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Fêting a hero

Celebrations in honor of Martin Luther King take place all week.

By ASHLEY OERMAN

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Before most students get out of bed today, Sean Thompson will have started to celebrate the man responsible for the day off from classes.

Thompson, a public-relations coordinator at the Carver College of Medicine, will join others at the IMU turning this vacation day into a day of service in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.

"This is an opportunity to help people and do some good things," Thompson said.

The UI is recognizing the civil-rights hero's day by encouraging students, faculty, staff, and local residents to spend their day improving the community.

From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. the volunteers who meet at the IMU will be taken to "service sites" — organized by the UI Civic Engagement Program — at local nonprofit organizations to take part in volunteer activities.

Thompson, a 28-year-old who volunteers weekly at the Ronald McDonald house in Iowa City, said he would like to tell those thinking about sleeping in that volunteering is not only fulfilling but also a great way to meet new people and have fun.

"It's up to individuals what they want to do with their time, but I think service projects are enjoyable as well as good for the community," he said.

Jasmine White, a UI junior and member of the Black Student Union, said while it is important to recognize the day, giving back throughout the year is equally important.

She will take time during today to explain the importance of the civil-rights leader to younger family members. As a black student, it is important to recognize leaders who have led the progress of the black community, she said.

"[Today is] a significant day in our history," White said.

The 19-year-old gives back by volunteering at Big Brothers Big Sisters in her home town and at school.

"My little sister [through the program] is African American, and I feel that by giving back to people who share my history, it is helping us progress further," she said.

City Councilor Terry Dickens, a lifelong Iowa City resident, said he has seen the effects of civil-rights activists such as King in the changes of the black community in Iowa City.

"Over the years, the diversity of the community has increased, which is important for the city," he said.

The councilor said he typically spends King's birthday watching programs, reading articles about the civil-rights hero, and recalling the day King was shot.

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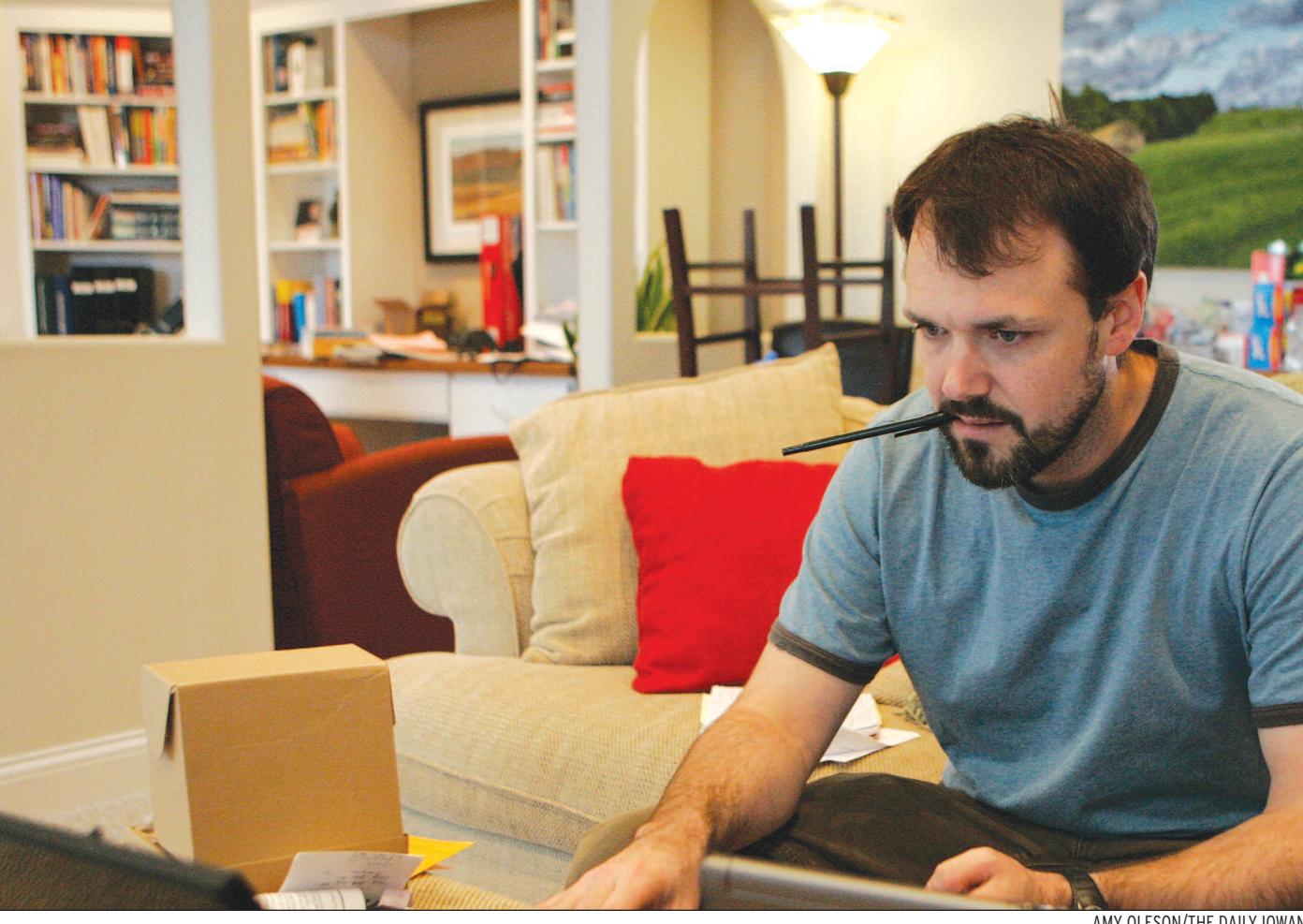


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Christopher Buresh, a UIHC physician, works on a computer on Sunday to arrange plans and last-minute details before traveling to Haiti, which was hit by an earthquake on Jan. 12. Approximately 50,000 people are presumed dead, and another 3 million are affected.

Locals respond to Haiti

A student prepares for spring break, and a doctor will make a trip.

By ALYSSA CASHMAN

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Jared Krauss' spring break plans have changed.

Galvanized by the recent 7.0 magnitude earthquake that struck Haiti, he now plans to travel to the impoverished nation to help with recovery.

"I really want to get out there and have a positive impact," the UI freshman said. "I get fed up with people moaning about what's going on ... go do something about it."

Krauss, 19, has received a few responses from other interested students, and he is working with a student at Florida State University on the trip. Though they haven't completed the planning, Krauss said he hopes to attract more students to join him, and he intends to begin fundraising efforts soon.

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Camping supplies, bottled water, gauze, and an accumulation of donated items lie in a room in Christopher Buresh's home in Coralville on Sunday. Buresh, a UIHC physician who has traveled to Haiti numerous times in the past, will return to the country with donated medical supplies to help those suffering after the Jan. 12 earthquake.

POLITICS

Iowa City remains Obama country

The glitz may have faded elsewhere, but President Obama is still popular here.

By ADAM B SULLIVAN

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Blue yard signs and one-word slogans painted Iowa City streets. Voters who have historically neglected to turn out filled polling stations last November.

This week will mark Obama's first year in office. While admiration for the president and support for his agenda are waning across the country, die-hard supporters in this hot spot of Obama country say they are confident that the rookie commander in chief will hold true to campaign commitments.

"I'm not one of those people who's

disappointed in anything he's done," said Sue Dvorsky, the co-chairwoman of Obama's campaign in Johnson County. "It's going to sound thin, but it isn't: I've been proud of him every single day of it. I've been proud of what we've done."

During the 2008 election, Iowa City became a manifestation of Barack Obama's popularity across the world. In Johnson County, he garnered 70 percent of the votes cast, according to Johnson County auditor election results.

Nationally, Obama's job approval rating has hovered around 50 percent lately.

UI political-science Associate Professor Tim Hagle, who advises the College

Republicans group at the UI, said he thinks some heated issues are to blame more than others — the economy and health care.

Fortunately in those areas, locals appear to be content, statistics indicate.

The Iowa City metropolitan area has the seventh lowest unemployment rate in the nation, according to the latest tally available from the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics.



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Spotlight Iowa City

Really back to school

John Bacon
balances a life of recess duty, discipline, and school lunch.

By ERIC SUNDERMANN
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A little boy named John once wandered the halls of Lemme Elementary in Iowa City. Admiring teachers recalled him as not only an avid reader, but as a kind and sensitive spirit.

Around three decades later, not much has changed — except his name. John now walks the halls as Mr. Bacon, the principal of Lemme Elementary and a recently published author.

"When kids come in, they are really yours all the way through elementary school, and that's something that I've thoroughly enjoyed, watching these kids grow up since kindergarten," the 35-year-old said. "You really feel like you become an important part of their life."

After teaching elementary school for five years, Bacon moved into administration seven years ago. During the transition summer, he wrote a book, *With Friends Like These*, about a boy dealing with teasing, exclusion, and cruelty in middle school.



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Lemme Elementary Principal John Bacon talks in his office on Sunday. Bacon said it was a "coincidence" that he became principal of what was his elementary school after teaching at other area schools.

Recently, Bacon dusted off the story and published it through the Iowa City School District Foundation. The book is available for purchase through the foundation's website with all profits going back to district schools.

Reactions to the book have been genuine, said Al Stroh, Bacon's longtime friend and peer educator at Longfellow Elementary. Stroh credits it to his friend's honest writing.

"I think he does a very good job describing what it feels like to be 10 or 11," he said. "He understands the children and their problems."

Bacon recalls the story as "basically [his] sixth-grade year" and wants readers to not only have fun with the story but identify with the themes.

"I'm hoping that if they

read that book it can arm them just a little bit better, maybe make them feel like they aren't alone going through a situation in life like that," he said. "I want every child to have a safe and happy day. I think every kid deserves that."

As a tall and lanky man, Bacon sticks out. It's easy to spot his smile as he welcomes students every morning in the school's parking lot. First-grade teacher Susie Thrams (who taught Bacon in kindergarten) appreciates how much he cares about the Lemme community.

"He's very hands-on, both whenever there's consequences and positive things going on," she said. "He really loves that school."

Fifth- and sixth-grade

John Bacon

- Age: 35
- Hometown: Iowa City
- Favorite food: School lunch
- Favorite film: *Masked and Anonymous*
- Favorite book: *Little Black, A Pony*, by Walter Farley
- Favorite artist: Bob Dylan
- Hobby: Co-hosts public-access show "Roll on Iowa," a Hawkeye athletics discussion
- How to buy his book: Go to www.iccsfoundation.org/bac_on_book.html

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teacher Norm Balke describes Bacon as "enthusiastic."

"Anyone can be positive, but enthusiasm is what gets you over the top — people to follow you," he said.

However, despite the love the principal received from the community, Bacon emphasized that he's not the only one making a difference in children's lives.

"I don't want to put myself out in front of the teachers at Lemme," he said. "Teachers, families, and kids come way before me, and I'm doing my job well if I'm properly supporting all of those groups. I really believe it's their hard work that makes me a success or failure, period."

UI names communication VP

Tysen Kendig said he wants to 'bolster the university's brand.'

By KELLIE PETERSEN
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On Feb. 15, the UI will fill a long-vacant position — vice president for Strategic Communication.

Tysen Kendig will assume the role, taking over for Jude West, who has served as the interim head since 2008.

Then-UI President Mary Sue Coleman's administration eliminated the position because of budget cuts. Though the university is facing similar financial issues again, officials said, they need the position to help with strategic goals.

Kendig, the associate vice chancellor of University Relations for the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville,



Kendig

incoming VP

will oversee university relations. In the role, he's responsible for the Office of University Relations, the Center for Media Production, UI Television, the UI Alumni Association, and Hancher Auditorium.

Kendig said he hopes to help the UI become more competitive through enhanced marketing and branding.

"We cannot afford to have those resources go out of state — that would compromise Iowa's future," he said.

Branding is more important than ever in the competitive educational environment of universities, he said, and that's why he hopes to "help bolster the university's brand."

Though the future vice president has examined the UI's communications systems, he said he needs to spend more time at the university before knowing

Tysen Kendig

- Born: June 15, 1972
- Hometown: Stockton, N.J.
- Favorite food: Pizza
- Hobby: Golf

Source: Kendig

exactly what changes he wants to make.

"Tysen has a very good sense of marketing the university," said G. David Gearhart, the chancellor of the University of Arkansas.

Universities have a greater opportunity to directly reach audiences, so it's important to utilize electronic media, said Kendig, who helped create a live university newswire system at Penn State University.

But content still matters to him.

"Even if you have very modern and savvy communication vehicles, you still have to have good content."

Content is just as important as the delivery vehicle," he said.

Gearhart said Kendig has a transparent and honest approach.

"He doesn't play games with the media or constituents," Gearhart said. "It's a very good attribute for anyone to have, especially someone in media relations."

UI spokesman Tom Moore said he thinks Kendig's strengths will help him with the new position.

"Kendig has a very strong background and experience and the exact skill set we are looking for," Moore said.

And Kendig's former employer could only think of one downside to his new position.

"The only negative about all of this is that we're losing him," Gearhart said and laughed. "He's very good."

METRO

UI an educational deal

The UI was ranked 73 out of 500 public colleges or universities with the best educational

value by *Kiplinger's Personal Finance*.

The UI also placed as one of the 50 best public universities for affordable academic excellence by the magazine.

The rankings were determined by measuring academic quality and affordability. Academics was measured by SAT/ACT scores, retention rates, graduate rates, and student-fac-

ulty ratios. Affordability was determined by total costs for students, students with need, students without need, and average debt.

— by Kellie Petersen

POLICE BLOTTER

David Beaty, 20, 840 St. Annes Drive, was charged Jan. 15 with second-degree theft, third-degree burglary, and public intoxication.

Tamara Bismillah, 36, Coralville, was charged Jan. 14 with possession of cocaine with intent to deliver and possession of marijuana with intent to deliver.

Jordan Brown, 19, Coralville, was charged Jan. 15 with PAULA and unlawful use of another's ID.

William Chambers, 45, 1525 Prairie Du Chien Road, was charged Jan. 15 with driving while revoked.

Gregory Devries, 19, Shellsburg, Iowa, was charged Jan. 16 with OWI.

Bruce Douglas, 35, Coralville, was charged Jan. 14 with possession of cocaine with intent to deliver and possession of marijuana with intent to deliver.

Alex Gales, 25, Cedar Rapids, was charged Jan. 15 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Jeremy Gatlin, 30, Kalona, was charged Jan. 15 with fifth-degree theft.

Patricia Genus, 38, 1221 Moses Bloom Lane, was charged Jan. 13 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Kenneth Harrison, 34, 2011 Union Road, was charged Jan. 16 with OWI.

Shawn Johnson, 33, Hopkins, Minn., was charged Jan. 14 with fifth-degree theft.

Jerry Jones Jr., 28, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 2435, was charged Jan. 16 with public intoxication.

Johnathan Lindsey, 19, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 3203, was charged Jan. 14 with domestic abuse.

Dorrell Lyle, 30, 732 Michael St., was charged Jan. 15 with fifth-degree theft.

Dillion Mawe, 20, 224 N. Dodge St., was charged Sunday with public intoxication and fifth-degree criminal mischief.

Alejandro Ruiz, 20, Columbus Junction, Iowa, was charged Jan. 16 with public intoxication and public urination.

Lenette Smith, 41, 1814 Hollywood Court, was charged Jan. 14 with driving while barred and possession of marijuana with

degree theft.

Brent Munro, 22, De Witt, Iowa, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Tyranius Nelson, 19, 1100 Arthur St. Apt. F3, was charged Jan. 16 with fifth-degree theft.

Wally Patheuangsin, 28, 1903 Hollywood Blvd., was charged Jan. 8 with domestic abuse.

Richard Pointer, 40, Ashland, Neb., was charged Jan. 16 with public intoxication.

Jared Rodriguez, 24, 123 Iowa Ave. Apt. 8, was charged Jan. 15 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Alejandro Ruiz, 20, Columbus Junction, Iowa, was charged Jan. 16 with public intoxication and public urination.

Veronica Vice, 33, 715 F Ave., was charged Jan. 16 with fifth-degree theft.

Brenda Windmon, 41, 1001 Cross Park Ave. Apt. C, was charged Jan. 16 with OWI and driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Darnell Muldrow, 23, Coralville, was charged Jan. 15 with fifth-degree

intent to deliver.

David Taumalolo, 23, Mount Pleasant, Iowa, was charged Sunday with public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

Erik Thompson, 22, Missoula, Mont., was charged Jan. 16 with third-degree criminal mischief.

Ryan Thompson, 20, 2430 Muscatine Ave. Apt. 30, was charged Jan. 15 with fifth-degree theft.

Stacey Walker, 21, Cedar Rapids, was charged Jan. 15 with public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

Wesley Turner, 21, 2430 Muscatine Ave. Apt. 30, was charged Jan. 15 with fifth-degree theft.

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"That was a tough summer," he said.

Though Dickens is unable to attend the upcoming university events, he said he will take some time to stop and think about what King did for America and recognize the meaning of the day.

In addition to today's day of service, the UI has organized two full weeks of activities including an ice-cream social, speakers including the president of the University of Maryland, discussions about city policy and discrimination, movies, and concerts.

Martin Luther King Jr. celebration events**Today**

- Day of Service, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., IMU
- Opening Celebration, 6 p.m., IMU second-floor ballroom

Tuesday

- "Educating Leaders in Health Care for the 21st Century," Freeman Hrabowski, University of Maryland, UI Health Care

Martin Luther King Distinguished Lecture, noon, 1110A Medical Education and Research Facility

- Social Justice Sundaes, 7 p.m., Currier multipurpose room

Wednesday

- "Unnatural causes, In Sickness and In Wealth," 11:30 a.m., Hardin Library

• Introducing the Race, Privilege, and Cultural Competence in the Classroom Database, noon, Women's Resource Action Center

• "Songs of Hope, Healing, and Community," 12:15 p.m., Gilmore Hall third-floor atrium

• "Making a New Home: Refugees and Immigrants Speak Out," 7 p.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn

Thursday

- A Small Favor: Stories of hope and goodwill, 11:30 a.m., 123 IMU

- Community of Color, 3 p.m., Currier multipurpose room

• Award Ceremony for Writing Contest: Voices of Disability, 4 p.m., W401 Pappajohn Business Building

• Fierce Conversations, 6:30 p.m., 343 IMU

• Set Phasers to Equality: Star Trek and Human Rights, 7 p.m., Afro American Cultural Center

• "A Celebration of the Civil Rights Movement: Where we Have Been, Where We Are, Where We Are Going," James Lawson, 7 p.m., Iowa City Senior Center, 28 S. Linn

• "The Right of the Diamond," screening of Blood Diamond and discussion, 7 p.m., Latin American and Caribbean Center

• Sanctuary City Committee, 7 p.m. Iowa City Public Library

Friday

• Understanding Our Cultural Differences, noon, N212 Dental Science Building

• PanAmerican Steel Band Performance, noon, UIHC Colloton Pavilion Atrium

• "Sciences and Engineering Celebrate Dr. King," 4 p.m., 2229 Seamans Center

• Thaw Out the Speakers Free Concert, 9 p.m., IMU second-floor ballroom

• "I Don't Feel No Ways Tired" Discussion Forum, 4 p.m., Afro American Cultural Center

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Krauss isn't the only member of the UI community becoming involved in relief efforts.

UI students have spearheaded many Facebook groups calling for donations and planning service trips to the country. Two UI students hail from Haiti, but they were not in their home nation at the time of the quake.

Around 50,000 people are presumed dead, and another 3 million were affected by the Jan. 12 quake, according to the most recent estimates from the State Department.

UI employees are also working to raise awareness about the tragedy.

Christopher Buresh, a doctor at the UI Hospitals and Clinics, has traveled to Haiti twice a year for the past seven years to provide health care to Haitians in and around the city of Leogane. He returned from his most recent trip on Jan. 9, just days before the earthquake struck.

By Wednesday, he hopes to be back in Haiti.

"My team hasn't slept," he said. "We've been working the phones and gathering supplies. The amazing response has been heartwarming."

Support and donations from neighbors, friends, and colleagues have poured in. The trunk of his car is full of bandages, and the pile of donation checks grows every day.

"I can hardly get in my house anymore," he joked.

While Buresh was in good spirits, the week following the quake has been tough. He has yet to hear from all of his friends in the country, and recently he learned a



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Kristin Stoeffler (right) and Ginny Beresh (left) take inventory of donated IVs, needles, dressings, Band-Aids, and other medical supplies on Sunday. The items will be sent to Haiti to help provide health care to those affected by a Jan. 12 earthquake. Around 50,000 are presumed dead, and another 3 million were affected.

woman he had worked with in Haiti was killed.

"That was the first time I really broke down," he said. "It just makes me sick to my stomach."

While he has a personal connection to the country, UI officials are encouraging everyone to help the struggling nation.

A mass e-mail sent to all members of the UI community suggested ways people could help those suffering.

"In the coming days and weeks, as citizens of the world, we must offer more than our sympathies;

Haiti earthquake

- 50,000 – estimated death toll
- 3 million – estimated number of people affected
- 7.0 – magnitude of the quake, the largest in the country in 240 years
- \$2 – How much 78 percent of Haitians survive on per day

Source: US Department of State, World Bank

we must become actively involved in assistance efforts," Downing Thomas, the dean of international

programs, said in the e-mail.

UI officials set up a website with links to information on how to help with the disaster. Though no specific fund has been started at the university, Thomas said those agencies with the resources to respond to the immediate need would be the best place to direct donations.

Buresh echoed that sentiment.

"I know people really want to get involved, and it can be frustrating, but right now the best way to do that is to just donate money or supplies," the 34-year-old said.

OBAMA

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But voters in cities not so well-fit to weather the recession might grow uneasy with the debates over the economy and health care. Dvorsky said Americans should be patient for solutions to big problems.

"This is part of the whole 24/7 cable news thing," she said. "People come to expect quick, fast, easy solutions, but there aren't any. The health-care thing is a 50-year-old problem."

UI senior Hannah Joravsky agreed that the problem could stem from unrealistic expectations for the young president.

"I knew this was the reality; it just sucks to watch it unfold," she said.

And while local Democrats are aware that the president's underpinning is corroding, they're confident that Obama can count on continued support from the

Job approval

The public's view of the president has fluctuated over his first year in office, but has trended downwards:

- In January 2008, 68 percent of Americans approved of Obama's performance
- His job approval peaked at 69 percent and has dipped as low as 47 percent
- Economic indicators such as the Economic Confidence Index and the Job Creation Index have risen and fallen along with Obama's approval rating
- Consumer Spending has fluctuated much more widely than the other indicators, peaking at \$107 spent daily and dipping to \$44 spent daily

Source: www.gallup.com

Hawkeye State.

"When his re-election comes, will everyone who started with us in Johnson County come back? My sense is yeah," Dvorsky said.

Still, the national portrait isn't framed so neatly.

"He needs to basically assume ownership at this point," said Hagle, who worked at the U.S. Department of Justice during

George W. Bush's tenure. "I think that's particularly true with the elections coming up in November. At a certain point, you can't keep running against George W. Bush."

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President Obama discusses energy plans during a visit to Newton on April 22, 2009. This week marks Obama's first year in office.

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WHILE YOU WERE AWAY

Man charged in death

Iowa City police have charged a 26-year-old man with involuntary manslaughter for the December death of a 20-year-old Iowa City woman.

Officers responded to a report of a suspicious death at 1527 Aber Ave. on Dec. 30, 2009 and found Kylie Jo Perkins, 20, dead from a gunshot wound.

On Jan. 1, authorities arrested Alaiuwon Johnson, 26, address unknown, in connection with the death. Johnson was also charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver and carrying weapons.

According to police, Johnson admitted he was carrying a concealed weapon when he arrived at Perkins' home. They fought, the handgun discharged, and a bullet struck Perkins in the upper torso, police said.

Johnson said Perkins pleaded with him to call an ambulance, but he was reluctant because he had active warrants for his arrest, police said.

He eventually contacted a friend and asked him to call for help, then left the apartment, according to police reports. But that person provided inaccurate information resulting in an additional delay of emergency treatment.

Police allege that they found Johnson in possession of crack cocaine and a semiautomatic handgun.

Involuntary manslaughter is a Class D felony, generally punishable by up to five years in prison.

- by Regina Zilbermints

City appeals liquor-license renewals

The City of Iowa City requested an appeal to the Iowa Alcoholic Beverage Division on the state's decision to renew two downtown bars' liquor licenses.

On Dec. 15, 2009, Administrative Law Judge

Margaret LaMarche granted the owners of 3rd Base, 111 E. College St., and Et Cetrea, 118 S. Dubuque St., permission to keep their liquor licenses — the Iowa City City Council had denied the renewals because it believes the bars have high underage-drinking rates.

Alcoholic-division head Lynn Walding will make the decision on the establishments' fates.

Walding will decide whether to support LaMarche's decision before either party can appeal to district court.

Walding said the division has 30-60 days after the briefs are filed to make a decision.

- by Kathryn Stinson

Council turns down liquor-license request

The Iowa City City Council denied a request for a new liquor license from the former owner of a troubled Iowa City bar.

Heather German, the former owner of Los Cocos, 1921 Keokuk St., had hoped to open new bar Sidelines at the intersection of Gilbert and Burlington Streets.

The City Council decided to honor Iowa City Police Chief Sam Hargadine's recommendation of denial because of German's outstanding court fees and banking debt.

Once she pays off her debt, she is free to submit a new application, said Iowa City Mayor Matt Hayek.

German paid her outstanding \$55 court fee, and she is on a payment plan for her banking debt, but under the law, a judgment is still on file until it is paid in full, Hayek said.

The state statute that guides Hargadine in his decisions regarding liquor-license requests specifically references financial stability.

- by Kathryn Stinson

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Hancher plan awaits regents

The state Board of Regents must approve the UI's plan for Hancher and the School of Music.

By EMILY BUSSE

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After months of discussion, UI officials now advocate separating Hancher and the School of Music.

Officials hope to split the two, rebuilding Hancher on the West Campus and relocating the music school's facility downtown.

The state Board of Regents will vote on the proposal Feb. 4. Officials do not foresee any additional cost associated with splitting the facilities.

"People are excited about the fact that after a long period of research and talking to a lot of different people, we are proceeding ahead and making progress," said Hancher Executive Director Charles Swanson.

If approved, Hancher would be built on university-owned property north and west of the building's current location.

Swanson said remaining west of the river will meet the auditorium's event-specific needs, including parking and transportation.

For the music school, officials are interested in downtown property — currently occupied by two banks — located at the intersection of Burlington and Clinton Streets.

Kristin Thelander, the director of planning for the School of Music, said she is slightly concerned about whether the downtown property is large enough. But being closer to campus would make it easier for music students — who often carry instruments — to get to class, she noted.

Thelander also said

'People are excited about the fact that after a long period of research and talking to a lot of different people, we are proceeding ahead and making progress.'

— Charles Swanson, Hancher executive director

proximity to downtown could increase the music school's visibility, promoting campuswide interaction and non-major participation in lessons and classes. Music-school students want the facility located downtown, she added.

Regent Robert Downer said he has "great confidence" in officials who proposed the plans, but he wasn't sure if campus exposure had been a problem for the music school.

"I have not viewed any parts of the UI campus as being particularly isolated," he said. "It's certainly not geographically a large, spread-out campus."

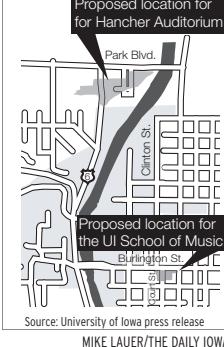
Officials said negotiations with the businesses have been positive so far. But if officials can't reach an agreement with the four landowners, the School of Music could be placed near Hancher, said Rod Lehnertz, Facilities Management's director of planning, design, and construction.

UI President Sally Mason said they hope to break ground within the next 18 months if regents approve the plans.

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New plots
Hancher and the UI School of Music are set to split and build new, separate buildings.



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Flood costs

The 2008 flooding damaged much of campus, including the Hancher Auditorium and the School of Music:

- \$743 million in predicted total flood damage
- \$276 million estimated for Hancher and the music building
- No cost difference noted for splitting Hancher and the School of Music

Source: Daily Iowan archives

Though Swanson realizes the regents' vote is a major step of the process, he said Hancher officials are excited about moving forward.

"We have a lot of hard work ahead of us, but it's really a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and will serve generations and generations to come," Swanson said.

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Editorial

Is the UI's location plan for Hancher and the School of Music a good one?

Yes

Although there are definite strengths to locating Hancher Auditorium downtown, the UI's recently unveiled location plan for Hancher and the School of Music is satisfactory.

Under the proposal — which officials will present to the state Board of Regents on Feb. 4 — the School of Music will be constructed downtown, and Hancher will remain on the West Campus. Officials say the proposed Hancher location is around 7 feet higher than the water level during the flood of 2008.

Sure, locating Hancher downtown could generate more foot traffic and could possibly bring in more revenue for local businesses and restaurants. Dinner and a show would be that much more convenient. A downtown location could also boost the city's already thriving cultural community. It could act as the UI's staple in Iowa City's art scene.

But the problems that would come with building Hancher downtown outweigh the benefits. Finding a place to park is already a nightmare; this would make it a night terror. Offering a shuttle service from remote parking lots could be a viable option, but that would ruin the idea of allowing patrons the freedom to enjoy the rest of the city after a performance.

In its current location, Hancher is not forgotten. It is the most important piece in the puzzle that is Iowa City's art and music community.

UI School of Music faculty and students have expressed their desire to have their buildings closer to the center of campus. Administrators listened and granted their wish, for which I commend them. Not only would the downtown location be more accessible for music students especially, but it would bring UI music students into the centralized campus community.

— by Chris Clark

No

Splitting Hancher Auditorium and the School of Music seemingly appeases both sides, but it fails to recognize the advantages of moving Hancher downtown. The Federal Emergency Management Agency

has pledged to cover 90 percent of the cost of rebuilding the facility, making a move downtown easier on the university's pocketbook. University community members have to be excited that after two years of fighting and bickering over this issue, it is finally settled.

Nevertheless, I still feel relocating Hancher downtown would provide a significant boost to the city's economic landscape. As the Civic Center in Des Moines demonstrates, constructing a performance center downtown can spark commerce. Shops and restaurants benefit from its proximity, attracting customers to shop, dine, and enjoy a performance all in a few blocks.

Relocating the School of Music downtown would make it easier for students to continue their education, but it would not carry the same weight as positioning Hancher right next to it. In order for the university to be efficient, both facilities must be connected.

Those against moving Hancher to downtown Iowa City have said the increased flow of traffic would create havoc on performance days, with congestion that would hinder normal traffic patterns. This could be solved by offering a shuttle from the old Hancher site to the new facility downtown. It would save customers money by allowing them to park in free lots, as opposed to city parking ramps.

The university was obviously nervous about the prospect of using eminent domain to obtain the land near Burlington Street to build Hancher. I understand that concern, and in the past, the Editorial Board has been against such actions. If the commercial property owners and the university had worked together to propose an equitable solution, however, both sides could have come out with smiles on their faces.

— by Michael Davis

Your turn. Is the UI's building proposal a good one? Weigh in on dailylowan.com.

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Trashy Iowa City

I'm a student at the UI and a pretty big Hawkeye fan. I'm also a man who likes to party and have a good time. But there is something that has been increasingly annoying me about the college students in Iowa City. Every Sunday morning, I walk down Burlington Street to go get some coffee downtown. On my way, I see a lot of trash

thrown down on the ground. This isn't trash that has been blown over, but trash that the students have left. I find all sorts of things — everything from keg cups to used condom wrappers. It's worse during football season.

I even find a lot of broken glass lying on the streets and sidewalks. This is very disrespectful to the city and to the people who live in it. Just

because a group of students get drunk and party doesn't mean they have the right to trash the city. It's not hard to walk 10 or so feet to the nearest garbage can. The trash will just stay there until someone else picks it up, which is almost never.

College kids these days have no respect for other people and for the city. I would like to suggest to my fellow students to

start picking up after themselves. This is something that their parents taught them growing up. If all people picked up their trash when partying outside, the city would look a lot better.

Partying in college is a time-honored tradition. Throwing trash on the ground and breaking bottles in the streets is not.

Jason Larson
UI junior

Guest opinion

The community's ride back to recovery

By DAVE JACOBY

Our community has been hit with two major challenges over the past two years — a severe recession and the largest natural disaster in Iowa's history. As Iowans, we are up to the challenge and will come back better and stronger.

We have taken action on both fronts in the Iowa Legislature. The first bill out of last year's session was a bipartisan effort resulting in \$56 million emergency disaster relief. This effort provided immediate help to families and business for recovery.

A greater response to our economic concerns includ-

ed the \$830 million toward rebuilding critical infrastructure (I-JOBS). The federal government failed miserably during the early part of last decade to maintain the things many take for granted — our roads, bridges, storm-water retention, water sources and quality, and in many ways, our jobs.

The road back will not be easy and will take a commitment from each and every citizen. Sometimes, the problem with politics is it gets too darn political. The people of Iowa do not want to hear the arguments about how we got here; we are where we are. The task at hand is to develop policy

that will both encourage growth and help government get out of the way.

This year's mantra should be consolidating, streamlining, and improving services. One key component will be a bipartisan proposal to enact consolidation of Workforce Development, the Department of Economic Development, and Cultural Affairs.

This would combine administrative offices, reduce rent, and tie the three legs of economic growth (recruitment and retention of companies, the labor force, and cultural activities).

Closer to home, we are all concerned with the budget's effect on local jobs. The UI is our economic engine and

our largest employer. Consolidation and streamlining of government services will not only result in jobs saved but also in improving goods and services to Iowans in education and health. The next two years will be a difficult ride back to recovery.

This is where you come in. We need to hear your suggestions for balancing the budget as well as your ideas on how government may help and, in some cases, get out of the way to expedite recovery.

Faced with the most challenging budget in more than 50 years and with the Legislature cutting this year's session from 100 to 80 days, it is critical that

we operate as a truly open government entity. I have proposed House Concurrent Resolution 4 to change the way we do business in Des Moines, which would restrict passing laws to once every two years.

The first (shortened for cost savings) session would consist of bill drafts and committee work only. This would provide the public with a longer timeline for review and input and would also provide the Legislature with greater vetting capabilities to reduce unintended consequences. It would also give working people time to question the pros and cons of laws that may

significantly affect their lives. On this two-year cycle, budgeting would need to be done for two or more years out. Long-term budgeting saves administration dollars invested in the yearly allocation of funds. It can be done.

Balancing the budget, spurring the economy, and moving Iowa forward with visionary projects is the charge of this year's Legislature. Again, with your participation (ideas and concerns), it will be successful.

Dave Jacoby, a Democrat, is a state representative from Coralville. You may contact him at david.jacoby@legis.state.ia.us.

The problem with Cardella



SHAWN GUDE

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Tuesday's Board of Supervisors special election is a big one. Not because of its competitiveness — Janelle Rettig should have no problem winning in heavily Democratic Johnson County — but because of its symbolism.

The contentious race pits Rettig against Republican Lori Cardella and mirrors the ideological schism playing out across the country.

Rettig is the consummate Johnson County Democrat; in Cardella, Johnson County has its own miasma of Tea Partyism, its very own Marco Rubio.

I hope Cardella gets crushed.

Cardella, while at the vanguard of the campaign for a special election, is the ostensible citizen advocate. In her drive to represent the "VOICE of the people," as she claims on her website, she simultaneously supports stripping away citizen power.

Let me explain.

Democracy is premised on the notion that no citizen is above the law, nor is he or she inherently more qualified to affect the democratic process. With millions in campaign contributions, vast gulfs between the rich and poor, an educational inequities, it's an obviously unrealized ideal.

The remedy, however, is to continue striving for a fairer, more equitable government — not undermine its very power, as Cardella and other small-government conservatives seek.

Cardella and other small-government advocates, in their drive to check supposedly tyrannical governments, concurrently weaken citizen power because they exalt the free market, rather than democratic governance. In doing so, they erode citizen power itself with their indignant questioning of democratic decision-making.

Electing an anti-government polemicist such as Cardella to be a county supervisor would be a little like having a Marxist run a Fortune 500 company — it just doesn't make sense.

While her special-election signature drive

MOVIE REVIEW

Entertaining apocalypse

By TOMMY MORGAN JR.

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Is there room for faith after Armageddon?

The Book of Eli manages to tackle this question in an entertaining manner in its view of postapocalyptic America.

One of the rare people born before the war that sent the Earth into its postapocalyptic state, Eli (Denzel Washington) is a man shrouded in mystery. He constantly travels, but no one knows where or why. At a time when any book, even *The Da Vinci Code*, is highly regarded by those few who can read, Eli carries with him the rarest book of all: the last remaining copy of the Bible.

Of course, there are people, including evil Mayor Carnegie (Gary Oldman), who want to use it to further subjugate humanity. As Carnegie chases Eli, Eli knows to do only one thing — continue his mission from God at all costs.

Washington turns in a capable performance as Eli, but he doesn't really dazzle viewers as he should. The role of Eli seems a perfect combination for him, putting together his action exploits in such movies as *Man on Fire* with the more human side he shows in such films as *Malcolm X*. However, perhaps because of the stoicism of the character, Washington doesn't really show much of anything other than that.

Oldman as Carnegie is at times brilliant, but he plays the role with too much insanity, acting more madman than evil genius.

In creating their vision



PUBLICITY PHOTO

The Book of Eli has mass appeal, but the one glaring problem with the film is its overt and annoying product placement.

of a postapocalyptic world, the makers of *Eli* keep it simple. Instead of the crazy society in *Mad Max* or the utter bleakness of *The Road*, the world of *Eli* has a more modest touch. It is essentially the real world destroyed. Bars are still bars,

and people live in hollowed-out houses and department stores. It's more realistic (as realistic as **★★½ out of a movie** **★★★★★** can be in showing nuclear apocalypse), and therefore more enjoyable.

The one glaring problem with the film is its overt and annoying product placement. *Eli* uses KFC hand wipes, comes across a Busch beer truck — logo still colorful and bright, as if the bridge it was driving on hadn't been destroyed 30 years prior — and even listens to an iPod.

With its lack of over-the-top CGI and special effects, *Eli* doesn't seem like it would be an expen-

sive movie, outside of paying for Washington and Oldman. However, with all of the product placement, it's hard not to wonder if the movie's budget wasn't just some spare change the studio found in an executive's couch cushion. While the placements may reflect the look and feel of the modern-but-destroyed world *Eli* inhabits, with frequent close-ups and crystal clear logos, they are just too much at times.

The lesson of *Eli* — that belief can accomplish anything — is clear, but not in an overly preachy way. *Eli* is Christian, but in the film this appears more an aesthetic distinction (he had to be *something*) than a moral one. The film lacks an overtly Christian tone, and *Eli* could have just as easily been Muslim or Jewish, or even not religious at all.

In the film, religion is more trope than treasure — a lens through which the lesson is learned, not the lesson itself. For this, *Eli* has mass appeal, and can be enjoyed by all, not just the Christians for whom it seems designed.

CULTURAL SERIES

India calling at UI

By JOSIE JONES

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Rohit Vuppuluri heard about the Indian Student Alliance during his freshman year at the UI. Three years later, the UI senior is the president of the group, which brings Indian culture to the university and showcases it.

"When I first joined the organization, it was really cool to meet other people who had the same interest as I do, especially in representing and promoting our culture at the university," he said. "It's nice to be a part of something bigger than just myself."

At present, the alliance has more than 800 members, consisting of students and individuals in the Iowa City community. No requirements or dues are expected of the members, and they do not need to be of Indian ancestry to join.

The group holds five major events during the academic year, starting with the Kickoff Picnic — the first chance in the school year for new members to join the organization. Garba, a traditional Indian folk dance festival, is also celebrated during the fall semester. The Kickoff Picnic and Garba are free and open to the public.

In November, the alliance celebrates Diwali, a cultural holiday in India. Diwali — which is held in the IMU — offers a dinner and then features local performers in activities such as classical Indian music and modern Bollywood dance.

Two competitions highlight the spring semester. Nachte Raho, a dance com-

FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY IOWAN
A young Diwali celebrant gets ready to go onstage at the annual "Festival of Lights" on Nov. 10, 2007.

[group]," Vuppuluri said.

The group is also planning to collaborate with other student organizations on campus. A multicultural fashion show with the Black Student Union and the Asian American Coalition is set for April 3 in the IMU Main Lounge. The Indian association is preparing for a fashion show complemented with various foods to show the different cultures that are represented at the UI, Vuppuluri said.

UI senior Patel said the group offers many opportunities for the members, including meeting new people and learning leadership and organizational skills.

"Our main goal is to promote our culture and to provide heritage to our campus," Patel said. "Every year, we try to incorporate new and different events that draw in people that are not part of our culture so we can share our culture with them, because that's what our passion is and that is what the group is meant to do through our campus."

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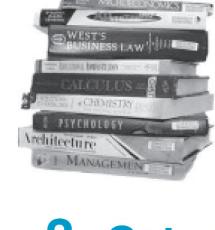
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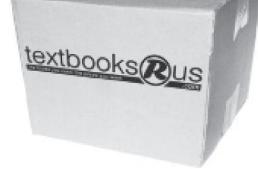
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Hayek new mayor

By KATHRYN STINSON

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Matt Hayek has spent a year dealing with budget cuts and increased crime. Now, he wants to focus on issues that will better the community.

As Iowa City's new mayor, he said he wants to prioritize combating local crime and balancing the city's budget, along with recruiting a new city manager and pushing for economic development.

The Iowa City City Council unanimously voted to make the Iowa City native mayor on Jan. 2.

Unacceptable local crime levels are the most difficult issue **Hayek** to address, mayor Hayek said. He noted the city will hire six new police officers.

"We want to continue the city's intense focus on crime and crime-related issues," he said.

Hayek, a local attorney, said living here during different phases of his life will influence his role as mayor.

Growing up as a son of city officials, local politics always found its way to the dinner table. His father was the city attorney, and his mother served as president of the Iowa City School Board.

After graduating from City High, Hayek enrolled at the University of Michigan, from which he received a bachelor's degree in 1992.

After graduation, Hayek joined the Peace Corps and served in the mountains of Bolivia. There, he volunteered to build drinking-water systems for two years.

"In Bolivia, I saw firsthand the challenges of organizing a community behind a common goal," Hayek said. "I learned many valuable lessons and even became fluent in Spanish."

After his time in Bolivia, he earned a law degree from the University of Michigan in 1997 and gained law experience in both Atlanta and Chicago.

But he felt something was missing, he said. His roots were calling him home.

He returned to Iowa City in 2001.

"I wanted to have a rewarding law practice and also have the opportunity to be a part of my community and raise a family," he said.

Upon his return, Hayek became active in the local community. After serving various positions on commissions, he decided to run for a seat on the City Council; he was elected in January 2008.

Months later, disastrous flooding swept across part of Iowa City. Hayek said working with community members during the flood was his most memorable experience as a councilor.

"It was gratifying to be part of a team of committed individuals, especially city staff, as we dealt with the worst natural disaster in the history of our community," he said.

Mike Wright — who has served with Hayek for two years — said he is pleased with the council's decision to appoint him.

"My impression of Matt is somebody who is levelheaded and unstoppable," Wright said. "He's a truly a nice guy and easy to get along with."

Hayek said he thinks he's well-suited to serve as Iowa City's mayor — and he is happy to do so.

"I believe it's the best way for me to be of service to my community," he said. "The work is important, and I find it interesting."

Meet Mayor Hayek

- Hometown: Iowa City
- Education: B.A. and J.D. from the U of Michigan
- Family: Husband of Mary Kate Pilcher Hayek and father
- Hobbies: Camping, hunting, and live music

WHILE YOU WERE AWAY

Judge denies motion in Jones' suit

A judge has denied the UI's motion to dismiss a lawsuit filed by a former vice president for Student Services.

Philip Jones sued the UI, President Sally Mason, and the state Board of Regents in June 2009, alleging wrongful termination and defamation.

Mason fired Jones, along with then-UI General Counsel Marcus Mills, after an investigation criticizing the handling of an alleged sexual assault singled both men out.

Attorneys for the UI filed a motion to dismiss the lawsuit in July. Sixth District Judge Douglas Russell decided on Jan.

8 to allow the lawsuit to proceed.

Pretrial arguments are scheduled for Dec. 17, and the trial is set to begin Jan. 10, 2011.

— by Regina Zilbermints

Woman sues ex-UIHC physician

A Crawford County woman has sued a former UI Hospitals and Clinics doctor, alleging that he sexually assaulted her in his office.

Pauline Longoria sued Samir Haddad, claiming negligence and assault. She also sued the state of Iowa, claiming negligence.

According to Longoria's lawsuit, filed Jan. 4 in 6th District Court, Haddad was a treating physician for her mother when

he called Longoria into his office in the Pappajohn Pavilion on May 10, 2007.

Haddad admitted to having sexual contact with Longoria, but he claimed it was consensual, the lawsuit said. Longoria denies consenting.

The suit claims the state was negligent for employing Haddad.

Longoria alleged she experienced physical and emotional pain and suffering, incurred medical bills, and has a loss of ability to enjoy life.

— by Regina Zilbermints

School Board seeks new superintendent

Iowa City School Board members are searching for a new superintendent after Lane

Plugge's December announcement that he will leave the district.

Board members were scheduled to meet today to interview three search firms before they decide who they will work with to help find Plugge's replacement.

Plugge will leave the district at the end of the school year to become the chief administrator of the Green Hills Area Education Agency in Council Bluffs.

The search will begin after the board chooses a firm; board members aim to have a new superintendent by April.

— by Marleen Linares

Not in every pot yet

The Iowa City City Council decided to move the urban-chicken initiative off its agenda at the first council meeting of the year.

Last year, the council looked into amending the zoning code to allow hens and roosters to be housed in residential areas after receiving a petition from city residents.

Only two of the seven councilors were interested in pursuing the issue.

Mayor Matt Hayek said there isn't sufficient interest in the issue to continue work on it. Though it was eliminated from the current agenda, that doesn't mean the topic can't ever appear on the agenda again.

Hayek also said the Iowa City community offers organic poultry through local food stores, farmers' markets, and time-share local farms.

— by Kathryn Stinson

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Sanchez, Greene lead upset of Chargers

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Maybe Rex Ryan already knows the score of the AFC championship game, too.

The rookie coach who, at one point, didn't know his Jets were still in playoff contention, then declared them Super Bowl favorites, will need some more bold predictions.

His Jets are still playing. Rookies Mark Sanchez and Shonn Greene led New York to a stunning 17-14 upset of San Diego in the divisional playoffs Sunday, each providing a touchdown in the fourth quarter that marked another Chargers postseason pratfall.

"It's a big win for our franchise," Sanchez said. "And we're not done."

Sanchez threw a go-ahead, 2-yard touchdown pass to tight end Dustin Keller three plays into the fourth quarter, then Greene gave the Jets some breathing room with a 53-yard scoring run on their next possession.

The upstart Jets (11-7), who have won seven of their last eight, advanced to the AFC championship game for the first time since 1999. They'll play at top-seeded Indianapolis on Jan. 24.

"A matchup that probably nobody wanted, but too bad," Ryan said. "Here we come."

NFL

Favre shines in rout

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — This is why Brett Favre said he was coming back. And back he is — maybe better than ever. Four — count 'em, four — touchdown passes from Minnesota's 40-year-old quarterback put the Vikings within a game of the Super Bowl with a 34-3 rout of the Dallas Cowboys to advance to the NFC championship Sunday.

"Probably the most fatigued I got today was celebrating," Favre said, smiling.

The Vikings (13-4) will take on the Saints on Jan. 24 at New Orleans, with the winner going to the NFL title game — Favre's season-long goal and the reason he came out of retirement for a second straight season.

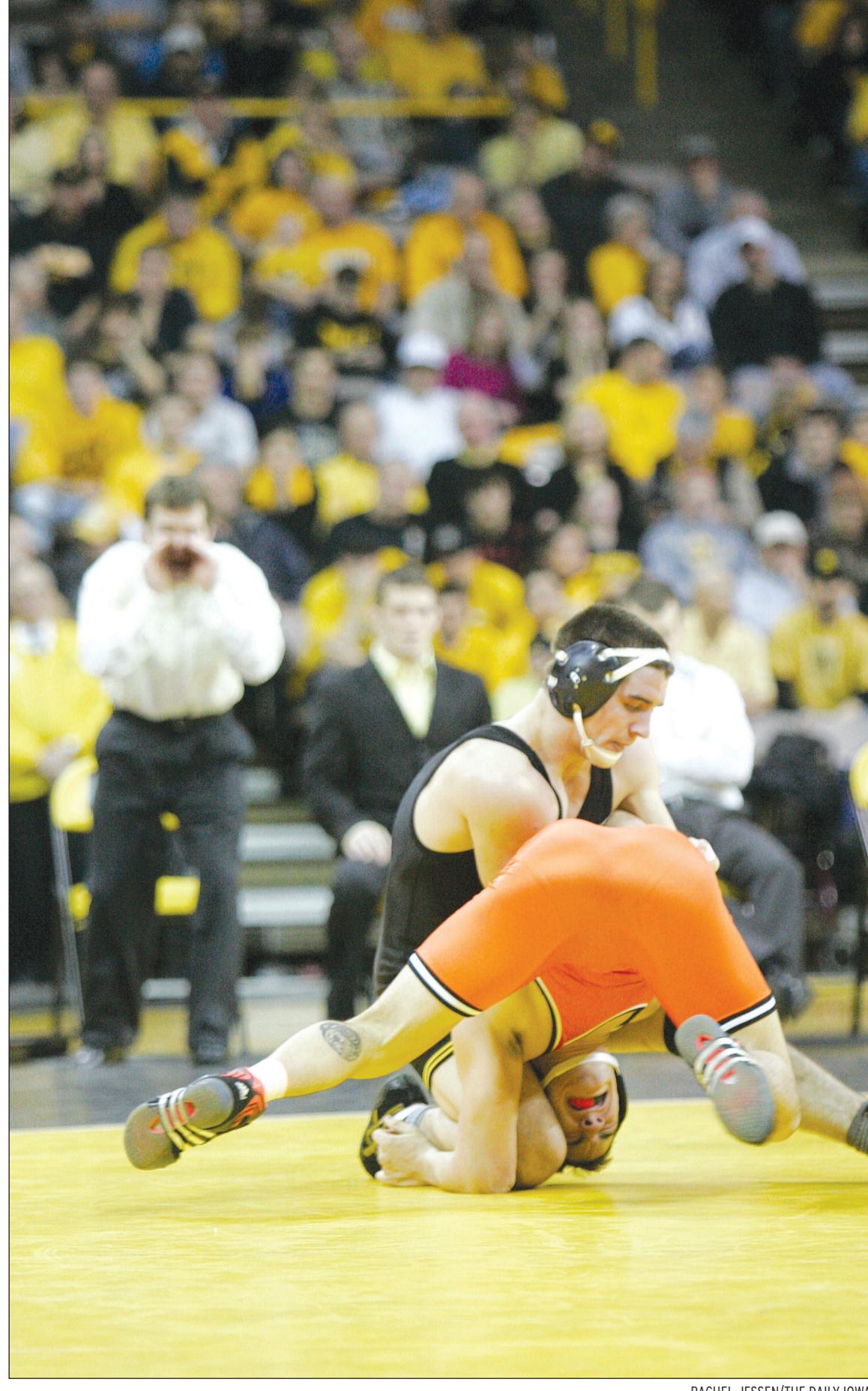
"Today was like this season — it's been wonderful," Favre said. Asked if it was an emotional game for him, he said, "I'm kind of worn out right now, but it is. It was emotional before the game."

Favre found Sidney Rice for three scores, and Ray Edwards led the defense's harassment of Tony Romo. Then Favre put an exclamation point on the game late in the fourth quarter when he hit Visanthe Shiancoe for his personal playoff-best fourth TD pass.

Never in 22 previous post-season games had he thrown for that many touchdowns. And never before had he beaten Dallas in the playoffs. Favre completed 15-of-24 passes for 234 yards to finally do it.

Romo sat stone-faced on the bench between possessions in the second half after a three-turnover game against one of his childhood favorites.

Iowa takes 'bonus' victory



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Iowa 149-pounder Brent Metcalf wrestles Oklahoma State's Quinten Fuentes during a dual meet in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Jan. 16. Iowa beat Oklahoma State, 19-16.

No brushing aside Fuller

The Iowa men's basketball team has won two-straight games thanks in large part to the play of sophomore forward Aaron Fuller.

By BRENDAN STILES

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During the early portion of the 2009-10 season, Iowa sophomore Aaron Fuller was hobbled by an ankle injury he suffered during a Nov. 20 victory over Bowling Green.

The injury wasn't severe enough to keep him out for long — he only missed two games after attempting to give it a go against Texas, currently ranked No. 1 nationally — but it hampered his play.

Then came this past week.

Not only has the Iowa men's basketball team won two-straight games after a 67-64 victory on Jan. 16 over Penn State, but Fuller has slowly emerged into one of the focal points in the Hawkeye's success now that he



ROB JOHNSON/THE DAILY IOWAN
Iowa forward Aaron Fuller watches the game highlights as he waits to be interviewed on Jan. 16 in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Fuller finished as Iowa's leading scorer and rebounder with 20 points and 10 rebounds.

has what head coach Todd Lickliter described as "two good wheels."

When Iowa ended a 3-game losing streak with a 67-62 win against Tennessee State on Jan. 12, Fuller posted career-highs with 24 points and 10 rebounds, giving the 6-6 forward the first double-double of his Hawkeye career. He did so shooting 10-of-15 from the field.

After that victory over the Tigers, the Mesa, Ariz., native

talked about how his will to win powered him to have such an impressive performance.

Against the Nittany Lions, Fuller's presence in the paint ultimately made the difference — he once again recorded a double-double with 20 points and 10 boards. This time, he shot 6-of-9 and knocked down 8-of-10 free throws for Iowa.

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Bonus points proved to be significant in top-ranked Iowa's 19-16 victory over Oklahoma State.

With three grapplers providing extra points in their wins, the Hawkeyes managed their first triumph over the Cowboys in their home arena since Feb. 4, 2000.

Iowa also extended its dual winning streak to 52, a run that started on Jan. 5, 2008, after the Hawkeyes lost to Oklahoma State.

"That was a good team that we beat out there," Iowa head coach Tom Brands said. "It was a big statement for our program. I feel like our guys as a team rose to the occasion, and I give them credit."

Iowa 125-pounder Matt McDonough started the dual with a 13-4 major decision over senior Chris Notte. The fourth-ranked redshirt freshman from Marion remained undefeated in 20 matches this season.

At 133, senior Daniel Dennis saw his first action in a Hawkeye singlet since suffering an ankle injury in practice days before Iowa's dual against Northern Iowa on Dec. 9, 2009. Dennis came out aggressive against Oklahoma State's Jordan Oliver, who seemed to be backing up the whole match.

However, Oliver scored a last-second takedown to win a 3-2 decision for an upset.

Sophomore Montell Marion wrestled at 141 for Iowa against fifth-ranked Cowboy Jamal Parks. Jumping across the mat in excitement after his 4-0 victory, Marion ignited the Hawkeye dominant crowd of 10,967.

"I kind of feel bad, you know, because you're not supposed to be celebrating after matches," he said. "I kind of let my emotions take over me ... You know, this isn't the NCAAs. It's not March right now."

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COMMENTARY

Winning at 141



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Where did this come from?

Two months ago, Montell Marion wasn't even wrestling Division-III competition. He was a backup, waiting for his turn despite beating teammate Dan LeClere, 11-7, during the Hawkeyes' wrestle-off finals in early November.

Eleven months ago, he picked up a suspension after reportedly shattering two car windows with a chair while under the influence of alcohol in Indiana.

When police later approached him following the incident, Marion reportedly lied in order to avoid retribution and remain on scholarship.

Now he's shutting down elite-level title contenders? Bringing 10,967 Iowa fans to their feet in Carver-Hawkeye Arena?

SEE COMMENTARY, 6B



Purdue routs the Iowa women's basketball team, 81-59, in West Lafayette, Ind.

Purdue blasts Hawks

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The Iowa women's basketball team entered West Lafayette, Ind., looking to escape from the Big Ten's cellar.

Instead, the Hawkeyes (8-10, 1-6 Big Ten) left Mackey Arena with a 81-59 defeat by Purdue (9-9, 4-3) on Sunday. The loss was Iowa's fourth straight, leaving head coach Lisa Bluder and company stuck in the conference's dreaded 11th spot.

Purdue set out to rebound from a crushing 74-47 loss at Minnesota on Jan. 14, and it did so emphatically, claiming a swift 2-0 lead 16 seconds into the contest. The Boilermakers never relinquished the lead.

"We paid the penalty for [the Boilermakers] playing

probably not as well as they wanted to at Minnesota," Bluder said during her postgame press conference.

"That's a sign of a good team, though, when you have a performance like you did at Minnesota, and then you bounce back, and you play that hard. I thought they really just took it away from us right away from the beginning."

Poor Hawkeye shooting and a boiling-hot Boilermaker offense spelled early doom for Iowa. The Hawkeyes began the game by shooting 2-of-10 from the field.

Brittany Rayburn sparked Purdue early, scoring 12 points in the first six minutes on 4-of-4 3-point shooting. Rayburn's 19 first-half points helped stretch the Boilermaker margin to as many as 24

points in the first half as Purdue led the Hawkeyes 42-18 with 2:58 remaining.

"I don't know why we were so out of sorts to begin this game," Bluder said. "Sometimes, when a team gives up points like we did, it mentally just shakes you. It takes you out of things. ... When you're so young like we are, that's going to happen. I think that Purdue just came out and played with an intensity that was pretty darn good."

Rayburn cooled slightly in the game's second frame, adding nine points to finish with a game-high 29. But her first-half performance proved to be a devastating blow to the Hawkeyes' chances.

"[Rayburn's] a tremendous 3-point shooter," Bluder said. "And obviously, we

knew that coming into it, but we didn't keep her identified on the floor, and she had too many open looks. Open or not, she can put them down. She's just a tremendous player."

Junior Kachine Alexander and freshman Morgan Johnson were among the lone bright spots for the Hawkeyes.

Alexander posted a team-high 18 points in addition to eight rebounds, two assists, and three steals. Johnson netted six points and also collected 10 rebounds and two blocks.

Iowa will look to snap its current four-game skid when the Hawkeyes return to action on Thursday for a meeting with Illinois (11-5, 3-3) in Champaign, Ill., at 7 p.m. The game can be seen live on BigTenNetwork.com.

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Youth served by tough breaks

Tough luck for the Iowa women's basketball team may prove beneficial in the future.



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Times are tough for Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder and the women's basketball team.

The Hawkeyes are off to one of their worst conference starts in school history, most recently falling to Purdue on Sunday in West Lafayette, Ind. The loss dropped Iowa to 1-6 in the Big Ten, 8-10 overall.

However, unlike the other basketball team that dons black and gold in Carver-Hawkeye Arena, lack of talent isn't to blame.

Bluder and her squad have simply been the unfortunate victims of bad luck this season.

Perhaps the first sign came when lone senior JoAnn Hamlin was diag-

nosed with a severe blood clot in her right leg just a few days before the Hawkeyes' season-opener on Nov. 14.

The life-threatening condition put Hamlin in the intensive care unit instead of on the hardwood, where she would have been the starting center. Instead, freshman Morgan Johnson has started at center — a continuing theme for the squad.

Freshmen Theairra Taylor and Gabby Machado, sophomore Hannah Draxten, and junior Kachine Alexander have all sat out at various times because of injuries.

Draxten (herniated disc), Taylor (torn ACL), and Hamlin are out for the season, leaving Iowa undermanned in many games, causing Bluder to make an appeal to the NCAA to allow for a walk-on midseason.

Things looked promis-

ing after the Hawkeyes won four out of their first five games. Iowa was even picked to finish fifth in the conference in both the preseason coaches' and media polls.

Of course, that was preseason. It'll be an uphill battle if the Hawkeyes hope to finish anywhere near the middle of the Big Ten pack as predicted.

There is still a positive that can be taken from this disappointing and frustrating season, though.

The future is bright, almost blinding. As cliché as it sounds, it's the truth.

Iowa's freshmen are getting more experience in a competitive setting than any other freshman squad in the Big Ten. The Hawkeyes' underclassmen make up 85 percent of the teams' total points and 84 percent of the minutes played.

Freshman Jaime Printy leads not only the team but all Big Ten freshmen in scoring, averaging 14.1 points. Johnson, the surprise starting center this season, has tied the school mark in blocks twice.

Not to mention that when Taylor was healthy, she showed signs of being a spark plug with her aggressive play after overcoming a torn ACL in her other leg just a few months prior to the season. Her play was reminiscent of fellow Minnesotan Alexander.

For now, the disappointing losses and close calls just help build character in these young players. While resiliency and determination can't be taught, they can be acquired through experience.

A year or two from now, it really shouldn't surprise anyone how good the Hawkeyes will be.

AquaHawks edge Illinois

The Iowa women's swimming and diving team snared a historic victory over Illinois.

By MITCH SMITH
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Every point mattered for the Iowa women's swimming and diving team on Jan. 16.

The Hawkeyes ended an era in dramatic fashion in the Field House, defeating Illinois in the closest dual meet of the season, 150.5-149.5.

The meet marked the final Big Ten competition in the 83-year history of the Field House pool. And, coincidentally, the era ended exactly as it began.

The Hawkeyes' first Big Ten meet in 1928 in the Field House was also in January against Illinois, Iowa head swimming coach Marc Long said.

Iowa captured first-place finishes in 12 of the 16 events. However, the Hawkeyes won their first two by 0.31 and 0.19 seconds, respectively.

The Fighting Illini also hung around thanks in part to four first-place finishes, in addition to second- and third-place finishes in 10 other events.

"Both teams started off really well, so it was close all the way through," junior cocaptain Verity Hicks said. "[Illinois] just kept

clawing back at us."

Only eight points separated the two squads heading into the final two events — the 200 individual medley and the 400 freestyle relay. The deciding factor came at the end of the 200 individual medley, when the Hawkeyes and Illini tied for third place.

Iowa junior Kelsie Neubauer and Illinois senior Jen Ivanson touched the wall pad at the same time, and the draw resulted in the points for third and fourth place being split.

Each swimmer earned 2.5 points for her team. Normally, three points are awarded for third place and two for fourth.

"Whoever would have won that if it weren't a tie probably would have won the meet," Long said. "I'm proud of our team for stepping up. The Big Ten is such an incredibly deep conference."

The Hawkeyes went on to win the final event — the 400 freestyle relay — and ultimately the meet.

Senior Christine Kuczek picked up where she left off in the first semester, posting three individual wins and swim-



Iowa and Nebraska compete in the second heat of the 200 yard individual medley during Iowa's meet against Nebraska in the Field House pool on Nov. 1, 2008. The Hawks took first place in 14 of 16 events in a 192-107 victory over Nebraska.

ming the final leg for the first-place 400 freestyle relay team.

With the Big Ten championships under a month away, she said beating a competitive Big Ten team gives the Hawkeyes a boost in confidence.

"The Illini have always been a rival of ours," she said. "It feels good to beat them ... But also it's motivation to see the things we need to work on."

Numerous other Hawkeye swimmers were also successful. Junior Katarina Tour took first in two events, and Hicks, Neubauer, and sophomore Daniela Cubelic added individual firsts.

The diving team had its most successful meet of

the season.

Junior Veronica Rydze tallied first-place finishes in both the 1- and 3-meter dives, with a 274.96 mark in the 1-meter — the ninth-best score in school history.

Feb. 5 will not only be the final home meet for the nine seniors — eight swimmers and one diver — but also for the Field House pool. The Hawkeyes will face Western Illinois and Northern Iowa.

"It's getting me really emotional because I can't believe I only have three more meets and then the Big Tens left," Kuczek said. "It's been a long 16 years of swimming, but this is a good way to round it out."

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Hawkeyes juice the Jackets

A 24-14 win in the Orange Bowl over Georgia Tech was the finishing touch on an Iowa football season full of memorable moments.

By BRENDAN STILES

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It was the appropriate ending for what was a magical 2009 season for the Iowa Hawkeyes.

After officials extended the Hawkeyes an offer to play in the FedEx Orange Bowl on Jan. 5, they made the most of that invitation to Miami, defeating ACC champion Georgia Tech, 24-14. Iowa's 11-2 record tied with that of the 2002 season for the best in Hawkeye history.

The Hawkeyes also won a major bowl for the first time since claiming the 1959 Rose Bowl over California.

During the season, Iowa thrived in the second half. But against the Yellow Jackets, the Hawkeyes set the tone first.

On Iowa's second offensive series, the Hawkeyes marched down the field for a score when junior quarterback Ricky Stanzi found sophomore wide receiver Marvin McNutt for a 4-yard touchdown pass.

The key play was Stanzi hitting senior tight end Tony Moeaki for a 54-yard completion that took the Hawkeyes to the Georgia Tech 9-yard line.

Iowa scored again after a Yellow Jacket 3-and-

out, when Stanzi found junior wideout Colin Sandeman for a 21-yard strike. At that point, the Hawkeyes led 14-0.

"We knew they were going have to have long drives to score," Moeaki said. "We wanted to start fast, and that's what we did."

While the offense put up points, the Hawkeye defense put on a clinic. Coming into the Orange Bowl, Georgia Tech had not punted in its previous two contests, against Georgia and in the ACC championship against Clemson.

Iowa forced the Yellow Jackets to punt on each of their first six possessions, and their lone score in the first half came from the defense.

Members of the Hawkeye defense credited their dominance, especially during the early part of

the contest, to the scheme drawn up by defensive coordinator Norm Parker.

"They got us in a defense that worked," Iowa senior linebacker A.J. Edds said. "It's not what we do on a weekly basis. We kind of put it together ad hoc throughout the course of December, tweaking it, adjusting it, a lot of film watching trying to see what worked.

"We just had to be flexible, and it worked out."

The Hawkeyes may have never trailed, but

like the majority of the 2009 season, they left hearts racing among the Iowa faithful.

Late in the fourth quarter, Iowa led 17-14; the Hawkeyes cemented the victory when running back Brandon Wegher scampered into the end zone from 32 yards out to regain a double-digit lead.

In a span of four months, the Hawkeyes went from a team dodging bullets against a Football Championship Subdivision school in the season-

opener to a team standing on a podium receiving a Bowl Championship Series bowl game trophy.

"I think it's a real credit to our players," Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz said. "They just stay the course out there on the field. They don't get too high, too low. No matter what happens, they keep playing."

"I tell you, they're a mentally tough group, and that's what it takes to finish games."

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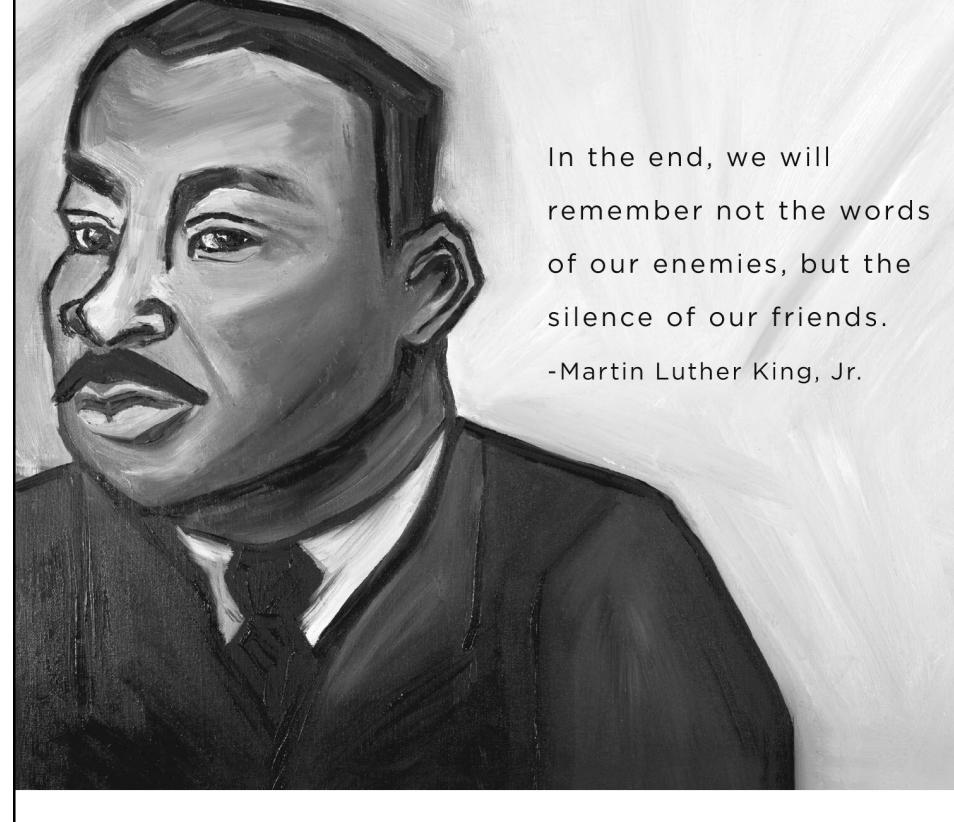
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BREAKDOWN

Key

Iowa ■ **Georgia Tech**

FIRST DOWNS

21

9

RUSHING YARDS

172

143

PASSING YARDS

231

12

COMP-ATT-INT

17-29-1

2-9-1

KICK/PUNT RETURN YARDS

3-63/1-12

5-80/2-9

AVERAGE PUNTS

33.8

44.6

LOST FUMBLES

1

0

PENALTY YARDS

25

68

TIME OF POSSESSION

32:23

27:37

BOX SCORE

IOWA 24, GEORGIA TECH 14

Iowa	14	0	3	7	-24
Georgia Tech	7	0	0	7	-14

First Quarter

Iowa - McNutt 4 catch from Stanzi (Murray kick), 8:10

Iowa - Sandeman 21 catch from Stanzi (Murray kick), 4:04

Georgia Tech - Tarrant 40 interception return (Blair kick), 0:24

Third Quarter

Iowa - FG Murray 33, 2:17

Fourth Quarter

Georgia Tech - Allen 1 run (Blair kick), 1:56

Iowa - Wegher 32 run (Murray kick), 1:56

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	Iowa	GT
First downs	21	9
Rushes-yards	40-172	41-143
Passing	231	12
Comp-Att-Int	17-29-1	2-9-1
Return Yards	3-63	5-80
Punts-Avg.	4-36	7-49.1
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-25	9-68
Time of Possession	32:23	27:37

INDIVIDUAL STATS

RUSHING-Iowa, Wegher 16-113, Robinson 14-59, Stanzi 6-10, Morse 1-3, TEAM 2 minus 5, Murray 1-minus 8.

Georgia Tech, Dwyer 14-49, Nesbitt 20-46, Peoples 3-27, Allen 3-21, Wright 1-0.

PASSING-Iowa, Stanzi 17-29-1-231. Georgia Tech, Nesbitt 2-9-12.

RECEIVING-Iowa, Moeaki 4-85, Johnson-Koulian 4-63,

Sandeman 4-53, McNutt 4-21, Stross 1-9. Georgia Tech,

Dwyer 2-12.

Time of Possession 32:23

27:37

INDIVIDUAL STATS

PRIME PLAYS

Iowa struck first when sophomore Marvin McNutt scored on a 4-yard touchdown reception. A 54-yard completion by quarterback Ricky Stanzi to senior tight end Tony Moeaki set up the score, bringing the Hawkeyes down to the Yellow Jacket 9-yard line.

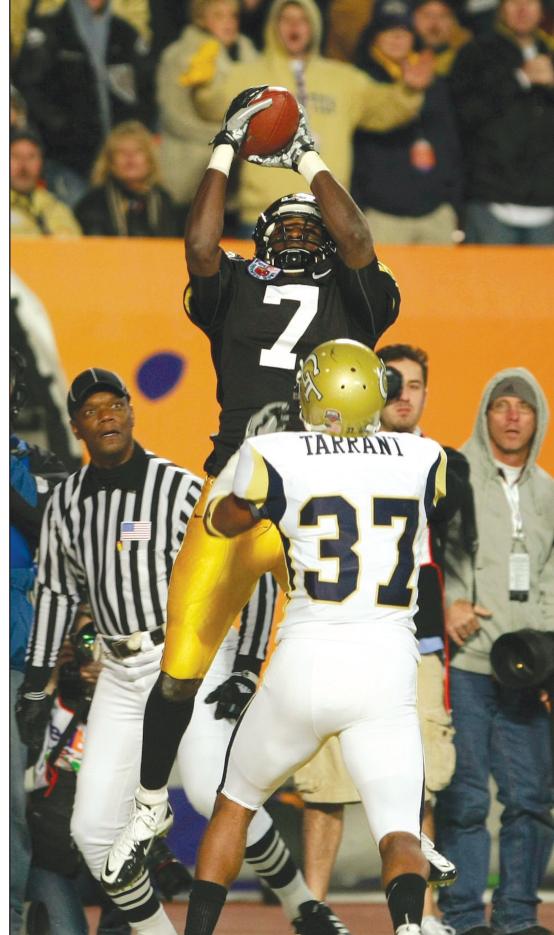
The Hawkeyes continued their offensive success in the first quarter when Stanzi completed a 21-yard touchdown pass to a streaking Colin Sandeman down the sideline.

In the fourth quarter, Iowa led 17-14 when Georgia Tech quarterback Josh Nesbitt threw his lone interception of the evening to Iowa senior linebacker A.J. Edds.

Iowa sealed its first ever Orange Bowl victory in the game's final minutes when freshman running back Brandon Wegher scored on a 32-yard touchdown run with 1:56 remaining.



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Iowa wide receiver Marvin McNutt catches a touchdown pass during the first quarter of the Orange Bowl in Land Shark Stadium on Jan. 5.

'He's a hell of a player – one of the best players in the country, and I'm sure going to miss playing with him.'

— Pat Angerer on Orange Bowl MVP Adrian Clayborn.

IOWA GAME BALL ADRIAN CLAYBORN



There was a reason he was named the game's Most Valuable Player. Clayborn led the defense with nine tackles, all of which were solo. He also sacked Georgia Tech quarterback Josh Nesbitt on the final play of the first half.

GEORGIA TECH GAME BALL JERRARD TARRANT



The Yellow Jacket defensive back made one of the few big plays for Georgia Tech late in the first quarter, returning a Ricky Stanzi interception 40 yards for a touchdown to cut Iowa's lead to 14-7.

'Norm should be the MVP of this game. He put together a great plan to stop this Georgia Tech offense.'

— Adrian Clayborn on Iowa defensive coordinator Norm Parker.



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Iowa tight end Tony Moeaki and Iowa linebacker A.J. Edds cheer after defeating Georgia Tech in the Orange Bowl in Miami on Jan. 5. The Hawkeyes won, 24-14.

'We knew we had a special team. We just had to prove it to everybody.'

— Amari Spivey on how far Iowa had come since its season opener.



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Iowa defensive end Adrian Clayborn tackles Georgia Tech quarterback Josh Nesbitt during the Orange Bowl in Land Shark Stadium on Jan. 5.



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Iowa running back Brandon Wegher dashes down the field during the Orange Bowl in Miami on Jan. 5.

GymHawks improve, finish 2nd

In its 2010 home-opener, the Iowa women's gymnastics team shines with young athletes.

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The familiar surroundings of Carver-Hawkeye Arena helped the Iowa women's gymnastics team earn a second-place finish in its first home meet of the 2010 season.

The Hawkeyes scored 192.225 points as the runner-up on Jan. 15; Michigan State won the meet with 194.425 points. Illinois-Chicago placed third, tallying 177.700.

This was Iowa's second-consecutive second-place finish. The squad also

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earned silver on Jan. 9 in Ann Arbor, Mich.

With an overwhelmingly young team — there is only one senior on the roster — head coach Larissa Libby was pleased with the her gymnasts' effort but is waiting for the Hawkeyes to realize their potential.

"I know it's difficult for the girls to see, but it's not how you start. It's how you finish, and I think our routines

were a lot cleaner," she said in a release. "We tell our team not to look at the scores because it's subjective, but I really do believe that the level of gymnastics done [Jan. 15] was far superior to what they did just a week ago."

The story of the meet came in the form of huge performances by a trio of GymHawks.

Sophomore Jessa Hansen placed first in the all-around with 39.025 points — a career high. Juniors Houry Gebeshian (38.375) and Rebecca Simbhudas (38.300) finished in

fifth and sixth place, respectively.

Michigan State gymnasts placed second through fourth in the all-around.

Hansen dominated in the all-around because she posted career-bests in the vault (9.775) and balance beam (9.850).

Simbhudas placed second in the vault with a 9.875, and Gebeshian tied for third with 9.800.

Gebeshian tied Hansen for second in the beam, and Simbhudas won the floor exercise, scoring a 9.825.

Despite her impressive

showing, Hansen agreed with Libby that the Hawkeyes have a lot of room for improvement if they are going to achieve the level of success they desire.

"We made a lot of mistakes. Our consistency wasn't there," Hansen said.

"We're staying positive because we're capable of hanging with the best teams in the Big Ten."

Simbhudas echoed Hansen's feelings, and she said she knows the team has yet to put together its best performance after two meets.

"We're on the right track," she said. "We did better than last week. We missed some minor details, but I think we need to keep on going, fix those details, those landings and executions."

The first home meet always brings extra excitement, Hansen said, and last weekend was no exception.

"You can see the Hawkeye pride in the stands, and the crowd gets really into it," she said. "It was just really fun to start the season at home."

Iowa will next compete on Saturday, when it travels to Penn State.



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Hawkeye 149-pounder Brent Metcalf provided Iowa with more bonus points in his match against Quinten Fuentes. Metcalf scored seven takedowns and two 3-point near falls to secure a 21-5 technical fall in 5:15.

Two Iowa losses followed when Aaron Janssen lost by major decision to Neil Erisman, 16-7, at 157. Afterward, third-ranked 165-pounder Ryan Morningstar was upset by Cowboy freshman Alex Meade, 5-3.

"We gave Janssen a little bit of an out this time, a lack of sense of urgency," Brands said. "We told him he was going early so the sense of urgency went down. There's no entitlement. You better be out there fighting, and that's a match we gave up a bonus point."

Jay Borschel and Phillip Keddy responded with two wins at 174 and 184 pounds, respectively. Borschel became the third Iowa grappler to score vital bonus points in a 9-1 major decision, and Keddy posted a close 3-2 win.

"Borschel in one word is smooth," Brands said. "When he's smooth, he's dynamite, and he's been smooth. He's a lot more solid more frequently this year, and that's a tribute to him."

Luke Lofthouse at 197 and heavyweight Blake Rasing lost in the final two bouts. Each managed to wrestle tight matches against heavily favored Cowboy opponents, though.

Lofthouse lost a 3-2 decision to seventh-ranked Alan Gelogaev, and top-ranked big man Jared Rosholt pulled out a 7-5 victory over Rasing.

But despite his squad giving wrestling world's best a scare in a postseason environment, Oklahoma State head coach John Smith didn't see the light in a moral victory.

"We couldn't have upsets against us and expect to come in and win," he said. "Overall, I didn't really care for my team's performance by any means. In a few matches, it appeared we were hanging on, and I could see that in a couple of matches where our opponents were that much better."

No. 1 Iowa 19, No. 4 Oklahoma State 16

125 — No. 4 Matt McDonough (I) major dec. No. 9 Chriss Notte (OSU), 13-4
133 — No. 6 Jordan Oliver (OSU) dec. No. 4 Daniel Dennis (I), 3-2
141 — No. 11 Montell Marion (I) dec. No. 5 Jamal Parks (OSU), 4-0
149 — No. 1 Brent Metcalf (I) technical fall Quinten Fuentes (OSU), 22-5
157 — No. 13 Neil Erisman (OSU) major dec. Aaron Janssen (I), 16-7
165 — No. 12 Alex Meade (OSU) dec. No. 3 Ryan Morningstar (I), 5-3
174 — No. 2 Jay Borschel (I) major dec. No. 7 Mike Benefiel (OSU), 9-1
184 — No. 9 Phillip Keddy (I) dec. No. 13 Clayton Foster (OSU), 3-2
197 — No. 7 Alan Gelogaev (OSU) dec. Luke Lofthouse (I), 3-2
Hwt. — No. 1 Jared Rosholt (OSU), dec. Blake Rasing (I), 7-5

COMMENTARY

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Seems as though head coach Tom Brands has found his man at 141 — a diamond in the rough.

What a difference a year makes.

"I feel like I'm the No. 1 guy at 141 nationwide," Marion said after Iowa's 19-16 win over Oklahoma State on Jan. 16.

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And they certainly don't get to crack the Iowa lineup without a mean streak and a sense of superiority.

Granted, Brands may not have been immediately willing to publicly anoint Marion a starter after he recorded a 3:28 fall against Northern Iowa's Trent Washington five weeks ago.

The prospect of a three-man race at 141 among Marion, LeClere, and former NCAA finalist Joe Slaton intrigued many mat maniacs at the time.

But Marion won the public wrestle-off, 8-3, at the Midlands Championships soon after, and Slaton has been absent from the competitive picture in dual meets.

"A" plus "B" minus "C" theoretically leaves the sophomore from Des Moines as the go-to guy, which he was primarily slightly more than a week ago at the Cliff Keen National Dual in Cedar Falls. Taking the mat in three of Iowa's four bouts, Marion won two by decision.

Then a 42-second pin by Minnesota's Mike Thorn in the tournament semifinals forced Brands to pit LeClere against Iowa State's Dalton Jensen with a third-straight National Duals title on the line.

Any ongoing dispute became insignificant, though, once Marion ousted Oklahoma State's No. 5-ranked Jamal Parks, 4-0.

Three years removed from the Iowa state high-school wrestling tournament, he may not be polished, but he sure knows how to win.

"When he wrestles solid and focused and free and not trying to take on the whole world, he's doggone tough," Brands said. "I love him."

So does Oklahoma State head coach John Smith, who after the dual legitimately questioned whether Parks is a better wrestler than Marion.

That's exactly what he wants, too.

"You know, I'm throwing my hat in the ring, and I'm ready to go after that title," he said.

Where did this come from?



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Iowa forward Aaron Fuller attempts a shot during the Hawkeyes' game against Penn State on Jan. 16 at Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Iowa won, 67-64.

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What made his stat line against Penn State even more astounding was that seven of Fuller's 10 rebounds came at the offensive end of the court.

"He really hurt us on the glass," Penn State head coach Ed DeChellis said. "We knew that going in he was the best offensive rebounder. We talked about it for two days, but we just didn't execute. We didn't keep him off the glass."

Fuller credits his performance, as Lickliter does, to having a healthier ankle. But he also noted his confidence level.

"I feel like I can help my team out a lot more grabbing rebounds and finishing plays," he said after the Penn State game. "I just want to keep being aggressive. Opportunities have come to me, and I just took advantage of it."

The recent play coming from Fuller has also made his teammates take notice, especially after having seen him spend the bulk of the previous off-season working on becoming a stronger athlete.

"I think he has made a huge progression from the beginning of the year until now," freshman guard Cully Payne said after the Penn State game. "He's a great player. I've known it since the summer when we played. It's coming out now."

And while Lickliter doesn't anticipate Fuller to post a double-double every time Iowa takes the hardwood, he does believe Fuller will keep showing consistency with making strides as a rebounder.

"As long as he keeps going to the offensive glass like that, he's going to be very productive," Lickliter said. "He has a great knack for positioning himself in the right spots."

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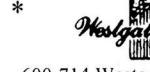
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