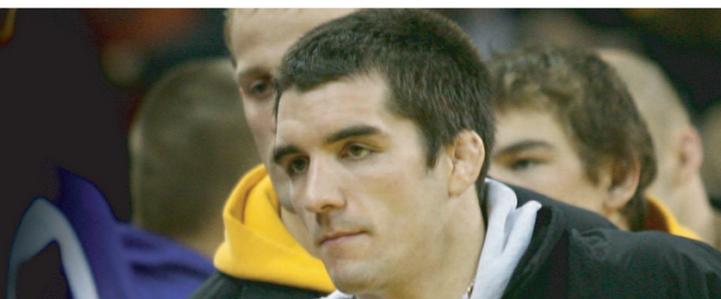


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Jakes may face license denial

The bar's owner plans to pursue remodeling plans, even if officials deny his license renewal.

By **KATHRYN STINSON**
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Local bar owner Mike Porter may be 0-for-2 with the Iowa City City Council.



Porter
owner

Porter, who owns three downtown bars, received notice last week that he's likely facing his second liquor-license denial in three months, documents released Thursday show.

Iowa City Fire Chief Andrew Rocca recommended the City Council deny Porter's request for a liquor-license renewal for One-Eyed Jakes, 18-20 S. Clinton St. According to Rocca's recommendation, the bar is in violation of stairway width as outlined in the International Fire Code.

Porter expected remodeling to widen the staircase would be completed before his license expired, but he said complications in installing the \$80,000 staircase prolonged the project.

SEE **JAKES**, 3

School boundaries still under scrutiny

Survey results are focused on keeping fairness.

By **MARLEEN LINARES**
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The Iowa City School District boundary-change committee met for the fourth time to critique possible redistricting solutions presented at a Thursday meeting.

The 38-member committee was faced with three boundary scenarios created by consultants — one each for the elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools. Members were divided into equal groups to discuss the boundaries. The committee will recommend a scenario to the School Board next month.

The members' concerns included inequalities in the number of students with free or reduced lunch, equal population spread, and the availability of bus services for each of the schools.

"We appreciate the questions and concerns," Mark Porter of RSP & Associates LLC told the committee members. "That is how we are going to reach our goal."

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Community praise

Phone survey results ranked district highly in:

- Preparation for college
- Performance of district teachers
- Quality of education
- Convenience of school locations

Source: IC Patron Parent and Staff survey

STUDENTS PUSH HAITI AID

Haitian students organize fundraising events on campus.



ROB JOHNSON/THE DAILY IOWAN

UI graduate student Lucy Joseph shows a Haitian flag made of beads in her apartment Thursday. Johnson and other Haitian students are organizing events to raise awareness about the recent earthquake in Haiti.

By **MICHELLE HILLENBRAND**
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Lucy Joseph remembers looking at her phone in shock.

"What are you talking about? There's no such thing as earthquakes in the Caribbean," she recalled thinking.

The second-year UI urban and regional planning graduate student received a text message Jan. 12 from her cousin Henry, who lives in the United States but whose mother lives in Haiti.

"There was an earthquake. 7.0," the message read.

HAITI FUNDRAISER

Special lunch

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Joseph is one of many UI students with Haiti on their minds. But with family on both sides hailing from the poverty-stricken Caribbean country, she is closer than most to the tragedy.

And though Joseph said she would rather be with her family now, she also views it as an opportunity for Haitians on campus to educate others at the UI about their culture.

In fact, Joseph and several other Haitian students are looking to do just that. Working with Richard Geer, the IMU Food Service manager, they will hold a Haitian cuisine event next week.

The meal will feature traditional Haitian food, including a Haitian potato salad, chicken Creole,

SEE **JOSEPH**, 3

Pomerantz Center aiding grads

The UI Pomerantz Career Center sees more alumni returning for help.

By **JORDAN FRIES**
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Molly Hodge said she's fortunate to have a job.

Almost immediately after graduating from the UI with a nursing degree in December, she began working as a nursing assistant for UI Hospitals and Clinics.

But she didn't realize all of her friends would stay unemployed.

"I know classmates who sent out loads of applications, interviewed for every available position, and a month later, most of them are still without jobs," Hodge said. "It seems hopeless, sometimes."

She credits a summer internship at the UIHC and helpful mock interviews at the UI Pomerantz Career Center as the key ingredients in her successful job search, she said,



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UI graduate Cortland Berwald works in his garage in Iowa City on Wednesday. Berwald was one of the UI students who graduated in December of 2009. After spending 10 years earning a business degree, he said, "It feels strange not going to school anymore, knowing that it is in session."

but she realizes it takes a bit of luck to succeed in the current economic landscape.

The UI's recent batch of 1,300

winter graduates face a state unemployment rate of 6.7 percent, according to the most recent figure from U.S.

Department of Labor. That's still better than that of 41 states — but it is a staggering statistic nonetheless, Hodge said.

The Pomerantz Center does not keep figures on how many recent UI grads have landed jobs.

Officials from the center are confronting this new wave of unemployed graduates by offering more programs for alumni flocking back to campus for aid in larger numbers than ever before, said program associate Angi McKie.

"It's important for alumni to understand they can utilize our programs at any time, whether they graduated last year or 50 years ago," McKie said. "The vast majority of our services are free, and we have a separate department to deal with these specific concerns."

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UI Professor Ellen Lewin recently wrote a book, *Gay Fatherhood: Narratives of Family and Citizenship in America*, after interviewing around 100 gay fathers about their difficulties in becoming parents. Check out the video feature from Daily Iowan TV.



Spotlight Iowa City

Probing gay fatherhood

Gay men face difficulties becoming fathers, says Ellen Lewin, a UI professor who wrote a book on the subject.

By **BRIAN STEWART**
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When Ellen Lewin started reading *The Velveteen Father: An Unexpected Journey to Parenthood*, she couldn't stop. She finished the story, a memoir of a gay man's transition to fatherhood, in one sitting.

"He wanted to be a father with such urgency," said Lewin, a UI professor of anthropology and women's studies. "He felt like his life had no larger meaning, that he was just a perennial child, and he wouldn't really grow up if he didn't become a father."

The gay father's passion left Lewin wondering what motivated other gay men to become parents and what difficulties they faced in doing so.

Lewin's most recent book, *Gay Fatherhood: Narratives of Family and Citizenship in America*, draws on interviews with roughly 100 gay fathers. She began working on the project in 1999, moving to Chicago for a year in 2002 to connect with gay fathers there.

"I was really interested in how men manage this, because they're not only dealing with being gay men, but they don't have some of the options that lesbians have," Lewin said in her downtown Iowa City office, noting the cultural stereotype surrounding parenthood is that it's "women's stuff."

While lesbians can invest in in-vitro fertilization or other means of getting pregnant, gay men face more challenges, Lewin said. They're left to choose



PHOTOS AND MAGAZINE COVERS ARE DISPLAYED IN THE OFFICE OF ELLEN LEWIN, A UI PROFESSOR OF ANTHROPOLOGY AND WOMEN STUDIES, ON THURSDAY. LEWIN WROTE THE BOOK *Gay Fatherhood: Narrative of Family and Citizenship in America*, WHICH WAS RELEASED IN NOVEMBER 2009 AND DESCRIBES THE CHALLENGES GAY MEN FACE IN BECOMING FATHERS.

between public adoption, private or international adoption, or a method like surrogacy that involves their own DNA.

Lewin, who came to the UI in 1999, found finances are often a factor in gay men's decisions; public adoption is relatively cheap, and surrogacy can cost upwards of \$100,000 per child.

More than one-third of married gay men in the United States were raising children in 2008, while roughly 7 percent of unmarried gay men were doing so, according to 2008 census data analyzed by Gary Gates of the Williams Institute based

at the University of California-Los Angeles.

Johnny Symons — a 44-year-old Californian who directed and produced an Emmy-nominated documentary on gay fatherhood, *Daddy and Papa* — and his partner decided they would make good parents after a lot of discussions. Nine years ago, they adopted their first son through California's public-adoption system. A photo of Symons, his husband, and their 8- and 10-year-old sons grace the cover of Lewin's book.

Lewin, who fidgets as she talks and cites *New Yorker* articles to prove

Ellen Lewin

- **Age:** 64
- **Hometown:** New York City
- **Undergraduate education:** Linguistics, College of the University of Chicago
- **Graduate education:** Anthropology, Stanford University
- **Other books:** *Recognizing Ourselves: Ceremonies of Lesbian and Gay Commitment*, *Lesbian Mothers: Accounts of Gender in American Culture*
- **Now studying:** Chicago area all-black gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender Pentecostal churches

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her points, also explored the way gay men's identities can change when they became fathers. One of Lewin's subjects, Chicago flower shop owner Steve English, said his life certainly changed when he adopted his son 27 years ago.

But being a father was something he felt privileged to do, English said.

"I would be getting up at 5 in the morning, and I would think, 'Oh my God, a few years ago I'd just be coming home from the bars,'" he said.

In her research, Lewin found a number of factors that influenced gay men to have children were similar to reasons cited by heterosexual couples.

"They want to be part of creating a future," said Lewin, who became legally married to her partner after the Iowa Supreme Court legalized it last year. "Some of them feel very strongly that they want to be part of the society; they want to share something with their neighbors."

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2 charged in alleged handgun deal

Iowa City police have charged two Iowa City men with allegedly selling a stolen handgun.

Letty Nash, 24, 2140 Davis St., was charged Wednesday with trafficking in stolen weapons and child endangerment. Andrew Pearson, 25, 2140 Davis St., was charged with possession of firearms as a felon and intent to deliver marijuana.

According to Iowa City police, Pearson, a convicted

felon, and Nash attempted to sell a stolen 9-mm handgun to an undercover officer.

Nash's 4-month-old daughter was present during the deal.

Officers allegedly located 42.5 grams of marijuana on the scene. The police reported that they had arranged a controlled purchase of marijuana from the residence on two previous occasions.

Trafficking in stolen weapons and possession of a firearm by a felon are both Class D felonies, generally punishable by up to five years in prison and a maximum fine of \$7,500.

— by Jordan Fries

Where they're writing from

Place winners for writing contest are recognized.

By **MEAGHAN ROHAN**
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Steven Achrazoglou seems to be a boy of little words.

But give him a pen and paper, and he seems to have quite a bit to say.

Steven, a 13-year-old student at Southeast Junior High, wrote the poem "Where is Autism from? A Disability Poem," which won him first place in the youth poetry category for the Voices of Disability Writing Contest, sponsored by the UI Council on Disability Awareness. He and several other students and adults were honored at a ceremony Thursday afternoon in the Pappa-

john Business Building.

Around 50 people attended the ceremony and listened as people of all ages shared their contest entries.

"I am from friends who always got my back," Steven read. "I am from teachers who always try to help."

His mother, Jamie Achrazoglou, a contracts manager with UI Facilities Management and a UI student, received an e-mail about the contest and thought of her son's poem posted on the refrigerator. She entered the piece in the contest.

Steven, who has Asperger's, said he has written more than 50 short stories. His favorite is

"Ligeris," a "fantasy story from a different world."

His parents listened while their son read his poem at the ceremony. His mother said it was a good experience for their son, and she enjoyed the creative subject matter of the event.

"Steven has wanted to be a writer for a long time," said his father, John Achrazoglou, who teaches in the UI College of Education and is active on the schools' diversity committee.

First-, second-, and third-place winners in the areas of youth poetry, adult poetry, youth prose, and adult prose were honored. Participants included students, employees, and community members.

The Council on Disability Awareness, created 20 years ago, encourages those with disabilities to participate in educational, occupational, social, and cultural life at the UI while providing general awareness.

The council strives to hold one to two events involving members of both the university and Iowa City communities for those with disabilities and anyone interested.

There are 642 students with disabilities at the UI, said Mark Harris, the director of Student Disability Services. Disability Services works with 600 to 1,000 faculty, staff, and applicants each year, said Jan Gorman, the director of Faculty and Staff Disability Services.

class on writing résumés and cover letters.

"Murrin and McLaughlin will show participants how to create a résumé that will make potential employers take notice," the release states. "They'll also demonstrate how to write a compelling cover letter that will make job-seekers stand out from the crowd."

Attendance is free, but participants must register by Feb. 15

either in person or by calling the library at 319-626-5701 and asking for Jennie.

— by Kurtis Hiatt

UI gets \$9.5 million in settled suit

The UI will receive \$9.5 million after settling a lawsuit over an alleged patent violation.

The university's lawsuit against Abbott Laboratories was settled in November, according to official

documents released Thursday.

The legal dispute with the Illinois-based corporation began in July 2009, when Abbott allegedly intentionally violated a patent on two medical tools that UI microbiology Professor Mark Stinski invented.

The corporation allegedly violated the patent when the tools were used in the Abbott-produced arthritis drug Humira.

— by Sam Lane

METRO

Résumé workshop to be held

Spring graduates may want to make note of a résumé and cover letter workshop at the North Liberty Community Library, 520 W. Cherry St., on Feb. 24 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

According to a release from the UI News Service, Joan Murrin and Heidi McLaughlin of the UI Dual Career Network will lead the

POLICE BLOTTER

Sean Andreassen, 21, Windsor Heights, Iowa, was charged Thursday with public intoxication. **Charlie Free**, 21, Des Moines,

was charged Thursday with public intoxication. **Wesley Lewis**, 23, 2564 Sylvan Glen Court, was charged

Thursday with domestic assault. **Connie Phommaly**, 27, 503 Mineral Point Lane, was charged Monday with driving with a sus-

pended/canceled license. **Jeffrey Witscher**, 26, 109 N. Dodge, was charged Thursday with public intoxication.

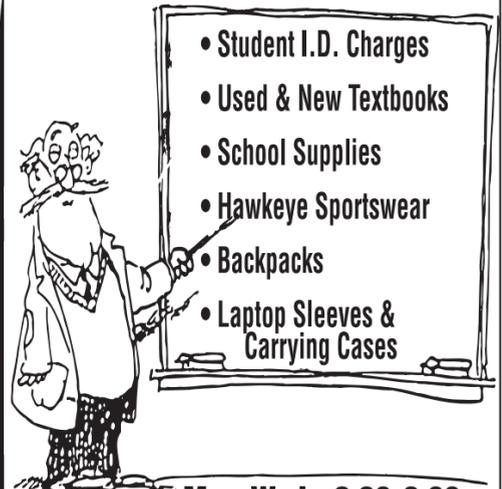
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Members also focused on meeting the needs of the community after learning of the results of a survey conducted with 400 Iowa City residents.

Ken DeSieghardt of Patron Insight, a phone-survey company, presented the results to the School Board before the redistricting meeting. They showed that many Iowa City residents interviewed — including typical voters, parents, and school staff — were concerned with keeping fairness in mind when addressing enrollment and growth issues.

Ensuring each Iowa City student has the same opportunities and learning environment requires that all schools are equal in education standards as well as size.

Some board members questioned the survey results.

“It doesn’t seem like the questions were asked numerous ways to see if [survey participants] truly answered consistently,” board member Tuyet Dorau said. “This notion of fairness really depends on what questions were asked.”

Though officials did not make any decisions regarding boundaries, members agreed they’re making progress.

“We’ve grown a lot in our knowledge since the first meeting,” said committee member Jane Dorman.

Dorman, the admissions director at the College of Engineering, has one child enrolled in the district and two children who graduated from Iowa City schools.

“It’s so important that we focus on not what we personally want but what the whole district needs as a whole,” she said.

The redistricting committee will meet again on Jan. 28 and hold two public forums in February.

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He also noted that even if the council were to deny him his license, he plans to continue reconstruction and appeal within the 30-day limit.

Porter predicted the project will be done in the next week and a half. He also completed several other projects at the bar, including installing a new sprinkler system that, combined with the staircase, will cost \$180,000.

This isn’t the first time Porter’s bar has been in violation of the fire code.

In February 2007, fire officials cited the stairway violation but agreed not to deny the establishment’s license because the inspection report came too close to the renewal date and wouldn’t have allowed Porter to make the necessary changes.

Failure to widen the staircase one year later caused the fire officials to deny Porter’s license renewal.

In the fall of 2008, the City Council, the Fire Department, and Porter reached a settlement that stipulated if the bar owner successfully remodeled the staircase by Dec. 31, 2009, city officials would reverse their January 2008 license denial.

Porter failed to uphold to the settled agreement, according to the documents.

“This establishment has had sufficient time to comply with the settlement agreement and has failed to do so, prompting the Fire Department to recommend

disapproval of their renewal application,” Rocca said in his recommendation.

Porter is also the owner of the Summit, 10 S. Clinton St., which was recently denied a liquor license by the City Council for its PAULA rate, and Vito’s, 118 E. College St., which is closed for a month after a citation for selling alcohol to minors. In November, Porter filed a lawsuit against the city, alleging the new PAULA policy — which requires the police chief recommend denying a license to any bar where officers write an average of more than one PAULA per visit — is unconstitutional.

The city councilors’ decision to deny Summit’s license request came after they denied licenses to 3rd Base, 111 E. College St., and Et Cetera, 118 S. Dubuque St. Administrative Law Judge Margaret LaMarche granted the latter two owners permission to keep their liquor licenses; the city has appealed to the Iowa Alcoholic Beverage Decision.

Iowa City Police Chief Sam Hargadine said three different departments can weigh in on liquor-license requests: fire, police, and inspection. Hargadine didn’t file a recommendation in this case because the bar wasn’t in violation of any law.

One Eyed Jakes’ PAULA ratio to date is exactly 1.0.

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red beans and rice, and a pineapple carrot cake with a citrus glaze, Geer said. The goal is to raise money for Haiti.

The lunch will be held in the IMU Main Lounge from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Jan. 28, with proceeds going to the Cedar Rapids Red Cross. The cost will be \$10 for students and community members.

Also next week, volunteers will drop off boxes around main campus buildings, including Burge, Mayflower, and the IMU, for a two-week drive to collect medical supplies and food. These supplies will later be sent to a Florida aid group, then continue on to Haiti.

Joseph, who is spearheading efforts at the UI, said she can still vividly recall the events of Jan. 12.



ROB JOHNSON/THE DAILY IOWAN

UI graduate student Lucy Joseph sits in her apartment on Thursday. Joseph and other students are organizing events to aid Haitians hit hard by the earthquake.

After viewing the wreckage on CNN, Joseph and her family still had no idea what the conditions were for their relatives, about 45 minutes from Port-au-Prince — the Haitian capital.

“There was nothing we could do but sit and wait,” Joseph said. “The biggest thing was to make sure our family were OK.”

Despite their anxiety and fears, Joseph didn’t

hear from any family in Haiti for another two days. And with faulty phone lines causing problems, even this correspondence wasn’t ideal. As Joseph’s cousin spoke on the phone with his mother in Haiti, the phones cut out, leaving the family with nothing but questions. Even now, Joseph has yet to hear from one of her aunts. Another aunt lost her home.

“This is not the way I would want people to know Haiti, as the place with the earthquake,” Joseph said.

Two UI students are from Haiti, though neither were there during the quake. Though Joseph is Haitian, she was born in the United States.

According to the American Red Cross, up to 3 million people have been affected by the earthquake. One hundred tons of aid are already in Haiti, with more arriving daily.

“As a whole, Eastern Iowa has been very generous,” said Jennifer Pickar, the director of communications for the Grant Wood Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Joseph encouraged UI students to get involved with relief in any way they can.

“Everything will help,” she said. “It will definitely be a long-term process.”

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Most of these initiatives are geared specifically toward UI alums who still walked the campus sidewalks this past December.

McKie said the UI Employment Expo is free for anyone who graduated in the last six months, though current students must pay a one-time fee for the tool. The online expo offers jobs, internships, and on-campus interviews posted by local employers. It provides a good opportunity for recent alumni to come back and work in Iowa City, McKie said.

“We understand students usually can’t leave the UI with their caps still on and get a job right after graduation,” McKie said. “The Pomerantz Center

provides a bevy of recruiting opportunities for students who simply don’t know where to look.”

But even winter graduates already bringing in a steady stream of income aren’t immune from economic concerns.

Cortland Berwald, who obtained a degree in business management from the UI as a backup plan in case his job at MidAmerican Energy fell through, said his story is fairly unusual for the average college graduate.

Berwald, who had a two-year degree from Kirkwood Community College, took one night class a week for 10-consecutive years before finally getting to be part of the UI commencement ceremony.

“In such uncertain times, why not make use of what’s available?” he said.



UI graduate Cortland Berwald (left) stands with his family in his Iowa City home on Wednesday.

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Editorial

Democrats should be commended for making gay marriage a nonissue

Gay marriage in Iowa is here to stay.

Reaffirming their position from last legislative session, courageously intransigent Democrats have vowed not to allow any debate on the issue. The decision seals off any possibility of action on same-sex marriage during this year's legislative session, which began last week.

Democratic leaders "just don't feel that we ought to make a change to the state's Constitution that would enshrine discrimination in it as it relates to marriage equality," said Sen. Joe Bolkom, D-Iowa City. In addition, they "don't want to spend the time on what is a pretty divisive issue."

Democrats control both chambers of the Legislature. In order to amend the Iowa Constitution — and quash the Supreme Court's ruling — lawmakers must pass a resolution in two consecutive sessions. The resolution is then submitted to voters for ratification.

Moral judgments aside, the referendum question — and Democrats' halting of debate over gay marriage — is one of political philosophy. Should citizens be able to interpret the parameters of certain rights enshrined in the Constitution, or should lawmakers and, ultimately, the courts determine the extent of those rights?

For his part, Bolkom rightly eschewed plebiscitary democracy.

"I'm not sure we want to have every question before voters," he said.

State referendums in such places as California have often proved disastrous, with some tying the hands of lawmakers on revenue issues (Proposition 13) and others clearly amounting to majority tyranny (Proposition 8).

Most states have rightly rejected that form of democratic governance in favor of one similar to Iowa's that is, admittedly, more elitist but provides stronger bulwarks against majority tyranny through checks and balances.

On marriage equality, legislators should heed the words of Walter Lippmann, the pre-eminent journalist and public philosopher of the 20th century. In an ever-changing electorate — due to deaths, age progression, etc. — Lippmann was wary of an omnipotent "transient majority" that could subjugate a politically powerless minority. Ours is a perfect example.

A voting electorate disproportionately

composed of elderly citizens — with often anachronistic views on sexuality and equality — shouldn't be empowered to overturn last April's forward-thinking ruling.

Sen. Merlin Bartz, R-Grafton, is one of the cosponsors of a joint resolution that seeks to put the question up to voters. He objects to the Supreme Court's "insulation" from the public and its granting of "special status" to gay couples.

"They evidently are not listening to the citizens of the state," Bartz said. "If they were listening to the citizens of the state ... they may have come up with a different conclusion."

It's unclear if Iowa voters would overturn the ruling if given the chance. A September *Des Moines Register* poll showed that 41 percent of

Iowa voters would vote in favor of a constitutional ban on gay marriage, while 40 percent said they would oppose such a ban.

But the sheer possibility of a majority voting to strip gay couples of their right to marry is reason enough for legislative Democrats' imperviousness. They are right to block debate and action on the issue because the judicial branch is one of the triumvirate linchpins of our democracy.

If American courts simply heeded public opinion, the U.S. Supreme Court would not have struck down segregation in *Brown*

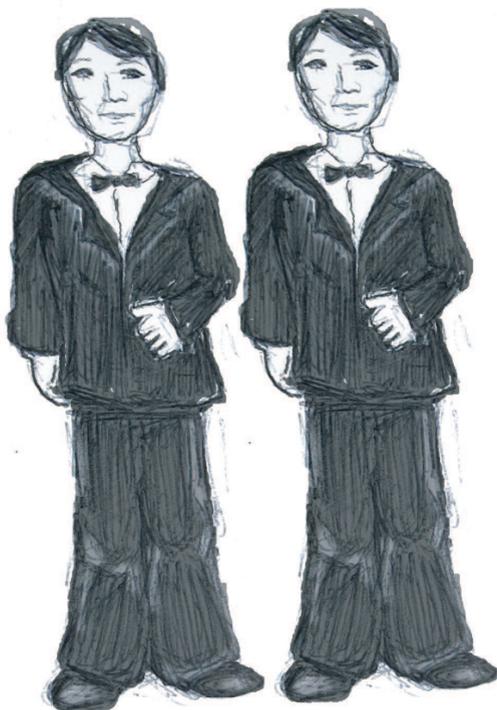
v. Board of Education. The justices wouldn't have rejected anti-interracial marriage laws in *Loving v. Virginia*. And the Iowa Supreme Court wouldn't have unanimously ruled on the side of same-sex marriage last April.

The Supreme Court's chief duty is to interpret the Constitution — not reflect the opinion of the electorate.

Legislative Democrats have acted admirably since the ruling. Rejecting the amorphousness of Chet Culver's response, they have not only chosen to be on the right side of marriage equality, they favor a government premised on rationality, rule of law, and protections for the minority.

And for that, they should be applauded.

Your turn. Are Democrats right to prevent any debate or action on the Supreme Court's gay marriage ruling? Weigh in on dailyiowan.com.



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White dominance and Avatar



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It is difficult to know where to begin when one is considering the insidious nature of the film-award ceremonies. Roughly 82 years in, praising mediocrity and pandering to the white liberal elite are the norm. Still, somehow, this past weekend's Golden Globes left me feeling particularly distraught and a bit flabbergasted.

Among the many issues I had — from the Christina Hendricks weight comments to the absurdly excessive parade, while hundreds of thousands go days without food or water — I feel compelled to elaborate on the focus of the evening's events. *Avatar*, a film that examines white guilt in the least constructive way possible, was given the coveted Best Picture award, along with James Cameron in the Best Director category.

It's true that, while Kathryn Bigelow as a white action director was the best hope women had in the awards race this year (and probably for the next decade or so), *The Hurt Locker* didn't have a chance. As an Iraq war movie (and an incredible one at that), it cannot be expected to garner much mainstream love in a culture that is still too afraid to acknowledge the implications and consequences of that war.

It also looked possible for *Inglorious Basterds*, with its flawless script and critical darling director, to bring home the big prize. Unfortunately, the Hollywood Foreign Press Association seems to think that four different languages in one film might be too much for the American public to handle (they just won't get it in the Midwest).

So why so much disdain for *Avatar*? At base, the film's main problems involve the dialogue and general lack of narrative imagination. Sure, it looked great. But I shouldn't need 3-D glasses to feel immersed in the film's world.

Beyond that, though, *Avatar*'s core centers on a

white man (in a position of privilege by virtue) that assimilates into a totally foreign culture, understands and masters that culture, and comes to be its savior. The title itself, *Avatar*, refers to the Sanskrit word for earthly incarnation or manifestation of a deity.

It seems that this concept in film has emerged from a very American ideology related to our perception of masculinity. Never give up, work hard, show physical and mental strength, and all things are possible — the Protestant work ethic in all its glory.

In *Avatar*, Jake Sully moves from privilege and power (physical) in his own culture to privilege and power in a foreign culture without ever having to process or understand the subjugation involved in being oppressed. White men (a.k.a., the Hollywood Foreign Press Association) get to feel as if they have a film about the oppressed overcoming their circumstance, all the while identifying with a character that ends up on top (see *Dances with Wolves*, *Mississippi Burning*, or *The Last Samurai*).

Never mind that he never experiences anything remotely close to what the individuals in the group being eradicated experience (as in *District 9*, for example).

I'm sick of movies that promote white dominance, patriarchal societies, and the fallacy that anyone is capable of mastering another culture's traditions, perceptions, and general way of life. Being part of the dominant ideology doesn't automatically give you super powers of intellect, strength, and comprehension. Give me a film about Pandora; or, if you need a human to identify with, does it have to be white and/or male? This film about the Na'vi (Native Americans, blacks, Iraqis) becomes a film about the oppressors.

Some say *Avatar* should be enjoyed as entertainment and is not to be taken seriously. Let me know when a bunch of white people get rounded up, stripped of all their resources and dignity, only to be rescued by a black woman on film. I'm sure it would be action-packed and a great ride.

Don't you want to go see that? ■

Guest opinion

The UI Foundation needs a major overhaul

By THOMAS WOLF

Congratulations Hawkeye Nation on an incredible football season, capped off with a dominant Orange Bowl victory. I enjoyed the game on television earlier this month — despite the mindless commentary — and it gave me pause to assess the basis of my pride in my alma mater.

In doing so, I reflected on the dedicated faculty, the idyllic campus, and the hearty sports teams that deserve high praise. But then, because of my profession and my hopes for Iowa, I could not help but consider the UI

Foundation, whose investment management is not praiseworthy and needs immediate attention.

Instead of raining on the parade, please allow me to expose the issue and define a solution, in the hopes of seizing the opportunity to fortify our world-class university. The thought came to mind — and is timely — because I think the situation is very analogous to Division-I college football if you can accept that the context is big business and then proceed from this perspective.

The Hawkeye football program is a large asset and is being managed

very well, arguably optimizing its revenue opportunity. This is driven by head coach Kirk Ferentz, whose compensation is high on an absolute basis but is a terrific value relative to his peers' compensation and even more so when factoring in results. The university desires to be competitive in football and is successfully executing a plan to achieve its goals.

This is not the case for the UI Foundation.

For football context, think of the dismal era post-Evashevski and pre-Fry: ineffective leadership and subpar results. Without question, the investment com-

mittee has good intentions and is well supported by a board that has generously provided time and money to the UI Foundation. But the simple fact is, the investment results have been lacking.

While these results are not uncommon for volunteer investment management, it does not have to be the case. Just as in college football, qualified, experienced head coaches (for foundations, they are called chief investment officers) are available and, better still, work for performance-based compensation consistent with the investment mandate

of the institution.

When new leadership has ownership of the role, accountability will be commercially enforced, similar to football: What was our record for the year? How did we do in conference? Nationally? What players do we need? Is this still the right head coach?

This mandatory evolution is long overdue — and for fine examples of this approach, look no further than the University of Michigan or Northwestern University. To quantify approximately what peer-like performance would mean to the current endowment, a top-20 finish in college-endowment

performance results on the current asset base would yield more than an additional \$50 million per year. Why are we not competing?

Over the past few years, I have encouraged the UI Foundation to take steps in this direction, and I have been dismissively told that the UI Foundation cannot afford to take these steps. The reality is there are a billion (approximate UI Foundation dollar value) reasons we can afford professional management. It pays for itself — thankfully, as does Ferentz.

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CULTURAL SERIES



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The Association of Latinos Moving Ahead held an open house in September 2009. The association will start its biweekly meetings Jan. 26.

A sense of comunidad

The Association of Latinos Moving Ahead gives UI Latino students a home away from home.

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Rocio Rivera said being part of a group makes her feel at home.

The Association of Latinos Moving Ahead is a student run organization with the purpose of uniting Latino students and offering community service and cultural awareness to the UI.

The group's meetings, which occur every other week starting at 7 p.m. Jan. 26 in the Latino Native American Cultural Center, focus on organizing events at the UI, as well as duties performed by the organization's members, such as an upcoming blood drive. Past events included Cinco de Mayo, the Day of the Dead, and other Latino holidays. The association often cohosts events with other Latino organizations.

Social activities bind members together into a community of approximately 25 students. This provides a closely knit connection for members to regain a piece of culture they lost by moving from their respective hometowns.

Many communities that Latinos come from are large in size, so it can be a challenge to adjust to a city that is ethnically different from their hometowns.

"This [organization] works as a transition for students as a home away from home," Rivera said. "Even outside of our meetings we hang out." This group, which was established fewer than 10 years ago, has had an effect by involving such members as Celene Espinoza.

Espinoza, a UI junior majoring in business and Spanish, found a place in the group during her freshman year and flourished. Originally from West Liberty, she lived in a community largely populated by Latinos. After moving to Iowa City to attend college, she became the minority in the community.

"I wasn't *The Latino* at home," she said.

Her former roommate also attended meetings and discussed about the merits of the organization with Espinoza.

"I never really listened to her until she forced me to

MEETING
Association of Latinos Moving Ahead
When: 7 p.m. Jan. 26
Where: Latino Native American Cultural Center

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go," Espinoza said. Now the treasurer for the 2009-2010 school year, she recommends the organization to the Latino students at the UI because of the companionship among its members.

"There's a lot of people that share the same tradition, the same music, and the same food," she said.

For Rivera, it is the commonality of ethnicity combined with the assortment of different backgrounds that gives her a sense of home.

"We are very diverse in this organization," she said. "It's nice to have people around and to learn."

BOOK REVIEW

Swan Thieves robs readers

Elizabeth Kostova's latest novel drags a simple mystery to the point of exhaustion.

By REBECCA KOONS
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Elizabeth Kostova's sophomore release, *The Swan Thieves*, doesn't live up to its potential.

With the critical success of *The Historian* come certain expectations about the author's latest



Kostova
Swan Thieves

novel, released on Jan. 12. Despite the gripping premise and even more fascinating-sounding plot, Kostova fails to give readers a sense of who the pivotal characters really are.

Andrew Marlow is a psychiatrist and art enthusiast who finds himself taking in Robert Oliver, a relatively well-known artist whose life has practically been destroyed by his obsession with an artist of long ago. Upon coming into Marlow's care after attacking (and nearly destroying) a painting titled *Leda* at the National Gallery of Art,

Oliver is reticent, and hardly says a word to Marlow throughout the novel. Because Oliver won't talk, Marlow finds himself confiding with the women who were once a part of Oliver's life — his ex-wife, Kate, and former student Mary.

The mystery lies in not only why Oliver had this sudden breakdown, but also in figuring out his connection to another woman he frequently draws.

While the concept keeps readers turning the 561 pages of the mammoth story, there is too much buildup and explanation for anything earth-shattering to occur by the novel's end. After all of the suspense, conclusions come about too conveniently for such an involved story that takes such a long time to wade through.

The most interesting characters in the novel are the women in Oliver's life. Kate was the first girl who fell hard for Oliver, and she consequently found herself abandoned by him for the sake of his art. Mary, who befriended Oliver as an art student, eventually becomes the older man's lover. Both of these women harbor

mysteries of their own, and Kostova only scratches the surface of their personalities, leaving out any background information to make the reader truly care about them. All her audience gets is the women's experiences with Oliver, who also becomes an afterthought in light of Marlow's crusade.

Marlow starts his investigation of Oliver's past with good intentions, but there comes a point when these endeavors become more self-serving than anything else. Marlow can't help but lust after his female counterparts, most notably Mary. His mission to help a struggling patient reads more like a puzzle he's hell-bent on solving — all the while holding tinges of hope that he'll get a little action out of it.

Coming away from *The Swan Thieves* without a real connection to Oliver, the central character, is probably the biggest let-down of the novel. Though Kostova utilizes beautiful prose and intense sensory detail, the reader is left with one mystery solved and another far from it.

FROM THE BLOG

OH CONAN, I'LL MISS YOU SO



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NBC announced Thursday that Jay Leno is kicking Conan O'Brien off NBC and into life of poverty.

Well, maybe not poverty exactly. The soon-to-be former "Tonight Show" host received a \$33 million stipend, a small severance for the embarrassment of leaving the station.

Though I'll likely shed a tear tonight while watching what may be O'Brien's last show as a talk-show host ever, I'd like to share my ideas on what I think he should do to occupy his time.

1. Register for an Ironman competition. Coco, we all saw your swanky run across the United States on your "Tonight Show" premiere not long ago. You've got the stamina, and boy do you have

the legs. Also, the lengthy training process is a good way to occupy your free time.

If you find your mind wandering during your long bike rides back to the glory days of hosting a late-night talk show, your tears can easily be disguised as training-related pain. Plus, you'll lose some of the weight you'll probably put on by cramming doughnuts in your mouth as a coping mechanism for the agony of seeing Leno occupy your time slot.

2. Take it on the road, and do some standup comedy. Why not? You're funny, you've been able to occupy the airwaves for many years prior to "The Tonight Show" — which speaks wonders for your ability to make a crowd laugh. Maybe you'll even be lucky enough to nab a half-hour time slot on "Comedy Central." Hey, that's just a step away from hitting it big again.

Just be sure to stay away from Florida and Arizona when

you're touring. You know those old Leno-watching ladies there are the ones that screwed you out of your glorious "Tonight Show" reign.

3. Create your own shampoo and/or hair gel. You're a funny man, Conan, but what I'll miss most about you is seeing that one-of-a-kind mass of hair atop your head. How do you get it that way? Will you share your secrets with the world?

How about combining forces with your inner-cosmetologist and creating a shampoo and/or hair gel combination that will let the flat-haired people of the world get some body.

4. Write a tell-all biography. That's what famous people do when they leave their day jobs, right? Plus, you know your fans want to hear about all of the struggles, turmoil, and the heartbreak you went through during the squashing of a dream you've had for so long. Fans love feelings, Conan. Remember that.

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Teacher-pay rule worries some

Some locals are against tying teacher salary to students' success in the classroom.

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Iowa students' performance on certain academic evaluations could soon affect their teachers' salaries.

But some local teachers are concerned with the state Board of Education's vote late last week to move forward with a rule that would force Iowa public school districts to base educators' salaries on the academic success of their students. The board will decide whether the rule will be enacted.



Koepnick
D-Iowa City

Student achievement rates would be measured by various evaluations that have not been specified yet.

Kevin Koepnick, a City High biology teacher, said he is concerned about the methods that could be used to determine student academic achievement.

"I agree that the best teachers should be paid more, but who knows how to evaluate this accurately," he said.

The educator of 28 years was also concerned about how urban and rural schools would be evaluated equally.

"Urban schools tend to score lower [on evaluations], but that does not

mean the teacher is inadequate," he said.

Sen. Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa City, echoed this sentiment, saying it would be a challenge to tie teacher pay to student achievement.

"There are many variables in students' lives that affect their learning abilities other than teachers," he said.

He noted the board should consider such factors as hunger, poverty, and the students' family lives.

However, supporters

'I agree that the best teachers should be paid more, but who knows how to evaluate this accurately.'

- **Kevin Koepnick**,
biology teacher

from the Center for American Progress said this kind of rule "could be adjusted to account for other factors besides teacher skill and knowledge that affect

student achievement."

Additionally, Bolkcom said, he thought the rule would put undue pressure on teachers.

"This should not be the sole measure of a teacher's salary," he said.

According to the Center for American Progress's plan for teacher effectiveness, the group agrees that any use of rankings should not be the only factor in evaluating educators.

Brad Wymer, a West High science teacher, said this kind of pressure

could influence educators to teach only the material on the evaluation.

He noted that this kind of teaching would ultimately damage the quality of students' education.

The rule would affect all school districts in Iowa, unlike Race to the Top legislation, which was signed into law by Gov. Chet Culver last week. Around 220 Iowa school districts signed on to the program, including the Iowa City district. One component of the Race to the Top program

Rule highlights

- Evaluations of student academic achievement could determine teacher salary
- Would require all public schools to participate
- Methods of evaluation have yet to be determined
- Public hearing for the rule will be March 2 in Des Moines

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favors basing teacher pay on students' academic performance.

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How to get an 8-year-old up and ready for school

Before entering the child's room, pray to whatever God(s) you believe in for protection (if you're atheist or agnostic, a few shots of whiskey serves the same purpose). Slowly approach the bed, carefully maneuvering through the minefield of foot-puncturing toys she strategically placed about the floor the previous night. Softly tell the child it's time to get up. Gently rock the child. Less-gently rock her. If this doesn't work, threaten to splash the child with water if she doesn't get up. If that doesn't work, splash the child with water. If that doesn't work, threaten to ground the child if she doesn't get up. If that still doesn't work, ground the child. If all else fails, bribe the child to get up with the promise of a doughnut. Walk the child into the bathroom and instruct her to shower. Remind the child to remove her pajamas first. Remind the child to use shampoo and soap. Remind the child to dry herself. Tell the child to get dressed. Tell the child to get dressed again, but this time with clean clothes. Tell the child to get dressed yet again, but this time with clean, weather-appropriate clothes. Remove contraband the child intended taking to school from the child's pockets. Make child lunch. Put child's lunch in her backpack, finding yesterday's (uneaten) lunch and (undone) homework that child neglected to mention previous evening. Ask child to brush her teeth, comb her hair, hang her towel up, put her clothes in the hamper, and put on her coat, hat, gloves, and shoes. Demand child to brush her teeth, hang her towel up, and put on her coat and shoes. Plead with child to brush her teeth and put on her shoes. Put child's shoes on for her. Drive child to school. When child asks about the promised doughnut, explain to child that life isn't fair, sometimes people lie, and she needs to just deal. Drop child off at school and wish her a good day. Go to gas station and buy yourself a doughnut.

- Andrew R. Juhl thanks Mykah K. for collaborating on today's Ledge.

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UI sophomore Mortada Al Janoubi walks back to his apartment after classes on Thursday. Al Janoubi has been an Iowa City resident for four years. "This is the coldest winter I've seen so far here in Iowa City," Al Janoubi said.

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- by Eugenia Last

ARIES March 21-April 19 Follow your instincts when it comes to love and personal relationships. Stick to people who have common interests and beliefs. Socializing will lead to a chance meeting with someone who has something worthwhile to offer.

TAURUS April 20-May 20 You may have to confront someone you care for in order to follow through with your plans. Anger will get you nowhere, but generosity, understanding, and the power of persuasion will help you get your way. An authoritative figure will have a change of heart.

GEMINI May 21-June 20 You can take care of any personal problems you face with someone you love or want to get into a relationship with by addressing issues head-on. Your intentions will be up for discussion, and you'll need to explain in depth to put the people you care about at ease.

CANCER June 21-July 22 Don't overreact or become suspicious when there is nothing to worry about. You will cause problems at a personal level if you try to limit or restrict someone you love. You must hide your emotions even if it is difficult.

LEO July 23-Aug. 22 Avoid people who are always down-and-out or negative. You need to keep a positive attitude if you want to excel. Take a creative approach to your money matters, and you will find a way to make your dollars work for you.

VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Welcome any opposition, and you will find out quickly whom you can trust. Changes to your current living arrangements will enable you to accommodate someone or something you want to pursue. Don't worry about complaints.

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Don't let anything slow you down or stand in your way. Take on whatever challenge you face, and you will surprise someone you want to get to know better. An emotional situation will allow you to make a commitment and stabilize your future.

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Look forward with optimism, and stop wasting your time living in the past. You can't change what's already happened, but you can do something about the future. Conduct your plans with strength and courage until you reach your goals.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Love, romance, and socializing will bring about opportunities to make significant personal changes. A short trip will pay off if you visit someone you miss or want to reconnect with.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19 You'll have trouble handling your emotions, especially if you are upset about a financial, legal, or health matter. You must face problems head on and refuse to let anyone criticize or bring you down.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18 It's vital that you keep moving forward so that you don't slip back into old ways or habits. Someone you've known for a long time is interested in getting to know you better. Get back to doing the things you used to enjoy.

PISCES Feb. 19-March 20 Limitations will prevail when dealing with a professional colleague or partner, but if you take action and show what you have to offer, you can make headway. Set new ground rules, and make sure everyone involved in your plan gets equal billing.

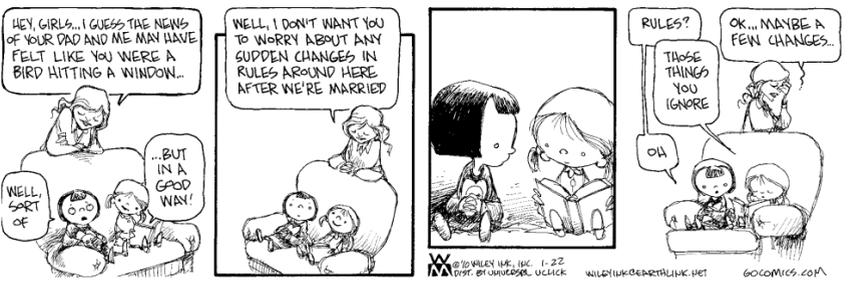
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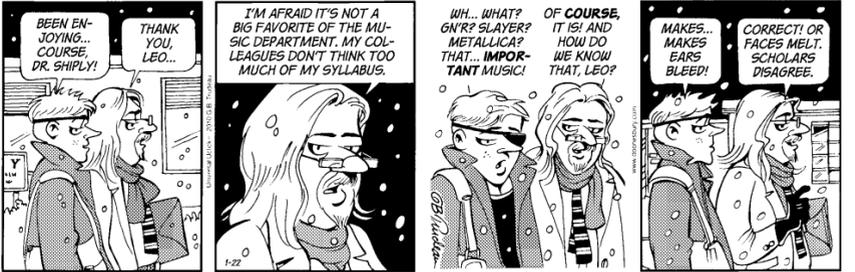
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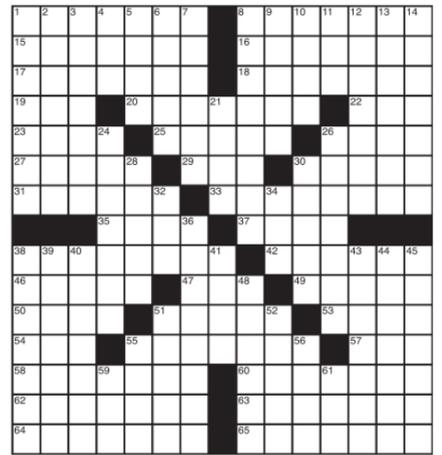
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- **"Martin Luther King and the Human Rights Movement,"** Rev. James Lawson, 7 a.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **"Economics of Agriculture Breakfast,"** Bob Wells, Iowa State University Extension, 7:30 a.m., Hills Bank & Trust Co., 1009 Second St., Coralville
- **Juried M.F.A. Exhibition,** 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Market-Dubuque Exhibition Space, 122 E. Market
- **Molecular Physiology and Biophysics Seminar Series,** "The uterus: what do we really know about how it works and why sometimes it doesn't?" Susan Wray, University of Liverpool, 9:30 a.m., 5-669 Bowen
- **English Conversation Group,** 10 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Office of Student Life Poster Sale,** 10 a.m., IMU Hubbard Commons
- **Story Time,** 10 a.m., Barnes & Noble, Coral Ridge Mall
- **Book Babies,** 10:30 a.m., Barnes & Noble
- **Martin Luther King Jr. 2010 Celebration,** UI PanAmerican Steel Band, noon, UIHC Colleton Pavillion
- **Martin Luther King Jr. 2010 Celebration,** Understanding Our Cultural Differences, noon, N212 Dental Science Building
- **Martin Luther King Jr. 2010 Celebration,** Sciences and Engineering Celebrate Dr. King, 4 p.m., 2229 Seaman's Center
- **"Taping the World,"** World-Canvass segment, 5 p.m., Old Capitol Senate Chambers
- **Auditions for Iowa City Community Theatre's Bend in the Road,** 6:30 p.m., Robert A. Lee Recreation Center, 220 S. Gilbert
- **Open Mike,** 7:30 p.m., Uptown Bill's Small Mall, 401 S. Gilbert
- **Pride Fundraiser,** 8 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- **Dueling Pianos,** 8:30 p.m., Piano Lounge, 217 Iowa
- **Jesse White,** 8:30 p.m., Orchard Green Restaurant, 521 Gilbert
- **Datagun CD Release Party,** 9 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
- **Dr. Z's Experiment,** 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Graduate Student Reception,** UI Museum of Art and Graduate Student Senate, 9 p.m., IMU Main Lounge
- **Zombieland,** Campus Activities Board Movie, 10 p.m., 348 IMU

The New York Times Crossword

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- Across**
- "Huh?"
 - Rule without exceptions
 - Sent a line, say
 - "The Imaginary Invalid" playwright
 - Request for entertainment
 - Words of acclamation
 - 1984 historical novel, with "The"
 - Home to Torrey Pines Golf Course
 - Bellini's "___ furor delle tempeste"
 - Think piece?
 - Mini replacements
 - Tiny opening?
 - Shortsighted solution?
 - Periodo de 31 dias
 - 30 Fed. bill
 - Peninsula south of the Gulf of Trieste
 - Breaks
 - The Sun and Mercury are in it: Abbr.
 - It may come from a loud speaker
 - Place for a collared person
 - Means of obtaining data about planets
 - Picks out
 - Gen. Pershing's command: Abbr.
 - Hit to short right, say
 - Calculated thing
 - Shellac
 - Outfielder Chávez
 - One in a long line of workers?
 - Certain pitch
 - 57 "The ___ of Malta," Christopher Marlowe play
 - Comic character in whiteface
 - Marker maker
 - Neither here nor there?
 - Offer to host
 - Now gender-neutral
 - Gritty TV series set in Baltimore



- Down**
- "Kwanzaa" comes from it
 - Forces afloat
 - "C'mon, that can't be true!"
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Men swimmers hope to repeat last year's upset

The Hawkeyes believe cold-weather bonding will carry them through the second half of the season, starting with Northwestern.

By PATRICK RAFFERTY
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Last season, the Iowa men's swimming and diving team upset Northwestern in the Field House.

When they travel to Evanston, Ill., this weekend, the Hawkeyes know the Wildcats won't think of them as frivolous fledglings this time around. Boasting a team of decorated swimmers and close to being one of the top 25 teams in the nation, they'll be waiting.

"Northwestern has had a tremendous last decade of swimming. NCAA champions, Big Ten record holders — they're clearly a very proud program," Iowa head coach Marc Long said. "We were able to get them last year, and I know they're going to be ready for us this year at Northwestern."

But while the Hawkeyes edged the Wildcats in the squads' last meeting, and while the Hawks have only lost one meet so far this season, Long said history won't matter much this time around.

"It may give our guys some confidence, but really, that's all thrown out the



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN
Hawkeye freshman Paul Gordon swims in the Field House pool on Oct. 16, 2008, practicing for a meet against Wisconsin on Oct. 17, 2008. The men swimmers and divers will head to Northwestern this weekend to face a team they upset last season.

window," he said. "We just need to come up, and race hard, and give it our best shot, and see what happens."

One thing that will be different, however, is the pool, a facet that should favor the Wildcats.

Assistant coach Kirk Hampleman said the Hawkeyes weren't taken seriously after last year's upset in Iowa City. Now, they are eager to prove they belong.

"We were able to beat them at home, and I think

a lot of people around the Big Ten feel like the only reason we won that meet was because we were at home," Hampleman said. "I'm sure our guys want to prove they can beat Northwestern on the road."

Both teams have relied on a plethora of young talent, though. Iowa assistant coach Frannie Malone said the Hawkeyes are built much like Northwestern, which should make each event tight.

There are no easy Big Ten meets, she said —

especially with the conference championships barely a month away with one final dual meet in between.

"Every meet is important, but right now we're looking to see some sharpening up in our races," she said. "Everybody should be racing a little bit sharper. Even though they're broken down from training camp and hard racing, we still like to see the races developing."

The Hawkeyes received a chance to sharpen themselves recently during their winter-break trip to Florida. While there, the team swam in the same heated pool used for water-polo competition during the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta. And nothing could have prevented the swimmers from jumping into the 80-degree water.

Freshman Jordan Huff said even though the temperature hovered near 40 degrees outside, his teammates weren't planning to pack up and travel back west. He also said he's hoping the good week of training will speak for itself both this weekend at Northwestern and later during the Big Ten championships.

"We had a very successful Hawkeye Invitational and the group that went to nationals was quite successful as well," Huff said. "We're just hoping to continue what the fall brought

us, which was a lot of fast times and a lot of winning events."

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WRESTLING

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Another All-American will enter the lineup this weekend when Dan Erikson sees his first action of the season in a return from a pectoral tear. The heavyweight wrestled in a scrimmage match on Jan. 15, winning a 12-2 major decision over Alex Burkle of Coe College.

The Eagle, Idaho, native is considered day-to-day, but Brands said Erikson has shown he's ready in the practice room and should suit up for one match.

When Brands asked Erikson whether was ready to go, the 285-pounder answered with a simple "Yup."

After Iowa's win over Oklahoma State, Brands talked about a new phase of training the Hawkeyes will enter. He said when his wrestlers get ready, they're peaking and more focused on themselves.

"I know Purdue feels good about where it's at, and Michigan probably is looking for a bright spot," Brands said. "Wrestling is an individual sport, and you get ready for individual



RACHEL JESSEN/THE DAILY IOWAN
Iowa 133-pounder Daniel Dennis wrestles Oklahoma State's Jordan Oliver in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Jan. 16. Iowa nosed out Oklahoma State, 19-16.

battles. It's time to continue the dominance and make noise, because it's going to affect your seeds and put you in places to win at the end of the year."

Dennis isn't concerned about a quick turnaround and lots of travel affecting the team. He said the

Hawkeyes have to be ready, or they'll underperform and get surprised.

"They're the next date on the calendar, so to me they're the most important date in the season right now because it's the one that's upon us," Dennis said. "It's important to be mentally

secure and mentally strong at each position. It's not strenuous if you don't make it strenuous.

"I think it can be if you think of it as a drag, but I don't think we have anyone on our team looking at it like that, so it's going to help us build."

BASKETBALL

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Iowa's loss to Michigan State — 13 points and nine boards.

Fuller was pleased with the effort his team displayed in the second half against the Spartans, but he knows more needs to happen against Indiana.

"We were down 12 at halftime, and I thought we responded pretty well," he said in a postgame radio

interview. "Unfortunately, when it came down to it, we didn't get enough stops, and they won."

If the Hawkeyes are going to win their first Big Ten road game in more than two years, one key Lickliter said he needs after the Michigan State game is consistency. Iowa got out to an early lead against the Spartans before turning it over on five-straight possessions in the first half. The Hawks were down by as many as

19 points before rallying in the second half.

"Too often, we get anxious and try to make a big play, and then it goes back-to-back," Lickliter said during a postgame radio interview. "A lot of times, as you can concentrate on the right things, just the task at hand, you'll be free to play."

While Indiana isn't quite the program it once was under the tutelage of Bob Knight, the atmosphere Assembly Hall provides is something Lickliter wants to

make certain his young team is aware of. The Hoosiers have won home games this season against both Michigan on Dec. 31, 2009 and Minnesota on Jan. 17 in a game that went to overtime.

"They've been playing well," Lickliter said. "Tom has got them playing well, and it's a tough environment, as all these are. If you're wanting to learn how to play the game as a youngster, you can jump right in the Big Ten, and you can learn under a lot of pressure."

TENNIS

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court, the new coach will have had only 12 days with her team. While Dougherty understands she can't fully implement her system during a short period of time, she believes Iowa is more than ready to compete.

"The bottom line is that you can't jam a semester's worth of work into a five-day mini preseason, and

that's not what we were trying to accomplish," Dougherty said. "I'm still getting to know the team and how everyone ticks, what their practice habits are, and what their thought process is out on the court."

While the Fighting Irish come in with high praise, such Hawkeyes as junior Jessica Young believe nothing is out of reach.

Young said she and her teammates have worked hard, and she feels positive heading into her first match at home.

"We are going in with great mindset," she said. "This weekend, our first match is against Notre Dame, and we have nothing lose and everything to gain. We are going to surprise every team we go up against this year with our competitiveness and our high energy."

"We want every other team to know that we will never give up, and we will do anything we can to win."

Hosting two teams at home can be difficult, however. One element the Hawkeye Hall in their

favor is the comfort of their own court — from the speed of the courts to the lighting.

Even with the short amount of time Dougherty has with the team, junior Alexis Dorr said, Iowa can compete with anyone.

"There isn't any real difference between playing a top school and playing a lower-ranked school," Dorr said. "We're here to compete, and that's what we're going to do each time we go out on the court."

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Hawks off to 'Cats' pool

Hawkeye swimmers will head to Evanston, Ill., on Saturday to close out the Big Ten regular-season schedule.

By MITCH SMITH
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In order to end the Big Ten regular season strong, the Iowa women's swimming and diving team will have to swim its best against one of the toughest teams in the country.

Iowa will travel to Evanston, Ill., on Saturday for an 11 a.m. meet against Northwestern. The Wildcats are ranked No. 23 in the latest College Swimming Coaches Association of America poll, but they are coming off a loss to No. 16 Michigan.

Competing against top talent is nothing new for the Hawkeyes.

The Big Ten boasts some of the best swimming and diving teams in the country, with six squads in the top 25 and another three (including Iowa) receiving top-25 votes.

"[The Wildcats are] pretty darn good," Iowa assistant swim coach Frannie Malone said. "In the Big Ten, you're always racing against some of the top teams. We're used to that. We're prepared for that. We just take advantage of being able to go up there and getting to race against some of the best people."

While the Wildcats are coming off a loss, the Hawkeyes are flying high after a one-point victory on Jan. 16 against Illinois.

Senior Christine Kuczek continues to lead



Hawkeye swimmers celebrate a victory following Iowa's meet against Nebraska in the Field House pool on Nov. 1, 2008. The Hawks won, 192-107, improving their record to 3-1.

the charge for the Hawkeyes, notching three more individual victories in last weekend's dual meet with the Fighting Illini.

Against Northwestern, she hopes to fly.

"They have really good freestylers," Kuczek said. "I've got my work cut out for me, but those are the girls I'm going to be competing with at Big Tens. My goal is to get up there, and race them, and just expect greatness, and do my best."

The diving squad hopes for continued success this weekend after having its best meet against the Illini.

Junior Veronica Rydze, a recent Big Ten Diver of the Week, swept the diving events and posted her collegiate-best score in

the 1-meter. The score also ranks ninth in school history.

With only three more meets before the Hawkeyes travel to the Big Ten championships in West Lafayette, Ind., Kuczek said it is important to close out the regular season on a good note.

"It's really important to have a positive meet," she said. "We only get to swim our races three more times before Big Tens. It's really important to not only work on the logistics of your races and racing the people next to you but also just confidence in seeing your times improve."

Saturday will mark the final regular-season Big Ten meet for a senior class that has greatly contributed to the

Hawkeye program over the past four years.

The Hawkeyes have nine seniors — swimmers Julie deBruin, Julie Feingold, Stacia Johns, Hilary Leigh, Kuczek, Katie Michelau, Laura Mozdzen, Nicki Wex, and diver Brittany Logan. Iowa head swimming coach Marc Long said the group has helped "bring a lot of pride to the program."

"We're getting some great performances out of our seniors this year. They're really finishing strong," he said. "They're a good example for the underclassmen to see that not only in the pool do you get stronger and faster, but outside the pool, they've been great leaders."

FREE EVENTS

Promotions galore for Ohio State game

When the Iowa men's basketball team plays No. 21 Ohio State in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Jan. 27, there will be a plethora of promotions.

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Additional Cambus routes will be available, as well.

In addition to students getting in free, UI faculty and staff can purchase \$14 group-rate tickets by showing a university ID the Carver-Hawkeye ticket window prior to tip-off.

The athletics department also encouraged fans to wear gold.

A ceremony will celebrate the football team's 24-14 win in the 2010 FedEx Orange Bowl over Georgia Tech during the game. Defensive end Adrian Clayborn will be honored for being named the Defensive Impact Player of

the Year.

— by Brendan Stiles

Football to hold spring scrimmage

The Iowa athletics department announced on Thursday that the Hawkeyes will hold a spring practice scrimmage open to the public at Kinnick Stadium.

The contest will take place on April 17 at a time yet to be determined and will be the team's final spring practice of 2010.

Iowa had a successful 2009 campaign, finishing with an 11-2 overall record and a 24-14 victory in the 2010 FedEx Orange Bowl over ACC champion Georgia Tech. It was the first BCS bowl victory in school history and the first win in a major bowl game of any sorts since the 1959 Rose Bowl.

Entering the 2010 season, the Hawkeyes are slated to return 15 of the offensive and defensive starters from the Orange Bowl.

Among those returning include quarterback Ricky Stanzi and defensive end Adrian Clayborn, who was named the Most Valuable Player of the Orange Bowl after recording nine solo tackles.

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Women's track heads off to Minneapolis

The Iowa women's track and field team will compete at Minnesota's home turf against several other Division-I schools.

By **MICHELE DANNO**
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The Hawkeyes are the underdogs in their first big meet of the season this weekend.

The Jack Johnson Classic, beginning today in Minneapolis, pits three-time defending Big Ten champion Minnesota against last-ranked Iowa women's track and field team.

Four other Division-I schools from various conferences will participate alongside the Hawkeyes and Golden Gophers, making the event the first "big meet" for the Iowa women, because the away competition features all Division-I level teams.

But the Hawkeyes aren't showing signs of intimidation.

"It's always a positive thing when we get to compete against the best," sprints and hurdle coach Clive Roberts said. "I try to put my [women] in these situations as many times as possible. It comes at the perfect time, and we can use this meet to see where we are in terms of preparation."

The Hawkeyes will bring 29 of their top competitors to Minnesota to run, throw, and jump at the two-day meet, which ends on Saturday. Although



FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY IOWAN

Caleigh Bacchus runs up a hill during practice at Finkbine with a tire trailing behind her on March 20, 2007.

competitions will not be scored, Iowa's athletes are using the meet as an opportunity to "develop and learn how to compete."

And senior high jumper Caleigh Bacchus has her own goal for the weekend — to clear the NCAA-championship qualifying height of 5-10. Should she accomplish the feat, she will be put on a list of jumpers who can potentially qualify to compete in the national tourney. Roberts and distance coach Layne Anderson both noted Bacchus as an athlete whose performance "stood out" at the Jan. 16 home meet against Western Illinois, Truman State, and Central Methodist from Missouri.

Despite her coaches' praise, Bacchus said,

she wasn't satisfied with her performance because she only managed to clear 5-8. She did win the event.

"I'm nervous for this week," the Trinidad and Tobago native said. "But I'm not nervous about the competition. I'm more worried about whether or not I jump the 5-10. I have my own goals in mind."

Bacchus isn't the only nervous Hawkeye. Because more than half of the 2010 squad consists of freshmen, the Jack Johnson Classic is many of the women's first Division-I competition and their first real chance to prove themselves.

Roberts said the only thing he expects of his athletes is that they "leave it all on the track." He also noted that the greatest

Jack Johnson Classic

When: SATURDAY THROUGH JAN. 24

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improvements happen between the first and second meets of the season.

"We're a team that's getting better every day," he said. "The year before last, we graduated eight All-Americans, so we struggle based on the fact that we lost some very good [women]. We're a young team, but now a lot of freshmen got that first meet under their belts, so they should be able to take that experience and apply it to this meet."

Freshman Missy Miller said she is comforted by the fact that her class makes up such a large percentage of the Iowa team; she shares the nerves of her fellow newcomers. She said the upperclassmen are supportive in trying to calm jitters, though.

"I'm going into this meet with no expectations because I've never done it before," the multievent athlete said. "It will be nice to get a mark that I can improve on."

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Iowa women's gymnastics looks to add swagger to their routines on Saturday at Penn State.

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Kamille Wahlin

BASKETBALL

Women hoopsters bump off Illini

The Iowa women's basketball team (9-10, 2-6 Big Ten) snapped its four-game losing streak on Thursday, defeating Illinois (11-7, 3-5), 74-65, in Champaign, Ill.

Freshman Jaime Printy led the Hawkeyes with 22 points and four rebounds, and she dished out four assists in her 35 minutes of action. Junior Kachine Alexander added 12 points and 10 rebounds for her seventh double-double of the season.

Despite suffering back spasms earlier in the week, sophomore Kamille Wahlin started at point guard and played 31 minutes, scoring 12 points and adding six rebounds.

Freshman Morgan Johnson tallied 10 points, and sophomore Kelly Krei had 13 points.

The game marks the first time all season that five starters have scored in double figures.

Iowa shot 68.2 percent in the game, 45 percent behind the arc. The Hawkeyes led 38-37 at half-time before outscoring the Fighting Illini 36-28.

Iowa hosts Northwestern (12-6, 3-4) at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Jan. 24. Tip-off is scheduled for 4 p.m.

— by Evelyn Lau

DIVING

Rydze honored

The Iowa women's swimming and diving team picked up its second conference award of the season on Tuesday.

Junior diver Veronica Rydze earned Big Ten Diver of the Week for her performance on Jan. 16 against Illinois.

Rydze swept the diving events in the meet, taking first in both the 1- and 3-meter diving events. Her two first-place finishes were the first wins for an Iowa diver this season.

She received a collegiate best score of 274.96 in 1-meter diving. The score also ranks as the ninth-best 1-meter score in school history.

Rydze was sidelined at the beginning of the season with a back injury, but she has been a sparkplug for the diving team since returning to the squad on Dec. 11, 2009.

She also recorded a second- and third-place finish against Iowa State in addition to her two first-places against the Fighting Illini.

The Hawkeyes will wrap up their Big Ten schedule on Saturday, when they face Northwestern in Evanston.

— by Mitch Smith



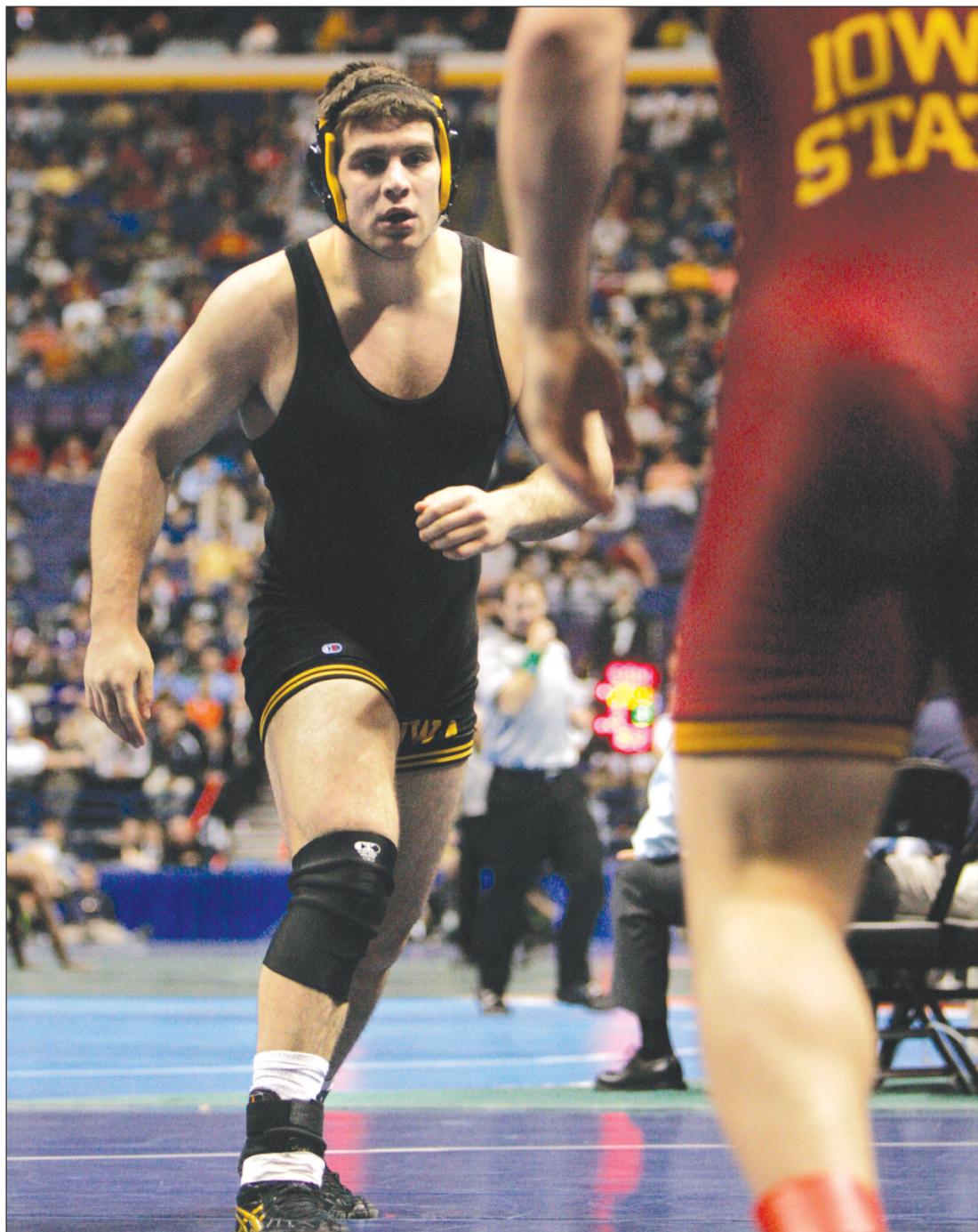
Rydze junior

No. 1 Iowa (14-0) vs. Michigan (4-7)

WHEN: 6 P.M. TODAY, WHERE: CLIFF KEEN ARENA IN ANN ARBOR, MICH., WHERE TO LISTEN: KXIC AM-800

Hungry for bonus points

Iowa wants to send a message when the Hawkeyes face both Michigan and Purdue this weekend.



FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa heavyweight Dan Erikson prepares to wrestle Iowa State's David Zabriskie during session five of the NCAA championships in St. Louis on March 21, 2009. Erikson will see his first action of the season this weekend.

By J.T. BUGOS
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Iowa wrestling head coach Tom Brands told his team the Hawkeyes need to put their opponents on notice.

He said before practice on Wednesday that he wanted each grappler to score bonus points so future challengers will know Iowa is ready to wrestle. Brands then singled out both 125-pounder Matt McDonough and 133-pounder Daniel Dennis.

Indiana's Angel Escobedo, the No. 1-ranked 125-pounder, doesn't want to wrestle McDonough, Brands said. But Franklin Gomez, Michigan State's No. 1-ranked 133-pounder, might think Dennis has lost a step.

Dennis returned to the lineup in Iowa's most recent match against Oklahoma State and lost on a last-second takedown.

The senior from Inglewood, Ill., said physically, he feels fine, but mentally, he needs to make some corrections. He understands the urgency to perform better.

Dennis has a chance to make those adjustments; Iowa will face Michigan (4-7) at 6 p.m. today, then venture to Purdue (10-4) on Jan. 24. The Hawkeyes will try to extend their school record 52-match winning streak.

"There weren't any physical aspects holding me back," the sixth-ranked All-American said. "It's just going out there in the right mindset, ready to score points and ready to do what Coach Brands tell us to do, and that's being ready to wrestle. That's really all I need to be focusing on and developing when I go out there."

SEE WRESTLING, 8

Iowa (7-12, 1-5) at Indiana (9-9, 3-3)

WHEN: 5 P.M. JAN. 24, WHERE: ASSEMBLY HALL IN BLOOMINGTON, IND., WHERE TO WATCH: BIG TEN NETWORK, RADIO: KXIC-AM 800

Hawks look for rare road win

The Iowa men's basketball team looks for first conference road victory.

By BRENDAN STILES
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The final score may not have been the best indicator, but given the circumstances, the numbers didn't have to be.

Few outside the Iowa men's basketball program could have envisioned the Hawkeyes hanging with No. 6 Michigan State at the Breslin Center up until the final horn.



Lickliter coach

But Todd Lickliter and Company nearly pulled off the upset Wednesday night, and the Hawkeyes (7-12, 1-5) found some elements they hope to carry into Assembly Hall to face the Hoosiers (9-9, 3-3) on Jan. 24 at 5 p.m. in Bloom-

ington, Ind.

The game was originally scheduled to start an hour earlier, but it was pushed back to accommodate those in Indiana who wanted to watch the AFC championship game between the Indianapolis Colts and New York Jets.

Last season, Iowa and Indiana split, each team winning on its home floor. The Hoosiers' victory was their lone conference victory a year ago during the team's first season under head coach Tom Crean.

Indiana features three players averaging double figures — sophomore Verdell Jones III and the freshman duo of Christian Watford and Maurice Creek.

One player beginning to emerge for the Hawkeyes is sophomore Aaron Fuller, who fell one rebound shy of a third straight double-double during

SEE BASKETBALL, 8

Iowa vs. Notre Dame

WHEN: 11 A.M. SATURDAY, WHERE: HAWKEYE TENNIS & RECREATION COMPLEX

Women's tennis faces tough matches

The Iowa women's tennis team hosts its first home matches of the season this weekend.

By PATRICK RAFFERTY
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The Iowa women's tennis team is set for a busy weekend.

The Hawkeyes will host Notre Dame and Eastern Michigan in back-to-back competitions at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex. Notre Dame, the No. 5 team in the nation according to collegatennisonline.com, will take on Iowa at 11 a.m. on Saturday, and Eastern Michigan will face the Hawks at 10 a.m. Jan. 24.

"Notre Dame is a great team — it was in the semifinals of NCAAs last year. It's loaded with talent and excellent competitors," Iowa head coach Katie Dougherty said. "Eastern Michigan has a good team this year, and we need to go out and



FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY IOWAN

Hawkeye Sonja Molnar jumps to return a serve during her singles match against Georgia Rose of Northwestern at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex on April 12, 2009. The Hawkeyes will take on Notre Dame and Eastern Michigan this weekend.

play good tennis." Dougherty said she is excited after taking over the Hawkeyes in the fall. "Our goal is to get better each week and be playing our best tennis come March and April," she said. "We have a

two-week break between this weekend and the Kansas State/Kansas weekend where we can make adjustments."

Before heading onto the

SEE TENNIS, 8