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Students shun election

Few UI students are planning to vote in the county supervisor election.

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Johnson County residents will go to the polls to elect a new supervisor today, almost five months after the death of Larry Meyers left the seat vacant.

And despite historically low turnout in special elections, the three candidates running — Lori Cardella, Jim Knapp, and Janelle Rettig — said they're hoping for a great turnout.

All three have spent decades in Johnson County, but their goals as supervisor differ.

Rettig said one of her main concerns is with environmental issues, and the supervisors have a big say in those policies. But the one thing she said voters should recognize is her ability to retain information.

"I have an interest in and ability to grasp policies, and I'm capable of studying the issues," she said. "I can digest an enormous amount of information, and I believe that is very important for this job."

In comparison, Knapp said his reason for running is that he wants a fair representation for the people of Johnson County — which he called a great place to live.

"I felt that not everyone in the county was represented," he said. "Even I did not believe the county represented all the people of Johnson County."

Cardella also wants to be a voice for the people, but she focused on educating residents so they can make their voices heard.

"I have a true desire to represent the will of the people," she said. "I am not a product of the political system, and I want to promote independence."



Cardella
candidate



Knapp
candidate



Rettig
candidate

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Child volunteers bag toiletries at the Trinity Episcopal Church during the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service on Monday. The items are made for residents at the Shelter Home for the Shelter from the Storm program.

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day of service

From quilting to cleaning, locals honor Dr. King with volunteerism.

By **ETSE G. SIKANKU**
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UI Provost Wallace Loh climbed ladders, knelt on the floor, and swept corridors on Monday.

It's not the typical job for a university provost, but on this atypical day of service, Loh could be found helping clean the Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington St.

He was joined by hundreds of people from the UI and the local area to commemorate the life of Martin Luther King Jr. — a man who was the very embodiment of compassion, love, and service.

"King gave his life for humanity," Loh said. "We're honoring the values he stood for by serving the community."

On Monday, it appeared many people were embracing the theme of service, emphasized by President Obama.

As early as 9 a.m., crowds of people began trooping to the IMU to be dispatched to several locations for volunteer work.

Around 140 students volunteered on Monday, an increase of 20 over last year.

The annual event was organized by the UI Civic Engagement Program. Cosponsors included the Office of Student Life, the 10,000 Hours Show, and other community agencies.

Organizers for the event said there are many places in the community that continuously need help.

"We hope this encourages people to continue volunteering, meet new people and network among themselves," said event organizer Mary Mathew Wilson.

Last year's volunteer activities enticed UI junior Mark Rigby to return this year to work at the Johnson County Historical Society Schoolhouse, established as one of Coralville's earliest schools in the late 19th century.

SEE **SERVICE**, 3A

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Check out photos from Monday's Day of Service and an audio recording from part of the day's opening celebration.

Celebrating civil rights

By **JOE CAVALIERE**
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Rep. Wayne Ford, D-Des Moines, posed a question to the roughly 200 people at the opening celebration for the UI's Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration of Human Rights Week.

"Of all the states of America, what's the state that said, 'We will train black men?'" Ford asked the audience.

"Iowa," the audience members in the IMU second-floor ballroom responded.

Ford used the example of Iowa being the first state to train black men for the World War I to highlight the legacy the state has had in the advancement of civil rights during his keynote address.

Years earlier, Iowa was the first state to guarantee black men's right to vote after the Civil War, Ford noted.

SEE **CONVOCAION**, 3A

Injured UI employees now being sent to N. Liberty

Nearly 1,000 injured UI employees each year will seek care at UI HealthWorks instead of within the UIHC.

By **MORGAN OLSEN**
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Starting this week, UI workers who are injured on the job won't have a choice about where to go for treatment.

While UI employees previously had the option to be treated at the Workers' Health Clinic at the UI Hospitals and Clinics or UI HealthWorks in North Liberty, workers

will now only be able to seek treatment at the North Liberty location.

Under the workers' compensation program in Iowa, the state controls who the providers are for all state employees with work-related injuries. The new policy won't affect referrals made to specialists or injuries requiring emergency treatment.

"Apart from a change in location, this should not have any

effect," Henri Cuddihy, the medical director for UI HealthWorks, wrote in an e-mail. "We have been seeing university employees for years. UI HealthWorks and the Workers' Health Clinic have always provided quality care. That will not change."

According to the UI operations manual, employees who are injured at work are asked to report the incident to a supervi-

sor and go directly to the clinic in North Liberty or the emergency room if immediate attention is required.

The employee or employer involved is then obligated to report the injury to the University Benefits Office.

Richard Saunders, a senior associate director of UI Human Resources, estimates that approximately 1,000 of the nearly

UI HealthWorks

Some services offered at the North Liberty location:

- Injury treatment
- Physicals
- Physical therapy
- Prescription-drug dispensary

Source: UI Health Care

25,000 UI employees are injured on the job each year.

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Eyeing textbook options

Professors at the UI take costs into account when choosing textbooks.

By **MEAGHAN ROHAN**
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UI senior Taryn Smith wants to save money on her textbooks.

And with a possible increase in tuition next fall and a \$100 surcharge this semester, some students are looking to do the same.

While many students still choose to purchase their textbooks in bookstores, an increasing number are buying them online, sharing, or downloading versions of text on the Internet.

Smith said she is planning on going to the bookstore to see which books she needs and then searching for them on amazon.com.

"I did it last semester and found that the books were cheaper, even with the shipping," she said.

Some instructors at the UI have taken notice of the higher textbook prices and consider them a factor in what books to assign.

Michael Sposi, a teaching assistant who leads a Principles of Microeconomics class, said he looks for cheaper textbooks to help his students. He also tries to use books that have electronic versions associated with software he uses in class to lessen the cost even more.

"We are very sensitive to the price of textbooks," psychology Professor Michael O'Hara wrote in an e-mail.

Students are free to purchase cheaper versions, such as online texts, he said, and he tries to use one text for several semesters so students have access to used books. Many textbooks create new editions frequently, and as they become available, it is harder to sell back books as well as buy used.



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UI student Christa Eribal (front) flips through a textbook at University Bookstore in the Old Capitol Town Centre on Monday. Eribal, originally from Des Moines, said she compares prices both online and in-store to see which is the better deal. "I like holding the book in my hand because I can see if there is too much highlighting, which distracts me from the actual words," she said.

Psychology Assistant Professor Julie Gros-Louis is using the second edition of a textbook for her Introduction to Developmental Science class, even though the third-edition is available.

And some professors are going further, eliminating the need for hard-copy textbooks altogether.

This semester, General Microbiology students will use an online book. The one-year subscription of the book costs \$30, a savings of \$29.88 from the hard copy.

Richard Shannon, the general manager of the University Bookstore, said store officials are looking into what they can do to make more books available online.

Though no sales numbers were available Monday, he said, he was aware of the increasing number of

ON DAILY IOWAN TV

Watch a video feature on textbook buying at dailyiowan.com.



ways for students to get books. Store officials are also looking into electronic versions of textbooks, which would involve selling the codes for students to use online to access texts.

Federal legislation, effective July 2010, will require textbook publishers to submit specific price information to professors, exposing bookstore markups. Also, software and textbook bundles will be made available unbundled and sold separately at the professors' requests.

But though professors are taking prices into account, they still want to provide the best book available.

"I would never assign an expensive textbook when

Textbook legislation

The new legislation will give students access to information regarding affordable course textbooks:

- Effective July 2010
- Publisher must include specific price information, dates of three previous editions, and whether text is available in other formats.
- Textbooks and supplemental materials can be unbundled and sold separately.
- Information about custom textbooks should be provided.

Source: Federal Textbook Legislation

a cheaper one would suit my course design just as well," journalism Associate Professor Don McLeese wrote in an e-mail. "But I wouldn't assign a book just because it's cheap, in the name of cut-rate education."

Law school chooses new dean

New dean offers a wealth of experience and new ideas.

By **SAM LANE**
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Gail Agrawal's two trips to Iowa City have been rather eventful.

The newly appointed 17th dean of the UI College of Law made her first trip to Iowa City during the large blizzard in December. The second trip, last weekend's introductory and house-hunting visit, resulted in a confusing car ride home. "I've had a lot of exciting travel adventures," the New Orleans native said.



Agrawal
dean

But her overall impression of Iowa City wasn't destroyed.

"Iowa City is a wonderful college town," said Agrawal, who will leave her post as dean of the University of Kansas School of Law. "I look forward to moving this summer. The community is just beautiful."

In addition to residing in Iowa City in July,

Agrawal said, she's eager to make a change.

She looks forward to the UI administration's development of a health policy that could keep the law school highly regarded, she said.

"I want to make sure that Iowa is and remains a top law school in the country," Agrawal said. "We will be confronting challenges in changes to the legal economy."

After earning a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of New Orleans, Agrawal received a Master's in Public Health and J.D. degrees from Tulane University. When she finished law school, she was a law clerk for Senior Judge John Minor Wisdom of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit as well as for Justice Sandra Day O'Connor of the U.S. Supreme Court.

In addition, Agrawal practiced law for seven years with the firm Monroe & Lemann in New Orleans.

She also worked for three years for the insurance company Aetna.

"She's someone with high energy, good ideas, good common sense, and she connects well with faculty."

— **Eric Andersen**, law school associate dean

During that time, she was invited to the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor to teach ethics.

"I so much enjoyed my time as a teacher that I decided it was my calling, not a hobby," Agrawal said.

Agrawal later served as a member of law faculty at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill for nine years, eventually becoming senior associate dean, associate dean for academic affairs, and interim dean.

In 2006, Agrawal was named the first female dean of the University of Kansas School of Law.

UI officials look forward to the large amount of experience and knowledge Agrawal will bring.

"She has a strong commitment to public

Gail Agrawal

The new UI College of Law dean's law experience includes:

- Law clerk for Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, Senior Judge John Wisdom
- Faculty member, senior associate dean, associate dean for academic affairs, and interim dean, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
- Dean, University of Kansas

Source: Gail Agrawal

education," said Eric Andersen, an associate dean at the law school and a vice chairman of the search committee. "She's someone with high energy, good ideas, good common sense, and she connects well with faculty."

Agrawal, who was nominated last spring when she wasn't actually looking for a job, was selected from a nominee pool of almost 200.

"We're in a transition period," said N. William Hines, a dean emeritus at the law school. "The college needs a leader who has a vision of where it's going. She has a lot of good ideas and leadership strengths."

POLICE BLOTTER

Bruce Austin, 18, 2401 Highway 6 E., was charged Sunday with possession of marijuana.

Jennifer Barrientos, 21, Coralville, was charged Sunday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Parish Bennett, 22, 1251 Dolen Place, was charged Jan. 11 with going armed with a loaded weapon.

Tyler Davis, 26, Williamsburg, Iowa, was charged Monday with OWI.

Colleen Erdman, 22, 1269 Dolean

St., was charged Jan. 16 with OWI.

Celia Flesher, 18, 505 E. Burlington St. Apt. 1B, was charged Monday with presence in a bar after hours and PAULA.

Mitchel Frericks, 20, Remsen, Iowa, was charged Monday with keeping a disorderly house.

Chase Gunderson, 20, 363 N. Riverside Drive, was charged Monday with PAULA.

Tyler Hanft, 26, 404 S. Governor St. Apt. 6, was charged Jan. 16 with OWI.

Ronald Hass, 51, 1214 Sandusky

Drive, was charged with possession of marijuana and OWI.

Alison Holtkamp, 21, 401 Hawk Ridge Drive, was charged Monday with OWI.

Shane Koning, 23, 333 St. Gilbert St. Apt. 2124, was charged Monday with public intoxication.

Betsy Norman, 19, 823 E. Burlington St., was charged Monday with PAULA.

Kelly Palicka, 20, 325 E. College St. Apt. 1632, was charged Monday with PAULA.

Nathaneal Sprott, 29,

Mechanicsville, Iowa, was charged Monday with fourth-degree theft and public intoxication.

Cheryl Stephens, 48, West Branch, was charged Sunday with fifth-degree theft.

Sam Thomas, 19, 806 E. College St. Apt. 2, was charged Sunday with possession of marijuana.

Geoffrey Waring, 20, 703 S. Dubuque St., was charged Monday with PAULA.

Ryan Will, 20, 505 E. Burlington St. Apt. 5B, was charged Monday with PAULA.

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3. Iowa City remains Obama country
4. The problem with Cardella
5. Orange Bowl caps storybook season

METRO

Man charged with third OWI

Police arrested a Coralville man early Monday and charged him with operating while intoxicated after officers reportedly found him passed out behind the wheel, according to the Coralville police.

Officers charged Mathew Lynn, 39, with third-offense OWI, a Class D felony, around 3:20 a.m.

According to the police report, Lynn was passed out behind the wheel of a gray Toyota Camry at the

intersection of Coral Ridge Avenue and Commerce Drive.

The vehicle was turned off, and the keys were removed by another person who was afraid Lynn would attempt to drive away, according to a police report.

Lynn had blood-alcohol concentration of 0.231 and allegedly admitted to drinking four beers before driving. He had bloodshot, watery eyes, and slurred speech, police said.

The legal limit for driving in Iowa is 0.08.

— **by Danny Valentine**

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ELECTION

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One thing that Cardella said she wants to stress to voters is their right to vote.

"Don't ever take it for granted," she said.

But many UI students the *Daily Iowan* interviewed are unaware of the election, and several said they weren't going to vote.

UI junior Matt Stange who has lived in Iowa City for the past six years, said he wasn't going to vote simply because he didn't know about it.

Elyse Kafkes, also a UI junior originally from Chicago, said she didn't want to be an uneducated voter.

"If it's not an educated vote, I don't plan on voting," she said.

UI sophomore Stephanie Malley agreed. "I haven't seen any signs or anything," she said. "If I were to vote, I would have to be an informed voter."

But UI junior Logan Lumley said he might vote — now that he knows there is an election.

"If I figure out what it's for or look for some background on the candidates, I might," he said.

According to the Johnson County Auditor Web site, the special election

Voting locations

Students can vote on campus

- Quadrangle
- Main Library
- Recreation Center (lower level east entrance), 220 S. Gilbert
- West High, 2901 Melrose

Source: Johnson County auditor

for supervisor in April 1994 drew only 7,393 voters, or 12.5 percent, of the 59,084 registered voters.

Johnson County Auditor Tom Slockett estimated the cost of the election to be around \$75,000. A statutory committee had appointed Rettig to fill Meyers' spot until the next scheduled election, but Cardella collected enough signatures to petition for today's special election.

Cardella has reported to have raised \$5,751 in cash donations while collecting \$9,863 of in-kind contributions. Rettig had \$17,554 in cash donations, with less than \$50 of in-kind contributions. Knapp had not filed a fundraising report as of Monday evening.

Voting is today from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Voters can check where they can vote or if they need to register to vote online at www.jcauditor.com

Your turn. Are you planning to vote in today's Johnson County Supervisor election? Weigh in at dailyiowan.com.

CONVOCATION

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Kicking off two weeks of events to honor King's legacy, the opening celebration was intended to honor the civil-rights activist's message.

"[We are here] to keep the dream alive, to promote civil rights and social justice, and to bring the community together to celebrate," said Patrice Robinson, one of the event's co-heads.

A handful of performers kept members of the UI and Iowa City community entertained throughout the evening. Vocal performances by the Voices of Soul, the Quire, and Charism dotted the program, which concluded with a spoken-word piece by Idris Goodwin.

Katherine Betts, another co-head of the event, said one of the messages of the event was that a lot of progress has been made in civil rights since King's time. But, she said, people "still have to continue, and there's still a lot more work to be done."

This message was echoed in the speech by Tom Rocklin, the UI interim vice president for Student Services, when he compared the struggle



CHARLIE ANDERSON/THE DAILY IOWAN

Buttons featuring Martin Luther King Jr. are displayed during the 2010 Celebration for Human Rights opening in the IMU second-floor ballroom on Monday. The event was the conclusion to the Day of Service.

for civil rights to his experiences in education. He explained that while his students might make great progress in their short time spent in his class, in the grand scheme of things, there is much more work to be done.

UI President Sally Mason, last year's keynote speaker, also spoke at the event. She introduced Ford by telling his rags-to-riches story of being voted "most likely not to succeed" in high school to becoming an Iowa state representative.

Upcoming events

The celebration of Martin Luther King's life and legacy at the UI will continue today

- UI Health Care Martin Luther King Distinguished Lecture, "Educating Leaders in Health Care for the 21st Century," Freeman Hrabowski, University of Maryland, noon, 1110A Medical Education and Research Facility
- Social Justice Sundaes, 7 p.m., Currier multipurpose room

Source: UI Celebration of Human Rights

Ford also noted the recent crisis in Haiti, calling upon the Iowa community to respond as they always have

in the past — with generosity and compassion for others. "Iowa City, it's in your hands," he said.

INJURIES

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While many employees do use the North Liberty location, he estimated the bulk were going to UIHC, though no numbers were available.

Saunders said he had no information on why the state officials made the decision. He e-mailed all employees this week to inform them of the change.

Officials at the Iowa Department of Administrative Services were unable to comment on the change.

"Some employees thought it would be a problem with time and transportation," Saunders said. "For others, it was a non-event."

UI employees who seek care at the North Liberty clinic will be reimbursed for gas money. Employees who work at offices with university vehicles may also choose to be driven to North Liberty in those vehicles.

"I really don't have any problem with it," said Shonda Monette, a laboratory specialist in the chemistry department. "I wouldn't be opposed to driving to North Liberty if I were injured."

Until the Workers' Health Clinic eventually closes, it will continue to see patients who were being treated there before the change was made, Saunders said.

"The real con to the whole thing is the loss of time in which employees will be away from work," Saunders said.

SERVICE

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"I had a good experience last year and decided to come again to help clean the old schoolhouse," Rigby said while grabbing a mop to clean the floor.

A few feet away, Jason Rogers conscientiously cleaned the dusty recitation platforms. The second-year dental student said the slain civil-rights leader had done so much that he would be remiss if he didn't do his part.

Such sentiments were echoed in many parts of the city as people braved the chilly air to contribute.

"The community is everyone's responsibility," said UI clinical Professor Nicole Nisly, as member of

Volunteer sites

- Johnson County Historical Society
- Englert Theatre
- Trinity Episcopal Church
- Old Brick

Source: UI Civic Engagement Program

the university's Committee on Diversity who was part of the team at the Englert Theatre.

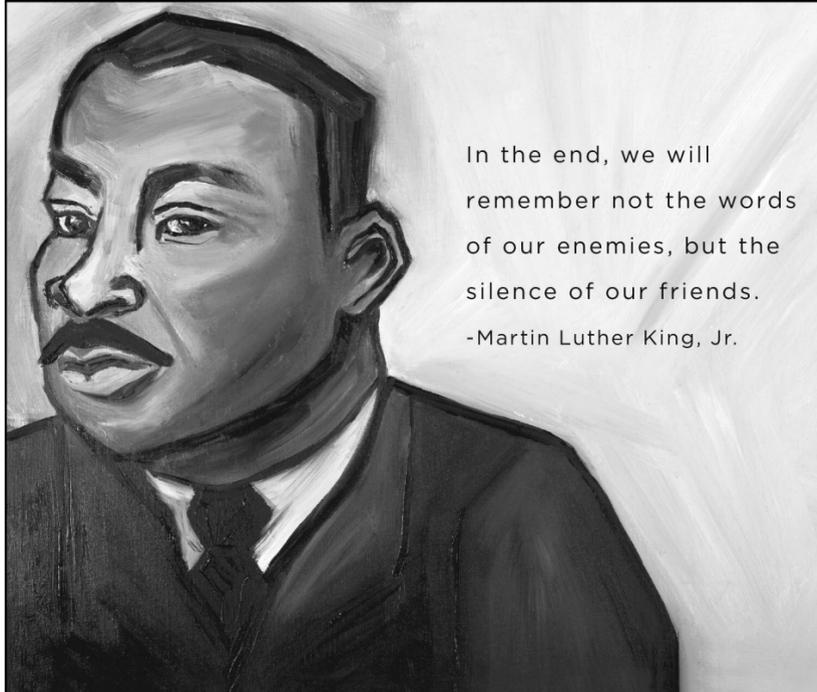
At the Trinity Episcopal Church, volunteers were greeted with the smell of baking muffins for the residents of the city's Shelter House. Other rooms in the building were filled with both exuberant adults and their equally excited children who had gathered to make items for the homeless.

Meg Warner, the Christian formation director of the church, said a day this

provides a chance for citizens to take care of the less fortunate while giving kids an outlet to learn about volunteerism.

Robbie Frerichs, a 9-year-old who attends Horn Elementary, soaked up all the lessons as he helped his mother quilt.

"I was cooking, and right now, I'm learning to make quilts," he said. "I want to help people."



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Spotlight Iowa City

A boon for business

Paul Heath has led a local business center for 25 years.

By **JORDAN FRIES**
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With the clock ticking close to 5 p.m. on a Friday, Paul Heath was still planted at his work desk, making calls and sifting through a seemingly endless barrage of paperwork.

But for the director of the UI Small Business Development Center, it's that tireless work ethic that has allowed him to persevere for more than two decades at the helm of the largest such center in Iowa.

"I take great pride in helping these small businesses become truly successful," he said.

The 60-year-old took over as director on Oct. 15, 1984, and he has since counseled more than 12,000 aspiring entrepreneurs and conducted more than 350 business workshops for 8,000 attendees. In this past year alone, he has provided consultation to 300 local clients, split halfway between current small-business owners and those interested in starting their own businesses.

And the roughly 25 percent of those successful at starting their business prove to be a "very important part of our local economy," Heath said.

The local center, one of 15 in the state, mainly provides informational workshops and private consultation to benefit current

business owners, but it still attracts a large clientele of prospective entrepreneurs looking for ways to begin a small, profitable business, Heath said.

A small business is classified as having 500 or fewer employees, according to the center. These businesses account for more than 45 percent of the U.S. private payroll, making them the leading drivers in resurrecting the moribund economy, Heath said.

It's also his hands-on role as director that has helped the UI's center become the most successful in the state. Along with a supporting cast of private consultants and graduate-student assistants, Heath aids his clients, dispensing strategic advice on issues ranging from becoming more profitable through proper tax returns to marketing a business via social-networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter.

Moe Ajam, a local entrepreneur who runs the Patient Education Institute in Coralville, credits much of his success to the direct assistance of Heath. Ajam's business, which provides information to patients about the treatments they are receiving and the diseases that afflict them, said his business never would have gotten off the ground without Heath.

"It really put our tax dollars to good use," Ajam said, and the center provided information on grants and networking opportunities.

Heath developed a strategic plan with Ajam and even secured him



Heath
director

Paul Heath

- **Hometown:** Belle Plaine, Iowa
- **Age:** 60
- **Favorite food:** Pizza
- **Favorite hobby:** Walking
- **Favorite sports team:** Iowa Hawkeyes football
- **Favorite place to travel:** Black Hills, S.D.

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financing. According to statistics from the UI center, businesses that consult with Heath grow 3.5 times faster than the national average. Since he took over as director, local businesses have made more than \$29 million and created 824 jobs.

"My interest in small business has really been constant throughout my career," Heath said. "People get tired of getting caught up in the corporate rat race, and they want to try out their own ideas to achieve success based on their own initiative."

Before becoming the 28-year-old center's second director, Heath worked for a Fortune 500 company, moving seven times in seven years across the Midwest to counsel start-up businesses.

And many locals would be lost if Heath hadn't settled in Iowa City.

"Paul Heath has been quietly and effectively churning the local economy forward for a long time," said Deborah Duncan, a marketing specialist and coworker. "It's time he got the credit he deserves."

UI drops H1N1 policy

The number of local H1N1 flu cases has decreased, Student Health officials say.

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When students flip through their syllabuses this semester, they won't find the H1N1 absence policy that the UI implemented in the fall.

University officials have eliminated the policy, which allowed students to miss class without penalty at the first sign of flu-like symptoms.

"We will return to our old policy, which has always allowed students to miss class because of illness and family emergency," said Beth Ingram, an associate provost for undergraduate education. University officials consulted with the Johnson County Public Health Department, she said.

The difference between the two policies, she said, is faculty members' ability to use their own discretion on how to handle absences.

Last semester, the UI asked students to fill out illness-absence form to give to their professors if they missed classes because of H1N1 or flu-like symptoms. Professors could not penalize students for the time missed.

"I missed a week of class while I was sick," UI senior Vanessa Loew said. "My teachers were fine with it; some of them didn't even make me fill out the form."

The university did not require teachers to count the number of forms they received, so the school does not have a record of how many students took advantage of the policy.



FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY IOWAN
Susan Faith gets her blood pressure checked before getting the H1N1 vaccine at the UI Hospitals and Clinics on Sept. 8, 2009. UI officials eliminated a blanket illness absence policy this semester.

Students may still miss classes because of illness. But they will no longer have a blanket university policy — they instead must adhere to attendance guidelines stated in each course's syllabus.

"I recommend that students are very clear about absence policies for each class at the beginning of the semester to avoid problems," Ingram said.

When the previous policy was in place, students with symptoms were asked to stay home and avoid going to Student Health unless those symptoms became severe. Students could return to classes and public spaces 24 hours after they had no fever.

Though the policy has changed, Student Health recommends that ill students follow the same courses of actions.

Because Student Health doesn't test for the virus and many students didn't seek medical attention, officials did not record the number of UI students, staff, and

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faculty members who contracted H1N1.

"The numbers have definitely settled down," said Lisa James, the Student Health administrative director. "The virus has quieted down across the state and even across the country."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention lists Iowa as a "sporadic" state, meaning small numbers of laboratory-confirmed influenza cases have been reported and there has been no increase in the number of influenza-like illnesses reported.

Last semester, Student Health provided nearly 2,700 H1N1 vaccines at its facility and through campus flu clinics. Flu vaccines will be available again this week.

"The new policy should be fine," James said. "If something changes, everyone on campus will respond."



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Changes to aid form seen

The beginning of spring semester means it's time to complete financial-aid applications.

By **KELLIE PETERSEN**
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Students dreading the burden of a complicated financial-aid application process can look forward to several anticipated changes.

The Department of Education is planning to tweak the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form in an attempt to make it easier and more user-friendly.

Though some officials thought the changes might take place this year, they don't anticipate most to occur until the 2011-12 academic year. Because the application is filled out for the following academic year, students and parents will notice some differences next year.

During the summer, the Department of Education announced a revamped form was on the way, but this year's paperwork looked basically the same. Though the department doesn't have a deadline, officials expect a new form next year.

According to Cathy Wilcox, a senior associate director for the UI Office of Student Financial Aid, possible changes include simplifying income questions to include only earnings from work and not assets. Fewer questions and web screens may be a part of the revamped application. In addition to these variations, the Education Department may work with the IRS to verify income.

Greg Cendana, the president of the United States Student Association — a national organization devoted to student issues — said he welcomes the changes.

"[We have] been working and advocating for the simplifying of the [application] for years, so this is a victory for students," he said.

Cendana not only appreciates the tweaks to the financial-aid form in general but also the effect they will have on first-generation students.

"The [application] used to be a barrier to students every year," he said. "So with the changes we believe that students, especially first-generation students, will be more confident and excited about applying for federal financial aid."

UI students are familiar with the daunting process.

Though UI senior Gena Shapiro said filling out the application got easier over the years because the program saves certain information, she recalled difficulties with the form initially and said changes to make it easier would be beneficial.

"It's kind of scary the first time because you don't know what to do," she said.

Others noted the confusion the form creates in its present state.

Sophomore Greg Buck suggested schools should better instruct students on how to complete the application.

"They're just kind of like 'Yeah, this is the form you need to fill out if you want aid,'" he said.

Fellow sophomore Corey Buit agreed about the confusion the form can create.

"I've seen it," he said. "It's more confusing and complicated than I want to deal with."

Jan Knowles, Buit's mother, completed the form for the spring semester and said she realized the benefits new paperwork will create.

"The easier it is, the more apt I am to fill it out," she said.

Study: Smoking ban beneficial

The Iowa City City Council plans to discuss further smoking restrictions this year.

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A little more than a year and a half after Iowa's Smokefree Air Act took effect, one UI professor is aiming to verify that a smoke free environment will continue to benefit the local community.

A recent study from the UI and the Iowa Department of Public Health shows a 24 percent decrease in Iowa hospital admissions for coronary heart disease and a decrease in admissions for heart attacks and strokes since the state restricted smoking.

Christopher Squier, a UI professor in the oral pathology, radiology, and medicine department and the main author of the study, said he foresees a healthier future.

He thinks Iowa hospitals will continue to see fewer patients with smoke-related heart problems, he said. Because the ban is relatively new and smoking often takes 20 years to cause cancer, there may be other long-term effects of the ban, he said.

And to keep Iowa City



A lone cigarette lies on the Pedestrian Mall on Monday. Even after the City Council banned smoking in the area, cigarette butts litter it. A new study shows heart-related hospital admissions have decreased since a statewide smoking ban went into effect.

smokefree, some local hospitals offer support for smokers to butt out their tobacco sticks.

Mercy Hospital's program Smoke Stoppers provides support one-on-one with patients, said Mercy Hospital employee Denice Connell.

The UI Hospitals and Clinics also offer smoking-cessation programs that focus on behavior modifications and supply

prescriptions as needed.

An October 2008 smoking ban passed by the Iowa City City Council covers the Pedestrian Mall from Linn Street to the fountain near the Sheraton, 210 S. Dubuque St. The local ban came several months after the state's, which banned smoking in most public places, including restaurants and bars.

Councilors will discuss

further smoking restrictions later this year, Councilor Regenia Bailey said.

Nationally, Iowa's smoking ban joins 33 other states with some sort of smoke free law, says the American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation.

Because Iowa City bars and restaurants are smoke free, some UI students said they're finding downtown a more pleas-

How a smoking ban is positive

Although controversial, smoking bans can be beneficial:

- Decreased pollution in bars and restaurants
- Reduction in heart-related problems, such as strokes and heart attacks
- Less secondhand smoke

Source: Science Daily

ant place to spend time.

UI sophomore Glynis Gallagher, who suffers from asthma, said she's happy with the ban.

"I would definitely not be able to go places as often without the smoking ban. I've had to leave restaurants before because I just can't breathe," she said. "The smell stays on your clothes, your hair — you reek of it; it's disgusting."

UI sophomore Erin Moreau, a former employee of Et Cetera, 118 S. Dubuque St., said she appreciates the smoking regulations.

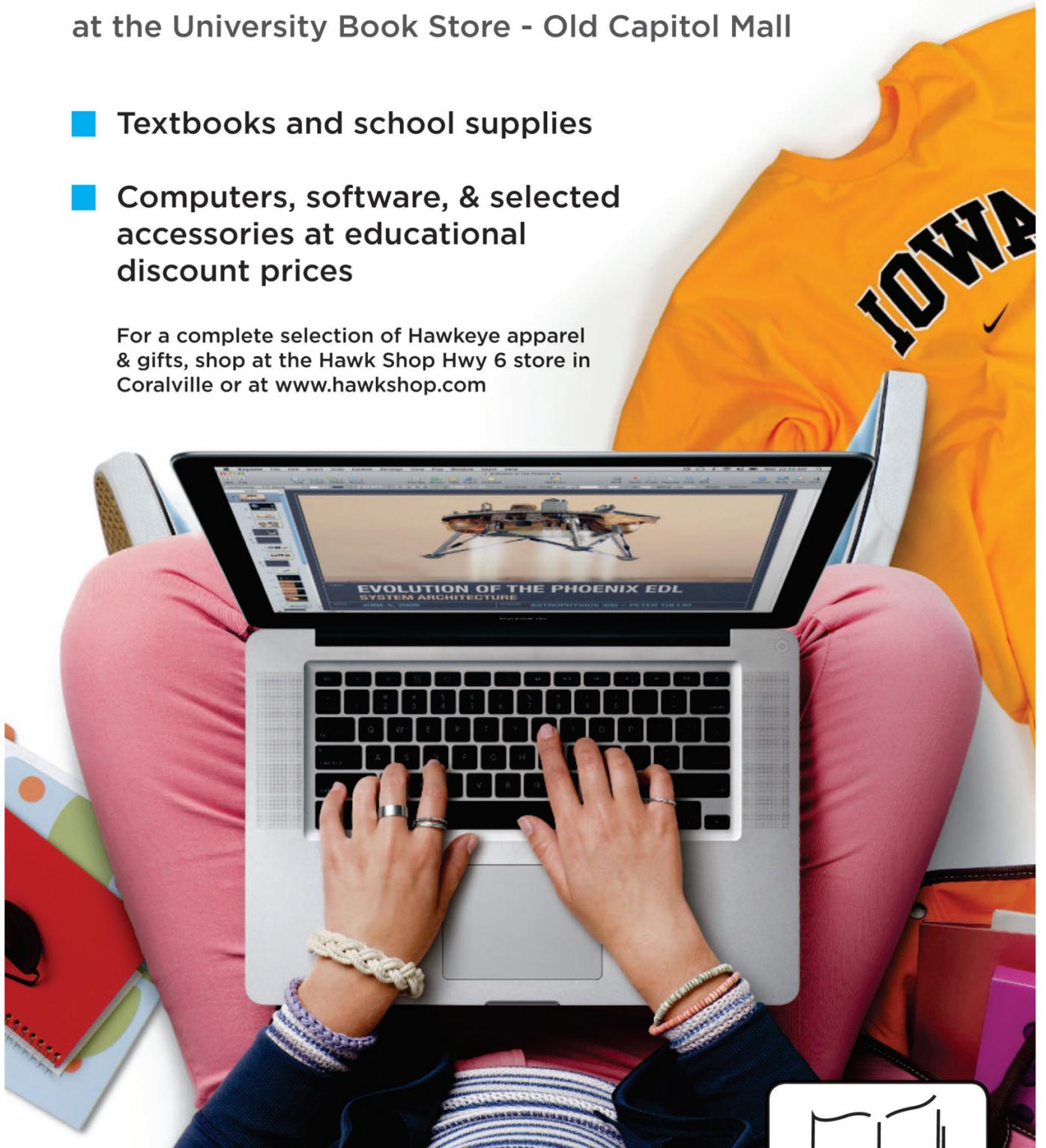
"It is not like someone else's smoking doesn't affect you," she said; when someone is smoking nearby, "the smoke is everywhere."

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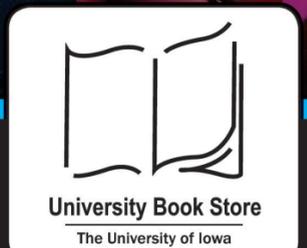


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Editorial

(Don't) give us a break — shorten time off in winter

Near the end of every winter break, something odd happens. A spark of desire to get back to school begins to grow in the heart of many students.

As odd as it may sound for the typically lazy college student to look forward to the end of a month-long break, there is a perfectly good explanation: A month is just too long.

Rather than having students sulking in utter disgust at the thought of wasting a week just trying to stay warm, UI officials should cut the last week of winter break off and let us enjoy an extra week of summer.

A shorter winter break may hinder some travel plans. But if three weeks is enough time to learn human anatomy, it is enough time to travel. On top of that, not much academic restructuring would be needed. The winter session runs for three weeks as it is, so the class schedules wouldn't be negatively affected.

The benefits are obvious. School would be out earlier, so students and faculty could start enjoying their summer vacations just a bit earlier.

This kind of calendar isn't rare. Students at some schools in the Big Ten, such as Indiana University, returned to classes last week in exchange for an extra week of warmth. University of Northern Iowa students will also kick back to catch some rays and laugh while we are still buried in books preparing for finals. And Iowa State will be out of school a week earlier than UI students as well.

We should learn from our peers.

Winter break is unique. There is something about the holiday season and the extended amount of time off that separates the vacation from the others. That novelty wouldn't be threatened, however. Students would still get three weeks off, which is longer than any other break during the normal academic year. So fear not. Winter break would still be winter break.

UI junior and Naperville, Ill., native Erin McCutcheon came back to campus two weeks ago. She said she enjoys being home for the holidays, but it doesn't take long for boredom to set in.

"Four weeks at home is a little too long," she said. "[Having only three weeks off] would make winter break more tolerable, and it would make the transition back to classes easier because there would be less time in between academic sessions. It would be much easier to get back into school mode."

A number of other students we talked to agreed with McCutcheon. They said boredom, aggravating



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Students slide down the walkway behind Hillcrest Residence Hall on Dec. 9, 2009. Many students spent the day off playing in up to 11 inches of snow.

parents, and their love of Iowa City drives their desire to be back. And by the time summer rolls around, they want nothing more than to finish classes and sit poolside or enjoy the outdoors.

We see no reason the UI administration should not at least consider the change. UI spokesman Tom Moore was unavailable for comment on Monday.

UI officials should determine the plausibility of a truncated winter hiatus and should survey faculty, staff, and students to get an idea of where the majority opinion lies.

For us, summer is summer. And winter is too cold to sit around waiting for class to start.

Your turn. Should UI officials consider shortening winter break? Weigh in at dailyiowan.com

Truth in action

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So it's been a fun four weeks — if you can call 11-straight days of sub-zero temperatures "fun" (no, really; you had to be there) — full of holidays and good cheer and a new year (which looks pretty much like the old year, but then, new years have that tendency).

And, as we were incessantly reminded, from dawn to dusk and dusk to dawn and everywhere in between (if there is such an in between), the end of the first decade of the new (well, not so new anymore) millennium.

Well, of course, the first decade of the sort-of new millennium doesn't really end until the close of this year, but if everyone believes that the first decade ended in 2009, it doesn't truly matter, does it?

Or, as Paul Krugman wrote in the Dec. 28 *New York Times*, "Yes, I know that strictly speaking the millennium didn't begin until 2001. Do we really care?"

Apparently not. I mean, this seems to be the age in which we believe what we believe and don't bother me with the facts, as Ronald Reagan once reportedly said.

Thus we get a number of people who fervently believe that Barack Obama was not born in the United States, despite all the evidence, and think he is an illegitimate president.

Or we get BBC Radio, as it did a few weeks ago in those oh-so-suave British accents, tell us that the 9/11 attacks occurred nine years ago.

Um, no. The 9/11 attacks occurred approximately eight years and four months ago. Call me picky, but eight years and four months don't add up to nine.

Or, just to pick another example at random, we have the author of a new biography of Raymond Carver, Carol Sklenicka, describing Carver's stay in Iowa City, write "On a rise west of the river, the gilt-domed Greek Revival Old Capitol ..."

fits for all people of the county. Elevated trails could be constructed to contain the potential flooding, as well as possibly serving as the road bed for a narrow-gauge railroad that would enable all people of the county to visit the natural areas regardless of their physical condition. Not just the Sierra Club but the people in wheelchairs or needing walkers. Visit the Silverton and Durango website for more inspiration. Eventually all the small communities of the county could be linked with each other to the extent of even commuter transportation.

Janelle even talked about the county information system and its need for improvement. Personally, I think the records and the links to all the other necessary information are very up to date and accessible. Just

Now granted, Sklenicka is writing about August 1963, but I'd be willing to bet a large amount of money (say, the money I saved on car insurance by not having a car) that in 1963, the Old Capitol sat pretty much where it sits today — which is to say solidly east of the river. (You don't have to take my word for it; check it out.)

Or we could take Sarah (remember the death panels?) Palin. Turns out, according to the book *Game Change*, that the John McCain foreign-policy experts had to teach the Alaska governor about World War I and World II.

Palin didn't know about World War I and World II? Huh?

Well, I guess she couldn't see World War I and World II from her porch in Alaska.

Or we could take Pat Robertson and his take on the earthquake in Haiti:

"Something happened a long time ago in Haiti, and people might not want to talk about it. They were under the heel of the French. You know, Napoleon III and whatever. And they got together and swore a pact to the devil. They said, 'We will serve you if you will get us free from the French.' True story. And so, the devil said, 'OK, it's a deal.' And they kicked the French out."

There's a small problem here. And no, I'm not talking about poor taste or pacts with the devil. (Robertson has his devils, you have my devils. I call mine the New York Yankees. And no matter how many pins I stick into New York Yankee bobble-head dolls, the Yankees don't seem to go away. Curious things, devils.)

No, the problem is the Haitian slaves did indeed revolt against the French colonialists/imperialists and kick them out behind the leadership of Toussaint L'Ouverture. In 1804. (The year after the Louisiana Purchase, in case you're keeping track at home.) Napoleon III ("You know, Napoleon III and whatever.") was born in 1808. So I'm going to go out on a limb here and say it's quite probable that he wasn't the French emperor in 1804.

But then, accuracy — do we really care? ■

Letters

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Vote Cardella in special election

Some of our county officials seem to have forgotten that they work for us; it's not the other way around.

With that in mind, did you know the county supervisors have been on a spending spree in recent years? They have increased their budget a whopping 56 percent over the last four years. The budget was \$53.8 million for fiscal 2007; the budget for fiscal 2010 is \$84.08 million. That's a problem.

The Democrat machine nominee for county supervisor has a track record of increasing budgets resulting in higher taxes. It's more of the same tax-and-spend policy.

In contrast, Lori Cardella was on the frontlines in the battle against the county's desire to buy up unspecified land using \$20 million of your money. She fought to keep your hard-earned money in your pockets, not go into county coffers for wish-list items.

Lori fought against the unwarranted 1 cent local-option sales and service tax last year.

Her common sense leadership helped defeat the tax-and-spend measure in Coralville and just barely missed defeat in Iowa City by six votes.

Lori Cardella is determined to lower the cost of living in Johnson County by cutting taxes for citizens and private businesses. She's for the people, against bigger tax-and-spend government.

Please vote Lori Cardella in today's special election.

Mike Thayer
Coralville resident

Vote Rettig for supervisor

Janelle Rettig, the Democratic candidate in today's Board of Supervisors special election, has a broad range of experience, including service on the Iowa Department of Natural Resources board, the Iowa City Airport Commission, the Iowa Bicycle Coalition, and numerous human-rights and social-justice organizations.

Janelle's experience dealing with issues such as conservation, trails, family farm preservation, etc., demonstrate her

strong commitment to rural constituents.

What impresses me most about Janelle is her dedication and hard work. She will carefully study all issues that come before the board and will treat everyone with respect and genuine interest. Johnson County will be fortunate to have Janelle as a supervisor. I urge everyone to participate in the special election today and to vote for Janelle.

Jeanette Carter
Iowa City resident

Vote Knapp today

It was no surprise when I opened my paper and saw that the *Press-Citizen* had decided to support Democrat Janelle Rettig in today's Board of Supervisors special election. She expresses herself well and has some points that are certainly valid. What hurts is that the *PC* continuously supports, recommends, and nominates people almost exclusively from the gay community. I have no problem with gays, but there are other people here who also want to serve. Nothing Janelle said or campaigned on has to do with reducing taxes by any significant amount. After I

indicated that the jail can be renovated and added to for substantially less money, she said, "Revisit the jail."

So, Janelle, how often have you visited the jail? What do you think of home release? What would you do to help reduce the need for a jail? Let us face it: Juvenile crimes and truancy are real problems. Some of this can be handled by education, but mentoring is also in great need. I want to set up four \$1,000 scholarships for the kids in jeopardy through Kirkwood Community College. All the child would have to do is stay out of trouble, attend school, and graduate. This would be directed at the minority community because they have the greatest disadvantages. I have already communicated with Amy Correia regarding this matter and would be happy to share it with anyone interested.

Janelle was instrumental in the \$20 million bond issue for conservation, and that is a noble thing that passed by 61 percent of the voters, she will tell you again and again, ad absurdum. I think it should have encompassed more bene-

fits for all people of the county. Elevated trails could be constructed to contain the potential flooding, as well as possibly serving as the road bed for a narrow-gauge railroad that would enable all people of the county to visit the natural areas regardless of their physical condition. Not just the Sierra Club but the people in wheelchairs or needing walkers. Visit the Silverton and Durango website for more inspiration. Eventually all the small communities of the county could be linked with each other to the extent of even commuter transportation.

visit the various pages by the supervisors, auditor, treasurer, and recorder, and you will be overwhelmed with up-to-date information. They spend substantial funds to do this, and it is state of the art. A couple of key strokes, and the entire budget including comparisons are right there for your perusal.

In closing, I want the people of Johnson County to know that I do not think love is a sin. Neither is riding a bicycle a sin. I do think that ignoring the need is a sin, and they deserve more than Janelle Rettig carrying their issues forward. Taxpayers, believe me: The choice is still yours, and you should vote in today's special election.

Jim Knapp
candidate for Johnson County supervisor



PUBLICITY PHOTO

Drummer Clyde Stubblefield plays as Chuck D raps at the Toronto Film Festival.

Sampling nation

A UI professor and a UI alum team up to create a documentary questioning copyright laws.

By SARAH LARSON
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Can one person own a sound?

Benjamin Franzen and Kembrew McLeod ask that question in their new documentary, *Copyright Criminals*, which will premiere nationally tonight on "Independent Lens," a PBS documentary series. The film will be shown on IPTV World at 8 a.m., 2 p.m., and 7 p.m., Wednesday. Iowa Public Television will also air it at 11 p.m. on Jan. 24.

The film examines the current debate in the music industry over copyright laws that inhibit remixing and music sampling. It also observes the way in which freedom of expression and money play a part in the ongoing dispute. Franzen is a UI alumnus, and McLeod is a UI associate professor of communication studies.

They began work on the film in 2003. The project started out as a documentary about music and grew into a social commentary on the recent remix culture that developed in the past few years. Many groups, such as Eclectic Method,

which mixes different audio and visual media, helped them reveal the world of sampling music.

"The copyright law as it stands is outdated and is not sufficient for creators today in a remix culture," Franzen said. "And a lot of this technology and innovative sampling and remixing techniques came about after the last adaptation of the copyright law."

Besides covering a controversial topic, the pair also faced the challenge of making the documentary with little money and time. After winning a UI grant, McLeod was able to gain other sponsors, which helped with funding. Both men were extremely busy as well, so they did not work on it continually but rather sporadically — and it paid off.

The film debuted outdoors at the Toronto Film Festival. After the screening, James Brown drummer Clyde Stubblefield, Chuck D of Public Enemy, and Eclectic Method performed together. Each was featured in the film.

"One of the neat aspects about it was that all three of these different musical groups or people, they're from three

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different music generations," Franzen said. "You've got Clyde, who is at the height of his career working with James Brown in the late-60s and early '70s. You've got Chuck D, whose big albums were in the late-80s. And you've got Eclectic Method, whose big year is 2009."

Franzen and McLeod relied on fair-use laws, which allow the use of media for educational, parody, and commentary purposes, to create their documentary. Without it, licensing every piece of media would have cost millions.

Despite the difficulty of maneuvering around the very copyright laws that they object in their film, both were pleased with the finished product.

"We're really proud of it," McLeod said. "It basically is what we hoped it would be. It visually reflects the remix culture that it is trying to document."

CULTURAL SERIES

Building cultural bridges in Iowa City

The UI Confucius Institute seeks to expand the community's sphere of Chinese studies and enhance cross-cultural understanding.

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An invisible cape flaps behind visiting scholar Qian Sun wherever she goes. Not only does the native from Shanghai teach Chinese language classes for the UI Confucius Institute, she also serves as an ambassador of Chinese culture battling against misconceptions.

"When I first arrived [last August], someone here in Iowa asked me, 'Is China very dangerous?'" Sun said. "I was so shocked. I feel like some people's impressions of China are still stuck in the times of the Cultural Revolution [more than 30 years ago]."

In 2004, the Chinese government's Office of Chinese Language Council International, also known as Hanban, initiated a global outreach project to promote multicultural relations and education. Today, Hanban has established a network of 282 Confucius Institutes in 84 countries worldwide. In 2006, the UI was the third university-based institute in the United States to found its own Confucius Institute and form a partnership with Shanghai's Eastern China Normal University.

Every year, the UI's Confucius Institute hosts two guest scholars from its sister university in Shanghai to help conduct community and UI credit-based Chinese language classes, as well as to experience a different culture for themselves.

"I'm not only teaching, but I'm also learning from my students," Sun said. "It's a good experience for my own studies."

She enjoys researching supplementary presentations on topics such as Chinese cuisine and festivals for her class discussions. She often discovers unexpected similarities between Chinese and U.S. cultures, she said, which produce



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UI Professor Emeritus Ramon Lim presides over the study of Chinese calligraphy.

novel ties between her and her students.

In addition to providing a language curriculum, the Confucius Institute organizes events to introduce Chinese art, dance, martial arts, music, and food and to discuss cultural geography, trade, politics, law, and urban life.

Today, the institute will greet the new semester with a calligraphy class taught by UI Professor Emeritus Ramon Lim. The instruction will be split into a presentation of the art and history of calligraphy followed by a hands-on trial for participants.

"You don't have to be an expert on the Chinese language to appreciate the art of Chinese calligraphy," said Lim, whose works are featured in Chait Galleries Downtown.

A person who can understand the modern art styles of Jackson Pollock and Franz Kline can also understand Chinese calligraphy, he said.

The Confucius Institute also plans to attend next month's annual Cultural Diversity Festival for its second-consecutive year.

"It was a good way to get the word out," said Rebecca Kessler, the Confucius Institute assistant to the director. "[Our program has] a lot of potential."

The institute is applying

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for a grant to initiate summer language camps for middle-school and high-school levels.

"We're trying to get more involved in the community," Kessler said. "I think we can reach a lot more people than we are [here] in Iowa, which is a goal for the coming year."

The summer program, with a dormitory component, would allow students from the farther reaches of Iowa to participate in Chinese studies and become acquainted with the culture.

Sun believes the Midwest is especially isolated from access to Chinese language and study.

"It is important for people to be updated on their knowledge of China," she said.

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Obamas serve on King's federal day

By **DARLENE SUPERVILLE**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Obama served plates of steaming hot lunches to the needy Monday, one of several ways the nation's first black president paid tribute to Martin Luther King Jr. on the federal holiday honoring the slain civil-rights leader.

Obama held a discussion at the White House with black elders and their grandchildren about the push for equality that King led until he was assassinated in 1968. The president also was to speak at the Kennedy Center during a musical celebration of King's legacy.

His outing was part of an array of holiday tributes. Worshipers at King's Ebenezer Baptist Church heard Princeton University scholar Cornel West deliver a passionate keynote address in Atlanta, urging them not to "sanitize" King's legacy.

In Washington, Obama spent the day with King observances.

"How are you sir? God bless you," the president

said, greeting one man among the dozens of men and women who filed into the dining room at SOME, or So Others Might Eat.

The organization, a short ride from the White House, provides the poor and homeless with food and other services. Obama handed them pre-assembled lunch plates of chicken, potato salad, mixed vegetables, and bread.

He brought the whole family: Michelle Obama, daughters Malia and Sasha, mother-in-law Marian Robinson, and some aides.

Michelle Obama poured hot coffee while 8-year-old Sasha tagged along and handed out packets of sweetener. Robinson walked around serving pastries from a baking sheet. Malia, 11, walked among the rows of diners, chatting with them and shaking hands.

One woman asked Michelle Obama if she had brought the family dog, Bo. She did not.

Back at the White House, President Obama and Michelle Obama sat around a conference table



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President Obama points as he serves lunch to people at So Others Might Eat, a social-services organization, in Washington on Monday.

in the Roosevelt Room for a discussion with people who had been active in the civil-rights movement, including Dorothy Height, the long-time chairwoman of the National Council of Negro Women, and Willie Glanton, the first black woman elected to Iowa's state Legislature in the mid-1960s.

Obama told reporters the conversation served as a reminder "that there were some extraordinarily courageous young people ... who were actively involved in bringing about one of the great moments in United

States history."

Monday — the 25th federal observance of King's birthday (his actual birthday is Jan. 15) — was the president's second day of reflection on the civil-rights leader's legacy, whom Obama credits with paving the way for his 2008 election.

On Sunday, at a Baptist church founded by freed slaves, Obama spoke of his reliance on faith, recalled King's work, and urged hundreds of worshippers to take heart in hard times and celebrate progress — however small.

Mass. race down to wire

By **BETH FOUHY**
Associated Press

BOSTON — Nearly one year to the day after President Obama was sworn into office as an agent of change, Massachusetts Senate candidates battled to the wire Monday in an election that threatened his agenda and reflected voters' frustration with the status quo.

Democrat Martha Coakley and Republican Scott Brown scoured the state for votes on the eve of the special election to succeed the late Edward M. Kennedy, with the Democrats' 60-vote Senate supermajority at stake.

From a distance, the president made one last appeal in a TV ad for Coakley, his words reflecting how much was on the line for Democrats in the face of a surprisingly strong challenge by Republican Scott Brown in a state that hasn't elected a Republican senator since 1972.

"Every vote matters. Every voice matters," Obama said in the ad that showed him campaigning with Coakley a day earlier. "We need you on Tuesday."

Obama needs Coakley, the state's attorney general, to win to deny Republicans the ability to block his initiatives — specifically the nearly complete health-care plan — with a filibuster-sustaining 41st Republican vote. A Coakley

loss also would be an embarrassment, particularly because Obama has put so much political capital on the line.

A Suffolk University survey taken Jan. 16 and Sunday shows Brown with double-digit leads in three counties the poll identified as bellwethers: Gardner, Fitchburg, and Peabody. But internal statewide polls for both sides show a dead-heat.

Backers of Coakley and Brown worked feverishly to identify their supporters and persuade undecided voters to move their way. Each side deployed armies of volunteers to man phone banks and trudge door to door through ice and snow to encourage people to vote.

A third candidate in the race, Joseph L. Kennedy, a Libertarian running as an independent, said Monday he's been bombarded with e-mails from Brown supporters urging him to drop out and endorse the Republican. But Kennedy, who is polling in the single digits and is no relation to the late senator, said he's staying in.

Special elections tend to draw relatively few voters, but Republicans and Democrats predicted a high turnout today. The Massachusetts electorate, like the country at large, is dissatisfied with the country's direction, and those disgruntled voters are expected to vote their passions in droves.

Democrats, who until just a week ago considered the race a lock for Coakley, have been forced to scramble for votes in a state where Democrats outnumber Republicans 3-1. Brown has thrown Democrats for a loop, riding a wave of voter anger with Obama's health-care plan and what critics call big government spending to pull the race even.

The concern among Democrats was clear when they trotted out Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry to accuse Brown backers of dirty tricks.

Trying desperately to slow Brown's momentum, Coakley and fellow Democrats rolled out a fresh round of automated calls to voters from Vice President Joe Biden and from Vicki Kennedy, the late senator's widow. They were targeting voters who propelled Obama to victory in 2008. Get-out-the-vote programs were in full swing on campuses across the state, and ads courted the state's large Portuguese and Haitian communities.

Obama's TV appeal mostly was intended to encourage the Democratic base to vote. Democrats need their base to turn out big, given that

surveys showed Brown leading among independents and Republicans incredibly energized about his candidacy.

"Martha knows the struggles Massachusetts working families face because she's lived those struggles. She's fought for the people of Massachusetts every single day," Obama says in the spot, filmed during Sunday's rally with Coakley at Northeastern University.

In the final hours, Democrats were making a play for independent women who have not yet rallied around Coakley even as she is running to be the state's first elected woman senator. Her campaign organized a conference call Monday with female Massachusetts mayors who said they support her because she backs Obama's agenda and has been responsive to their concerns.

Brown was trying to capitalize on his advantage among men. He appeared before a heavily male crowd at a Boston Bruins hockey game. A day earlier, he surrounded himself with several well-known male sports celebrities, including former Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling.

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U.S. strict on Haitian refugees

By **CURT ANDERSON**
Associated Press

MIAMI — U.S. authorities are readying for a potential influx of Haitians seeking to escape their earthquake-wracked nation, even though the policy for migrants remains the same: with few exceptions, they will go back.

So far, fears of a mass migration have yet to materialize. However, conditions in Haiti become more dire each day, and U.S. officials don't want to be caught off guard.

Between 250 and 400 immigration detainees are being moved from South Florida's main detention center to clear space for any Haitians who manage to reach U.S. shores, according to the Homeland Security Department. The Navy base at Guantánamo Bay could house migrants temporarily — far from suspected terrorists also being held there — and the Catholic church is working on a plan to accept Haitian orphans.

Homeland Security spokesman Sean Smith said Monday that orphans who have ties to the United States — such as a family member already living here — and Haitians evacuated for medical reasons are among those who can gain special permission to remain in the United States.

The mass migration plan, known as "Operation Vigilant Sentry," was put in place in 2003 because of previous experiences with Caribbean migrations, said Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. Chris O'Neil, spokesman for the Homeland Security Task Force Southeast that would manage any Haitian influx.

"There is no new incentive for anyone to try to enter the United States illegally by sea," O'Neil said. "The goal is to interdict them at sea and repatriate them."

The message was underscored by Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano during a weekend appearance at Homestead Air Reserve Base south of Miami, a key staging area for Haiti relief flights.

"This is a very dangerous crossing. Lives are lost every time people try to make this crossing," Napolitano said, addressing Haitians directly. "Please do not have us divert our necessary rescue and relief efforts that are going

into Haiti by trying to leave at this point."

Some immigration advocates say the United States should shift away from stopping migrants and ease safe passage. They say those on approved waiting lists should be able to join spouses or relatives in the U.S.

"We should be figuring out an orderly transition for people to come here, instead of being panicked about it," said Ira Kurzban, a leading Miami immigration attorney.

The Obama administration's decision last week to grant temporary protected status to Haitians in the United States illegally as of Jan. 12 does not extend to those attempting to enter the country after that date.

So far this year, the Coast Guard has intercepted 17 Haitians at sea, all before the earthquake struck. The 2009 total of 1,782 was higher than any year since 2004, when more than 3,200 Haitians were stopped attempting to reach U.S. shores. That was a year of political upheaval in Haiti following the collapse of the government of former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

Cuba is responsible for the biggest mass migration from any Caribbean nation: more than 125,000 Cubans streamed to the United States in 1980 after former President Fidel Castro opened the port of Mariel to anyone who wanted to leave.

U.S. policy notwithstanding, the Catholic Church in Miami is working on a proposal that would allow thousands of orphan children to come permanently to this country. A similar effort launched in 1960, known as Operation Pedro Pan, brought about 14,000 unaccompanied children from Cuba to the United States.

Under the plan dubbed "Pierre Pan," Haitian orphans would first be placed in group homes and then paired with foster parents, said Mary Ross Agosta, spokeswoman for the Archdiocese of Miami.

"We have children who are homeless and possibly without parents and it is the moral and humane thing to do," Agosta said.

Officials said many details would have to be worked out and the Obama administration would have to grant orphans humanitarian parole to enter the United States.

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BASKETBALL

Syracuse upends Notre Dame

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) – Wesley Johnson scored 22 points, and Andy Rautins added 21 on 5-of-9 shooting from 3-point range to lead No. 5 Syracuse to an 84-71 victory over Notre Dame on Monday night, the Orange's third Big East road win in six days.

After shooting 54 percent in the first half, the Orange (18-1, 5-1) shot 44 percent in the second half. But the Orange were 20 of 25 from the free-throw line in the second half as they held on.

The Irish (14-5, 3-3) used an 8-1 run to close to 55-53 on two free throws by Tory Jackson after Rautins was called for an intentional foul for throwing an elbow. The Orange went on a 6-0 run to go up 65-56.

The Irish cut the lead to 67-62 when Tim Abromaitis, who scored 26 points, hit his second straight 3-pointer. But Syracuse put the game away with a 17-7 run.

Luke Harangody led the Irish with 29 points and 14 rebounds.

UConn lowers boom on Duke

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) – Maya Moore scored 14 of her 20 points in the second half, and top-ranked Connecticut claimed its 57th-straight victory by routing No. 6 Duke, 81-48, on Monday night.

Kalana Greene added 18 points for the Huskies (18-0), who never trailed, shot 53.6 percent, hit 52 percent of their 3-pointers, and used a big run early in the second half to snap the Blue Devils' 23-game winning streak at Cameron Indoor Stadium in decisive fashion.



Moore forward

Jasmine Thomas scored 17 points for Duke (15-3), the only team to play each of the top three in the Associated Press' preseason Top 25. The Blue Devils finished 1-2 against that gauntlet, beating then-No. 3 Ohio State before losing to Stanford and UConn by an average of 24.5 points.

For the Huskies, who improved to 3-0 at Cameron, the most significant development might have been the way they showed some long-range touch. They were ranked among the national leaders in nearly every meaningful offensive statistical category except those related to 3-point shooting, making just 32 percent from beyond the arc. They wound up matching a season high with 13 3s – including five during the 23-9 burst shortly after halftime that put them well on their way to another blowout.

Tiffany Hayes' 3-pointer 47 seconds into the second half started the overwhelming burst, made it 41-30 and pushed the lead into double figures to stay. She and Caroline Doty connected from long range before Moore capped the run by hitting two 3s 39 seconds apart to make it a 20-point lead.

NOTEBOOK

Spartans sitting on top

Each week, the *DI* will take you Around the Big Ten and check on some of Iowa's conference brethren, including the Hawkeyes' upcoming opponent, No. 6 Michigan State.



Iowa forward Jarryd Cole drives during the first half of the Hawkeyes' game against Michigan State in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Jan. 29, 2009. Cole finished with 10 points and eight rebounds, but the Hawkeyes lost, 71-56.

By **BRENDAN STILES**
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Three weeks into the Big Ten season, one team has clearly established itself as the conference's top dog.

At 5-0 in the conference, Michigan State is the lone unbeaten after a 73-63 win over Illinois on Jan. 16 in a battle for sole possession of first place.

The sixth-ranked Spartans will try continue their winning ways on Wednesday, when they host Iowa, a team that picked up its first Big Ten win of the season last weekend at home against Penn State.

The two teams met on Jan. 9 in Carver-Hawkeye Arena with Michigan State emerging victorious, 71-53. The Spartans clearly showed they were the better squad, but the performance left head coach Tom Izzo uneasy afterwards.

He said his main challenge is making sure his players don't take the Hawkeyes lightly even though they had met 11 days earlier.

"This is where we're going to learn a lot about our team, even though it's a home game against a team that hasn't had as much success," he said during the Big Ten teleconference on Monday.

Purdue

One team many pictured sitting atop the Big Ten all season was Purdue, and for a while, the experts looked to be spot on in their assessment of the Boilermakers, who won their first 14 contests of the 2009-10 season.

But lately, the 13th-ranked Boilermakers have been on a bit of a slide, losing three straight. The skid began on Jan. 9 at Wisconsin and grew after a second-half meltdown at home against Ohio State last week, and most recently, a 72-64 loss at Northwestern over the weekend.

Now at 2-3 in Big Ten play, Purdue desperately needs a win tonight at Illinois, and head coach Matt Painter isn't shy about his disappointment.

"We haven't played very well," he said Monday during the Big Ten teleconference. "We're just not very tough. We don't play hard enough, we don't chase rebounds, and when you do that against good teams, you're going to get beat."

Ohio State

While Purdue is going the wrong direction, the Big Ten squad appearing to have regained its swagger is Ohio State.

SEE **BIG TEN**, 3B

COMMENTARY

Wrestling rankings fit



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Rankings are often insignificant, but so far during the college wrestling season, they are dead on.

Preseason rankings are trivial.

In fact, the first few weeks of rankings mean nothing.

Highly ranked teams can falter, and unranked squads can surprise people.

The Iowa wrestling team entered the 2009-

10 season slotted No. 1, but during the team's media day, that was far from the minds of Tom Brands and his bunch. The Hawkeyes were more concerned with their ranking come March 20.

But now, midway through the season, it's great time to start taking rankings seriously.

Through two months, the Hawkeyes are still sitting atop all others with an unblemished record through 14 dual meets. Six of those wins have come against teams ranked in the top 17.

SEE **WRESTLING**, 3B

Intramurals offers full slate

UI students look forward to many intramural sports this spring.

By **MATT COZZI**
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Another semester at the UI arrives with much anticipation about intramural sports.

The spring semester consists of more than 10 team and individual events, and students may notice a lot of variety in the activities offered.

Indoor soccer and basketball will open the semester, followed by racquetball, darts, bench press, and bean bags ,among other options that Recreational Services will offer.

Both bench press and bean bags are new additions; soccer and basketball have been yearly mainstays.

"Those are our two biggest sports in the spring," intramural sports graduate assistant Jon



Fifth-year UI senior Shea McMurray of the intramural basketball team Cruncheazy shoots during his team's game against Patrick Cheung in the Field House on Dec. 1, 2009. McMurray was the tallest player in the game at 6-8.

Randle said. "They are two or the three longest running activities. All the other ones are typical one- or two-day events."

Indoor soccer starts the season beginning on Jan. 25, and basketball games will tip off on Jan. 31. The

bench press will start on March 4, and bean bag competition will begin on April 8.

Recreational Services officials come up with the new activities.

SEE **INTRAMURALS**, 3B



POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Which early departure is the bigger loss for Iowa?

Bryan Bulaga

He was a first team All-Big Ten selection in 2009, and he has been a member of the all-conference team in each of his three seasons. He also earned 2009 Big Ten Offensive Lineman of the Year honors.

He ranks as the No. 20 overall prospect on Mel Kiper's NFL Draft Big Board — projected as the first Big Ten lineman to go in the draft.

I think you see where I'm going with this.

The early departure of junior left tackle Bryan Bulaga will hurt the 2010 FedEx Orange Bowl champion Iowa Hawkeyes. And with his offensive-line coaching background, Kirk Ferentz might back me up on this as well.

Though many casual fans get caught up in skill position players because of their more obvious impact in the open field, football begins and ends with the big

bruisers on the O-line — especially for a team that focus on running the ball.

When he was healthy, the 6-6, 315-pound native of Crystal Lake, Ill., impacted games more than any other Hawkeye. He helped lead Iowa to a historical 9-0 winning streak to begin the season, and he was a big part in the squad's impressive 11-2 record.

With all due respect to Iowa's other early departure — junior shutdown cornerback Amari Spivey — the No. 7-ranked Hawkeyes will return to the field with junior Jordan Bernstine from injury to replace him.

The question of who will replace Bulaga on the line is much more of a concern since there is no obvious understudy. It's possible several linemen will have to change positions to fill the large gap left by the Bulaga.

His presence will undoubtedly missed more.

— **by Robbie Lehman**

Amari Spivey

Bryan Bulaga should be a dominating force in the NFL. But Amari Spivey's departure is a bigger hit to the Iowa football team.

If it's possible to make safe bet on a Kirk Ferentz-coached team, it's this: Don't worry about the offensive line.

Captain Kirk has churned out enough top-notch buffet

busters to ransack every McDonalds in the country. Bulaga is just the latest.

After all, entering this season, who honestly anticipated Riley Reiff would be as refined as he was?

Before this past season, the redshirt freshman was simply a message-board punch line.

But in 2009, Reiff was one of the best examples of the "Next Man In" philosophy that Hawkeye football is predicated upon. When Bulaga went down, Reiff got the call — and dominated.

I'll be the first to sarcastically "go out on a limb" and guess that at least one previously unproven offensive lineman

steps up next season.

But does Iowa have a player on the current roster who can come in and replace Spivey? Probably. But can they dominate at the corner like Spivey? Extremely doubtful.

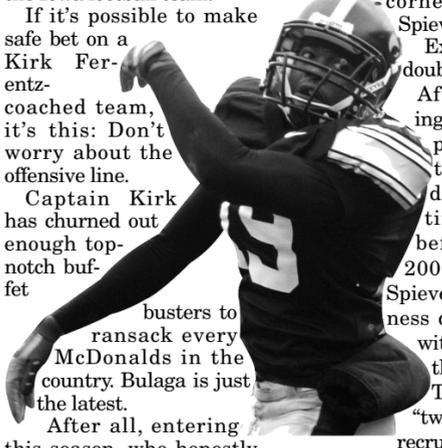
After stealing what was presumed to be Jordan Bernstine's job before the 2008 season, Spivey's greatness didn't end with position thievery.

The former "two-star" recruit went on to not only start in Iowa's next 26 games but thrive.

Making things formidable for the quarterbacks with the cajones to throw the ball to his side of the field, Spivey's impeccable shading of receivers established him as the closest thing to a shutdown corner in the Big Ten last season.

I'm hoping "Next Man In" allows the Hawkeyes to get the job done at both positions next season, but Spivey has left some large cleats to fill.

— **by Jordan Garrettson**



Warriors ambush Bulls

By JANIE MCCAULEY
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Monta Ellis had 36 points, eight assists, and five rebounds, Corey Maggette added 32 points, six rebounds, and five assists, and the short-handed Golden State Warriors snapped a three-game losing streak with a 114-97 victory over the Chicago Bulls on Monday.

Stephen Curry had 26 points, 10 rebounds, and six assists, and Andris Biedrins grabbed a season-high 19 rebounds to go with a career-best eight blocked shots as Golden State ended Chicago's four-game winning streak.

The Bulls couldn't overcome their sluggish start and failed to wear down the banged-up Warriors.

John Salmons scored 25 points and Luol Deng 20 for cold-shooting Chicago, which kicked off its seven-game road trip without starting guard Kirk Hinrich because of the flu. The Bulls were held to 36.5 percent from the floor.

Golden State dressed only eight players for the second-straight game because of injuries. The Warriors were down to four players late in a 113-104 loss to Milwaukee

on Jan. 15. Maggette had his third 30-point game in his last four outings and fifth overall.

Curry hit a 3-pointer with 1:23 left in the third quarter, and Ellis followed with a basket in transition, giving Golden State some momentum heading into the final 12 minutes. After that, the Warriors quickly began pulling away.

Golden State signed forward and D-League call-up Anthony Tolliver to a 10-day contract on an injury exemption Jan. 16 to give coach Don Nelson a little more depth — and Tolliver came out to start the second quarter.

As luck would have it, he went down.

Tolliver had six points and eight rebounds in 24 minutes before going out with 10:37 left after bruising his left knee in a hard fall.

"This is new territory for me," Nelson said. "We've got a bench of three D-Leaguers."

Somehow, the Warriors hung tough in this one.

They got down to four players Jan. 15 after Curry was whistled for his sixth foul with four seconds left. Curry was allowed to return, but Golden State was charged with a technical



MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/ASSOCIATED PRESS
Chicago coach Vinny Del Negro pauses while his team falls behind Golden State during the second half in Oakland, Calif., on Monday. Golden State won, 114-97.

because of the shortage. "It's crazy," said forward Ronny Turiaf, sidelined with an ankle injury. "It's just freak stuff, guys getting poked in the eye. We've just got to ride through it and put ourselves in position to be healthy again."

The Warriors, playing a rare matinee game in front of a nearly full house despite miserable, wet weather outside, could use a boost with two games remaining on their season-long seven-game home stand.

Golden State also snapped a four-game losing streak to the Bulls, who

had won the last two at Oracle Arena. Chicago held on for a 96-91 overtime victory at home on Dec. 11.

Biedrins' big day on the boards helped the Warriors to a 57-53 rebounding advantage. The Bulls had outrebounded their opponents in eight of previous 10 games and led the NBA coming in with a 45.4 rebounding average per game.

The Warriors got off to a nice start by hitting nine of their first 14 shots for a 25-14 lead late in the opening quarter. But Golden State let the Bulls back in it in the second period and held a 54-53 halftime lead.

T-wolves rally from 20 down

By JON KRAWCZYNSKI
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Jonny Flynn had a career-high 29 points and nine assists, and the Minnesota Timberwolves rallied from 20 points down to beat the Philadelphia 76ers, 108-103, in overtime on Monday.

Al Jefferson added 23 points and 13 rebounds to help the Timberwolves complete their biggest comeback of the season against the stunned Sixers.

Andre Iguodala had 17 points, seven rebounds, and five assists for the Sixers, but he missed a jumper at the buzzer that would have given Philadelphia the win

in regulation.

Flynn had four points and a key steal in the first minute of the extra period to get the Wolves on track for just their ninth victory of the season.

Minnesota trailed by 17 points at halftime, but Ryan Gomes scored 14 of his 16 points in a 33-18 third quarter to get the Wolves back in the game. Damien Wilkins added 13 points and 10 rebounds for the Wolves.

Willie Green scored 16 points, and Allen Iverson had 11 points and nine assists, but he hardly played in the fourth quarter and overtime for Philadelphia.

Now, 76ers coach Eddie

Jordan really might start feeling the heat. Team President Ed Stefanski recently refused to guarantee Jordan would last the entire season, and this collapse against the worst team in the Western Conference certainly won't help his cause.

Philadelphia cruised out to a huge early lead thanks to torrid shooting and another lackluster start by the young Timberwolves, who missed 22 of their first 29 shots.

The Sixers, who have struggled to score points all season long, rolled up 57 in the first half and only turned the ball over four times to build a 17-point lead at the break.

This came three days after coach Kurt Rambis said he was "embarrassed" for his players' defensive effort in a 135-110 loss at Memphis on Jan. 15. Rambis didn't even take questions during that brief postgame evaluation and went so far as to have a team spokesman notify reporters before the end of the game that he was going to be ready to talk immediately after the game was over.

The Timberwolves finally started to play like Rambis wanted in the third quarter. A 13-2 run put them back in the game, and Flynn hit a 3-pointer to tie the game 73-73 late in the period.

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Texas retains No. 1

By JIM O'CONNELL
Associated Press

Texas survived its first week as the No. 1 team in the Associated Press college basketball poll. The second won't be any easier.

The Longhorns (17-0) moved into the top spot for the first time in school history last week, and they stayed there Monday, receiving 57 first-place votes from the 65-member national media panel. They won, 90-83, at Iowa State in their first game in the top spot, then beat Texas A&M, 72-67, in overtime in their first home game as a No. 1 team.

Texas then lost its first game on Monday night to No. 10 Kansas State. The Longhorns will play at Connecticut on Saturday.

Kentucky (18-0), which was No. 1 on eight ballots, Kansas, Villanova, and Syracuse remained second through fifth. Michigan State, Duke, and Tennessee all moved up one place to sixth through eighth, respectively.

Pittsburgh, which moved into the Top 25 for the first time this season just two weeks ago and has started 5-0 in the Big East, jumped from 16th to ninth. Kansas State was

10th, its first appearance in the top 10 since being ninth in the final poll of the 1972-73 season.

West Virginia was 11th, followed by Georgetown, Purdue, BYU, Gonzaga, Temple, Clemson, Wisconsin, Georgia Tech, and Northern Iowa, which is ranked for the second time in school history.

The last five were Ohio State, Mississippi, Mississippi State, North Carolina, and Baylor. Ohio State and Mississippi State both returned to poll after being ranked earlier in the season.

The Tar Heels (12-6), who

lost two games last week and three of four, dropped from 12th to No. 24, their first time below 13th in the poll since February 2006.

Northern Iowa (16-1) moved in on a 15-game winning streak that began following a loss to DePaul in the opening round of the Paradise Jam. The Panthers were ranked for three weeks in January and February 2006.

Ohio State (13-5) was out of the poll the last two weeks but returned following victories over Purdue and Wisconsin. The Buckeyes have won three of four since the return of Evan

Turner, who missed six games after breaking bones in his back while dunking. They split the games he missed, so all but one of their losses have come when Turner was out.

Mississippi State (15-3) was 18th in the preseason Top 25 but was gone quickly following a season-opening loss to Rider. The Bulldogs have won 12 of their last 13 games, including their first three Southeastern Conference games.

UConn (11-6) dropped out from 15th following losses last week to Pittsburgh and Michigan that gave the Huskies their first

three-game losing streak since closing 2006-07 with four straight defeats. They were 12th in the preseason poll and ranked as high as 10th this season.

Miami (15-3) moved into the poll for the first time this season at No. 23 last week. The Hurricanes didn't fare well as a ranked team, losing to Virginia Tech and Virginia.

Florida State (14-4) saw a three-week run in the rankings end after losing to North Carolina State last week. The Seminoles, who were 25th, followed that loss with a win over Virginia Tech.

WRESTLING

CONTINUED FROM 1B

On Dec. 6, 2009, Iowa traveled to Ames and took down then-second-ranked Iowa State, 18-16, in a hostile, national championship-like environment.

Just a little more than a month later, the Hawkeyes participated in the National Duals. On the way to their third-straight tournament title, they thrashed No. 17 Nebraska, 33-3, handled No. 6 Boise State, 20-12, and bested No. 5 Minnesota, 28-12, before dispatching still-No. 2 Iowa State, 19-12, in the finals.

Six days later, Iowa won its 52nd-straight dual meet, beating No. 3 Oklahoma State, 19-16, in Carver-Hawkeye Arena, marking the first time the Hawkeyes have beaten the Cowboys — owners of the most NCAA titles in college wrestling — at home since Feb. 4, 2000.

Not to be forgotten is the third-straight Midlands Championships title

Iowa won on Dec. 30, 2009. The Hawkeyes crowned three champions and had eight others finish in the top six of their weight class.

While team success is far more important than individual success, the Hawkeyes as individuals are menacing.

Eight grapplers stand in the top 11 of their weight classes, including top-ranked 149-pounder Brent Metcalf, No. 2 174-pounder Jay Borschel, No. 3 165-pounder Ryan Morningstar, and a trio of fourth-ranked wrestlers in 125-pounder Matt McDonough, 133-pounder Daniel Dennis, and 197-pounder Chad Beatty.

The plethora of talent at each weight illustrated that the top wrestlers in the country practice in the Dan Gable Wrestling Complex.

And Iowa has done this with injuries running through the team.

Heavyweight Dan Erikson, an All-American and fourth-place finisher last season, has yet to don a

black-and-gold singlet.

Iowa has seen its top two 133-pound grapplers go down with the All-American Dennis injuring his ankle prior to the Northern Iowa dual, and Nate Moore recently underwent surgery for a staph infection.

Beatty may not be available until at least the Big Ten championships because of a broken foot.

When healthy, the Hawkeyes boast a lineup with more talent and experience than any other nationwide. Even the youngest starter in redshirt freshman McDonough is 20-0 on the season and should be on the short list of 125-pounders capable of capturing a national title.

For the third-straight year, the Hawkeyes sit atop the college wrestling pyramid, showing that even the powerful Cyclone and Cowboy teams answer to the Tigerhawk.

While sometimes rankings are just plain wrong, and sometimes insignificant, at this moment they are 100 percent correct.

intramural wrestling, which will hit the mats in February. While many may be familiar with the No. 1-ranked Iowa wrestling team, students can participate in a less pressure-packed version of the sport.

Intramural wrestling, which includes weigh-ins, is a single-elimination tournament.

Students will also have the chance to participate in outdoor activities, such as softball and kickball, later during the spring months.

Freshman Charlie Planek said he plans on playing intramural softball when it begins on March 29.

"I have been playing baseball since I was 4, so I couldn't imagine a spring without throwing the ball around," he said. "I would be lost without it."

Other intramural activities include 4-on-4 sand volleyball and ultimate Frisbee, which will both begin on April 17. These events are single-



FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa guard Matt Gatens struggles for possession of the ball during the second half of the Hawkeyes' game against Michigan State in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Jan. 29, 2009. Gatens scored 13 points and hauled in four rebounds for the Hawkeyes, but Iowa lost, 71-56.

BIG TEN

CONTINUED FROM 1B

After a rough 1-3 start in conference play that included road defeats to Wisconsin, Michigan, and Minnesota, the Buckeyes pulled off two big victories last week and climbed back into the polls, now ranked 21st nationally.

Perhaps the biggest reason for Ohio State's recent success is the return of junior Evan Turner from a back injury. Turner, who is considered one of the country's elite talents and averages 18.5 points per game, put on a big-time performance inside Mackey Arena

last week, dropping 32 points in a come-from-behind victory at Purdue.

He followed that up last weekend with a 15-point outing in a 60-51 victory at home over Wisconsin.

The quick recovery and immediate success in his return initially surprised head coach Thad Matta,

who credited Turner's strong desire for recent outings he has had.

"He's a kid who cares and wants to do really well," Matta said during the Big Ten teleconference on Monday. "It maybe isn't surprising with just how much he loves the game and how competitive he is."

INTRAMURALS

CONTINUED FROM 1B

"What we do at the end of every year is get together as a staff and talk about activities to add for the next year," Randle said.

Other sports returning include racquetball, which will begin in the middle of February, and darts, which will launch in March.

An intramural sport that may be relatively unknown at the UI is

elimination tournaments.

Disc golf and wiffle ball round out the abundant options in April as well.

The entire array of these new intramural sports results in more student participation, freshman Al Lies said.

"It's definitely an opportunity for people to try new things," said Lies, who has participated in past intramural sports. "Nothing serious, but just another something that's out there."

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Bobcats hang on



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Sacramento Kings' Spencer Hawes (31) and Charlotte Bobcats' Boris Diaw (32) fight for a rebound in the first half in Charlotte, N.C., on Monday.

By **MIKE CRANSTON**
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Gerald Wallace shook off an ankle injury to score 28 points, Raymond Felton finished a rebound shy of a triple-double, and the Charlotte Bobcats held off a furious Sacramento comeback bid to beat the Kings, 105-103, on Monday. The Bobcats' fifth-straight win and eighth in a row at home proved more difficult than expected.

The Kings, who rallied from a 35-point deficit to win in Chicago last month, nearly pulled off a similar feat. Charlotte led 82-58 with four minutes left in the third quarter before Tyreke Evans helped the Kings get within a point.

But Felton made some key baskets to put Charlotte above .500 this late in a season for the first time in team history.

Evans continued his sensational rookie season, scoring 14 of his career-high 34 points in the fourth quarter for the Kings, who have lost four straight.

Charlotte (20-19) moved into a tie with idle Miami and Toronto for fifth place in the Eastern Conference. Previously, the latest the Bobcats had been over .500 was at 6-5 early in Sam Vincent's only season as coach, in 2007-08.

Early on, this one looked similar to the Jan. 16 rout

of Phoenix. Wallace, selected earlier Monday to compete in the NBA slam-dunk competition during All-Star weekend, warmed up for it with a windmill dunk to close a dominant first half as Charlotte took a 66-47 lead.

Wallace hit 13-of-15 free throws and was stomping the lifeless Kings until the momentum switched late in the third quarter.

When Wallace twisted his left ankle early in the fourth, the speedy Evans had already taken over the game.

His fadeaway with 4:51 left completed a 32-9 run and got the Kings within 91-90. After Wallace returned, Charlotte built the lead to five before Evans' three-point play cut it to 100-98.

The Kings then missed three-straight shots that would have tied the game before Felton's runner put the Bobcats ahead 102-98 with 1:01 left.

Evans scored again in traffic, but Felton hit two free throws with 20.7 seconds left. After Beno Udrih's 3-pointer cut the lead to one, Flip Murray was fouled with 1 second left.

He hit the first shot, missed the second, and Charlotte's Boris Diaw grabbed the rebound to preserve the victory.

Felton had 17 points, 10 assists, and nine rebounds. Stephen Jackson was held

to 11 points on 4-of-13 shooting amid foul trouble.

Evans, the NBA's top scoring rookie, hit 13-of-20 shots and 8-of-11 free throws while adding seven assists. Kevin Martin was held to nine points on 3-of-9 shooting as Sacramento lost for the 11th time in 13 games.

Charlotte's Bob Johnson, the first black majority owner of a major professional sports team, has always requested a home game on the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. But despite the recent stretch of good play, there were thousands of empty seats as Charlotte improved to 17-4 at home.

NOTES: Wallace last competed in the dunk competition in 2002, losing in the final to Jason Richardson. It didn't make it must-see TV for him. "The last one I watched was the one with Vince Carter [in 2000]," Wallace said. ... Kings F and former Bobcats first-round pick Sean May was inactive for the third-straight game. He last played Dec. 12. "It's tough, and it's a challenge, but the one thing I can say is I'm finally healthy," he said. ... May was asked about his one year with Bobcat coach Larry Brown: "He's a great coach, but we just didn't mesh well." ... A smoky charbroiler on the concourse set off the fire alarm around two hours before tip-off.

Clippers sail over Nets

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Chris Kaman had 22 points and seven rebounds in his return to the lineup, and the Los Angeles Clippers snapped a four-game skid with an easy 106-95 victory over the downtrodden New Jersey Nets on Monday.

Kaman, who missed the previous four games with a sore lower back after being the only Clipper to play in each of the first 35 contests, played 30 minutes and made 10-of-16 shots. Marcus Camby had 17 points and 14 rebounds, and Craig Smith added 18 points off the bench.

The Clippers shot 55.6 percent, improving to 10-4 when they're at 50 percent or better. Point guard Baron Davis had nine points and nine assists before sitting out the fourth quarter.

Brook Lopez, the only Net player to start and play in all 40 games, had 23 points and eight rebounds and reserve Kris Humphries had a career-high 21 points. Lopez started the day averaging 18.8 points, third in the NBA among centers. Kaman came in averaging 20.4 points.

The Nets, a league-worst 3-37, have started a calendar year 0-8 for the first time since 1981 under interim coach Bob MacKinnon. The franchise record in that department is 0-11 under Kevin Loughery in 1977, their first season following the NBA-ABA merger. They also started 1991 with an 0-7 mark.

New Jersey has to win seven of its remaining 42 games to avoid tying the 1972-73 Philadelphia 76ers' 9-73 record for the worst in NBA history. That may not be as easy as it sounds.

The Nets are 3-20 since general manager Kiki Vandeweghe added head coach to his job duties after Lawrence Frank was fired on Nov. 29. All three wins have come against Eastern Conference teams with losing records. They have lost 26-consecutive games against Western Conference clubs since



GUS RUELAS/ASSOCIATED PRESS
Los Angeles Clipper guard Eric Gordon (10) flies by New Jersey Net center Brook Lopez for a basket in the second half on Monday in Los Angeles. The Clippers won, 106-95.

beating Denver 114-70 on Feb. 7, 2009, at the Meadowlands for the second-biggest winning margin in franchise history.

After losing by 40 points to the defending NBA champion Lakers and one point to Eastern Conference-leading Cleveland in their previous two games, the Clippers finally got a cupcake. They never trailed, building a 15-point lead on Smith's dunk with 3:21 left in the first quarter and shooting 61 percent from the field in the first half to take a 61-41 advantage at intermission.

The Nets missed 10 of their first 14 shots and finished at 45.8 percent from the field en route to their eighth wire-to-wire defeat this season. They never got closer than 11 points (with 45 seconds remaining), after Eric Gordon's lay-up gave the Clippers their biggest lead, 90-66, with 11:44 left.

Yi Jianlian scored nine of his 13 points in the final

3:38 for New Jersey, and he was 3-for-13 from the field.

The Clippers have beaten the Nets the last six times they have met at Staples Center. After this four-game Western swing, which includes stops in Phoenix, Golden State, and Utah, New Jersey will return home for a rematch with the Clippers on Jan. 27.

NOTES: Since the start of the 2007-08 season, the Clippers are 15-65 when Kaman isn't in the lineup, and 45-79 when he is. ... Vandeweghe said before the game that assistant coach Tom Barrise would become a special assistant to club President Rod Thorn, and that associate coach-advance scout Jimmy Sann would replace him on the bench. Sann originally joined the coaching staff during the 2005-06 season. Barrise's main responsibility will be to scout college players on a regular basis.

Rockets fly over Bucks in overtime win

By **CHRIS DUNCAN**
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Luis Scola scored a season-high 27 points and grabbed 15 rebounds, Aaron Brooks dished out 10 assists to offset a bad shooting game, and the Houston Rockets beat the Milwaukee Bucks, 101-98, in overtime Monday.

Carl Landry and Chase Budinger scored 12 points apiece for the Rockets, who have won the last 10 meetings with the Bucks in Houston. Brooks went 5-for-21 from the field, 1-of-7 from 3-point range.

Brandon Jennings scored 25 points, and Andrew Bogut had 18 points and 17 rebounds for the Bucks, who return home after dropping five of six games on a 10-day road trip.

Milwaukee trailed 79-73 after three quarters, but Bogut converted an alley-oop dunk, and Luke Ridnour hit consecutive jumpers to tie it at 84.

The teams were knotted at 89 when Brooks lost the ball on a drive, and Ridnour finished a fast break with a lay-up with 1:38 left to put the Bucks in front.

Scola's free throws with 1:04 remaining tied it again, and both teams turned it over on their next possessions. Jennings missed an off-balance 3-pointer at the buzzer to force overtime.

Landry hit a jumper from the wing and converted a three-point play in the first

minute of overtime for a 96-91 lead. He blocked Jennings on a drive, and Scola swished a shot from the free-throw line for a seven-point lead.

Carlos Delfino sank a 3 with 1:47 left to draw Milwaukee within four, and Bogut's tip-in with 33 seconds to go cut the deficit to 100-98. Brooks made one of two free throws with 9.2 seconds left for a three-point

Houston lead, and Ridnour missed a 3-pointer from the corner at the buzzer.

The Rockets shot 42 percent (36 of 86) and went 6-for-24 from 3-point range.

Jennings had seven points and two assists in the first five minutes to help the Bucks build an 18-8 lead. Milwaukee hit 13 of its first 18 shots and led 34-27 after one quarter.

Houston's bench sparked

the Rockets' rally in the second quarter. Backup point guard Kyle Lowry's driving lay-up cut Milwaukee's lead to 41-34 and opened a 24-6 run.

Budinger sank back-to-back 3-pointers and finished the spurt with a fast-break lay-up to put Houston ahead 56-47. The Bucks shot 8-of-22 in the second quarter (36 percent) and trailed 58-51 at the break.

The Rockets handed out 17 assists in the first half, six by Brooks.

Houston hit only six of 22 shots in the third quarter, but still led by six because the Bucks hit only nine of 22.

NOTES: The Bucks signed G-F Jerry Stackhouse for the rest of this season, and coach Scott Skiles said the two-time All-Star would be activated for Wednesday's

game against Toronto. "We're not signing him to be on the inactive list," Skiles said. "We'll activate him right away and get him in a game. That's our plan." ... The Rockets reached 20 assists for the 10th-straight game. ... Bogut has double-doubles in his last five games and eight of his last 10. ... Ridnour scored 14 points, reaching double figures for the 12th-straight game.



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Helpful excuses for not doing your homework this semester

- My dog and I got into an existential argument over my homework.
- I realized "My dog ate my homework" was an anagram for "My God ate my homework." I mean, like, whoa.
- On advice from counsel, I will make no further comments about this situation until authorities have made a full investigation.
- I refuse to do any homework assigned by a dirty, no-good Leno-lover. GO TEAM COCO!
- I have a rule. If the drink specials at SpoCo are more enticing than my homework, I belly up to the bar. See you in May.
- Just make a few age-appropriate complaints about the lousy music kids listen to these days. [This will be more convincing if you can't remember their names (e.g., Lady GawGaw, Cain West, T-Ball, and Young Jay-Z).]
- Professorwithunrealistic-expectationssayswhat?
- I judge homework assignments on a case-by-case basis. So far, I feel the homework you've been assigning does not illustrate your best efforts. You'll need to make some improvements before I can, in good conscience, consider handing anything in.
- Sure, I could do the homework, but wouldn't you feel better about yourself if you did it?
- Allow me to refer you to my Calvin & Hobbes collection. Bill Watterson, via his 6-year-old alter ego, proved beyond any doubt that homework is unnecessary. Please, do not continue to besmirch his good name with your paltry "suggested readings."
- I didn't do this homework, but I want you to know that I will not rest until I find the students who did and see them brought to justice.
- I was up all night thinking of a good excuse.

- Andrew R. Juhl thanks Erik J. for collaborating on today's Ledge.

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Chris Meyers, 48, a janitor for Midwest Janitorial Services, scoops up cigarette butts out of an ash tray near the Old Capitol Town Centre on Monday. Meyers, who begins each Monday by doing an assessment of the mall from the weekend, said he is in the best shape of his life because he walks an average of 15 miles a day for the job.

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Tuesday, January 19, 2010
- by Eugenia Last

ARIES March 21-April 19 Observation will spare your making a costly mistake. You should be able to come out ahead if you budget, are thrifty, and balance your checkbook. A little romance will help you stabilize an important relationship.

TAURUS April 20-May 20 Take control; don't leave anything to chance. You can make great strides if you are confident and act accordingly. An emotional change will occur. Travel and communication can clear up a matter that has concerned you.

GEMINI May 21-June 20 You will recognize your true feelings regarding someone you have known for quite some time. Once you know where you stand, you will be able to plan for the future without questioning whether you are making the right move.

CANCER June 21-July 22 Use your imagination and offer something unique that will set you apart from any competition you face. A relationship that has suffered problems can be dealt with now if you are firm in the way you discuss the pending issues.

LEO July 23-Aug. 22 Develop a better relationship with someone you work with or for, and you will discover interesting new ways to approach the jobs you are assigned. You can make some extra cash outside of your normal work routine. A love relationship will venture into new territory.

VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22 An open discussion will provide you with plenty to think about and the chance to incorporate something very unique into your plans. An agreement can be made if you network with people who can help you get some of your ideas off the ground.

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22 You need a change of pace. Too many obligations have limited what you can and cannot do. You must ease your stress by passing some of the responsibilities you've taken on to someone else. Cut ties with anyone trying to pressure you.

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Look at every angle possible, and you can come up with a positive way to get what you want. Don't rely on anyone who is making impossible promises. Your problem-solving skills will lure others into helping you.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Your behavior will make someone you are close to suspicious. Answer any questions honestly or prepare to move on. Greater problems will develop if you make a commitment you don't plan to keep.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Question your feelings and motives before you make a decision or promise someone something you may not want to live up to. A past partner may spark memories you'd like to relive. Take a second look at an old situation before making a life-altering decision.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18 It's time to update your look and gear up for new beginnings. An opportunity will arise if you do your best to help someone out. Stability will be a key factor when it comes to getting what you want.

PISCES Feb. 19-March 20 Your emotional outlook will take someone by surprise but, as long as you are happy with what you are doing, you will come out on top. It may be time to part ways with individuals who are not on the same page as you.

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today's events

- **Tot Lot**, 8:30 a.m., Coralville Recreation Center, 1506 Eighth St.
- **Biochemistry Seminar Series**, 9 a.m., 1117 Medical Education and Research Facility
- **Tumble Tots**, 9:30 a.m., Performance Health & Fitness, 3290 Ridgeway Drive, Coralville
- **Office of Student Life Poster Sale**, 10 a.m., IMU Hubbard Commons
- **Story Time**, 10 a.m., Barnes & Noble, Coral Ridge Mall
- **Tot Time**, 10 a.m., North Liberty Community Library, 520 W. Cherry
- **Fit 4 Fun**, 10:30 a.m., Performance Health & Fitness, 3290 Ridgeway Drive, Coralville
- **Pharmacology Postdoctoral Workshop**, 10:30 a.m., 2117 Medical Education and Research Facility
- **Preschool Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Coralville Public Library, 1401 Fifth St.
- **Toddler Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Martin Luther King Jr. 2010 Celebration**, Diversity Student Organization Fair, 11 a.m., IMU second-floor ballroom
- **UI Health Care Martin Luther King Jr. Distinguished Lecture**, noon, 1110A Medical Education and Research Facility
- **Chinese Calligraphy Workshop**, 1 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Centre
- **Faculty Council Meeting**, 3:30 p.m., 337 IMU
- **Listening Post with Supervisor Terrence Neuzil**, 4:30 p.m., Iguana's Grill, 555 Highway 965, North Liberty
- **Free Pool**, 5 p.m., Wildwood, 4919 Walleye Drive
- **FitStart Youth**, 5:30 p.m., Performance Health & Fitness
- **Aviation Movie Night**, 6:30 p.m., Alexis Park Inn & Suites, 1165 S. Riverside
- **Judy Mehlert**, 6:30 p.m., Walden Place Retirement Residence, 2423 Walden Road
- **Beginners Square Dance Lessons**, 7 p.m., Robert A. Lee Recreation Center, 220 S. Gilbert
- **Martin Luther King Jr. 2010 Celebration**, Social Justice Sundaes, 7 p.m., Currier multipurpose room
- **Social Justice Potluck**, 7 p.m., Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Resource Center
- **Iowa Friends of Old-Time Music Tuesday Night Jam Session**, 8:30 p.m., Hilltop, 1100 N. Dodge
- **Dance Party**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

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- **ONGOING**
- **New Abstract Paintings Will Brighten Any Day**, Chait Galleries Downtown, 218 E. Washington
- **Cedar County, Iowa: A Door to Freedom**, Herbert Hoover National Historic Site, 104 Parkside, West Branch
- **After the Flood**, Lucy David, MidWestOne Bank, 102 S. Clinton
- **Remembering Hiroshima and Nagasaki**, UI Main Library
- **The Museum Goes to the Fair**, Old Capitol Museum

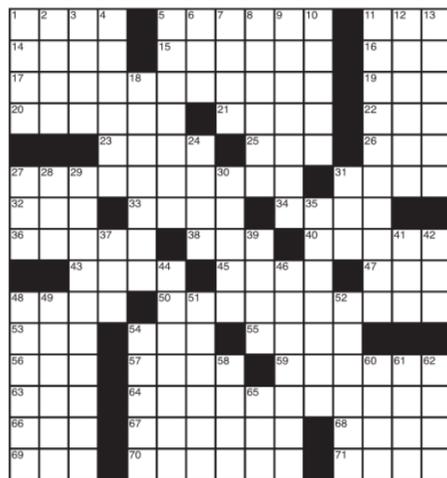
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- Lamebrain
 - Kind of TV now converted from digital
 - Wood-shaping tool
 - Gas brand in Canada
 - Where to dock a Sea Ray
 - Monk's title
 - Zealous sort whose schedule may include 27-, 50- and 64-Across
 - Cyclotron bit
 - Weapon using high-arcing ammo
 - Morale booster
 - Early second-century year
 - Desktop picture
 - Japanese dramatic form
 - Suffix with chlor- or sulf-
 - See 17-Across
 - Head honcho
 - Spitfire-flying grp.
 - Rapper Kanye
 - Tax investigator, for short
 - Port of old Rome
 - A/C fig.
 - Spin doctor's concern
 - Golf innovator Callaway and bridge maven Culbertson
 - She-bears, south of the border
 - Barker
 - Like bad losers
 - See 17-Across
 - Printers' measures
 - London facility
 - Greek counterpart of Mars
 - Blond shade
 - River of Florence
 - Material thing
 - "Mamma ___!"
 - See 17-Across
 - Off-road transport, for short
 - One unlikely to compromise
 - Fuel from bogs
 - Word in alumnae bios
 - Big name in small swimsuits
 - Many-axled vehicle
- Down**
- Appear to be
 - Golf's ___ Aoki
 - Roman Cath. title
 - Word with justice or license
 - Cynical Bierce
 - Scot's denial
 - ___ Sea (Amu Darya's outlet)
 - Kind of will
 - Emeril catchword
 - Loaded onto the wrong truck, say
 - Spot in the Seine
 - McCain's alma mater: Abbr.
 - Monticello or Saratoga
 - Crash-probing agcy.
 - Old hand
 - Refrain syllables
 - Item in a man's medicine chest
 - 10th-century Holy Roman emperor
 - Save for a rainy day
 - Go along with
 - One on deck
 - Like some job training
 - Novelist ___ de Balzac
 - 55-Across, e.g., to Claudius
 - Northern Scandinavians
 - Movie camera lens settings
 - 54 Northern Scandinavians
 - 58 Mayberry boy
 - 60 "Gotcha"
 - 61 Orioles or Cardinals
 - 62 Bigfoot's Asian cousin
 - 65 Tripper's turn-on

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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