-off is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the Hilton Coliseum.

SEE BASKETBALL, 9

Redshirt waits his turn

Grappling for the Hawkeyes this season isn't out of reach for true freshman Derek St. John.

By **J.T. BUGOS**
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Iowa wrestler Derek St. John emerged victorious during the team's wrestle-offs on Nov. 7 after wins over juniors Brooks Kopsa and Aaron Janssen. At the time, he seemingly grabbed ahold of the Hawkeyes' 157-pound weight class.

But on Sunday, Janssen took to the mat against Iowa State.

Iowa head coach Tom Brands had thrown a redshirt on St. John, something the true freshman said he expected even after winning the wrestle-off.

With the 157 slot still up in the air — Janssen and juniors Jake Kerr and Matt Ballweg have all competed for the Hawkeyes so far — St. John might seem like an appealing alternative.



Iowa 157-pound freshman Derek St. John takes down Iowa 165-pounder Ryan Morningstar during practice in the Dan Gable Wrestling Complex at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Tuesday. St. John is a true freshman who previously wrestled at West High.

SEE REDSHIRT, 9

Women's tennis sings new tune

The team is embracing its new look with Katie Dougherty after its former coach quit mid-season.

By **PATRICK RAFFERTY**
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Recovering from the departure of their former head coach during the early part of the fall season, members of the Iowa women's tennis team are experiencing a lot of change.

The Hawkeyes are looking to return to a sense of normalcy under Katie Dougherty, who was hired in November to replace Daryl Greenan.

"My practices and the way I'm going to organize this team is going to be highly structured and highly intense," the new head coach said. "Also throw in a lot of fun, because that's ultimately what sports are about."



Dougherty
coach

Practices in the past have remained relatively light, unlike what is about to take place. Dougherty said she expects her players to practice and compete every day as though they were in a real match.

"When things get sloppy, we're just going to stop, clean it up, and move forward," she said. "They're going to be held to very high standards, and it's not going to waver. They're going to learn to rise up to that and be able to maintain it."

Dougherty, a five-year Big Ten veteran, knows the Hawkeyes have had a tumultuous last couple of months, but they are not going to be let off the hook.

After losing Greenan in late September, the Hawks have been confused, and with that confusion came a lack of focus.

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Toys for all the kids

A Dance Marathon project spreads holiday cheer.

By **CHRIS CURTLAND**
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Dance Marathon participants collected more than 500 gifts for children during this year's "Grant One Wish" project, far surpassing past years' donations.

For this year's effort, Dance Marathon officials encouraged all the dancers and people involved with the group to bring a gift for the children, said morale captain Jonathan Kline.

"Usually this project is more among the leadership," the UI senior said while decorating a Christmas tree in the IMU's second-floor ballroom before a Dance Marathon group meeting started. "But this year it's been more publicized. We told everybody."

This year, everybody amounted to 1,801 participants. At its meetings last week, Dance Marathon's executive council gathered presents from all the dancers in the giving spirit.

Some donations included toothbrushes and blankets — items for families who didn't anticipate a long stay in the hospital. Others were Legos and Barbies.

"I just brought a truck," Kline said.

Kyle Walters, an event director with Dance Marathon, said that as usual, it's the thought that counts.

"This is to help the families with the holidays," he said. "The gift doesn't have to be much — it goes beyond the money."

Ben Friedman, Dance Marathon's business director, also stressed the

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— **Jonathan Kline,**
UI senior and morale captain

importance of performing an act of kindness for families with children in the hospital this time of year.

"Spending time in the hospital during the holidays can be really tough," he said. "We do anything we can to make it easier."

Megan Jones, the group's hospital director, said the gifts will mostly be given to children, but because this year, the group gathered so many, some will also go to toy rooms and to a holiday store in the hospital where kids there can "shop" for gifts for their families.

This time of year is hectic for

everyone, she said, but she encouraged the dancers to take a time-out from the hoopla.

"It's easy to get wrapped up in holiday shopping," she said. "So instead of thinking about yourself or your family, we told people to think of kids in the hospital and their families."

The total of more than 500 gifts raised was well above what Jones expected, she said. She is proud of everyone's generosity, she said, and she is excited about the kids getting their presents.

"Even a small gift is huge to them," she said.

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5. "Christmas Comes to Pac-Land"

Ever find yourself wondering how your favorite videogame 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.

4. "The Leprechauns' Christ-

mas Gold"

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 overdone 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: And when you open them, they explode, right?

Miguel: No! They're nice gifts.

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 Wookiee.

— by Melea Andrys



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Hills are alive with the sound of sledding

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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 gripping. 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 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.

If you 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 bake a 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



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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

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