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Bar-goers and members of the SoBar Experience dance in the 3rd Base on Jan. 22. Students participating in the event said they wanted to show that consuming alcohol can be fun when done in moderation and that it's possible to have fun while remaining sober.

Not dry — just not sloshed

The event could show the community there are responsible students downtown, the organizer said.

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Seven UI students sat around a black table in a dark bar. They leaned to hear each other over Rihanna blasting from speakers overhead.

There were no drinks on the table.

Nearby, two others from the same group held half-full cups of beer. The same beers they'd ordered from the bar 45 minutes earlier.

Unlike most alcohol-alternative programs at the UI, the organizers of the SoBar Experience weren't trying to persuade students to avoid alcohol. Rather, UI junior Greg Pelc, who came up with the idea, said he wanted to promote responsibility and alcohol use in moderation.

"It was about recognizing that you can drink," he said, "but in a responsible manner so you won't damage your health or hurt those around you."

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UI junior philosophy and biology major **Alain Cagaanan** (center) chats with junior biology major **Andrew Weber** (right) as part of the SoBar Experience at 3rd Base on Jan. 22. UI junior **Greg Pelc** organized the event to show that it's possible to have fun while drinking responsibly.

UI awaits panel's report

UI officials expect the Graduate Task Force final reports finished by mid-February.

By **NICOLE KARLIS**
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UI graduate students are anxiously waiting for a decision that could change the future of their respective programs.

But UI officials say not to worry.

In April 2009, UI Provost Wallace Loh charged the Graduate Task Force with evaluating all 100 UI graduate programs and 70 doctoral programs. Officials planned to make the results public last month, but they have been delayed.



Larsen
task-force member

That means the future of some programs is still uncertain.

But task force members say the delay should not provoke tension among faculty and students.

"We have been impressed with the breadth and quality of the graduate programs at the University of Iowa," Professor Sarah Larsen, a task-force member and a professor of chemistry, wrote in an e-mail.

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Outlook uncertain for research \$

UI researchers expect 'uncertain success' in fiscal 2011.

By **JOE CAVILERE**
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UI researchers may find themselves the latest victims of poor economic times.

Last year, the National Institutes of Health doled out more than \$10 billion in grant money to various research facilities around the country — an unusually large amount — as part of federal stimulus funds.

But this growth can not realistically continue.

In a recent interview with *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, Francis S. Collins, the new director for the NIH, said the agency would not be as generous this upcoming year.

"I don't think anybody right now imagines an outcome where the annual expenditures on biomedical research in fiscal '11 will be as good as they were in fiscal '10," he said.

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Bill could make PAULAs vanish

New bill could help clean up underage students' records.

By **MORGAN OLSEN**
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UI students soon might not have to fear future employers digging into their college pasts and finding evidence of underage boozing.

A recently proposed bill would eventually expunge any alcohol-related offense from an underage person's record. If the bill went into effect, underage people could petition to the court to expunge drinking violations from their records two years after they were cited as long as they have maintained clean records otherwise.

In the early stages of the House Study Bill 553, local officials said they're supportive of the idea.

"I'm totally in favor of this, and I'm glad they're doing it," said Iowa City Councilor Connie Champion. "In my opinion, it's just getting with the times."

With 819 PAULAs written by Iowa City Police in 2009, the bill could have a positive effect on UI students.

"There are so many young people who have this on their record for just being at a keg or being handed a drink at a bar," said Rep. Beth Wessel-Kroeschell, D-Ames, who is

also a member of the Iowa House Judiciary Committee. "We want to help people be more successful in their futures."

Currently under Iowa law, minors under the age of 18 can petition to have their juvenile records sealed. The new bill would apply to underage adults between 18 and 20 years old.

The subcommittee has also added an amendment to the bill that would remove records through the Department of Public Safety. The amendment is in place to keep expunged criminal

Iowa City PAULAs

Iowa City police doled out:

- 2007: 1,000
- 2008: 879
- 2009: 819

Source: PAULA reports

records from being found, said Rep. Jason Schultz, R-Schleswig, also a member of the Iowa House Judiciary Committee.

While serious consideration is occurring at the state-level, UI students said they're happy about the possibility.

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300 vie to become RAs

Residence Hall coordinators host Super Saturday for more than 300 resident-assistant applicants.

By KRISTIN LUTZ
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Jan Suceska always admired his resident assistant.

So this year, the UI freshman decided to apply for the position — both to be a good mentor to other students and to bring in some extra dough.

"I thought my RA was cool ... opposed to the stereotype of them being too strict," said Suceska, who admitted the salary and benefits were an important factor in his decision to apply for the job. "I'm just trying to help my parents out make it easier for them [financially]."

Suceska was one of around 300 UI students who underwent the competitive interview process over this past weekend, vying for 60 to 70 spots as resident assistants and several thousand dollars of income.

Despite massive budget cuts at the UI, University Housing officials said

resident assistants won't be cut.

The sentiment fits with UI officials' ramped-up retention efforts recently, many of which focus on first-year campus life. Officials have announced the creation of four new living-learning communities, and they have plans to return Parklawn Apartments back into a dorm for second-, third-, and fourth-year students.

UI RAs receive a \$5,000 stipend their first year for a 10-month employment period — in addition to free room and board and \$100 worth of Hawk dollars per semester, Gregory Thompson, manager of UI Residence Life, wrote in an e-mail.

If an RA decides to return the following year, he or she will be paid an additional \$100 per year. For example, a second-year RA would make \$5,100, Thompson said.

The UI has 130 RAs on

campus, including community assistants, who live in university apartments.

Applicants must have completed 30 college semester hours and hold a 2.5 overall GPA.

Statewide, resident assistants at regent universities don't receive the same pay at the UI's, but they earn similar benefit packages.

The University of Northern Iowa's 88 resident assistants receive a \$1,200 stipend for an academic year or \$600 for a semester, said Lyn Redington UNI's director of Residence Life.

Iowa State University's resident assistants receive a \$180 stipend four times each semester, or \$720 per semester, according to university's website.

The difference in pay between the institutions is determined by the university's resident assistants unique roles.

"Institutions determine what compensation best fits the requirements of their

UI RA benefits

The UI's resident assistants receive:

- Free room and board
- \$100 Hawk dollars per semester
- \$5,000 salary for 10-month contract
- Full meal plan (20 meals a week)

Source: UI officials

individual RA jobs and then judge what level of compensation is needed to obtain the highest quality candidates they can find for their RA position," Thompson said.

UI applicants spent Jan. 23 in Stanley Hall participating in group activities that monitored communication skills, their ability to facilitate in a group, and other qualifications needed to become a UI resident assistant.

This week, the applicants will wait to hear the housing administrators' selections.

"I'm feeling nervous and anxious while I am waiting for my letter, but also confident because I feel like the interview process went well for me," Suceska said.

METRO

Man charged with sexual abuse

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office has charged a man with alleged sexual abuse.

Andre White, 39, address unknown, was charged Jan. 22 with second-degree sexual abuse.

According to Iowa City police, White was at a residence on Pioneer Road in Lone Tree on the night of Jan. 22 when he alleged forced the victim to have sex with him by holding a knife to her throat.

White allegedly told the woman he would kill her and her son if she told anyone.

Reportedly, the victim continued to struggle but was unable to break free. White then sexually

assaulted her again, according to police reports.

The woman was able to leave at around 5:45 a.m. Jan. 23, according to police.

White is being held in the Johnson County Jail on a \$50,000 bond.

Second-degree sexual abuse is a Class B felony carrying a mandatory sentence of 25 years in prison.

— by Jordan Fries

Iowa unemployment dips

Iowa's unemployment rate declined slightly to 6.6 percent in December 2009 from 6.7 percent in November. This rate continues a five-month streak of relatively stable unemployment.

In December 2008, the state's jobless rate was reported to be 4.4 percent.

The U.S. unemployment rate remained at 10 percent in December 2009.

The total number of working Iowans rose slightly to 1,573,000 in December from 1,570,300 in November. One year ago, total employment was 29,900 higher at 1,602,900.

— by Joe Cavaliere

Police seek suspect in attempted robbery

The suspect in an attempted robbery of a local convenience

store is still being sought by Iowa City police officers.

According to witness reports, the suspect attempted to take money from the cash register of L&M Mighty Shop, 504 E. Burlington St., during a transaction around 4:15 p.m. Jan. 23.

The suspect allegedly fled on foot prior to the officer's arrival and was not located in a search of the area.

No weapon was displayed, and nobody was injured in the incident.

The suspect is described as a white male, 5-8, 24 to 30 years-old, with a medium build and wearing blue jeans and a black jacket with a black hoodie underneath.

— by Jordan Fries

POLICE BLOTTER

Sean Ahrens, 19, 220 Lafayette St. Apt. 205, was charged Jan. 22 with PAULA.

Andrew Alemao, 21, Cedar Falls, was charged Sunday with obstructing an officer.

Samuel Allen, 23, 2705 Magnolia Drive, was charged Jan. 23 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Callie Anderson, 18, 306 Hillcrest, was charged Jan. 22 with public intoxication.

Kathleen Arens, 19, 308 E. Church St., was charged Jan. 22 with PAULA.

Tyler Aumen, 18, 527 Slater, was charged Jan. 23 with public intoxication.

Brandon Barnes, 20, 716 E. Burlington St., was charged Jan. 22 with PAULA.

Christopher Bauer, 19, Des Moines, was charged Jan. 21 with PAULA.

Kyle Bieschke, 19, N445 Hillcrest, was charged Jan. 23 with PAULA.

Spenser Bilden, 20, Elgin, Iowa, was charged Jan. 23 with PAULA.

Madeleine Boepple, 19, 2332 Burge, was charged Jan. 21 with PAULA.

Maurice Bonhomme, 19, Roselle, Ill., was charged Jan. 23 with PAULA.

John Bordwell, 31, Toldeo, Iowa, was charged Sunday with disorderly conduct.

Daniel Borman, 19, 0238 Slater, was charged Jan. 21 with PAULA.

Jessica Brooks, 18, 100 Hawk Ridge Drive Apt. 2309, was charged Sunday with keeping a disorderly house.

Samantha Buda, 19, 511 S. Johnson St. Apt. 10, was charged Jan. 21 with PAULA.

Raquel Case, 20, 804 Iowa Ave., was charged Jan. 23 with PAULA.

Kin Chueng, 21, 220 N. Dubuque St., was charged Jan. 23 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Brandon Craig, 19, N368 Hillcrest, was charged Jan. 22 with PAULA.

William Darr, 30, North Liberty, was charged Sunday with OWI.

Jeremy Daugherty, 21, Cedar Rapids, was charged Jan. 22 with public intoxication.

Zachary Decarlo, 18, Urbandale, Iowa, was charged Jan. 23 with PAULA.

Carlton Dick, 20, 2133 Quadrangle, was charged Jan. 21 with PAULA.

Christy Dunsmore, 20, 308 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 1113, was charged Jan. 21 with PAULA.

Troy Ellerbroek, 19, West Des Moines,

was charged Jan. 23 with PAULA.

Kathleen Ennis, 18, 2433 Burge, was charged Jan. 23 with unlawful use of another's ID.

Patrick Fitton, 19, 940 Slater, was charged Jan. 22 with PAULA.

Thomas Flood, 21, 923 Iowa Ave. Apt. 102, was charged Jan. 23 with public intoxication.

Brendan Ford, 19, 420 N. Dubuque St., was charged Sunday with public intoxication, disorderly conduct, and unlawful use of another's ID.

Derek Foster, 19, Urbandale, Iowa, was charged Jan. 23 with PAULA.

Ordan Fuller, 19, N166 Hillcrest, was charged Jan. 22 with PAULA and unlawful use of another's ID.

Matthew Furnish, 32, 1100 Arthur St. Apt. A4, was charged Jan. 21 with domestic assault and public intoxication.

Brittany Gaffney, 18, 2203 Quadrangle, was charged Jan. 21 with PAULA.

Taylor Gilbraith, 18, Normal, Ill., was charged Jan. 22 with PAULA.

Pamela Gryszko, 18, 2265 Quadrangle, was charged Jan. 22 with PAULA.

Ryan Hanigan, 20, Oak Lawn, Ill., was charged Sunday with disorderly conduct, interference with public acts, and public intoxication.

Keaton Hanrahan, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Jan. 22 with PAULA.

Paul Hansen, 25, 1025 1/2 Rochester Ave., was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Daniel Hanson, 23, 2110 J St., was charged Jan. 13 with delivery and possession of marijuana.

Maxwell Helmuth, 19, 2520 Black Diamond Road, was charged Jan. 23 with PAULA.

Drew Hemesath, 19, 512 S. Dubuque St. Apt. 3, was charged Sunday with PAULA.

James Holmes, 20, Marion, was charged Jan. 23 with public intoxication.

Lindsey Hundley, 19, 83 Miller Ave., was charged Jan. 23 with unlawful use of another's ID.

Bradley Jackson, 18, 721 Slater, was charged Jan. 22 with PAULA and possession of a fake ID.

Matthew Janus, 20, Arlington Heights, Ill., was charged Jan. 23 with public intoxication and fifth-degree theft.

Sam Jelinek, 20, Cedar Rapids, was charged Jan. 23 with unlawful use of another's ID.

Brady Johnson, 20, 406 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 992, was charged

Jan. 22 with PAULA.

Tyler Jubert, 20, 308 Ridgeland Ave., was charged Jan. 22 with PAULA.

Myles Kelly, 19, Belle Plaine, Iowa, was charged Sunday with PAULA.

Kaitlyn Komorowski, 18, Kalamazoo, Michigan, was charged Jan. 23 with PAULA.

Sarah Kosch, 20, 4443 Burge, was charged Jan. 21 with PAULA.

Jessica Kozlowski, 19, 1140 Quadrangle, was charged Jan. 22 with PAULA.

Nanacy Kuntz, 40, 411 Highway 1 W. Apt. 7, was charged July 10, 2009 with first-degree harassment.

David Laing, 19, 403D Burge, was charged Jan. 23 with PAULA.

Kevin Lammer, 20, Cedar Rapids, was charged Jan. 21 with PAULA.

Joseph Larocco, 19, Palo Heights, Ill., was charged Sunday with public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

Albert Larson, 21, West Liberty, was charged Jan. 23 with assault, first-degree burglary, false imprisonment, and fourth-degree theft.

Eric Lekwa, 20, 505 E. Burlington St. Apt. 10A, was charged Jan. 22 with PAULA.

Leana Macrito, 19, 639D Mayflower, was charged Jan. 22 with PAULA.

Timothy Mariner, 51, 1956 Broadway Apt. 9C, was charged Jan. 23 with public intoxication.

Kaci Marshall, 20, 540 S. Johnson St. Apt. 9, was charged Jan. 21 with PAULA.

Cody Martin, 19, Nicholas, Iowa, was charged Jan. 22 with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Kelsey Mayher, 19, 308 E. Church St., was charged Jan. 22 with PAULA.

Delanie McAndrews, 18, 240 Rienow, was charged Jan. 23 with unlawful use of another's ID.

Tyler McDermott, 20, 507 Iowa Ave., was charged Jan. 22 with PAULA.

Thomas McDonough, 20, 500 S. Linn St. Apt. 8, was charged Jan. 23 with PAULA.

Eileen McNerney, 19, 308 E. Church St., was charged Jan. 22 with PAULA.

Annie Mickey, 19, 333 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 2126, was charged Jan. 21

with PAULA.

Ebony Moore, 31, 1486 First Ave. Apt. 1, was charged Jan. 22 with interference with official acts.

Eileen Mulholland, 19, 335 Stanley, was charged Jan. 21 with PAULA.

Shana Mull, 22, 2107 Davis St., was charged Sunday with assault.

Madeline Nelson, 20, 278 E. Court St., was charged Jan. 22 with PAULA.

Parker Omara, 21, Mount Prospect, Ill., was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Christopher Owens, 21, Greer, S.C., was charged Sunday with assault.

Jessica Ozzello, 22, 2110 J St., was charged Jan. 22 with possession and delivery of marijuana.

Timothy Person, 19, 130 Johnson St. Apt. 11, was charged Jan. 23 with public intoxication.

Maxwell Pottebaum, 19, 222 1/2 E. Davenport St., was charged Dec. 14 with possession of marijuana with intent to deliver.

Harry Rayton, 23, address unknown, was charged Jan. 23 with criminal trespass.

Thomas Reiher, 20, Waverly, Iowa, was charged Jan. 23 with PAULA.

Drew Robinson, 20, 131 E. Davenport St. Apt. 6, was charged Jan. 22 with PAULA.

Austin Rounder, 20, 401 S. Lucas St., was charged Jan. 21 with PAULA.

Casey Schmitz, 18, 311 Slater, was charged Jan. 21 with PAULA.

Jeremy Schneider, 18, Burlington, was charged Saturday with unlawful use of another's ID.

Britini Skahill, 20, E. Dubuque, Ill., was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Felicia Starks, 38, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 1608, was charged Jan. 23 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Joshua Starr, 21, Cedar Rapids, was charged Jan. 22 with public intoxication.

Quinton Sturdivant, 19, West Des Moines, was charged Jan. 22 with PAULA.

Alex Taylor, 19, Evansdale, Iowa, was charged Jan. 22 with PAULA.

Justin Thomas, 23, Chicago, was charged Jan. 22 with interference with public acts.

Mitchell Weldon, 19, North English, Iowa, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Shannon Whisler, 20, S424 Currier, was charged Jan. 22 with PAULA.

Kara Wilkens, 19, 308 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 1113, was charged Jan. 21 with PAULA.

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CORRECTIONS

In the Jan. 22 article "Pomerantz Center aiding grads," the *DI* incorrectly reported details about the center's services. The Pomerantz Center keeps track of how many UI graduates are employed six months after their graduation. Also, the UI Employment Expo is free for anybody who graduated more than six months ago, and it fea-

tures jobs and internships from across the country. The Pomerantz Center has a separate director for dealing with alumni, and its services are open to all alumni. In addition, the *DI* incorrectly reported a source as saying students often fail to get jobs immediately after graduation. The source, in fact, did not make that remark. The *DI* regrets the errors.

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UI junior philosophy and biology major Alain Cagaanan (center) dances with a group of women on the 3rd Base dance floor on Jan. 22. Cagaanan, who was participating in the SoBar Experience, wanted to show others that he could still have fun without consuming alcohol.

CRAWL

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Throughout the night on Jan. 22, around 25 people, most wearing red to support responsible drinking, came to the event.

"Once we got there, we didn't look out of place; we had a good time," Pelc said. "We were chatting. We were fitting in and having fun."

Some attendees had a drink at 3rd Base, 111 E. College St., while others trooped toward the dance floor sober. Around them, women in short tube dresses danced unsteadily. One grabbed three pitchers of beer from the bar, sloshing some over the side as she carried it toward her friends.

Most students there said being at a bar sober — surrounded by clearly intoxicated people — was an odd experience. But any awkwardness quickly dissipated.

"I didn't feel like I was different from the other people there," said UI junior Adam Winters, who

spent most of the night on the dance floor. "I didn't feel like I was singled out or like people could even tell the difference."

Pelc, 21, said he had two drinks on Jan. 22 — over the course of about three hours. No one under the age of 21 purchased alcohol.

"Lots of people make it a completely black and white issue," UI junior Andrew Weber said. "Like if you go out and drink, you're irresponsible."

The 21-year-old, who said he occasionally goes to bars, had one beer during the hour and 15 minutes he spent at 3rd Base.

Students agreed the event showed they can go to bars and enjoy themselves without the dangers of overconsumption.

Weber — a member of the UI Student Government's Student Health Advisory Committee, which Pelc said acted as a sounding board when he was coming up with the idea — said this event was one of the bolder ideas the committee dis-

UI Alcohol numbers

By the time UI freshmen arrive on campus:

- 59 percent have chugged alcohol
- 73 percent have taken shots
- 60 percent have chosen a drink containing a higher alcohol percentage
- 62 percent have tailgated

Source: 2008 AlcoholEdu Study

cussed. But given the night's success, similar ones could come to the table. Friday night's event was not UI sponsored.

UI junior Brandon Toth said the event could show students they can go out and socialize like anyone else, even if they choose not to drink.

Pelc said he would likely continue holding these events throughout the semester, though he didn't have the next date picked out yet. And the students who showed up said they would attend again.

However, some students and state officials remain skeptical.

"I think people would definitely take underage drinking less seriously," said UI junior Flory Gessner. "I don't think people take PAULAs seriously anyway."

Schultz agreed that some concerns have been raised about people abusing the system, he said.

Despite his uncertainty whether the committee will consider the bill, he said he believes it's an opportunity to clean up records that otherwise would be tarnished.

"Keeping these offenses on record has no real gain for society," he said.

Your turn. Do you support a bill to allow underage drinking tickets to be expunged?

Weigh in at dailyiowan.com.

TICKETS

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"I think people can change a lot from the time they're underage to when they're an adult," Foster said. "It would be fair to have a petition so it wouldn't affect people so much."

TASK FORCE

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Task-force members said they wanted to thoroughly and fairly evaluate each program.

"We didn't want to do it too quickly and work on an artificial deadline," said Graduate College Dean John Keller, also a member of the task force. Months of assessing his peers has been "a difficult thing to do," he said.

The panel is made up of 12 well-respected faculty members, Loh said, and the evaluations didn't cost the UI any additional money though the group's members spent a considerable amount of time on the project.

Evaluations of the graduate and doctoral programs included an assessment of

each department's retention rate, recruitment issues, and overall strength of the education, Keller said.

Completed evaluations have been sent to each program. Department leaders now have a chance to respond to the panel's assessments. Recommendations to phase out or cut programs will be made after department responses, but they would first have to be approved by the state Board of Regents, Loh said.

Assuming programs are going to be cut left and right is not true, he said.

But some faculty members are expressing their concerns.

UI Faculty Council President David Drake has addressed the issue with the Faculty Council — behind closed doors.

Graduate Program Task Force

The task force was charged by UI Provost Wallace Loh in April:

- 12 members
- Evaluated 100 graduate programs and 70 doctoral programs
- Final reports are expected to be finished mid-February

Source: UI Provost Wallace Loh

"There is, as you might suspect, concern from some faculty across campus," Drake said.

He insisted that whatever the final reports say, the Faculty Council will be "highly engaged."

"We'll make sure the faculty voices are heard," he said.

NIH

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At the UI, researchers felt the effects of more funding; research departments received around \$429.5 million in external funding in fiscal 2009, an increase of around \$50 million over the previous year.

UI researchers received about \$133 million last year from NIH alone.

Jordan Cohen, the UI's interim vice president for Research, responded to this announcement with confidence, as well as some reservation.

"We are well aware of the pressures federally, but we will continue to be successful," he said. "The uncertainty is how successful."

The federal government will make more decisions regarding funding in upcoming months.

But until then, UI researchers can only speculate as to how the following year will turn out. After President Obama delivers a budget message in February, Congress will begin hearings in the spring that will give a clearer financial picture for next fiscal year.

"The environment that we're in, we wait every year until Congress makes some more



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Assistant research scientist Tobias Willer splices skin fibroblast cells on Oct. 21, 2009, at the UI Carver College of Medicine. Willer and the other researchers are trying to develop treatments to improve muscle functions of patients with muscular dystrophy with help of a \$2.5 million grant from the National Institutes of Health. Universities will likely receive less NIH funding in fiscal 2011 than they did this fiscal year.

decisions," Cohen said. "The good news is that Obama has spoken out very aggressively and positively about increasing science funding."

Mike Apicella, a UI professor and head of microbiology, also said he has some reservations about the news, but will wait for the president's address before making any judgment calls.

"Certainly, no one expects it to go up much," Apicella said.

In the *Chronicle* interview, Collins outlined a handful of goals he has set recently, including steering grants toward younger researchers.

Some UI officials and researchers said they support another of Collins' wishes — to disseminate scientific findings more widely.

"The public needs to know more about what we do, and why we do it," Cohen said.

Despite optimism from some, Derek Willard, the UI associate vice president for Research, expressed some worries about the future of UI research.

"We are concerned that there may be a big drop-off in NIH funding," he said but noted that right now, it's mostly just speculation.

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Panel wants central site for new museum

A new location would be more accessible to students.

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Some museum enthusiasts on campus would like to see the Museum of Art follow the school of music's footsteps in moving to downtown.

The UI Museum of Art Envisioning Committee met on Jan. 22 to discuss preliminary proposals of a new museum — including a new location in the Old Capitol District, said Kathleen Edwards, the museum's chief curator and an adviser to the committee.

Panel members said they like the idea of a site that would make the museum — which was damaged by the 2008 flood — centrally located.

Susan White, a committee member and a UI associate professor of art and art history, said the previous location of the museum on the west bank of the Iowa River did not provide a lot of foot traffic. She would like to see the museum near the hub of the university, she said.

"I am very interested in having a lot of students involved actively in the museum activities," she said.

In addition to providing more chances for student visibility and involvement, a central location would create more



The UI Arts Campus is inundated by floodwaters on June 16, 2008. The UI Museum of Art Envisioning Committee is exploring options for placing the Museum of Art near downtown.

educational opportunities.

Nathan Popp said he would like the museum to be situated in a location "central to student life" that serves the needs of the community.

Popp, a committee member and graduate assistant at the museum, said it is important the museum serves the school as a whole, noting it is used for many different classes, not just those pertaining to art and art history.

"A new location that caters to both those constituencies is

important," he said.

An emphasis on education is certainly a proposed aspect of the new museum building. Edwards said it is important to include classroom space as well as storage space. The building for the proposed museum would also be larger than the previous one.

Committee members and advisers may look forward to a new museum, but finding a new location is complicated. White noted the decision depends on where the rest of the

Arts Campus is located.

She acknowledged rebuilding plans for other flood-damaged buildings will in part determine the location of the museum.

Another aspect is the time it takes in determining where to locate and rebuilding displaced institutions.

As a student, Popp said he would like "a museum that matches our world-class collection but also as soon as possible."

The committee will meet again Friday to discuss the report and possible revisions.

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Myths About Israel and the Middle East (I)

Do the media feed us fiction instead of fact?

We all know that, by dint of constant repetition, white can be made to appear black, good can get transformed into evil, and myth may take the place of reality. Israel, with roughly one-thousandth of the world's population and with a similar fraction of the territory of this planet, seems to engage a totally disproportionate attention of the print and broadcast media of the world. Unfortunately, much of what the media tell us — in reporting, editorializing in columns, and in analysis — are endlessly repeated myths.

What are the facts?

■ **Myth:** The "Palestinians" are a nation and therefore deserving of a homeland.

■ **Reality:** The concept of Palestinian nationhood is a new one and had not been heard of until after the Six-Day War (1967), when Israel, by its victory, came into the administration of the territories of Judea and Samaria (the "West Bank") and the Gaza Strip. The so-called "Palestinians" are no more different from the Arabs living in the neighboring countries of Lebanon, Syria and Jordan, than Wisconsinites are from Iowans.

■ **Myth:** Judea and Samaria (the "West Bank") and the Gaza Strip are "occupied Arab territory."

■ **Reality:** All of "Palestine" — east and west of the Jordan River — was part of the League of Nations mandate. Under the Balfour Declaration, all of it was to be the "national home for the Jewish people." In violation of this mandate, Great Britain severed the entire area east of the Jordan River — about 75% of Palestine — and gave it to the Arabs, who created on it the kingdom of Transjordan. When Israel declared its independence in 1948, five Arab armies invaded the new country in order to destroy it at its very birth. They were defeated by the Israelis. The Transjordanians, however, remained in occupation of Judea and Samaria (the "West Bank") and East Jerusalem. They proceeded to drive all Jews from those territories and to systematically destroy all Jewish houses of worship and other institutions. The Transjordanians (now renamed "Jordanians") were the occupiers for nineteen years. Israel regained these territories following its victory in the Six-Day War. Israel has returned the entire Gaza Strip to the Palestinians. The final status of the "West

Bank" will be decided if and when the Palestinians will finally be able to sit down and seriously talk peace with Israel.

■ **Myth:** Jewish settlements in Judea and Samaria (the "West Bank") are the "greatest obstacle to peace."

■ **Reality:** This is simply not correct, although it has been repeated so often that many have come to believe it. The greatest obstacle to peace is the intransigence and the irreconcilable hostility of the Arabs. Not more than 200,000 Jews are settled in these territories, living among about 1.4 million Arabs. How can Jews living there be an obstacle to peace? Why shouldn't they live there? About 1.2 million Arabs live in Israel proper. They are not an obstacle to peace. Neither the Israelis nor they themselves consider them as such.

■ **Myth:** Israel is unwilling to yield "land for peace."

■ **Reality:** The concept that to the loser, rather than to the victor, belong the spoils is a radically new one, never before thought of in world history. Israel has emerged victorious in the five wars imposed on it by the Arabs. In order to make peace, it has returned over 90% of the territory occupied by it, specifically the vast Sinai Peninsula, to Egypt. That territory contained some of the most advanced military installations in the world, prosperous cities and settlements, and oil fields developed entirely by Israel that made it independent of petroleum imports. In the Camp David Accords, Israel agreed to autonomy for Judea and Samaria (the "West Bank") with the permanent status to be determined after three years. But no responsible Palestinian representation has been available to negotiate with Israel about this.

All these myths (and others we shall talk about) have poisoned the atmosphere for decades. The root cause of the never-ending conflict is the unwillingness of the Arabs (and not just the Palestinians) to accept the reality of Israel. What a pity that those of the Palestinians who are not Israeli citizens have lived and continue to live in poverty, misery and ignorance. They could have chosen to accept the proposed partition of the country in 1947, would now have had their state alongside Israel for over sixty years and could have lived in peace and prosperity. They could have kept hundreds of thousands of refugees in their homes and could have saved tens of thousands of lives. Peace will only come when the Arabs finally accept the reality of Israel. And that is not a myth — that is a fact!

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Out of sight

Off-season caucuses attract party die-hards.

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Iowa wields a fabled reputation when it comes to nationwide presidential caucusing. But over the weekend, the legendary buzz was absent.

Several Johnson County residents met at local party precincts on Jan. 23 in off-season caucuses held throughout the state.

"This is much different from the presidential-election year caucuses," said Johnson County Democrats Chairman Dennis Roseman. "Obviously, there isn't as much national or worldwide interest. But it all starts here at the county level."

Midterm caucuses are held in Iowa for a number of reasons, including electing delegates to district conventions, voting for party committee members, and sometimes adopting policy positions.

Though less popular, they're well patronized by party loyalists.

"The turnout is a lot lower," said Rep. Mary Mascher, D-Iowa City. "That's always the case. It's kind of the hard-core but very important to the party."

In essence, it's an event that keeps the party machine grinding in between presidential elections. But the Jan. 23 ominous combination of nonstop rain and dense fog stalled a traditionally free-wheeling event.

And with Democrats reeling from a Senate loss and Republicans regaining impetus, the atmosphere was intense.

At West High, UI senior Kristine Taylor stayed behind to help mother Pauline Taylor, the caucus chairwoman for Iowa City's 2nd Precinct. As perennial voters, both said the discussions were very lively.

"I felt there was a lot more activism this time around because there's a lot going on now especially regarding some of Obama's health-care plans," Kristine Taylor said.

Pauline Taylor said voters also discussed job creation and the Supreme Court's recent ruling on corporate spending for elections.

At the UI, campus Democrats and Republicans gathered at the IMU, where discussions stretched from health care to the economy.

The immediate past chairwoman of the UI College Democrats Meredith Place and Chairman of the UI College Republicans Derek Bohlke both said they had problems garnering student interest in the caucuses.

UI senior David Bumgarner said even though he heard about the event, he didn't know exactly what it entailed.

"Caucusing seemed really distant to me right now," Bumgarner said.

Both political parties had different goals for the caucuses.

Bob Anderson, the chairman of the Johnson County Republicans, signaled the start of a rebuilding phase for his party.

Democrats focused on consolidating their local presence in Johnson County.

"In many ways, this caucus will be used to ensure continuity in party affairs and structures rather than start all over again," Roseman said.

Partisanship aside, many agreed that perhaps one of the most admirable things about Iowa's caucuses is both its transparent nature and grass-roots structures.

"It's the real gift of our democracy," said Rick Dobyms, a member of the Johnson County Democrats.

METRO

CR man hit by car on I-380

A Cedar Rapids man was hit by a car while attempting to help another driver, authorities said.

Joseph Christensen, 43, was struck by a car on Jan. 23 while reportedly attempting to cross Interstate 380 to help another driver.

According to the Iowa State Patrol, Christensen was traveling south when he pulled his car over to assist a driver stopped on the east shoulder heading north.

Troopers said when Christensen ran across the interstate, he was hit by a car driven by Brandy Clemons, 28, Cedar Rapids, traveling north.

Christensen was admitted to

UI Hospitals and Clinics. His condition has not been released.

— by Jordan Fries

4 charged with possession of meth with intent

Iowa City police have charged four people in two separate incidents allegedly connected to methamphetamine.

Trent Gamble, 20, Kyle Rohling, 20, Chloe Virden, 18, addresses unknown, and Joshua York, 32, 240 Heritage Place, were charged Thursday with possession of methamphetamine with intent to deliver.

According to Iowa City police,

they located numerous bags were located along with a quantity of white powder identified as methamphetamine after a search of a North Liberty residence.

Gamble and Virden allegedly admitted to making the meth that morning and packaging it as payment for the use of a garage.

Additionally, a search warrant of 240 Heritage Place reportedly yielded numerous items consistent with the manufacture and sale of meth, including vials and many small bags.

Possession of methamphetamine with intent to deliver is a Class C felony carrying a maximum sentence of 10 years and a maximum fine of \$50,000.

— by Jordan Fries

Firefighter rescues dog from river

A 1½ year-old yellow lab named Johnson was rescued after being trapped in the ice on the Iowa River on Jan. 22 near Lower City Park.

Lt. Brian Rohr of the Iowa City Fire Department, an expert in water and ice rescue, entered the water and assisted Johnson to safety around 3 p.m.

Johnson was found clinging to the ice approximately 15 feet from the river bank.

A press release said the dog and his family are now doing well, though "Johnson is a little tired."

— by Jordan Fries

City picks Moran as parks director

Iowa City officials named Michael Moran the city's new director of parks and recreation on Jan. 18.

Moran, who earned a master's degree in recreation administration from the University of Northern Colorado, succeeds Terry Trueblood, who died in July 2009. Trueblood had served as director since 1986.

As part of his duties, Moran will also oversee upkeep for the Central Business District and City Hall.

Moran has been Iowa City's recreation superintendent since 1986. He began working for the city in 1983.

— by Brian Stewart

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Editorial

Responsible drinking event has possibility to create real change

UI junior Greg Pelc should be applauded for his efforts to exemplify and encourage responsible drinking habits. His Jan. 22 SoBar Experience — and events similar to it — has the potential to improve the alcohol culture on campus.

He and approximately 25 students hit 3rd Base, 111 E. College St., vowing to drink without over-consuming. Pelc's effort to change the drinking culture on campus by example could stand to make a real, lasting change in student drinking habits in a way that UI- and Iowa City-imposed punishments cannot.

Pelc and his peers didn't set out on that day to convert or preach — their goal was simply to have a good time. The UI junior, who is a resident assistant at Burge Hall, sees the SoBar Experience as a viable way to spread awareness and help others in the same way that he's helped those from his hall.

(Full disclosure: Pelc is a cousin of Opinions Editor Shawn Gude. Gude did not write or participate in the discussion of this editorial.)

The UI has traditionally taken a hard-line approach to curbing dangerous drinking habits. Its attempts to bring down binge drinking include imposing hefty fines on dorm-room drinkers, threatening expulsion from residence halls, and mandating alcohol-education classes. The effects of these actions have been debatable, and it's clear they haven't fostered a healthy student relationship with alcohol.

For UI officials, it's a difficult subject. Promoting more responsible drinking habits (even among those of legal age) is still seen as akin to condoning drinking — something that would make even the most progressive university official skittish. The prospect of combating alcohol abuse with responsible drinking is essentially seen as promoting abstinence while disbursing condoms: From the public's eye, it is giving permission to engage in the very act they are attempting to control and discourage.

Events such as the SoBar Experience can bridge the gap between public distaste and actual results by promoting safe drinking while avoiding the public-relations constraints the university is tied to.

In a way, it's like the *Dark Knight*.

One of last summer's biggest blockbusters made it abundantly clear that the caped crusader, played by Christian Bale, is no hero. His unconventional tactics and crude punishments force the police to consider him a criminal, despite his efforts at cleaning up crime being more effective than their own. Because he owes no explanation to the public, he's able to break the rules for the sake of justice. And Gotham City is better for it.



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Alcohol sits on the counter at *Takanami* on Oct. 15, 2009. Responsible drinking has come to the fore through such events as the SoBar Experience.

Pelc certainly isn't masquerading around town and beating down binge drinkers, but he's fighting overindulgence in a way that the UI cannot publicly support. University officials cannot explicitly encourage drinking, even if the overarching theme is to promote responsible consumption.

But the SoBar Experience may be far more effective at creating real change than the university's policies could ever hope to be.

What cannot be changed through threats of repercussion can be altered through strong leadership and peer influence. The SoBar Experience leverages this to initiate a shift away from dangerous drinking toward responsible, controlled consumption. Students and UI officials alike should see Pelc's SoBar Experience as a positive move.

Your turn. Would you attend a future SoBar Experience? Weigh in on dailyiowan.com.

The blended family life

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When I am asked to explain my family to curious questioners, I exude an audible sigh and attempt a comprehensive rejoinder. It's as if I'm an MIT janitor faced with an equation-laden blackboard, minus that whole secret-genius aspect.

Frankly, some things are better left unexplained. And, in complete honesty, I absolutely despise clarifying my family makeup.

The ideologically driven term we all recognize as the "nuclear family" has reached its half-life. Still, Americans tend to cling to the picturesque picket fence and two-and-a-half children image (Not only guns and religion, Mr. President). But realistically, you'd be hard pressed to find such Norman Rockwell nostalgia.

According to the National Stepfamily Resource Center, a non-profit organization, approximately half of all first marriages will end in divorce. Subsequently, 75 percent of divorcees will remarry, and 65 percent of remarriages involve children from a prior marriage. Such staggering statistics are effectively changing social structure, gender roles, and even the experience of adolescence.

The classic definition of social communities is changing in a revolutionary fashion. Flash back to the 1950s to Anytown, America. The archetypal family was characterized by closely knit bonds; socially, households had ties to neighbors, coworkers, and community groups (such as churches or schools).

But now the number of possible social connections is innumerable. Because of technological advances, it's easier than ever to meet new people, and therefore, remarriages are drastically increasing.

Personally, my family fits the bill of the aforementioned "blended family." So hold tight, and let me try to breakdown

its structure.

Technically, I'm an only child. But I have a half sister, a half brother, two stepbrothers, a stepmother, and at one point, a stepfather. The Dale/Stein/O'Donnell/Pilla family is but a sum of all the parts. We might as well be known as the Frankensteins.

Interestingly, a family makeup like my own is no longer a freak occurrence. Even one of my roommates has a similar household arrangement.

But what other trends are attributable to the nuclear family's disintegration? Well, as mentioned earlier, blended families are leading to a metamorphosis of historically conservative age and gender roles.

First, medical advances and the breakdown of age barriers afford couples the opportunity to become parents at older ages. For such couples, many of which may be on their second or third marriage, only now do they exhibit a desire for children. My aunt, for example, recently gave birth to triplets via in vitro fertilization. Decades ago, it was unheard of that women her age would even contemplate having children.

And blended families are giving gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender parenting much more acceptability. Though some may disagree from a moral standpoint, it's impossible to deny the permissibility that such couples have begun to enjoy.

Inch by inch, nontraditional gender couples are gaining acceptance in the realm of marriage and parenting.

So where will the concept of family end up in the future?

I don't think blended families will ever overtake the time-honored characterization. But as generations come and go, "millennials" get older, and baby boomers fade into the history books, the strict adherence to social roles will fragment.

It is my hope that one day, when I'm describing my kin to another person, the puzzled look on her or his face will be replaced by a simple nod of recognition.

Until then, don't ask me about my family. ■

Letter

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Fix health system: End doctor greed

The problem with health care in America is this: American doctors are practicing astronomical, unjustified, uncontrollable greed. No government-

sponsored health-care program can help us if we continue to allow such atrocious wickedness.

The Holy Bible says in 1st Timothy 6:10: "For the love of money is the root of all sorts of evils." Also, in its content is

Mark 8:36: "For what shall it profit a man (or woman), if you shall gain the whole world and lose your soul."

I call forth the answer to our health-care problem in America: American doctors, repent of your godless greed. You're

working to bankrupt our society. Immediately cut all your prices in half. Doctors in other countries work for half of what you do and still live very well off their earnings.

Kenneth Maness
Davenport resident

Guest opinion

The Massachusetts miracle of 2010

By STEFFEN SCHMIDT

When Massachusetts Republican Scott Brown won the Senate seat of the late Edward Kennedy last week, the world came to an end. Well, almost.

The Democrats went into panic overdrive, and they are now worried that the 2010 election will be a bloodbath for them. The Republicans popped champagne by the case, reading the results as a Republican victory and a sign that they have the Democrats on the run.

As I wrote on insideriowa.com, Democrat Martha Coakley ran a lousy campaign, thinking she was a shoo-in.

Brown, a fantastic looking guy with military credentials, ran a good race, is not a

conservative bomb thrower at all, and has a natural populist talent for politics. He is pro-choice.

Coakley is a woman, and female candidates still meet lots of gender resistance. There are only 17 women out of 100 in the Senate.

In Massachusetts, there is actually a lot of ambiguity about the Kennedy clan. Ted had a powerful machine, was the incumbent, he had seniority, and he brought home the bacon on government projects — especially the Big Dig project, which employed thousands of construction workers and pumped \$14.6 billion into the Massachusetts economy. As soon as Kennedy passed away, voters had a choice.

Also, as a party, the

Democrats are internally divided. How can you reconcile the position of Ben Nelson and other conservative Democratic senators with such liberals as Bernie Sanders of Vermont and Tom Harkin of Iowa?

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., is a shy and inarticulate man who could not give away bottled water in the Sahara. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., is a powerful woman and not well liked by conservatives of either party.

Also, the Democrats never successfully pinned the Iraq fiasco, the economic crises, unemployment, etc., on the Republicans because Barack is a "healer" and a "uniter" and a

"bipartisan," a "post-politics guy," and not a fighter.

Now, it's probably too late. The voters are frightened by everything they see.

We have two endless, bloody, and costly wars, a continuing threat of terrorist attacks, a stagnant economy, continuing job losses, and a mortgage crisis that is now affecting people with "good mortgages" and jobs.

Arrogant banks are up to their old tricks, and credit-card companies are raising fees. The gigantic health reform proposal is incomprehensible, and many voters fear that things will get worse — not better — if it's passed. The deficit and national debt are spinning out of control.

Voters, not just the Tea Party folks, want blood.

The Democrats have also failed to get their message and their brand out, and the liberal radio network Air America went bankrupt this week. (Quick: Name the Rush Limbaugh of liberals.)

The Massachusetts Senate race does not tell us what will happen. I think it does suggest that it is incumbents who are in the voters' cross hairs, especially now that independents (no-party) voters are the largest bloc.

It once against looks like comprehensive health-care reform may be run off the road, unless the Democrats use parliamentary maneuvers to pass it.

It's also clear that 2012 will be a fascinating presidential year. The left is furious with Obama, and I see a challenge from a progressive Democrat against him (think 1980, when Ted Kennedy ran an insurgent campaign against President Jimmy Carter). On the Republican side, I predict numerous visits to Iowa by Brown, who looks like he has snuffed the Sarah Palin excitement candle.

All I can say is, "Iowa caucuses and the New Hampshire primary, here we come."

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MUSIC SERIES

Vocal show goes on

The UI voice department weighs in on the Hancher/Music Building decision.

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Stealing a moment with any of the eight UI voice, opera, and choral faculty members is like catching a spare second with the March Hare in *Alice in Wonderland*. Spring semester has barely begun, and the vocal program is entwined in a thicket of activity.

Among distractions is the state Board of Regents' decision on Feb. 4 to determine the site of the School of Music's new home. The UI would like to build new music facilities near the intersection of Burlington and Clinton Streets.

"I think moving downtown will provide us a little more visibility ... and allow students greater ease getting to and from their classes," said John Muriello, a UI associate professor of voice. "Some [in the department] felt that being on the other side of the river had a bit of an isolating feeling from the rest of the university."

Though the upcoming decision may be on the minds of those in the music school, the faculty members remain focused. "We are holding auditions this [first] week, and every free moment of my day is spent hearing new singers for the choirs," wrote Timothy Stalter, the director of choral activities, in an e-mail to *The Daily Iowan* last week.

By the end of January, the vocal department will have debuted Katherine Eberle's original one-woman show, hosted a Certified Alexander Technique professor for a guest workshop, and premiered Mozart's *La finta giardiniera*.

"I think we're really holding our own here [in the voice program]," said Susan Sondrol Jones, the vocal/opera/choral program coordinator.

Despite the music school being displaced by the flood, the members of the voice department remain upbeat.

"The university is taking care of us as a division ... we have not been ignored," Jones said. "The university knows we're up against a big rock."

She described the "blessings and challenges" of performing in the department's temporary venues, including the makeshift rehearsal room in the University Capitol Centre and the Englert Theatre.

"The opera program especially requires a lot of elbow room," Jones said. "The Englert's stage, although beautiful, is too small for opera — there's no room for a full orchestra, and backstage space is limited."

Even with the constrictions, Jones said, she believes the voice department still manages its



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The UI's vocal department was displaced after the 2008 flood. On Feb. 4, the state Board of Regents will determine the next move for the UI School of Music and Hancher Auditorium.

broad range of quality education for undergraduate and graduate students seeking postgraduate professional work.

Visiting opera director Gary Briggie argues that the importance of internationalizing oneself in this ever-shrinking global neighborhood is an important factor even for today's opera performers.

"In the current professional operatic world, singers must be able to sing in Italian, German, French, Russian, Czech, even Chinese and Sanskrit — as well as their native tongue," he wrote in an e-mail to the *DI*. "I hope to provide [my students] with a useful and authentic experience in preparation for venturing into 'the business.'"

Jones described her colleagues as a cooperative work unit distinct from most other schools she

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Check out a video feature on the UI's voice department.



has experienced.

"Singers are known to be emotional ... and often our thoughts are not on the same page," she said. "But for whatever reason, we get along in this [UI] faculty."

Communication prevails both within the voice department and outside. A partnership with the theater department allowed for the classes Singing for Actors and Acting for Singers.

Jones hopes once the music school is settled under a permanent roof, her colleagues may finally exploit their collaborative creativity.

"New projects will really start percolating once we can better see the end ahead with a bit of light and a new space," she said.

MOVIE REVIEW

Not measuring up

Brendan Fraser and Harrison Ford leave the audience unimpressed in *Extraordinary Measures*.

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Brendan Fraser must have the greatest agent in Hollywood history. After such bombs as *Bedazzled*, *Monkeybone*, and *The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor*, he somehow continues to land parts in big-budget movies, such as the new film

Extraordinary Measures. The movie tells the real-life story of John Crowley (Fraser), a pharmaceutical executive for Bristol-Myers Squibb. Two of Crowley's children are afflicted with Pompe disease, leaving them confined in wheelchairs, breathing through tubes, and in constant need of nurses. Crowley spends the duration of the flick desperately searching for a cure for his children (especially his daughter Megan, who has a near-fatal respiratory complication), and in his research comes across the stunning theories of Dr. Robert Stonehill.

Stonehill is an eccentric and antiestablishment scientist, but he has a good taste for classic rock and a love for children. The filmmakers don't explain why he is so grumpy, other than that he is played by America's pre-eminent

Extraordinary Measures
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scowling hero, Harrison Ford. When Crowley finds Stonehill, the pair race against Megan's failing body in an attempt to save Crowley's children and create a cure for Pompe disease. The rest of the movie is a rehashing of clichés depicting the noble, caring father and his genius partner battling against the corporate world to save children/the environment/insert-your-own-underrepresented-group-here.

Sadly, every time there is a hot-button issue in Washington, some studio executive in Hollywood strokes his chin and says to himself, "There must be a way to make money off of this," and he goes to work searching for timely screenplays. This year, that issue was health-care reform, and the words "health insurance" appear early and often in the film as a continual reminder of the Crowley family's peril.

The audience may be confused by the marketing of the movie. The studio ran with a trailer designed to put adrenaline junkies in the seats, but little rush is to be found in the film. In fact, in one of the few scenes with tension (when Fraser's character steals medicine for his kids), the action does nothing but distract the viewer, and it should have been cut. Rather than wasting time with false promotion, the studio should have invested in quality actors.

Another problem with *Extraordinary Measures* is its pace — giving the audience about as much tension as opening up a fortune cookie. This poses a real problem for the viewer because the stakes are so high for all of the characters, and to not feel the pressure leaves a sense of apathy toward Crowley, when he should be the hero the audience cheers on.

The most painful part of the movie was not seeing the faces of children afflicted with Pompe, but rather watching Fraser trying to act. For instance, there is a scene in which Crowley breaks down and Fraser forces himself to tears, but it is just not believable to see a character such as Crowley sobbing in his office. Fraser's portrayal of the "caring father" is about as believable as his performance as a thawed cave-man in *Encino Man*.

The best thing to say about *Extraordinary Measures* is that it escapes from one cliché trapping of inspirational films: the dramatic address. Rather than speeches about love given to evil or corporate fat cats, the film works in the opposite direction — Stonehill's anger ultimately saves Crowley's children.

The worst thing that can be said about the film isn't that it leaves viewers with a disgustingly warm, fuzzy feeling, but rather, it's just flat-out boring.

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Spotlight Iowa City

Spreading the song

Joe Mattingly combines faith and musical talent to lead a group of Newman Center student singers on cross-country tours.

By **TOMMY MORGAN JR.**
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As worshippers file out of the Newman Catholic Student Center after a Saturday Mass, many stand at attention, their full focus on the chorus in front.

Sitting among the college-age musicians — known as the Newman Singers — is leader Joe Mattingly, playing a keyboard with a small band.

The Newman Singers don't just sing at Mass in Iowa City. Throughout the year, they tour the country, performing songs and acts of service in parishes everywhere.

The songs and the tours — even the group itself — are Mattingly's creations.

When the 50-year-old became the music director at the Newman Center, 104 E. Jefferson St., more than 20 years ago, one of his first goals was to bring together the most talented students in the center's programs and create a group that would have a wide-reaching effect.

"There were a lot of very talented students here looking for something more challenging," he said, noting humbly that the group "is as much a product of the people here than any idea I had."

He writes most of the group's music himself, trying to add a contemporary flair to traditional liturgy and hymns.

"He's a really talented composer," said Austin



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Joe Mattingly leads the Newman Singers in hymn before Mass at the Newman Catholic Student Center on Sunday. Mattingly took over as music director nearly 20 years ago.

Wakat, a freshman who recently joined the Newman Singers.

Music has been a central part of Mattingly's life since his childhood. His father, he said, was a music teacher, and he learned to play guitar and piano at a young age. He has always viewed music as his true calling.

"That's always where I felt I could make the most important contribution to the people I know," he said.

He is working on his master's in composition at the University of Northern Iowa. As part of that endeavor, he has written both religion-inspired and secular music for orchestras, small ensembles, and chamber groups. His favorite to write is music for full orchestras.

"It's the most rewarding and challenging," he said. "It's also the hardest

to get played."

At the Newman Center, the Newton, Iowa, native oversees not just the singers but all music programs.

Under Mattingly's guidance, the Newman Singers has released 10 albums since its inception, made up mostly of songs written by the music director. The group has also toured nationally — including a trip to Florida during winter break — and once it sang for Pope John Paul II.

The logistics and problems associated with leading a group of college students on sometimes weeks-long national trips can be time-consuming and tiring, but the singers believe Mattingly handles it well.

Ellie Farrier, a sophomore Newman Singer, referred to him as the group's "fearless leader."

The director's focus

Joe Mattingly

- **Age:** 50
- **Hometown:** Newton, Iowa
- **Favorite leisure activity:** Spending time with family
- **Best part of his job:** Getting to know people
- **Worst part of his job:** Planning tours instead of being on them
- **Currently watching:** The *Indiana Jones* films, because his son always wants to watch them
- **His writing process:** Either adapting religious texts to music or adapting the music to the texts
- **Favorite songs:** Too many to name and count

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isn't just on the singing, however. On every tour, he leads the musicians on service missions, where they work in food banks, sort donations, and help build houses with Habitat for Humanity.

Still, he said, his favorite part of touring with the Newman Singers is spending time with the students under his leadership.

After all, one of the reasons he started the group, he said, is to offer a place where the students could "create a new musical family [and] express their love of music and express their faith."

Texting ban enjoys wide support among parents

By **JOSEPH BELK**
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A majority of Iowa parents in a UI survey support a ban on texting while driving — an action that could soon be illegal if a bill in the state Legislature becomes law.

Bills drafted by legislators would put varying restrictions on mobile-phone use behind the wheel.

A telephone survey conducted jointly by UI and University of North Carolina researchers found significant support of a ban on cell-phone use while driving among parents of Iowa teen drivers. In a sample of more than 1,000 parents, around 97 percent supported a ban on text messaging while driving, and roughly 90 percent were in favor of a total ban on cell-phone use while driving.

Daniel McGehee, director of the UI Public Policy Center's Human Factors and Vehicle Safety Research Program, presented the findings of the recent survey to legislators last week.

He will return to Des Moines on Tuesday to testify before the transportation subcommittee about other UI studies on distracted driving.

"Texting is really the worst of the worst," said McGehee, who noted texting is more dangerous than other distractions because it frequently diverts the driver's attention.

Sen. Tom Rielly, D-Oskaloosa, the head of the transportation subcommittee, said texting while driving is one of the panel's biggest issues.

Nationwide, an estimated 1.6 million crashes — 28 percent of all accidents — are caused by cell-phone use while driving, more than 200,000 of which are attributed to texting, according to a report from the National Safety Council.

The report also said most people talk rather than text while driving, but it maintained that texting is much riskier.

UI freshman Brian Neale said texting while driving is "stupid" and "extremely dangerous."

Sen. Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa City, said there is an increased interest in taking a look at the issue in the Legislature. He thinks a bill has a chance of passing by April, when the legislative session is scheduled to end, he said.

Bolkcom presented a bill in 2009, but it did not pass.

A bill he introduced this session would restrict cell-phone use while operating a vehicle to headsets or hands-free devices in addition to banning texting.

However, McGehee said, no studies have found that hands-free devices are less distracting.

Troy Price, the communications director for Gov. Chet Culver, said the governor supports legislation to prohibit texting while driving.

The majority of those surveyed in the recent UI study also favored provisions expanding restrictions on Iowa's graduated driver's license. Suggestions include limiting the number of teen passengers for new drivers and prohibiting driving past 10 p.m.



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NFL

Colts ground Jets

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — This is perfect for the Indianapolis Colts: They have Peyton Manning, and they're back in the Super Bowl.

The four-time MVP threw three touchdown passes, and the Colts rallied from an 11-point first-half deficit to beat the New York Jets, 30-17, Sunday in the AFC championship game.

The Colts (16-2) are now headed back to the NFL title game for the second time in four years and their fourth Super Bowl in franchise history. Better yet, they're heading back to their lucky city — Miami, where they've played all four of those games and won there twice.

"I thought we just kept our mouths shut and went to work this week," Manning said.

The big-talking Jets, and their equally big-talking coach, Rex Ryan, were all the incentive Indy needed Sunday.

A month ago, when the New Yorkers last came to town, Indianapolis coach Jim Caldwell pulled his starters in the third quarter and gave up a chance at a perfect season to focus on a Super Bowl run. Fans booed throughout the fourth quarter and when the Colts left the field, and some spent the past month complaining publicly.

That's over now. Manning stayed on the field for every Colts play and instead of blowing a lead, the Colts rallied behind their leader.

This time, fans counted down the final seconds while streamers and confetti hung in the air, flash bulbs popped incessantly and when the official announcement was made, roars cascaded from the rafters.

"We talked about being patient against these guys," Manning said. "We knew it would be a four-quarter game."

FOOTBALL

Ohio back orally commits to Hawks

The Iowa football team nabbed a strong, versatile player in Anthony Hitchens of Lorian, Ohio.

The Clearview High School senior orally committed to the Hawkeyes this past weekend after Iowa extended an offer to the 6-1, 195-pound prospect.

An Ohio All-State player, Hitchens traveled to Iowa City this past weekend for his official visit, during which freshman cornerback Micah Hyde served as his host, Hitchens told Rivals' Blair Sanderson. A senior running back, Hitchens rushed for more than 1,400 yards and 21 touchdowns while toting an impressive defensive record.

On defense this season, Hitchens tallied 76 tackles and two interceptions.

With Hitchens' abilities, the Iowa coaching staff has elected to play the two-star recruit at safety. Nearing the national signing day on Feb. 3, Hitchens is the 20th recruit from the 2010 class and the third recruit from Ohio to commit to the Hawkeyes.

Hitchens was recruited by Iowa defensive-back coach Phil Parker.

— by Amie Kiehn

IOWA 78, NORTHWESTERN 69

Hoopsters rally, beat Cats



Iowa freshman Gabby Machado reaches for a rebound during the Hawkeyes' game against Northwestern on Sunday. Iowa won, 78-69.

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COMMENTARY

Printy is the word

Iowa freshman Jaime Printy is worth more than points to the Hawkeyes.



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Subbing out midway through the second half during Sunday's game against Northwestern, Iowa freshman Jaime Printy exchanged high-fives with her coaches before sitting down — commonplace for basketball players.

But then Printy did something you don't always see.

The 5-10 guard didn't stop and sit in the first available seat.

She strolled down the rest of the bench, making sure each one of her teammates received a high-five as well.

Such a gesture may be one of the more subtle displays of maturity Printy possesses. But the Marion native's skillful showing on Sunday was

The Iowa women's basketball team defeats Northwestern in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Sunday.

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Aggressiveness proved to be the key for the Iowa women's basketball team Sunday afternoon.

After suffering a season-high four game losing streak, the Hawkeyes (10-10, 3-6) defeated Northwestern (11-7, 3-5), 78-69, in Carver-Hawkeye Arena to secure back-to-back victories for the first time since Dec. 20-22.

"It feels good, especially getting two wins in a row," sophomore Kamille Wahlin said. "It was great to get a win on the road [at Illinois]. I think it's going to help our confidence, and we're just going to try to keep building off a couple of wins."

Freshman Jaime Printy scored 23 points, Wahlin added 16 points, and freshman Morgan Johnson had 10 points and seven rebounds.

After getting to the free-throw line 12 times during the first half, the Hawkeyes picked up their aggressive style of play and ventured to the charity stripe 25 times after intermission. Iowa shot 83.8 percent, going 31-for-37.

"We were told to attack and use screens," Printy said. "After we attacked them, we just

SEE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL, 4B

Wrestlers hit the mats in bonus country

All-American heavyweight Dan Erekson returns to the Iowa lineup against Purdue.

By J.T. BUGOS

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Before No. 1 Iowa's first road trip of the Big Ten season, head coach Tom Brands told his wrestlers they needed to score bonus points.

On Sunday, the Hawkeyes did just that in their 41-6 dismantling of No. 25 Purdue.

In extending its winning streak to 54 dual meets, seven of eight Iowa wins provided extra points for the top-ranked team in the country.

"It's important to get

things going and get off to the right start in the Big Ten season," 184-pounder Phillip Keddy said. "It's another opportunity to go out there, compete, and showcase yourself."

Iowa 125-pounder Matt McDonough started a streak of four-straight bonus-point victories by pinning the Boilermakers' Cashé Quiroga in 2:13. The redshirt freshman remains undefeated this season, and his 22-0 record has earned him the No. 4 ranking.

SEE WRESTLING, 4B



Iowa 184-pounder Phillip Keddy wrestles Purdue's Jason Martin in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Feb. 13, 2009.

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IOWA 58, INDIANA 43

Hawks stun Hoosiers in Indiana

The Iowa men's basketball team nabbed its first Big Ten road win in nearly two years.

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It had been 691 days since Iowa last won a Big Ten road game — an 11-game streak that came to an end Sunday night as the Hawkeyes (8-12, 2-5) downed Indiana (9-10, 3-4), 58-43, in Assembly Hall.

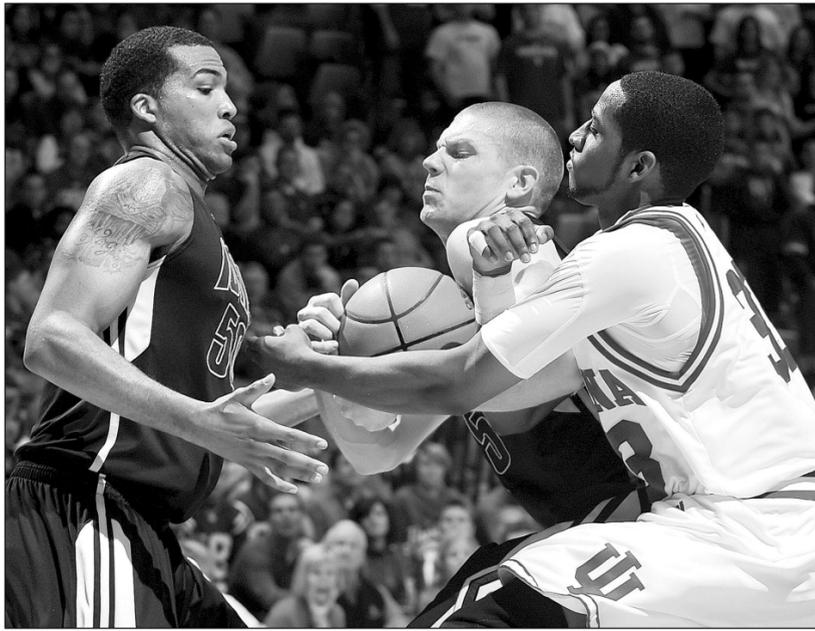
And they did it through an unconventional combination of offensive rebounding, points in the paint, and attacking the basket.

"We were joyous, believe me," Iowa head coach Todd Lickliter told the Hawkeye Radio Network. "It's hard to win at home, but it's particularly hard to win on the road."

Lickliter's team snagged a season-high 17 offensive boards, eight from Jarryd Cole. The junior cocaptain added 11 points and recorded his second double-double of the season.

Sophomore Aaron Fuller lived inside the arc and scored a team-high 13 points, contributing to Iowa's 34 points in the paint — its third-highest output of the season.

"We knew if we ran our



Indiana guard Devan Dumes reaches for a rebound around Iowa guard Matt Gatens as Iowa forward Jarryd Cole defends during the second half in Assembly Hall in Bloomington, Ind., Sunday. Iowa won, 58-43.

stuff, it was going to be hard for them to guard us," Cole told the Hawkeye Radio Network. "If you want easy baskets, you've got to get to the paint, and that's what we did tonight."

Indiana head coach Tom Crean said, "Our job on the backboards was atrocious. We played hard. They played a lot harder. ... We did not come to be in a fight tonight."

After maintaining a nine-point halftime lead during the second half's first three minutes, Iowa allowed Indiana's Verdell Jones to score

six-consecutive points to bring the Hoosiers within two at 33-31.

But Iowa freshman Brennan Cougill, who had seen his minutes evaporate over the last three contests, nailed a 3-pointer, drew a charge on the defensive end, and hit another triple on back-to-back possessions.

Two more 3-pointers from sophomore Matt Gatens and freshman Eric May made it 46-32 with 8:35 remaining, capping a 13-1 Iowa run.

On the defensive end, Iowa held Indiana to 43 points — the Hoosiers' lowest total in Bloomington since 1945. Crean's squad shot 36 percent from the field and had only two players who scored seven-plus points.

"I like defending," Lickliter said. "I think it shows strength. I think that's how you win on the road."

Iowa — with a heavy dose of drives and inside looks from Cully Payne, May, and Cole — jumped out to a 14-4 lead. Early on,

the Hawkeyes easily slithered through Indiana's man-to-man defense, shooting 8-of-11 in the game's first nine minutes.

But Iowa's seven turnovers in the first 10 minutes helped the Hoosiers hang relatively close. A quick 11-0 run from Indiana at the midway point of the first half gave Crean's squad a one-point lead at the 7:02 mark.

The Hawkeyes finished the game with 21 turnovers, five by freshman point guard Payne.

While Iowa's string of missed shots allowed the Hoosiers to get back in the game, Lickliter's squad snagged 10 offensive rebounds in the game's first 18 minutes. The offensive boards and Fuller's eight points launched Iowa to a 12-2 spurt of its own over the last 6:24 of the first half.

Gatens, who had averaged nearly 15 points over Iowa's previous four

games, was hampered with two first-half fouls, which limited him to only three points. He finished the game with seven points on 2-of-9 shooting.

Iowa will host Ohio State at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday — a game UI students can get into for free.

"It was really great to get this Big Ten road win and feel good going into the game on Wednesday with Ohio State," Cole said. "Hopefully, we can carry this momentum over and get another victory."

Hawks tumble to Sooners

The Iowa men's gymnastics team's great effort not enough.

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A substantial crowd couldn't help the Iowa men's gymnastics team overcome the skill of No. 3 Oklahoma on Jan. 23, and the Hawkeyes fell to the Sooners, 349.50-340.95.

Iowa, which went into the meet ranked No. 8, bested Oklahoma on the floor exercise with a 58.10 score, as the Sooners posted a 55.30 on the pommel horse after one rotation.

But that proved to be the final lead the Hawkeyes saw — the Sooners scored higher than Iowa in every event afterward.

The Hawkeyes had a chance to gain ground when several Sooner gymnasts fell during their vault and rings dismounts. However, the high starting scores for Oklahoma made the falls a nonfactor.

Iowa head coach Tom Dunn said he felt good about his team's performance despite the loss, noting the team improved from its 339.60 score at the Windy City Invitational on Jan. 16.

"I think the judging may have been a little stricter than last week, so I wasn't sure if we could get a higher score," Dunn said. "We had a couple of bad misses on the floor and pommel horse. If we get those back, we have a really good score."

Freshman Matt McGrath, who had the highest score of any Iowa gymnast in three events, led the Hawkeyes. The Wheaton, Ill., native posted a 15.00 on floor, a 14.70 on rings, and a 15.55 on vault.

"He has been doing better in competitions than when he's training, so it's exciting to see your teammates do well," Iowa senior

Jon Buese said.

Dunn agreed, saying, "I don't think he missed anything, so that was really good to see."

In the other three events, sophomore Jacob Swafford scored highest for Iowa on the pommel horse with a 13.60 in his first meet of the season. Buese posted a 13.35 on the parallel bars and a 14.60 on the high bar.

Despite the good scores, though, no Hawkeye took the highest score in any event.

Oklahoma freshman Jake Dalton, the top freshman gymnast in the nation, illustrated why he was the most sought-after high-school senior a year ago. The Reno, Nev., native took the high score in four out of six events and won the all-around with a 89.6.

The all-around victory was his second in as many attempts.

Buese had the high all-around score for the Hawkeyes, 84.15.

Iowa will face No. 5 Michigan in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Saturday night. The Wolverines defeated Penn State in a home meet Sunday afternoon, tallying a 355.65 — well above what the Hawkeyes have mustered thus far.

Michigan also took second in the Windy City Invitational on Jan. 16, a meet in which Iowa placed fourth. Dunn said he knows beating the Wolverines, even on Iowa's home floor, won't be an easy task.

"They are favored to win the Big Ten, and they are definitely a very tough team," he said. "The crowd we had today was great, so hopefully, we can have some of the same at Carver."

GymHawks beat slow beginning

The Iowa women's gymnastics team placed second during a four-team meet in State College, Pa.

By ROBBIE LEHMAN
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After two meets and as many second-place finishes, Larissa Libby still didn't know much about the identity of the Iowa women's gymnastics squad. Nonetheless, she was still demanding perfection.

The sixth-year coach emphasizes finishing strong in all events in all meets, no matter how they may begin.

Iowa overcome a sleepy start to score 192.175 points and finish second in the Jan. 23 four-team meet in State College, Pa., falling behind the Nittany Lions' team score of 195.325. Yale and Cornell finished third and fourth in the meet.

Between youth, injuries, and a lack of mental toughness, the Hawkeyes have yet to put together the complete meet Libby believes matches the team's talent level.

In three meets, Iowa has

failed to hit on all 24 routines. The Hawkeyes only hit on one of their first six routines to begin the meet at Penn State.

"If we could get everyone to hit all of her events every night, it would be very helpful," Libby said in a release. "It's disappointing when you consider what we are truly capable of accomplishing, but we are getting there. It'll be a consistent climb up, and they'll get there. But I think it's a slower climb than they're used to."

Libby knew the team would be affected by its youthfulness, but she didn't expect injuries to be just as strong of a component, which have left her shuffling the lineup each week and not knowing who is going to be healthy enough to compete.

Only two GymHawks competed in the all-around because of injuries. Junior Rebecca Simbhudas placed

third at 38.600, followed by a fifth-place score of 37.150 from sophomore Jessa Hansen.

Simbhudas said Iowa found several positives to build on from the meet and took to heart what Libby has emphasized.

"I think that we learned that we can actually forget about what we did in the first event and keep on moving," Simbhudas said. "We finished really strong, so that felt really good. I think that's a lesson learned."

Iowa seems to have established its strengths on the competition floor. Five GymHawks placed in the top nine on the uneven bars at Penn State. On the floor exercise, five also landed among the top 10.

"I thought the whole bar team was very, very good tonight," Libby said after the meet. "Their attention to detail was very good. They made sure that all the

things we've talked about in practice were done, and all of the girls just had clean routines in general."

Hansen finished tied for sixth on the bars, with a 9.750. She agreed the event will be a key one for Iowa this season.

"I think as a team, we're deepest on bars," she said. "We're not where we want to be yet. As of now, it's our most consistent event."

Libby was also pleased with the performance of two walk-ons in the balance beam. Sophomore Melissa Miller placed fifth with a 9.650, and junior Kelly Galau tied for sixth with a 9.600.

"If you want to talk about bleeding Black and Gold ... these girls come in here, put it all on the line, and give everything they have every night," Libby said about Miller and Galau. "Not enough can be said about what they're doing to help lead our team."

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Tracksters show improvement

Freshman throwers helped the Iowa women's track and field team to a second-place finish.

By **MICHÈLE DANNO**
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It was a weekend of firsts for many members of the Iowa women's track and field team.

With 30 freshmen on the roster of 52, the Jack Johnson Invitational in Minneapolis marked their first real chance to prove themselves as Division-I athletes.

For freshman walk-on Kelsey Taylor, the meet also marked her first time competing in the weight throw — an event not even offered at her prep alma mater, Camp Point Central, in Illinois.

She set a personal record of 53 feet to finish third in the event and helped the Hawkeyes place second overall on Jan. 23.

"The weight throw is an event that takes time to learn," said Layne Anderson, the head women's track coach. "Kelsey's performance this weekend showed she is definitely ahead of the learning curve."

Iowa throwing coach Scott Cappos also noticed Taylor.

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Taylor
freshman

"Kelsey exceeded our expectations in the throwing events. She is starting to make some great improvements, and if she keeps going in this direction, she could end up qualifying for the NCAA championship, which would be a great accomplishment for a walk-on freshman."

— **Scott Cappos**,
Iowa throwing coach

events," he said. "She is starting to make some great improvements, and if she keeps going in this direction, she could end up qualifying for the NCAA championship, which would be a great accomplishment for a walk-on freshman."

Taylor was not the only inexperienced thrower. The Hawkeye throwing squad consists of six first-year women, five of whom are freshmen — a substantial increase compared to last year's throwing "team," which consisted of one woman.

Taylor's third-place finish in the weight throw,

along with sophomore transfer Tiffany Medenwaldt's third-place finish in the shot put, showed signs of improvement for the program.

Aside from throwing, the Iowa coaches noted a number of other events needing improvement from a year ago, when the Hawkeyes finished last in the Big Ten.

Iowa proved it could be a competitive threat, though, in the mile and the 4-by-400-meter relay. Six of the first seven finishers in the mile were Iowa women, with junior Amanda Hardesty leading the group with a second place-finish at 4:54.22. Sophomore Betsy Flood followed closely, finishing third at 4:54.46.

The meet ended with Iowa taking second in the 4-by-400-meter behind Minnesota in 3:50. Positive attitudes and hopes for the future abounded following competition.

"This meet indicates that we still have a lot of work to do," Iowa assistant coach Clive Roberts said. "With all the freshmen, it is going to be a learning process. We've got a long way to go, but ending with the 4-by-400 the way it did and watching those [women] pull together as a team promotes the team attitude we're trying to create."

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Sports

Women's tennis bounces back

The Iowa women's tennis team secured its first win of the spring season on Sunday.

By **PATRICK RAFFERTY**
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When No. 6 Notre Dame nearly swept the Hawkeyes in Iowa's first competition of the spring season on Jan. 23, one thing was clear: Iowa needed a swifter start against Eastern Michigan on Sunday.

Because the Hawkeyes struggled early in their matches, Iowa head coach Katie Dougherty talked with the players following the 6-1 loss to the Fighting Irish, emphasizing execution, opportunities, and "playing the big points." She also wanted the squad to dominate in doubles play to gain an advantage before singles competition.

The Hawkeyes heard their new coach's words and turned in a 6-1 victory of their own against Eastern Michigan at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex.

"I was tough on them, and they responded well," Dougherty said. "They stepped up and did a good job of closing

things out today, and I'm happy with their effort."

Senior cocaptain Merel Beelen seized both her singles sets against the Eagles' Karina Ahuja (6-0, 6-4).

Beelen said that after the Hawks started slowly against Notre Dame, they needed to begin their matches quicker against Eastern Michigan. Iowa dropped all but one of their first sets to the Fighting Irish, with the lone victory coming from junior Alexis Dorr.

"That's one of the things we wanted improve, that we didn't do ... especially in doubles. We wanted to start a little bit sooner," Beelen said.

The five-year veteran also cited the team members' close relationship as a key to the quick turnaround over the weekend.

"We're pretty close as a team, so I think that helps a lot after a loss," she said.

After falling to one of the nation's top players in Notre Dame's No. 30 Kristy Frilling, sopho-



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Iowa freshman Sonja Molnar practices at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex on March 24, 2009. Molnar, originally from Guelph, Ontario, defeated Eastern Michigan's Julia Breuss on Sunday (6-2, 6-1).

more Sonja Molnar (No. 65) took her frustration out on Eastern Michigan's Julia Breuss the following day, starting strong and not easing up in a two-set victory (6-2, 6-1).

"That was what we had talked about — making sure we had taken advantage of every single opportunity from the beginning," Molnar said. "And not letting them get ahead at the beginning and having to come back."

The Hawkeyes began Sunday's match with victories in each match except one. Senior Zuzana Chmelarova

dropped both sets to the Eagles' Miriam West-erink (6-2, 6-4).

The Hawkeyes will have nearly a three-week break before matching up against Kansas State on Feb. 13-14. During their hiatus from competition, the Hawkeyes will focus on sharpening their games.

"We knew what we needed to do better," Dougherty said. "I mean, it looked like it was our first match of the season, and it was ... We're going to get better across the board. With our practices over the next few weeks, we're going to see some gains here."

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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got to the line, and it worked out well for us."

Junior 6-5 center Amy Jaeschke led Northwestern with 30 points and eight rebounds; she also had three blocks in 36 minutes of action.

Bluder matched up Johnson and freshman Gabby Machado with the Wilmette, Ill., native. When Johnson fouled out with 3:59 left in the game,

however, the difficult task was left to Machado.

"Well, I mean, [Jaeschke] has a couple of inches on me," joked the 6-0 Machado. "I mean, she's wide. She is a wide body, so that's tough to get around as well."

After trailing 54-47 early in the second half, Iowa went on a 7-2 run to get within 56-54.

"The first half, our zone wasn't very good or maybe it was, and they just hit some good shots," Bluder said. "They came out on fire. We had to come out of the zone. The second half was much better. I thought we were

a little more aggressive. It enabled us to put some extra help around Jaeschke."

Iowa sophomore Kelly Krei had a strong game despite a slow start, notching 12 points — nine from the free-throw line.

Fouled with 8:55 minutes left in the second half, Krei's free-throws put the Hawkeyes up 57-56. Iowa did not trail for the rest of the game.

"[Krei] got herself to the free-throw line, and that's a great mentality," Bluder said. "You're not hitting your outside shots, OK, you take it the hole, and that's what she did."

The Hawkeyes lead the all-time series against Northwestern, 43-12. The win was the 17th-consecutive victory against the Wildcats.

"I think we're getting better, and that's what you want with your team," Bluder said. "Yes, I wish we could get some of those L's back, but they're done, and now we have the opportunity to play some of those people at home."

Iowa will host Purdue on Jan. 31. Tip-off is scheduled for 2 p.m.

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anything but subtle.

She gashed the Wildcats to the tune of 23 points.

One might guess 23 points would be a high mark for a freshman. Many would have even been happy with her 22-point performance she recorded at Illinois earlier in the week.

Not Printy. The effort didn't even match her season high output of 26 — a total she has posted twice this year.

I'm sensing a trend here.

Jaime Printy isn't playing like your typical freshman.

Then again, that's the song Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder has sung all season long. Sunday's victory over Northwestern was just the latest demonstration in Printy's campaign for Big Ten Freshman of the Year.

"I think Jaime just continues to play so maturely, and so strong," Bluder said. "She's not unnerved out there at all, and she just looks like she's under control all the time."

Entering Iowa City with the reputation of being a great high-

school shooter, Printy showed her ability to score in a variety of ways on Sunday. Nine of her points came from the free-throw line, and eight came off 2-pointers.

She didn't leave her marksmanship in Champaign Thursday night, either. Printy added two 3-pointers against the Wildcats.

But freshman or not, consistency and adaptation — particularly when in conference play — are the true measures of a player's mettle.

Since Iowa started its Big Ten slate, Printy hasn't disappeared. She's just got-

ten better.

Entering the Hawkeyes' home contest, Printy averaged a team-best 14.5 points per contest in Iowa's 19 games.

Through eight Big Ten bouts, her scoring average stood at 15.5 — a number ballooning to 16.3 following Sunday's victory.

In fact, her Sunday point total could have easily been 25. With just over a minute left, and Iowa leading, 77-69, Printy passed on an open look from the arc.

Why? She had more than half a shot clock remaining. A veteran move.

For some reason, I wasn't surprised.

WRESTLING

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Daniel Dennis followed McDonough with a 16-5 major decision win over Akif Eren. The 133-pounder scored six takedowns in the final two periods.

At 141 pounds, sophomore Montell Marion followed McDonough's lead with a fall of his own, sticking Juan Archuleta to the mat in 3:53 — Marion's fourth pin of the season and third-straight win.

No. 1 ranked 149-pounder Brent Metcalf then withstood the knee of Boilermaker Nick Bertucci to give Iowa six team points. Metcalf put

Bertucci on his back halfway through the second period; however, before the official signal, Bertucci repeatedly kned the Iowa senior in the face.

Disqualified for flagrant misconduct, the Boilermaker gave a bloodied Metcalf his 22nd win.

After a Jake Kerr loss in sudden victory at 157 for Iowa, the Hawkeyes reeled off three more wins.

Senior Jay Borschel's forfeit win at 174 pounds came between a 10-4 decision by Ryan Morningstar decision at 165 and an 11-1 major decision win by Keddy.

Morningstar went into the third period leading

3-0, but he scored three takedowns in the final period.

Even with a strong showing, Keddy said there are still things he can work on and add to his matches.

"You want to build your lead, and you want to improve every match, and I know I left some points out there against Oklahoma State," the Vernal, Utah, native said. "When you feel there's some things you left out there, you have to work on that and make sure it changes the next time you're on the mat."

At 197 pounds, Luke Lofthouse fell to Boilermaker Logan Brown, 3-1, in sudden victory, but All-American heavyweight

Dan Erikson dominated in his first dual of the season.

Erikson needed just 68 seconds to remind the country why he is one of the top heavyweights in college wrestling when he planted Adam Wells to the mat.

The 285-pounder said he felt he wrestled well, and the match will serve as a caution to other heavyweights looking for top-dog status.

"You expect to beat up on somebody, but you don't expect to pin them in a minute," Erikson said. "I've been waiting for a while, and I was fired up. People across the country can look at the results and say, 'Dan Erikson is ready to wrestle.'"

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— Charles Wadsworth

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- Ferret beds (C cup)
- Rabbit beds (D cup)
- Beds (Heidi Montag)

— Andrew R. Juhl thanks Mycah K for collaborating on today's Ledge.

Think you're pretty funny? Prove it. The *Daily Iowan* is looking for Ledge writers. You can submit a Ledge at daily-ian@uiowa.edu. If we think it's good, we'll run it — and maybe contact you for more.

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CHARLIE ANDERSON/ THE DAILY IOWAN

UI senior Kayla Schmale studies articles for class in the fourth-floor study area at the Main Library on Sunday. She said that she likes it because "it's quiet and there are not a lot of people." Although she said that "it gets louder as people have tests."

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Monday, January 25, 2010
— by Eugenia Last

ARIES March 21-April 19 Money may be a concern, but if you spend too much time worrying, you'll end up spinning your wheels. Focus on the skills and services you have to offer, and you will bypass some of the financial troubles you've been experiencing.

TAURUS April 20-May 20 Be aggressive; make contact with people you think might be interested in your plans. You will have started on the road to victory. Travel, communication, and a slight change of attitude will all work to your benefit.

GEMINI May 21-June 20 Keeping a secret may not be easy, but it is essential if you want things to work in your favor. Control your spending so you aren't left short for something important. Travel will promote love and romance.

CANCER June 21-July 22 A creative idea can turn into a moneymaking endeavor. Making alterations to your home will pay off financially and do wonders for your emotional outlook. A partnership can open up opportunities that have eluded you in the past.

LEO July 23-Aug. 22 Tread carefully when it comes to personal issues. If you neglect someone counting on you for companionship, you will send the wrong signal. A change of scenery, company, or geographical location may all work in your favor.

VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22 If you can raise your spirits, you will do a much better job when it comes to your professional goals. Don't let someone else start listening to your heart. Offer suggestions, but don't take over, pay, or do the job yourself.

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22 You will raise issues that others will disagree with. You may want to rethink your strategy in order to keep the peace and get things moving. Not everyone will agree with you today.

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Stop listening to what everyone else is telling you — start listening to your heart. You have to believe in yourself and your abilities. A partnership will play an important role in your life.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Long-term results should be your focus. You don't have to agree with everyone or even like what others are doing as long as you continue down a path that will satisfy your needs and your goals. Don't be guided by your emotions.

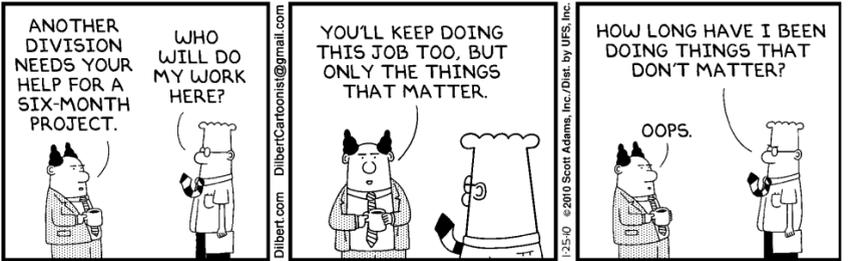
CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Once you evaluate what everyone else is doing, consider your own track record. Don't hesitate to take the lead and to push your opinions and methods. Aggressive action will make everyone around you realize how serious you are about what you are trying to accomplish.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Don't lose sight of what's going on around you. Ask questions, but don't let on that you may not be happy with what's happening. Once you know where everyone stands, you can follow your own path, knowing what to expect from others.

PISCES Feb. 19-March 20 You have to work especially hard when it comes to pleasing others. Your generosity will spare your becoming involved in a sticky situation. Consider other means of making money. Don't let your emotions tamper with your decisions.

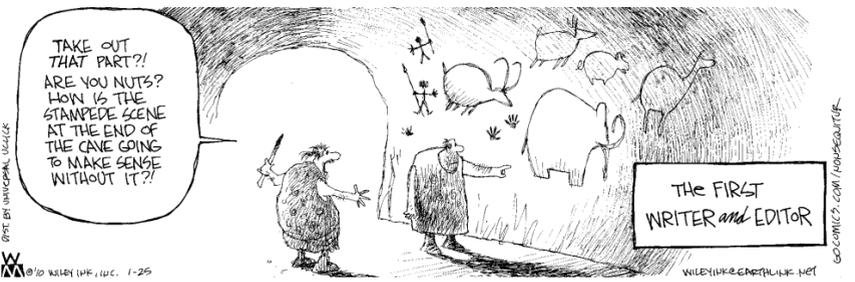
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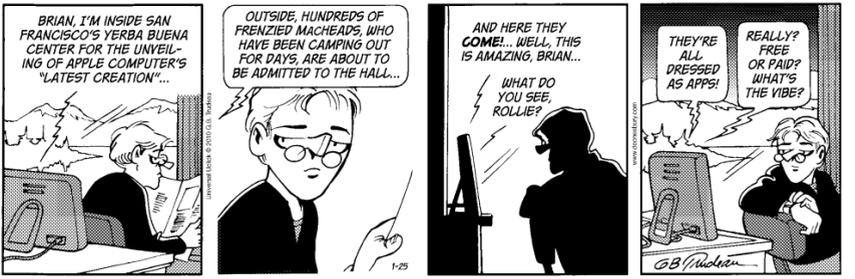
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today's events

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- Biochemistry Seminar Series**, "Are we there yet? A study of protein trafficking in protoreceptors," Sheila Baker, Duke University, 9 a.m., 2189 Medical Education & Research Facility
- Sociable Seniors**, 10-11 a.m., North Liberty Community Library 520 W. Cherry St., North Liberty
- Toddler Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- "Furlough: Been There, Done That,"** noon, Eckstein Medical Research Building Seebohm Auditorium
- Special Seminar**, "I. Improvement and Application of Low Temperature Single Crystal Adsorption Microcalorimetry; II. Development of Liquid Chromatography Infrared Multiphoton Dissociation Mass Spectrometry (LC-IRMPD-MS) for Highly Selective Dissociation of Phosphorylated Peptides," Matthew Crowe, University of Washington-Seattle, 12:30 p.m., W128 Chemistry Building
- Biostatistics Faculty Meeting**, 3:30 p.m., UIHC C225 General Hospital
- Biology Seminar**,

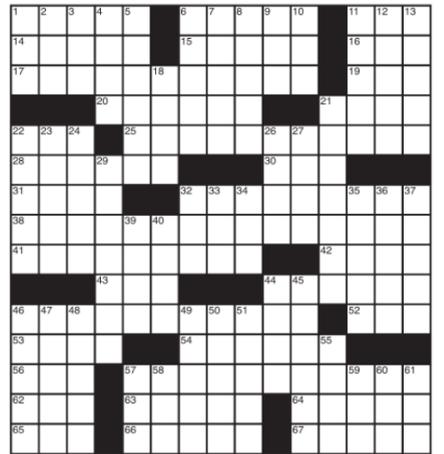
- "Applications of Site-Specific Recombinases in Zebrafish. Toward Novel Insights in the Understanding of Adult Neural Stem Cells," Stefan Hans, Technische Universitat, Dresden, 4 p.m., 101 Biology Building East
- Fit 4 Fun**, 4:30 p.m., Performance Health & Fitness, 3290 Ridgeway Drive, Coralville
- Eye Piece panel discussion**, with author Rinde Eckert, Ed Stone, Steve Kuusisto, and two cast members, 5:30 p.m., 1289 Carver Biomedical Research Building
- Pitter Patters: Sewing Slippers**, 6 p.m., Home Ec. Workshop, 207 N. Linn
- Free Spaghetti Dinner**, 6 p.m., Faith United Church of Christ, 1609 Deforest
- Free Pool**, 7 p.m., TCB Pool Hall, 114 E. College
- UI Celebration of Human Rights**, *Katrina's Children* Film Screening and Discussion, 7 p.m., Iowa City Public Library, Meeting Room A, 123 S. Linn
- Open Mike**, with Jay Knight, 8 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- Blues Jam**, 9:30 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

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- Across**
- Willy Wonka creator Dahl
 - Vessels at marinas
 - Boeing 737, e.g.
 - Golfer Palmer, informally
 - Parts to play
 - Firefighter's tool
 - Humor publication since 1952
 - Many a first grader's age
 - What generals command
 - Parks of civil rights fame
 - Educ. institution
 - Docs-to-be
 - Selected
 - Dorm overseers, for short
 - Seniors' org.
 - All-encompassing
 - Tricky operation for extending a plane's flight
 - Causing the most wolf whistles, perhaps
 - To be, to Henri
 - Tit for ___
 - Brides' walkways
 - Lionel products
 - 52 N.Y.C. summer hrs.
 - Ammonia has a strong one
 - Mame on Broadway
 - Fix, as a fight
 - Dirty campaign tactic
 - Take to court
 - Win by ___
 - Actress Shire of "Rocky"
 - Ambulance letters
- Down**
- "That's enough out of you!"
 - Nonstop
 - Computer capacity, for short
 - "... man ___ mouse?"
 - Peru's largest city
 - "Goodness gracious!"
 - Corrow, e.g.
 - Falls through the cracks?
 - "He's making ___ and checking ..."
 - The number at left + 1
 - NNW's opposite
 - Leader of the Argonauts, in myth
 - Be
 - State on the Rio Grande
 - F.B.I. operatives
 - Fixes, as a shoe
 - Rascal
 - Committee leader
 - Mob
 - Language derived from Hindustani
 - 7/20/69, for one
 - Splash, as grease
 - Charlemagne's domain: Abbr.
 - Some tech grads
 - Sternward
 - Bibliographical datum
 - Hatred
 - Venetian rulers of old
 - Dangerous gas
 - "Moi, ___" ("Me, too": Fr.)
 - Cove
 - Former New York cardinal Edward
 - Big ___ (Golden Arches offering)
 - 39-Den article
 - de-France
 - Anais "Delta of Venus" author
 - Travel aimlessly, with "about"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



Puzzle by Sarah Keller

36 When right turns are often allowed

37 Spew out

39 Venetian's lang.

40 Film director

44 Dead set against

45 Really digs

46 Samuel with a code

47 Hatred

48 Venetian rulers of old

49 Dangerous gas

50 "Moi, ___" ("Me, too": Fr.)

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