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U.S. trend misses UI business school

The finance department sees a slight dip in enrollment, but officials say it will rebound soon.

By **EMILY BUSSE**
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Despite a nationwide decrease in the number of freshmen planning to major in business, the UI hasn't seen declining interest in the field.

Some university officials say recent Wall Street scandals and the economic climate have contributed to the national decrease, but they believe the Tippie College of Business has avoided the trend with new recruitment styles and student opportunities.



Moeller
associate dean

"If you watch TV or read the newspaper at all, most of the stories about business have been very negative for the past year or so," said Lon Moeller, an associate dean of the school. "I think people start to associate that with business as a whole and that all people in business are unethical."

The percentage of freshmen interested in a business major is at its lowest since the 1970s, according to *Inside Higher Ed*.

Locally, the UI business school has remained the top choice for incoming majors and the most popular undergraduate major overall in the last five years, according to the UI Fall 2009 Student Profile.

In the fall of 2009, 2,274 undergraduate students were majoring in business, a number that has increased every year since 2005. Business has also remained the top choice students plan to major in, with 1,665 students in pre-business last semester, according to the UI Fall 2009 Student Profile.

Since 1998, the business school has directly admitted a portion of incoming freshmen into the major if they have qualifying ACT scores and grades. Moeller said the school plans to expand the direct-admittance program to make it comparable with other Big Ten schools and focus on getting degree requirements completed early.

"From a success standpoint, it gets students into business earlier, gets them into the right track," Moeller said. "By the time they're a senior, they have to focus on grad school and jobs."

Caitlin Streit, a first-year business student who was directly admitted when she applied, said she came to the UI for its expansive program. The Hawkinson Institute of Business Finance is just one example of effective career training, she said.

Streit, who is planning to have double major in management and finance along with a minor and a certificate, noted the flexibility of the program allows students to study several areas because many pre-requisite and core classes overlap.

Business enrollment

As the number of directly admitted students has increased, the number of pre-business students planning to major at the UI has kept the total stable:

- Fall 2009: 1,665
- Fall 2008: 1,915
- Fall 2007: 2,140
- Fall 2006: 2,139
- Fall 2005: 2,085

Source: UI registrar

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COUNTDOWN: DANCE MARATHON 2010



Sue O'Doriso speaks with Ashlyn Glass at the UI Children's Hospital on Jan. 7. O'Doriso splits her time between clinical work and research.

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Working for cancer cure

Pediatric oncologist Sue O'Doriso stays positive while working to cure childhood cancer.

By **ASHLEY OERMAN**
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Inside the purple, blue, and green walls of the UI Children's Hospital clinic, Sue O'Doriso strides through the halls grinning as she enters one of her patient's rooms.

Although O'Doriso, the director of fellowships in the UI Hospital and Clinics' pediatric division of hematology and oncology, deals with concerned families and serious illnesses every day, she doesn't let the bad times outweigh the good.

"Overall, we do well," she said. "We

really have an opportunity to do good things."

O'Doriso — or "Dr. O" as many of her patients call her — said she chose the pediatric cancer field because she loved working with kids and thought a cure for cancer wouldn't be far off.

"We haven't got that far yet," she said.

But that hasn't stopped her and husband Thomas O'Doriso, also an oncologist at the UIHC, from teaming up to study brain tumors in both adolescents and adults.

'Dr. O'

- Sue O'Doriso
- Hometown: Atlantic, Iowa
- Visits an average of 20 patients per clinical shift
- Clinical interests: Nervous system tumors in children

Source: UI Children's Hospital

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Check out a photo slide show and video of Sue O'Doriso.



SEE O'DORISO, 3

Falling in love with marathon

From baseball to charity, senior evolves.

By **ALYSSA CASHMAN**
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Eric Banwarth calls his involvement in Dance Marathon "almost selfish."

And after three years of being involved in the organization, he's still amazed when families thank him for his efforts.

"It doesn't seem like something you should be thanked for," he said.

Now the morale director for the organization, Banwarth didn't join the group until his junior year.

A different passion led the fifth-year senior to the UI — he played for the Hawkeye baseball team for a year.

After leaving the team, Banwarth discovered Dance Marathon, something he loved even more.

"Once you do it, you fall in love," he said. "I can't imagine my life without it."

Eric Banwarth

- Age: 22
- Major: Management
- Hometown: Dubuque
- Three years with Dance Marathon
- Morale director for Dance Marathon

Source: Banwarth

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Check out a photo slide show of Dance Marathon enthusiast Eric Banwarth.



Banwarth's then-roommate encouraged him to join the cause in 2007. At the same time, his best friend's brother from his hometown of Dubuque was diagnosed with leukemia, further inspiring Banwarth to become a dancer.

SEE BANWARTH, 3



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UI senior Eric Banwarth dances during a mini-Dance Marathon event in Van Allen Elementary on Jan. 29. Volunteers often travel to local elementary and middle schools to introduce the organization to others in the community. Banwarth has participated in Dance Marathon for three years, and he is now the morale director.

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Read a story about a recent vote by the Iowa Senate State Government Committee against a bill to move legal notices from a print newspaper of record to online-only. The bill failed on a 13-1 vote, with local officials on both sides of the issue.



Spotlight Iowa City

A love of languages

A UI instructor blends life lessons into his teaching.

By MITCHELL SCHMIDT
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Ashot Vardanyan has lived in two very different worlds.

The UI visiting instructor has experienced Armenia during the Soviet era and capitalist Iowa City — and he's transferred decades of life and culture from the former, using it while teaching at the latter in the UI Asian and Slavic languages and literature department.

For Vardanyan — a native of Yerevan, Armenia — a focus on the everyday use of Russian is most important. It shows in the way he leads his classrooms, consistently using poetry, media, and literature from his home country as examples.

"In language, it's absolutely important; it's a good way to organize dialogue," said Vardanyan, referring to his teaching method.

Born in 1957 in the then-Soviet-controlled capital of Yerevan, Vardanyan graduated from college at 23 but had to forgo his passion for teaching after he was drafted into the Soviet military to serve one and a half years.

By 1998 — and with years of teaching Russian and English on his résumé — he arrived at the UI campus to help write an Armenian civics textbook. He was hooked.

"That was the time that I really fell in love with Iowa," he said, leaning back in his chair at the UI Main Library, his Hawkeye cap resting nearby.

Vardanyan eventually returned in 2002 to work toward a master's degree in Teaching Russian as a Foreign Language, teaching in the classroom at the same time.

Jonathan Rosen, UI graduate student in actuarial science and a former student of Vardanyan's, said the 52-year-old integrated Russian life



UI Russian instructor Ashot Vardanyan looks at photographs in his Phillips Hall office on Jan. 28. Vardanyan, who was born and grew up in Armenia, came to the UI in 2002 to teach Russian.

Ashot Vardanyan

- **Age:** 52
- **Hometown:** Yerevan, Armenia
- **Enjoys:** Reading, politics, and swimming ("Even though Armenia is a waterless country.")
- **Drafted and served:** One and a half years in the Soviet military
- **Iowa City past:** Has been living and teaching here since 2002
- **Teaches:** Russian as a foreign language
- **Side job:** Freelance translator

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in the classroom.

"He's very enthusiastic and loves language," said Rosen. Vardanyan creates an immersive classroom, focused on conversation, Rosen said, and he even set up after-class meetings as casual get-togethers while speaking Russian.

Vardanyan's teaching eventually extended beyond the classroom. In 2003, his wife and daughter moved to Iowa City to



UI Russian instructor Ashot Vardanyan points to his home country of Armenia on a map in his Phillips Hall office on Jan. 28. The Yerevan, Armenia, native uses his experiences growing up in Armenia during the Soviet era in his teaching, and he says a focus on the everyday use of Russian is most important.

live with him. His daughter, Ani Vardanyan, didn't speak English at the time.

Ani Vardanyan said her father was a big help in teaching her to learn English, passing on his extensive knowledge of grammar and phonics.

Teaching in Iowa City has shown Ashot Vardanyan some differences in the education system.

While the Soviet system emphasized facts and knowledge, UI education focuses on critical thinking and creative learning, he said.

The UI instructor also noticed that while group work was limited in the Soviet system, it is apparent in Iowa City. Vardanyan said he saw students working and learning together all over campus.

So he's integrated that observation by planning real-life group work for his students, such as having them navigate downtown Iowa City with directions in Russian.

"Students have to practice in possible, real situations," he said.

METRO

UI seeks more early retirements

UI officials are looking to implement a second early retirement incentive program to save money if approved by the state Board of Regents on Thursday.

The first program, implemented in April 2009, is expected to save \$4.7 million annually for the general education fund and \$14 million universitywide.

Projected additional savings

from the second round are \$1 million for the general education fund and \$2 million overall.

The age of eligibility will be expanded by three years for the second program, lowering it to 55. Participants in the program would receive retirement and health benefits for five years.

The window for applications is between Feb. 15 and March 31, and participants must be fully retired by July 31.

— by Emily Busse

Free tax-return help offered

UI accounting students will provide free tax-return preparation to qualifying people, according to the UI's Tippie College of Business.

The service began Sunday; it will last through April 14.

Student tax preparers will be available at various times at the Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn St., Lucas Elementary, 830

Southlawn Drive, Northwest Junior High, 1507 Eighth St., Coralville, and Penn Elementary, 230 N. Dubuque St., North Liberty.

The service is a part of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program.

A full schedule and terms of eligibility can be found at www.biz.uiowa.edu/studorgs/bap/si/vita/locations.html or by e-mail at vita@uiowa.edu.

— by Danny Valentine

POLICE BLOTTER

Oladeji Akinniyi, 19, 100 Mayflower, was charged Jan. 30 with PAULA.

Mathieu Aspel, 21, Morris, Ill., was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Colin Blonker, 19, Crete, Neb., was charged Jan. 30 with PAULA.

Coy Broders, 26, 102 Clapp St., was charged Sunday with assault.

Joshua Conley, 25, 910 W. Benton St. Apt. 214, was charged Sunday with disorderly conduct.

Vernard Dillon, 49, 1100 Arthur St. Apt. F3, was charged Jan. 28 with assault.

Michael Fiorella, 21, 619 E. Burlington St. Apt. A, was charged Jan. 30 with public intoxication.

Michael Freund, 21, 505 E. Burlington St. Apt. 7C, was charged Jan. 30 with public intoxication.

Ann Garmager, 49, Coralville, was charged Jan. 30 with fifth-degree theft.

Erin Gardner, 20, 823 E. Burlington St., was charged Jan. 30 with PAULA.

Nicholas Giannini, 19, 160N Hillcrest, was charged Jan. 28 with public intoxication.

Mitchell Greiner, 21, Washington, Iowa, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Evan Hammond, 21, 2402 Bartelt Road Apt. 2A, was charged Sunday with disorderly conduct,

public intoxication, and interference with official acts.

Sara Hasenclever, 20, Fort Madison, Iowa, was charged Jan. 30 with PAULA.

Amy Jines, 23, 1100 Arthur St. Apt. 3, was charged Jan. 30 with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Aaron Kappell, 21, Blue Grass, Iowa, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Rebecca Karas, 20, 333 E. Church St. Apt. 8, was charged Jan. 20 with unlawful use of another's ID.

Daniel Kim, 21, 319 E. Court St. Apt. 8, was charged Jan. 30 with public intoxication and fifth-degree criminal mischief.

Jimmy Kruse, 48, address unknown, was charged Jan. 28 with criminal trespass.

Alexandra Krantz, 20, 522 N. Clinton St., was charged Jan. 30 with OWI.

Zachary Lenth, 18, Hiawatha, Iowa, was charged Jan. 30 with PAULA.

Jake Lerman, 18, 737 Rienow, was charged Sunday with PAULA and unlawful use of another's ID.

Michael McCann, 20, 612 E. Court St. Apt. 4, was charged Sunday with unlawful use of another's ID.

Christopher Moore, 22, Calumet

City, Ill., was charged Sunday with assault.

Benjamin Morrow, 19, 244 Hillcrest, was charged Jan. 30 with PAULA.

Benjamin Muhlenbruch, 20, 1421 Sycamore St., was charged Sunday with PAULA.

Jennifer Nelson, 19, 305 S. Summit St., was charged Jan. 30 with PAULA.

Daniel Ortiz, 23, Hanover Park, Ill., was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Bryan Patterson, 35, 1223 Arthur St., was charged Jan. 28 with driving while license is revoked.

Thomas Peal, 20, Cedar Rapids, was charged Jan. 30 with public intoxication.

Bianca Pucci, 20, 130 N. Linn St. Apt. 2421, was charged Jan. 30 with PAULA.

Jake Rashid, 22, 417 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 2311, was charged Jan. 30 with public intoxication.

Robert Redinger, 20, Washington, Iowa, was charged Jan. 30 with PAULA.

Adan Ruiz, 44, 1309 Second Ave., was charged Jan. 28 with OWI.

Jessica Scherer, 19, Batavia, Iowa, was charged Jan. 30 with PAULA.

Riley Schmitt, 18, 308A Mayflower, was charged Sunday with PAULA.

Alicia Schultz, 20, 333 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 2134, was charged Jan. 30 with unlawful use of another's ID.

Dillon Smith, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with unlawful use of another's ID.

Allison Spinello, 18, S332 Currier, was charged Jan. 28 with fourth-degree theft.

Alana Stegall, 20, 1905 Eighth St. Apt. 6, was charged Jan. 30 with assault.

Tiona Stroud, 20, 226 Blackfoot Trail, was charged Sunday with riot.

Charles Taffe, 20, Davenport, was charged Jan. 30 with public intoxication.

Kristin Tambling, 20, 522 N. Clinton St., was charged Jan. 30 with PAULA.

Jordan Thompson, 19, 1136 Dubuque St. Apt. 6, was charged Jan. 28 with keeping a disorderly house.

Kirsten Velinski, 21, 334 S. Dodge St., was charged Jan. 30 with public intoxication.

David Wenzel, 39, 817 E. Davenport St., was charged Jan. 30 with public intoxication.

Matthew Wolf, 19, 333 E. Church St., was charged Jan. 30 with PAULA.

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3. IC train plans derailed
4. Letters to the Editor
5. At UIHC, surgery goes robotic

METRO

Panel offers 3 sites for museum

The UI Museum of Art Envisioning Committee met Jan. 29 to discuss the report concerning the future of the facility.

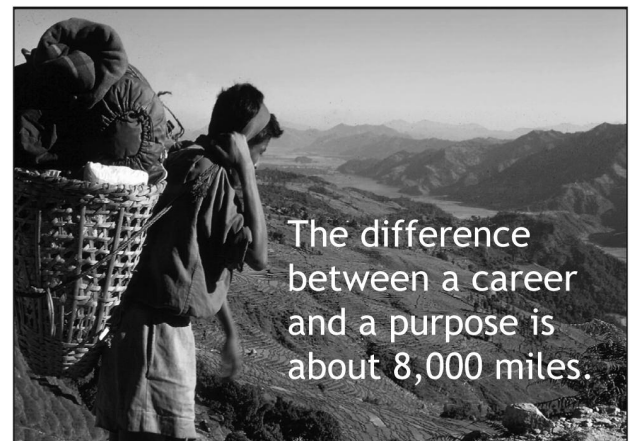
The committee suggested three specific sites for the relocation, but the UI will explore other locations in addition to those in the report. David Bright, a committee member, said the three specific sites are near the current IMU parking ramp and Halsey Hall, east of the Lindquist Center, and on Burlington Street near the Mill, 120 E. Burlington

St., which includes some privately owned land. A fourth location on the West Campus was eliminated because it was not consistent with the committee's goal of a more central location.

Rod Lehnertz, the director of Facilities Management' planning, design, and construction, the building could cost between \$40 million and \$50 million. How the funds will be raised has yet to be determined, but Lehnertz said a "vast" amount could come from donations.

The final report will be submitted to President Sally Mason on Tuesday for consideration.

— by Kellie Petersen



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O'DORISIO

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"I am most happy to be part of her efforts in treatment of children and adolescents with brain tumors because it is such an unexplored problem," he said.

And though the O'Dorisios both have time-consuming occupations, he said, they still find time to spend with each other though they're "working harder than ever." With 41 years of marriage and 30 years of experience in her field under her belt, Sue O'Dorisio works from 70 to 80 hours per week — between the laboratory researching cancer and the clinic treating patients.

She said it's difficult to separate the two aspects.

"In the clinic, I see what the disease does to children, and it makes me frustrated

about what we cannot do [to help them]," she said. "So I work harder in the lab."

Cameron Kenagy, 19, from Bloomfield, Iowa, saw O'Dorisio's hard work when he was first diagnosed with Ewing sarcoma — a kind of cancer in the bone or soft tissue — at age 10.

"Cancer didn't mean much to me at the time," he said. "My dad said I was going to get chemo, so I did."

But around two years later, Cameron's cancer came back.

O'Dorisio said after he was diagnosed for the second time, Cameron became one of the first patients with his type of cancer to undergo a bone-marrow transplant immediately after intense chemo therapy.

Cameron said O'Dorisio's outlook made him feel at ease during the many visits he paid to the clinic.

"Sometimes when I

would come up, I would feel worried, but Dr. O's positive attitude made me feel as if things were going to be OK," Cameron said.

O'Dorisio said: "Then, when things are over, I tell them how worried I was."

On Jan. 28, Cameron celebrated being cancer-free for five years with O'Dorisio.

"The best part of my job is when we give a child her or his life back," she said.

Her caring for patients is only part of the healing equation, she said.

The Dance Marathon volunteers who give their time to cancer patients and cancer research also have a part in the success of a patient, she said.

"When you spend time with kids, it gives them something else to think about besides doctors, medicine, and being sick," O'Dorisio said. "It gives them hope."

BANWARTH

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Once he enlisted with the organization, there was no stopping him.

"He's a very, very motivated person," said friend and fellow dancer Jordan Easton.

Indeed, as Banwarth's first "Big Event" — as Dance Marathon folks refer to the 24-hour dancing extravaganza —

approached, he didn't let a shortfall in his fundraising goal stop him. He simply pulled out his checkbook and donated the rest of the money himself.

The next year, Banwarth became a morale captain, something Easton said he was perfectly suited for.

"He's so easygoing and approachable," said Easton, the Dance Marathon special-events chairman. "He's always willing to help, and he can find the good in any type of person."

'I just try to pass on that inspiration and get that fire going.'

— Eric Banwarth, Morale director for Dance Marathon

Banwarth's job this year is to motivate 49 morale captains and keep them focused on the ultimate goal — attracting and retaining as many volunteers as possible by Feb. 5, the day the 24-hour final event kicks off at the IMU.

"I just try to pass on that inspiration and get that fire going," he said.

UI senior Betsy Webb, a morale captain, said he does the job well. From inspiring the captains to helping with day-to-day tasks, such as organizing, she said, Banwarth has been there every step of the way.

He said students such as Webb are one of the best parts of the experience.

"You're with people who have fallen in love with the same thing you have," he said.

Despite his passion for the group, he admitted some aspects of the experience are tough.

He recalled his first year at the event when his group went into the "Dancing in Our Hearts" room, dedicated to those children who have lost their fight with cancer.

"I was afraid," he recalled. "It's tough to hear about."

But the challenges and triumphs Banwarth has experienced over the past three years have changed him, he said. And he's not sure what he'll do without it after he graduates in May with a degree in management.

"I've been told that you find ways to take Dance Marathon with you," he said.

Marthon skyrockets

Once a 36-hour event, Dance Marathon has raised more than \$7.5 million in 15 years.

By KATHRYN STINSON
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Sheila Baldwin said there was a time when no one knew what he or she was getting into.

As one of the first UI Dance Marathon executive-committee members, she said, it was difficult to find participants to pledge to dance for the original 36-hour span.

"Many dancers considered quitting in the first few hours of the event," Baldwin wrote in an e-mail. "But as the weekend went on, a certain kind of magic began to develop ... It was truly unbelievable."

Her involvement in Dance Marathon hasn't ended since the group's 1995 birth. The 34-year-old serves as the UI Foundation's executive director of development for the UI Children's Hospitals, and she is an acting liaison to Dance Marathon.

Baldwin helped create Dance Marathon in her first year of college after coming to the UI looking for an activity that she was passionate about. After fighting pediatric cancer at the UI Hospital and Clinics for six years, Baldwin couldn't think of a better event to get involved in than Dance Marathon.

It was perfect timing — Baldwin came to the UI the

same year as students were organizing Dance Marathon.

In 1994, the national Children's Miracle Network approached the UI about becoming one of its first campus-based fundraising events.

At the same time, Mary Peterson, then an adviser in the Office of Student Life, had been in contact with a colleague from the Penn State Dance Marathon, THON — which had just celebrated 20 years of success.

Working on Penn State's model, Peterson and staff from the local Children's Miracle Network began planning for the first UI Dance Marathon.

After one year of organizing, the first-ever "Big Event" was held in April 1995. The event spanned 36 hours, raised \$31,000, and supported 26 pediatric cancer patient families, Baldwin said.

Since 2008, the event has raised at least \$1 million annually, and it draws thousands of dancers, volunteers, and supporters, she said.

To date, the group has raised more than \$7.5 million. Around 2,000 volunteer dancers participated in last year's "Big Event."

No one involved with the initial planning expected the event's explosive growth.

"The first year, we were just concerned about having

anyone left in the room when the event ended," Baldwin said. "We could have never imagined that regulations would need to be placed on the number of participants and visitors due to fire code."

Mary Schlapkohl, an advanced registered nurse practitioner in the pediatric oncology unit, said the UI Hospitals and Clinics staff were also shocked by the outpouring of participation and donations.

"I thought it would be this kind of funny event that would raise a little bit of money," the 48-year-old said. "I had no idea, no vision it was going to be so important to our families and division. It's crazy."

The size of the event continues to transform over time, but the organization's purpose to provide both financial and emotional support for cancer patients and their families hasn't changed.

Adam Blind, a former dancer and current board member for the Dance Marathon alumni group, said the families will always be the focus of the event.

"The money is great, but it's everything else that goes with it that they appreciate the most," he said. "It's the hospital visits and different trips they enjoy the most; it's another layer of patient care."

"The first year, we were just concerned about having

BUSINESS

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"More students are double- or triple-majoring or minoring just to make themselves more marketable because it's hard to get into the current marketplace," she said.

Though overall business numbers have not changed significantly, finance specifically has seen a slight decrease this year in relation to the growth it experienced over the last three years, said finance Professor Paul Weller.

Finance-department officials are planning an information session for pre-busi-

ness students considering finance within the next month to discuss the future of the job market, he said.

"My own view is that if you look ahead a year or two, this will probably be seen as a relatively temporary dip, that jobs in finance are likely to rebound relatively swiftly," Weller said.

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Point/Counterpoint

Should IC taxis be allowed to have electronic ads on their roofs?

Yes

On the docket for the Iowa City City Council's Tuesday meeting is an interesting inquiry: Five Stars Taxi is asking the council for permission to place electronic advertisements on the top of its vehicles.

The city, however, is concerned such a move would cause confusion in distinguishing taxis from emergency vehicles. The city's perturbation is unnecessary.

Honestly, if a driver or pedestrian mistook a taxi's advertisement for a police car or ambulance, the company would in no way be at fault. It's not the council's explicit duty to protect the eyesight — or recognition abilities — of citizens.

Also, an ordinance banning electronic advertisements connotes a lack of respect for free-enterprise marketing among local businesses. It's a tough market these days, and businesses must be given every opportunity to extend profit-making strategies to new outlets.

The council's crux disagreement with Five Stars' plan is that state law prohibits "flashing lights" on vehicles such as taxis; but there is no definition for "flashing lights." In addition, Iowa statute says nothing in regards to prohibiting scrolling messages.

Why should the council shut down the cab company's proposal when there's no mention of explicitly malicious intent to display flashing lights? As long as the cabs aren't flashing distracting messages, let them pursue their new advertising ideas. No harm will come of it.

If anything, an ordinance shooting down such advertisements would likely be passed off in the future as a reason to prevent disagreeable, commercially oriented aesthetics in the community. And the utopian dreams of a few community members should not outweigh the unalienable freedom of promoting one's enterprise goals — especially in the current economic state.

Don't worry, Dubuque Street is in no danger of becoming Times Square.

— by Michael Dale-Stein

No

The safety of Iowa City residents is of the utmost importance to the City Council.

Thus, when the councilors wish to block taxis from displaying electronic signs that flash lights, they are doing so because the risk does outweigh the benefits of such a proposal.

An Iowa City taxi company's ability to advertise on top of its cars with flashing lights would not meet safety standards. Flashing lights on public-safety vehicles has long been the method of choice for designating important government vehicles.

Allowing taxis the same function would open up the possibility for confusion and accidents, two scenarios the City Council just cannot support. Granted, mistaking an ambulance for a taxi cab is unusual. But we cannot assume the best and neglect the possible.

Cabs have long had ads affixed to their roofs, and that does not need to change in any way. But putting flashing lights on top of a vehicle could do more damage than good when establishing safety among drivers.

For example, a driver is moving down Clinton Street and comes across a taxi with a bright flashing light. Obviously distracted, the driver makes a wrong move and causes an accident, causing damage to either a person or property.

This situation may be farfetched to those individuals who can concretely distinguish between these two types of vehicles. However, given the current state of driving awareness — i.e. texting, talking on cell phones — it is not ridiculous to think this situation could occur.

Cabs provide an important function of safety to our citizens, allowing Iowa City residents to travel when impaired. But any embellishment to that notion, such as adding distracting advertisements, is superfluous and possibly detrimental to safe driving practices.

Because of these reasons, the City Council should pass a ban on flashing signs on taxi cabs.

— by Michael Davis

Your turn. Should IC taxis be allowed to have electronic ads on their roofs? Weigh in on dailyiowan.com.

Free market decline?



SIMEON TALLEY

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The annual World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, brings together a cadre of the world's rich, powerful, and über-influential to discuss the great issues of the day. True to form, this year's forum wasn't lacking the who's who of the global elite. Bill Clinton, Bill Gates, Nicolas Sarkozy, and George Soros — to name only a few — were participants this year. Opinions are wide-ranging, but there has historically been near unanimity on the merits of globalization and markets.

But this year's gathering was different and ended on a rather interesting note — uncertainty about the future of the economic order as it currently exists.

Sarkozy, in a speech on the opening day of the forum, called for "deep fundamental change" in the global economy and that the crisis we find ourselves in is not simply a crisis in globalization "but a crisis of globalization." Sarkozy's broad-based critique of ideological and dogmatic "zealotry" in free markets is a constant refrain. In this view the U.S. system sees the market as an end to be pursued and not a mean to achieve broader social goals.

Sarkozy is well-known for his antipathy toward American-fashioned economic "liberalism" and scowling mien. But, he's not the only one. Billionaire Soros — and even World Economic Forum Executive Chairman Klaus Schwab — are reported to have expressed similar thoughts. There seems to be a crisis of confidence brewing.

Davos sessions included "Rethinking Economic Progress," "Redesigning Capital Markets," and even "Rethinking Market Capitalism" and "Rethinking Values in the Post-Crisis World." Not since the Great Depression has an economic caused afflicted so much harm and challenged conventional thinking so fundamentally. What is different now is that, as we emerge out of the recession, the shape of the system is up for grabs. There are no "wise men" in Bretton Woods providing the architecture for this

world.

We're all aware that the world is changing, but exactly how we aren't so sure of. And the waxing of countries such as China and Brazil and possible waning of America complicates this further.

In my view, this is a positive development. Our world is seriously in need of a makeover. Legitimate critiques of the market system have typically been cast as fringe or outside the mainstream. The Great Recession that we find ourselves in provides us with an opportunity to think critically about our economic institutions.

And the free-market/government involvement debate isn't so far removed from the reality that youth face each day.

Sarkozy's point is and has been not that markets are inherently evil. Nor is he arguing that capitalism should be replaced. Rather, just as governments intervened to stave off disaster in this most recent crisis, it is also a responsibility of governments to intervene when the market doesn't produce socially desired results. Such as health care. Such as education.

It's this question — the proper balance between free markets and the role of government — that will continue to frame future debates. We are moving from an age in which markets were held supreme to a more pragmatic and conscience-driven one.

Even at Davos, a gathering of the world's bankers and financiers — those who contributed to the crisis we find ourselves in now — there is recognition that something must change. I know in some quarters of American political culture there is a reflexively anti-European attitude. But Europe can be instructive to us. Many European countries are able to coexist with open-market economies while providing broad social programs that lead to less economic inequality. Something for us in America to think about.

Last, the failures of our current economic thinking should cause us to think about better ways to address poverty and underdevelopment. The theme of the Davos conference was "Improve the State of the World: Rethink, Redesign, Rebuild."

And we must certainly do that. ■

Letter

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Keep fluoride in water

The Iowa City City Council is scheduled to hold hearings on March 22 on the possibility of eliminating fluoride from the city's water system. The Iowa Department of Public Health Bureau of Oral Health joins the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in urging the

retention of fluoride in the city water system.

Fluoride was first added to a public water system 65 years ago in Grand Rapids, Mich. In 1930, fluoride's oral-health benefits were discovered. Since that time, numerous scientific studies and comprehensive reviews have recognized fluoride as an important nutrient for strong, healthy teeth and as

a safe, cost-effective way to prevent tooth decay.

All residents of a community can enjoy its protective benefit simply by consuming foods and beverages prepared with fluoridated water. A person's income level or ability to receive routine dental care is not a barrier to receiving its health benefits.

Although significant progress has been made, fluoridation is still underused in many parts of

the country — only 27 states provide water fluoridation to more than 75 percent of the state's residents on public water systems. There are currently 245 public water systems in Iowa that adjust fluoride. The Iowa Public Health Department urges the Iowa City City Council to remain in that number.

Bob Russell

Iowa Department of Public Health

Guest opinion

UI has no qualms with legal, responsible drinking

By TOM ROCKLIN

Approximately a quarter of the undergraduates at the UI report having suffered physical injury as a result of their alcohol use within the last year. About half report blacking out, around a quarter had unprotected sex, and approximately 3 percent had sex without giving consent. That's only a sample of the many ways in which alcohol use harms our students.

I know some of you are thinking "Well, that's just part of college life." It is, and it isn't.

While blacking out, getting injured, having unprotected sex, and having sex without giving consent

(i.e., being raped) probably happen on every college campus, the best data we have suggest that they happen more than one-and-a-half times more commonly here at the UI than the national average.

But it doesn't have to be that way. The SoBar Experience (*The Daily Iowan*, Jan. 25) demonstrates something that I have always known — many students know how to have a good time while drinking responsibly or not drinking at all.

Here's a little-known fact: The UI has absolutely no objection to the legal, responsible use of alcohol.

Our goal has long been to protect the health and safety of our students. Too many of our students drink on too many occasions in ways that are too risky. Everything we do related to alcohol is designed to reduce those numbers and protect the health and safety of students.

The *DI* Editorial Board has described our approach as prohibition, and it's easy for me to understand why it sometimes looks as though we oppose all alcohol use by students. Indeed, there are some contexts in which we prohibit alcohol. For example, we don't allow alcohol in our residence halls

because the vast majority of the students living there are not old enough to drink legally. Allowing alcohol in that context would be inconsistent with the idea of responsible, legal use.

Our policy also generally prohibits student groups from having alcohol at activities that are attended by underage students. But this is a context in which it might be possible to provide the opportunity for safe, legal consumption. Last fall, I allowed, as an exception, OISG and Hawks Nest to offer beer for sale at a tailgate party in the IMU when the Hawks played at Ohio State.

The students made arrangements that persuaded me that whatever consumption took place would be legal and responsible. More than 200 people attended. Some had a beer or two; others chose to just enjoy the free nonalcoholic beverages. Except for the overtime loss on the field, it was a wonderful event.

I'm all for students having a good time, and I have no objection to alcohol being a part of that — so long as the alcohol is used responsibly and legally. Events such as the SoBar Experience and the Ohio State tailgate party demonstrate

students' ability to have a responsible relationship with alcohol and give me the evidence I need to continue to (slowly and cautiously) experiment with our policies.

The only way we are going to reduce the number of Hawkeye students hurt by their use of alcohol is by working together. If you have ideas for ways we can move the alcohol culture at the UI closer to the national norm, I would love to hear them. My e-mail address is thomas-rocklin@uiowa.edu, and I'm waiting to hear from you.

Tom Rocklin is the UI interim vice president for Student Services.



From the streets

An Iowa Writers' Workshop graduate returns to Iowa City to read from his new book, *Street Shadows: A Memoir of Race, Rebellion, and Redemption*.

By ALEX RICH
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Jerald Walker escaped his high-crime neighborhood on Chicago's South Side, came to the world-renown Iowa Writers' Workshop, and stayed for 10 years.

He and his wife still have strong feelings for the Iowa City area.

"If someone said we could move there tomorrow, we'd be packing tonight," Walker said.

Walker, an associate professor of English at Bridgewater State College, in Bridgewater, Mass., will read from his book *Street Shadows: A Memoir of Race, Rebellion, and Redemption* at 7 p.m. today at Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St.

It's been a hard and treacherous journey for Walker.

He had to fight poverty and addiction to get where he is today. He was born in the Chicago housing projects into a large family and to blind parents. A student of promise early in life, he found himself engulfed in crime and drug addiction by the age of 17.

"I would consider changing after a night of being too high and waking up hung-over," Walker said. "Criminal behavior and remorse were not enough to change me."

As a teen, he idolized his brother, Tim, a college student and math major. But Tim too, was drawn into the life of crime.

"Tim was a fantastic person, and he took me under his wing," Walker said, but added, "Tim kind of recruited me into the street life when I was a kid."



PUBLICITY PHOTO

Author and Writers' Workshop graduate Jerald Walker will read from his first nonfiction work tonight at Prairie Lights.

His life changed, however, when tragedy forced him to take stock of his situation.

"A friend of mine was murdered 30 minutes after I had seen him," he said. "The murder made me decide 'that's enough.' I stopped using drugs and drinking heavily."

He also had to cut ties with his brother.

Walker enrolled in college, and was drawn to creative writing. A teacher encouraged him to apply to the Writers' Workshop, and he began his literary life.

Street Shadows chronicles his life story; it is Walker's first attempt at a large nonfiction project.

"I had always written about my youth, so it was not unusual," he said. "But those were usually fictional short stories. My wife would read the fictional stories and ask why I didn't tell the truth."

Homecomings like Walker's have become a tradition for many graduates, said Cole Swensen, a faculty member in the Workshop.

"Prairie Lights is such a great supporter of literature, and students have a warm feeling for

READING
Jerald Walker
When: 7 p.m. today
Where: Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
Admission: Free

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- Jerald Walker, author

it," she said.

Meanwhile, Walker now looks to his students as his personal heroes, drawing on his own experiences to help them.

"A lot of these kids come from blue-collar backgrounds and have very difficult lives," Walker said. "Seeing these students fight for education is inspirational."

MOVIE REVIEW

Edge of incoherence

Mel Gibson returns to a starring role in the thriller *Edge of Darkness*.

By ALEX RICH
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One of Hollywood's most controversial figures, Mel Gibson, has been absent from major pictures since his anti-Semitic tirade during a DUI arrest in July 2006, but now he returns to the big screen in *Edge of Darkness*.

Gibson's career has simultaneously alienated audiences and brought them together through such pictures as *The Passion of the Christ* and *Apocalypto*. The latest, *Edge of Darkness*, is a slick crime thriller that ends up being too ambitious with its plot. Gibson's return to the screen falls flat because of script troubles and poor direction.

The film follows the story of Tom Craven (Gibson), a hard-nosed Boston homicide detective. Craven's daughter Emma (Bojana Novakovic), a Massachusetts Institute of Technology graduate and employee of a top-secret weapons conglomerate, comes to visit. Emma is suffering from

an unknown disease that causes her to vomit, and she tries to tell her father the secret to her sickness. However, before she can tell him, Craven rushes her out the door to get to the hospital, where the two are met by a lone gunman who fires a shotgun and kills Emma.

The audience members are then strapped in while they follow Craven's quest to find his daughter's murderer. The Boston police assumes the killer was seeking vengeance for an old case, but as Craven digs deeper, corporate and government forces, as well as the mysterious "fixer" Darius Jedburgh (Ray Winstone), try to obstruct his investigation.

The major problem with this film is how complicated the plot gets. Imagine trying to fit in an entire season of "The Sopranos" or "Lost" into a two-hour time slot, and that is what *Edge of Darkness* tries to do. The movie is based on a 1985 six-part serial for the BBC, and cutting from six to two hours is not an easy task for the writers, which explains the lack of character development. Craven remains flat, and maybe because of Gibson's past roles as an action hero, the audience doesn't expect anything but that stock player. The end result is a convoluted mess of a plot with no

clear message.

Critics can say what they want about Gibson's politics and religious views, as well as his performance in the classic *What Women Want*, but he chose a role he would fit. From his early days in *Mad Max* to the *Lethal Weapon* series, he has proven that he can play an intense hero along with the appropriate comic relief. This film is no different, and honestly, his performance is not that bad as a bereaved father and intense hunter.

The biggest disappointment in the film is director Martin Campbell (*GoldenEye*, *The Mask of Zorro*, and *Casino Royale*). Campbell should have focused on what he does best — big-budget action flicks without an overly complicated, confusing plot. The movie is filled with conspiracies ranging from private Blackwater-type security firms running the government to the manufacturing of nuclear "dirty bombs" by American companies, none of which are properly explored. However, Campbell does make a visually clean film — the cinematography is perfect for a slick thriller.

Although not a great picture by any stretch of the imagination, it will please the adrenaline junkies in the audience who are getting the shakes in the post-awards season.



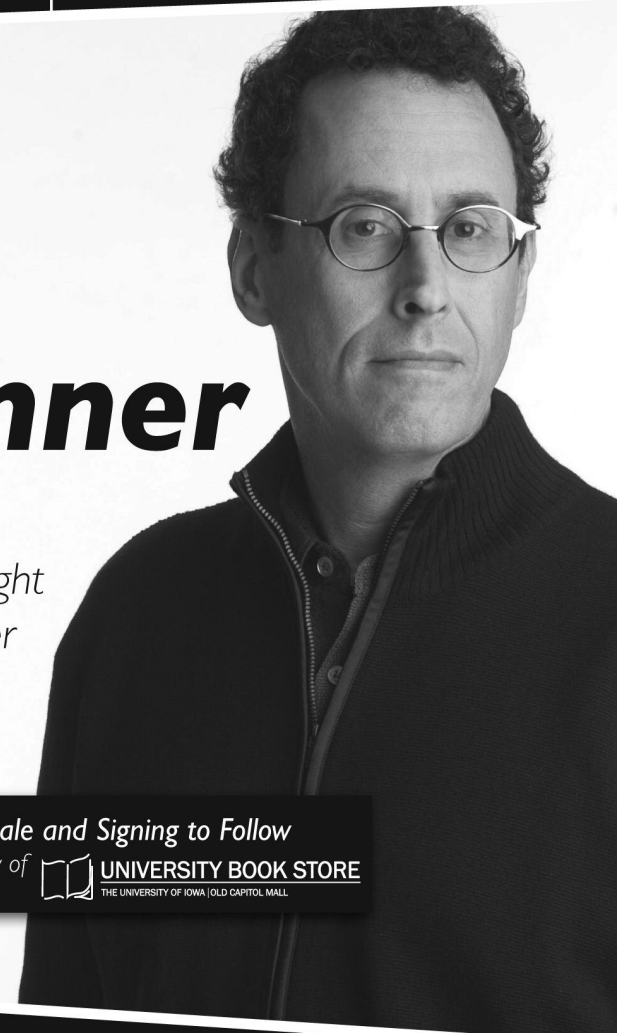
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- J.D. Salinger

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Sherlock Holmes Story OR Adult Film Classic?

1. The True Story of the Nun of Monza
2. The Private Afternoons of Pamela Mann
3. The Mystery of the Golden Lotus
4. The Adventure of the Illustrious Client
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6. Autobiography of a Flea
7. The Opening of Misty Beethoven
8. The Berlin Caper
9. The Adventure of the Creeping Man
10. The Adventure of the Stockbroker's Clerk
11. Naked Came the Stranger
12. The Dinner Party
13. The Adventure of the Three Students
14. Wild Goose Chase
15. The Adventure of the Noble Bachelor
16. The Adventure of the Red Circle
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18. Behind the Green Door
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20. The Adventure of Black Peter
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22. The Adventure of the Empty House
23. The Adventure of the Crooked Man
24. The Tiger of San Pedro
25. Pandora's Mirror
26. The Red-Headed League
27. The Man with the Twisted Lip
28. A Scandal in Bohemia

- Andrew R. Juhl gives you the answers. Holmes: 4, 9, 10, 13, 15, 16, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28; adult film classic: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 17, 18, 21, 25.

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Iowa City resident **Monica Bergers** sits at her **Gilbert Street** apartment on **Sunday**, writing her first novel. Bergers has been writing this novel, which is about the **Dust Bowl** in **Nebraska**, for five years.

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- by Eugenia Last

ARIES March 21-April 19 A lot can be accomplished if you concentrate on what's been asked of you and combine it with what will make your efforts most effective. You have to maintain your principles if you want to move forward positively and graciously.

TAURUS April 20-May 20 Get to know new people, and network all you can. Offers that can bring you greater recognition, wealth, and professional advancement will come to you unexpectedly. Don't let personal problems stand in your way.

GEMINI May 21-June 20 You may have some interesting ideas, but for the time being, keep the peace and try doing things according to the rules and regulations you've been given. An interesting change at home will help you to stabilize your personal life and future.

CANCER June 21-July 22 Stop talking; start doing. You have to be willing to go the extra mile if you want to draw other people into your plans. Don't pass up an opportunity to travel or experience a different lifestyle.

LEO July 23-Aug. 22 Don't let impulsive behavior lead to personal problems. Patience will be necessary if you want to keep the peace. If you can incorporate what others want into your plans, it will make a huge difference to the outcome.

VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Be willing to accept change and make the alterations necessary to move forward financially, personally, and in your relationships. If something or someone is holding you back, cut your losses and move on. Focus on business and learning.

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Keep your thoughts and feelings to yourself until you know exactly how you are going to handle the situation you face. Changes at home will come about if you allow arguments to develop. Offer and ask for help, and you will succeed.

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21 You may have to question what the people around you are doing. Don't give in to someone because you don't want confrontation. A change of plans will disrupt matters too much. Insist on everyone sticking to the agreed upon agenda.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Not everyone will be on your side. Before you enlist the help of others, find out where they stand. You don't need one of your insiders working against you. You may be tempted to travel, but make sure it's cost efficient.

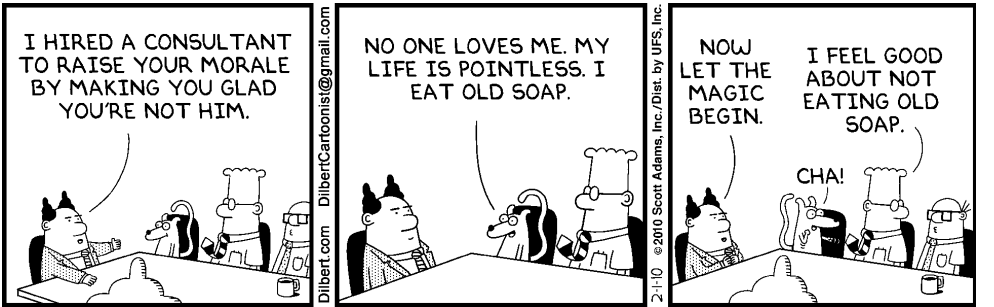
CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19 You can make some extra cash or get involved in an investment that will bring you higher returns. A solid offer will bring about an opportunity you hadn't anticipated. Act quickly, and you will enjoy plenty of benefits.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18 You will be back and forth regarding a personal relationship. Before you make a move, enlist the advice of someone you respect who has a lot more experience. Someone will want to invest in your future.

PISCES Feb. 19-March 20 Don't partner with someone who wants to call the shots. A disagreement with someone you work with, for, or are indebted to will leave you feeling empty. Listen, but do not let matters evolve to a situation that is irreversible.

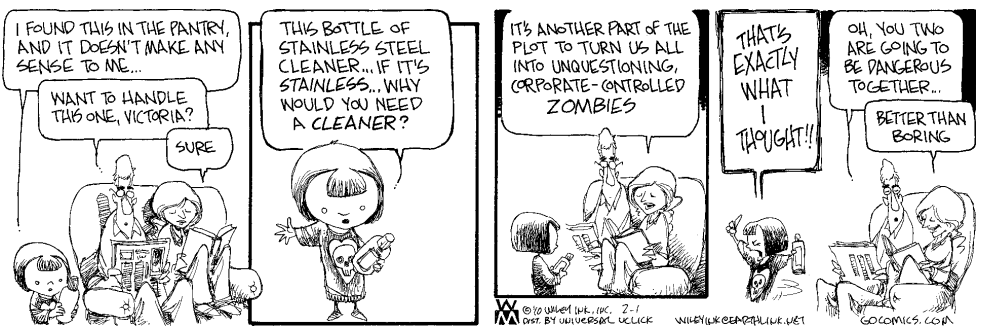
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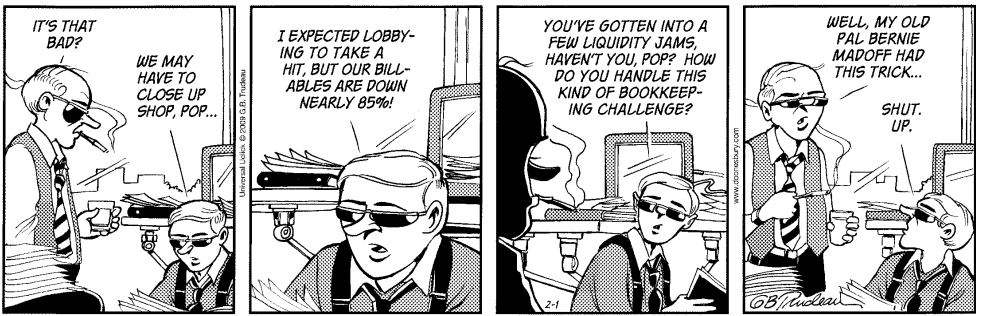
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today's events

- **Biochemistry Seminar Series**, "Charting the epigenetic landscape — from chemistry in action to genome-environment interactions," Andreas Ladurner, European Molecular Biology Laboratory, 9 a.m., 2177 Medical Education & Research Facility
- **Electronic Tax Filing**, 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn.
- **Toddler Story Time**, 10 a.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Chemistry Special Seminar**, "Exploring Polymer MALDI," Scott Hanton, Global Analytical Sciences, 12:30 p.m., W128 Chemistry Building
- **Nuclear and Particle Physics Seminar**, "Block spinning non-integer number of sites," Yuzhi "Luis" Liu, 1:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen Hall
- **Assisted Devices/Safety, Jane Gay**, Iowa Program for Assistive Technology, 2 p.m., Coralville Public Library Meeting Room A
- **H1N1 Vaccine Clinic**, 3-6 p.m. Twain Elementary School, 1355 Deforest Ave.
- **Physics and Astronomy Colloquium**, Condensed Matter Faculty Candidate, "Spin-related phenomena and many-body physics at the nanoscale," Luis

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- Dias da Silva, Oakridge National Laboratory, 3:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen Hall
- **Biology Seminar**, "Tuning Synaptic Growth Signaling by Endocytic Membrane Traffic: A Tale of Two Endosomes," Avital Rodal, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 4 p.m., 101 Biology Building East
- **Fit 4 Fun**, 4:30 p.m., Performance Health and Fitness, 3290 Ridgeway Drive, Coralville
- **Surgery Grand Rounds, "Rural Trauma," Kristen Sihler's**, 5 p.m., 1502 UIHC Coloton Pavilion
- **Free Pool**, 7 p.m., TCB Pool Hall, 114 E. College
- **Good Hair**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **"Live from Prairie Lights," Jerald Walker, nonfiction**, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Peace Corps Information Session**, 7 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Centre
- **Open Mike, with Jay Knight**, 8 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Mountains**, 9 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
- **Women in Trouble**, 9 p.m., Bijou
- **Blues Jam**, 9:30 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

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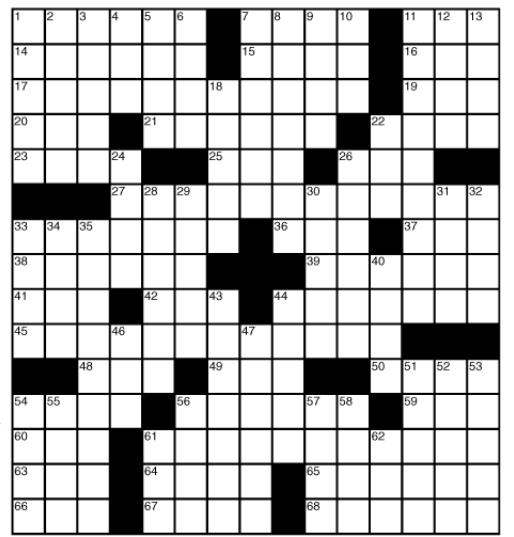
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- Across**
- 1 Actor Washington who once played Malcolm X
 - 7 Org. for women on the links
 - 11 Karl Marx's "Kapital"
 - 14 Mountain climber's tool
 - 15 Got ___ deal (was rooked)
 - 16 Mind reader's "gift"
 - 17 One word that precedes "pit," one that follows it
 - 19 Had a bite
 - 20 Antlered animal
 - 21 Grievances
 - 22 Cereal advertised with a "silly rabbit"
 - 23 "Slipped" backbone part
 - 25 "Don't tell ___ can't ...!"
 - 26 Sounds during medical checkups
 - 27 One word that precedes "key," one that follows it
 - 33 By eyesight
 - 36 Long-nosed fish
 - 37 Scottish refusal
 - 38 Infant bodysuit
 - 39 Countryish
 - 41 "Let's call ___ day"
 - 42 W.W. II female
 - 44 Pregelable morale builder
 - 45 One word that precedes "play," one that follows it
 - 48 Suffix with pont-
 - 49 Cartoonist Chast
 - 50 With 13-Down, "super power" glasses
 - 54 Ostrich or owl
 - 56 Buckaroo ___ (movie character)
 - 59 Plains tribe
 - 60 Insect with a queen
 - 61 One word that precedes "hard," one that follows it
 - 63 ___ bin ein Berliner
 - 64 Prepare cookies or chicken, e.g.
 - 65 Egyptian temple
 - 66 "Love ___ neighbor ..."
 - 67 ___-bitsy
 - 68 Evaluate

Down

- 1 Chopped into small cubes
- 2 Food-poisoning bacteria
- 3 Prominent giraffe parts
- 4 Ringo's drummer son
- 5 Test
- 6 NBC host Jay
- 7 Famed tar pits whose name is Spanish for "the tar"
- 8 Clipping, as shrubs
- 9 Guys' mates
- 10 Hole-making tool
- 11 Start of a Christmas letter
- 12 ___ Spumante (wine)
- 13 See 50-Across
- 18 Ventriiloquist's prop
- 22 However, informally
- 24 Singer Kristofferson
- 26 Sudden
- 28 ___ Kenobi of "Star Wars"
- 29 Fat substitute brand
- 30 Risk taker

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



- Across**
- 31 Train track part
 - 32 What a swabbie swabs
 - 33 Invalidate, as a check
 - 34 Fascinated by
 - 35 Fit for sailing
 - 40 Hellsin river
 - 43 Music store fixtures
 - 44 Order from Domino's
 - 46 Silent assent
 - 47 Braying animal
 - 51 TV sports broadcasting pioneer Arledge
 - 52 Book of maps
 - 53 "Sunny" egg parts
 - 54 Worms in a can, e.g.
 - 55 1/36 of a yard
 - 56 Gravy vessel
 - 57 Paul who wrote "My Way"
 - 58 Actress Lupino and others
 - 61 Slugger's stat
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INTRAMURALS

Cobras bite North

Globo Gym Purple Cobras prevail in an intramural season-opener.

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The Globo Gym Purple Cobras didn't have the start it was seeking in its intramural season-opener, but the players got the result they desired.

In what proved to be a tight contest, they emerged victorious over North on Sunday afternoon, 43-33.

Sloppiness was the theme of the matchup for the entire first half, which included frequent air balls and several turnovers by both clubs. But though the two teams came out somewhat rusty, both squads got back into the groove as the game went along.

The North players, who kept the game close until late in the second half, are thinking positively despite an opening loss.

"First competitive game in a while, so we were a little rusty," UI freshman Jeremiah Hagen said after his team's downfall. "Give us a few more games, and we'll definitely flow together."

He led North with 12 points, and team captain



UI freshman Kevin Smith (left) blocks Joe Vens during an intramural basketball game in the Field House on Sunday. The match between the Globo Gym Purple Cobras and North was one of many games kicking off the start of intramural basketball matches.

Kevin Smith, also a UI freshman, chipped in 10 points.

With a little under eight minutes remaining, North cut the deficit to five points at 28-23. But a combination of turnovers and poor fouls allowed the Purple Cobras to pull away, mounting a 10-point lead when the final buzzer sounded.

UI freshman Brian Bergman, who led the Purple Cobras with a game-high 14 points, is encouraged

after opening the season with a victory.

"At first, it was kind of rough," he said. "We all know we can play, so we just have to get used to each other as the season goes on."

Freshmen Adam Netwal, Joe Vens, and Blake Anderson, who scored 11, seven, and five points, respectively, also played well.

With the score 40-33 with 1:46 to go, North needed an extra push to pull closer, and

it attempted to create turnovers. However, the lead built by the Purple Cobras proved to be insurmountable.

Both teams' players praised each other for their efforts, and they hope to have some more good games for the remainder of the season. "They were a good team," Netwal said. "They caused some trouble defensively, but we turned it around."

Meanwhile, Hagen said one of the problems North had was the lack of depth, but he said that didn't affect the outcome.

"They hustled all the way," he said. "Playing the full 28 minutes can be tiring."

Like many of his teammates, Netwal was just happy to be back on the hardwood with the Purple Cobras, who look to improve to 2-0 when they take the court again on Feb. 14. The league will not have any Sunday afternoon contests next week because of the Super Bowl.

"It feels good to be out here," he said. "First time we played together, so we were a little off at first, but once we got in a groove, we played well."

3-point shootout marks opener

Gilbert's Safety Locks defeats Guess Which One's in the residence-hall men's intramural basketball opener.

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In what was the residence hall men's intramural basketball season-opener for both Guess Which One's and Gilbert's Safety Locks, a 3-point shooting spree broke out.

Led by UI freshman Zen Gatton's 17 points, Safety Locks came away with a 53-37 win over Guess Which.

Safety Locks performed well without a key player, Jerry Scherwin, who, Travis Dillavou said, was missing from action with a sprained ankle suffered during a pickup game at the Field House on Jan. 30.

Because of the injury, Scherwin was on the sidelines, running substitutions and coaching on crutches, doing what he could to keep the team focused.

During the course of the game, eight of the contest's 14 players made 3-point shots, and all but one player attempted a shot from beyond the arc.

The first half started out slowly with both teams looking sluggish, but hustle and fast breaks took over

around four minutes in.

Guess Which showed some effort in the first half with an impressive play. UI sophomore Jacob O'Leary rebounded a missed shot by Safety Locks and took the ball up the court. He passed to teammate Brian Olson in the corner, who followed with a quick pass inside to UI freshman Dugan Repass for a lay-up.

Despite this effort, Guess Which found itself trailing 28-16 at half.

Safety Locks took over in the beginning of the second half with Gatton, Seth Johnson, and Andrew Rachke each hitting 3s to move ahead by 15.

Repass, along with Chae Centeno and UI freshman Andy Kutcher, made up some of the deficit and Guess Which climbed to within 38-30, forcing Safety Locks to call a time-out.

Although things were looking up for Guess Which, it couldn't keep up with the shooters on Safety Locks.

Repass got physical to try to get the ball back near the end, but he fouled out in the game's final minutes. Safety Locks pulled away



Players for Guess Which One's (second from left and far right) and Gilbert's Safety Locks compete for a rebound on Sunday in the Field House. The game, the residence-hall opener for intramural basketball, ended with a win for Safety Locks, 53-37.

to end the game with great free-throw shooting from UI senior Bryan Koestner, who finished with 13 points.

"Win or lose, it's a good time, even if we lose by 20," Repass said after scoring 15 points in defeat. "[Fouling out] happened to me all of the time in high school, so I'm used to it. [The referees are] in charge, and I'm not going to argue with what they see, even if some of it is questionable."

Gilbert's Safety Locks is

named for NBA star Gilbert Arenas, who is serving a season-ending suspension stemming from a gun incident with Washington Wizard teammate Javaris Crittenton in December 2009.

After the successful opening performance, Gatton was upbeat about the season for Safety Locks.

"We definitely hope to make it to playoffs and improve by rebounding better and playing more pickup games," he said.

Men's swimming sweeps three

Iowa men's swimming and diving win a meet in which every point mattered.

By **PATRICK RAFFERTY**
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To say that every point counted would almost be an understatement.

Traveling back from South Bend, Ind., following a victory at the Shamrock Invitational, the Iowa men's swimming and diving team is now 9-1.

Earning the three wins this past weekend wasn't easy. Iowa handled host team Notre Dame, 197-171, as well as Denver, 236-125. After attempting for two days to hold off Missouri, the Hawkeyes experienced some déjà vu.

During their previous meet, at Northwestern on Jan. 23, the Hawkeyes mounted a huge comeback to gain the victory. This meet had a similar story.

With Iowa and Missouri almost tied on Jan. 30, the Hawkeyes did some of their most polished swimming of the season. In the third to last event of the day, junior Sean Hagan took second place in the 200 breaststroke (2:05.39). Hagan edged out Missouri's Yaniv

Shnaider, who finished third, keeping the score close.

"Before the two-breast, we knew we needed a win out of it to have a chance for the rest of the meet," Hagan said. "I did my best, and we ended up pulling out a win against Missouri. We had scored in it earlier in the meet, and we knew that we needed to score in each event to get points. Winning the event kind of made the difference."

Iowa head coach Marc Long said Hagan and the team really stepped it up. He was inspired by his squad's performance with the season nearing a conclusion.

"We had some very good performances," Long said. "I'm excited to get out of here with three wins against quality opponents. It was what we were looking for, hard, gutsy racing."

"You talk about one point counting over a two-day, three-session meet, it really did. I was proud of how they stepped up. It came down to the last relay, and I'm real confident in our relays. We came away with

the victory, and the victory in the whole meet."

After Hagan handled his race, Missouri placed third in following race, and Iowa didn't score. Again, the Hawkeyes had a problem: The needed a first-place finish in the 400 relay to secure the victory.

"Right before the last race, we found out it was coming down to the relay," Hagan said. "We were pretty confident. We were actually doing really well in the 100 freestyle, and we just knew if we got a win, there would be a good chance for us. Luckily, it came down to that. You got to do what you got to do to win."

Iowa has been relying on its relay races to come up big. Long said the coaches really try to preach the term "racing" — racing the opponent rather than the clock. He said if the Hawks race the field, "times will follow."

Fortunately for the Hawkeyes, the relay team of sophomores Paul Gordon, Duncan Partridge, freshman Jordan Huff, and junior Ryan Phelan was

ready to race. They ended up winning the last race (2:59.68) and beating Missouri, 184.5-183.5.

"One thing we're really working on as a team is the depth, and that's something that in relays you can't hide if you don't have a deep team," Gordon said. "It's the easiest way to score points at the Big Tens, and the team aspect is the thing we focused on most this season."

With only one dual meet left in the season, Iowa knows now is the time to be swimming its best. With another solid victory, the Hawkeyes are hoping to carry the momentum into their final home meet Feb. 5 against Western Illinois and into the Big Ten championships.

"That's the big picture, the Big Tens," Long said. "We felt this would prepare us with our racing this time of year, in events we don't always get to swim in dual-meet formats. We're excited about the opportunities we had here and how we feel it prepared us for Big Tens, and that is clearly the next step for our program."

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Wolverines sink Hawkeyes early

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Against Ohio State, the Iowa men's basketball team failed to finish. On Jan. 30 against Michigan, the Hawkeyes' poor start sealed their fate in a 60-46 loss to the Wolverines in Crisler Arena in Ann Arbor, Mich.

The defeat dropped Iowa to 8-14 overall, and the Hawkeyes now sit at the halfway point in the Big Ten portion of their schedule with a 2-7 conference mark.

Michigan immediately jumped out to a 13-0 lead before Eric May sank two free throws at the 13:10 mark for the Hawkeyes' first points of the contest.

"They were just way tougher than us in this game," sophomore Aaron Fuller said during a postgame radio interview.

The Wolverines continued to dominate at both ends of the floor, and the Hawkeyes continued to struggle. Although the halftime deficit was only 12 points for Iowa, the Hawkeyes shot an abysmal 21 percent from the field in the first half.

While Iowa had nothing go its way, Michigan received significant contributions from its two best players. Senior forward DeShawn Sims owned the inside, posting 20 points and 12 rebounds to lead the way for the Wolverines. Junior Manny Harris also emerged with 20 points for Michigan.

In fact, the duo of Sims and Harris alone outscored Iowa in the first half, 18-17.

"Let's be quite honest: We're only good if we do the non-skill things, if we block out," Iowa head coach Todd Lickliter said during a postgame radio interview. "Well, they get 19 offensive rebounds. We turn around and try to out-jump them. We haven't been doing that. But I guess I didn't emphasize it enough."

The second half of the contest showed more of an effort from Iowa. After committing three fouls and being a non-factor in the first 20 minutes, Fuller emerged in the second half and wound up leading the Hawkeyes in both scoring and rebounding with 16 points and eight boards.

But like everyone else, this defeat left a bitter

taste in the Mesa, Ariz., native's mouth.

"We got to definitely play tougher because this game was not us," he said.

Iowa will return to action on Wednesday at home when it faces Illinois. The Fighting Illini come to Carver-Hawkeye Arena on a two-game winning streak and possess a 6-3 Big Ten record.

One thing is clear — in order for the Hawkeyes to have any chance against Illinois, the effort has to improve immensely.

"We can't think that there isn't a team we can't beat, but I got to tell you, there's not a team where we can just show up and win. There's nobody in the Big Ten like that," Lickliter said. "There's nothing wrong with that. What's wrong with having to prepare well, work hard, and earn a victory? That's the good part of it."

"We got to make adjustments, and I got to do my part. I'm not blaming the guys for everything. I got to do my part."

Michigan too much for men gymnasts

By **CLARK CAHILL**
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It wasn't really much of a contest.

The No. 9 Iowa men's gymnastics team discovered why Michigan is ranked second in the nation and was the pre-season pick to win the Big Ten after falling to the Wolverines, 352.45-340.00, on Jan. 30.

The Hawkeyes started the night on the floor exercise, the team's best event, and posted 58.35, led by junior Ben Ketelsen's 15.10.

Michigan began the competition on the pommel horse, posting a 57.55 behind a sweep of the top three spots led by junior Chris Cameron's winning total of 14.95.

The slim lead over the Wolverines after one rotation was the only one the Hawkeyes saw the rest of the night as Michigan began to display its dominance.

In the second rotation, the Hawkeyes' season-long struggles on the

pommel horse continued; sophomore Jacob Swafford was the only Iowa competitor to post a top-five score in the event with a season-best 13.85.

Senior captain Jon Buese said the team's struggles on pommel horse have been frustrating.

"We make the routines in practice, but it just isn't translating in the competitions," he said.

The Wolverines struggled a bit on the floor exercise and only posted 57.05 in the event, making it the only event the Hawkeyes would win on the night.

Even after winning the floor exercise, Iowa found itself down 114.80-111.40 after two rotations.

The Hawkeyes were led by freshman Matt McGrath on the rings (14.50), but the talent of Michigan began to show — McGrath's score was only good enough for fourth place. The Wolverines took the rings, 58.95-57.60.

Iowa got some solid contributions on the vault from

Buese (15.75) and Ketelsen (15.45), who took second and third place.

After four rotations, Michigan separated itself some more, 235.65-229.95.

The Wolverines took complete command over the Hawkeyes in the parallel bars and high-bar routines.

"We did have a lot of guys get their season-high totals for some events, so that was good, but we were a little short of where I would like to be," Iowa head coach Tom Dunn said.

Buese quietly put together a solid score in the all-around with a season-best 84.85. Michigan junior Thomas Kelley took the all-around crown in his first appearance in all six events with a score of 85.90.

Iowa will return to competition Feb. 6 when it travels to face Illinois-Chicago. The Hawkeyes will be without Buese and Ketelsen, however; the two will compete in individual events at the Winter Cup in Las Vegas.

Simbhudas shines, but GymHawks fall to Illini

Iowa gymnast Rebecca Simbhudas wins the all-around title by placing first in all four events.

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Rebecca Simbhudas may never forget her performance on Jan. 30.

The junior GymHawk dazzled people inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena, finishing in at least a tie in all four events to capture the all-around title with a 39.400 score.

Her dominant individual performance wasn't enough to help the Hawkeyes defeat Illinois, though, and Iowa dropped the dual meet, 195.225-192.950.

"It feels great because all of the hard work I've been doing in practice really showed," Simbhudas said. "I was really pleased about it."

The native of Markham, Ontario, scored a 9.850 both on the vault and uneven bars, then hit a 9.875 on the balance beam and finished her night by tallying a 9.825 on the floor exercise — claiming first place in vault while tying in the other three events.

Simbhudas said she used her struggles during the Hawkeyes' first three meets as motivation for tougher practices. The third-year gymnast said she felt nothing out of the ordinary before the meet began.

Iowa head coach Larissa Libby said the coaching staff had talked to Simbhudas about keeping calm during meets.

"She took a lot of it to heart and practiced very, very hard this week on some of the things that get her frustrated in competition and re-evaluated where she is mentally," Libby said.

Satisfied with all four of her routines, Simbhudas said, losing the dual disappointed her more than anything.

Meanwhile, sophomore and fellow all-arounder Jessa Hansen was more than proud of Simbhudas' performance.

"She was just dead-on every event throughout the whole night," Hansen said. "She stuck her vault, and then it just like escalated from there."

Libby said being an all-arounder puts pressure on a gymnast to carry a team. But now that Simbhudas has set the bar high, more will be

expected of her in the future.

"There's no question that she's a great gymnast," Libby said. "I expect that when Rebecca hits that she's probably going to win a lot of meets. ... She is capable of perfection."

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know it doesn't entitle me to anything," he said. "You know, if I wrestle him again in March in the national finals, this win doesn't mean anything. I'm taking it for

what it is, and it's a step in the right direction."

His teammates seem to be emphatically striding alongside him as well.

The Hawkeyes tallied four shutouts and didn't allow a Michigan State takedown until the 197-pound bout, when Spartan sophomore Tyler Dickenson took a 3-2 lead 1:46 into

the first period.

Iowa redshirt freshman Matt McDonough (125) and two-time defending Big Ten champion Brent Metcalf (149) posted pins to remained undefeated on the season.

McDonough held a 4-1 advantage over Michigan State freshman Brennan Lyon before sticking the Spartan's shoulders to the

mat with eight seconds left in the first period. Two matches later, Metcalf secured his fall in 3:37 after going ahead, 7-2.

"That calmness ... that's what we need to keep working on," Iowa head coach Tom Brands said. "He's starting to put it all together now, and that's a Metcalf we like to see."

The Iowa coaches also saw top-ranked 174-pound senior Jay Borschel effortlessly sustain his unblemished record, improving to 23-0 overall with an 8-0 major decision against sophomore Ian Hinton.

Sophomore 141-pounder Montell Marion and senior 184-pounder Phillip Keddy rebounded from their sur-

prising losses against Penn State on Jan. 29 — signs that the Hawkeyes aren't taking their seemingly inferior opponents for granted.

"They want to beat us," McDonough said. "They're going to give us their best shot, and you have to be ready no matter who your opponent is."

FANS

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It's surprising that for a campus so determined to outshine its in-state rival, Iowa can fall so flat in this category. I hear excuses all the time about why people don't want to go to a women's game (none of which are ever justified).

But if Iowa State can bring in that many people, why can't Iowa?

When I asked freshman Gabby Machado about playing in front of a home crowd, she spoke of how it can be reassuring to feel support.

"In high school, our games were just packed," the Pontiac, Mich., native said. "If I see other people are

cheering for us and have confidence in us, we should have confidence in ourselves."

With Iowa's thumping of Purdue (which upset Ohio State earlier this week), the Hawkeyes are slowly climbing up the Big Ten standings, despite losing three players for the season to injuries.

While it's unlikely any team will catch the Buckeyes, Iowa might

still have a chance to make some noise. The Hawkeyes have jumped from ninth place to seventh with a current three-game winning streak. The way the squad has overcome adversity and continues to battle is something that should be rewarded instead of ignored.

I can't think of a better way to start than with the fans.

BASKETBALL

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and sophomore Kamille Wahlin both scored 11.

Iowa enjoyed the lopsided victory despite shooting just 23.8 percent

on 3-pointers. However, the Hawkeyes out-rebounded the Boilermakers, 49-35.

"It's nice to see some other parts of our game shine tonight," Bluder said. "That's what's going to happen for us to be a good basketball team. We're going to have to

have that complete game." Johnson also collected 11 rebounds, and Alexander grabbed 10, giving both players double-doubles. The last time two Hawkeyes posted double-doubles in the same game with points and rebounds was in a 91-82 win at Creighton on Dec. 10, 2004.

Krista VandeVenter posted 19 points and 14 boards, and Jamie Cavey scored 20 and handled 10 caroms.

The Hawkeyes return to action on Thursday when they meet the fourth-ranked Ohio State Buckeyes (21-3, 9-2) in Columbus.

COMMENTARY

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sweeping sound of the cleaning crew's brooms.

I've tried to avoid noting how dominant the Hawkeyes are after every meet, because they routinely administer a butt-kicking whenever an opponent is foolish enough to show up.

Somehow, though, I've written more commentaries about how dominant the wrestlers are than the Iowa basketball team has double-digit scorers.

This team enters the arena, hands out a beating, then walks away as if it's an everyday occurrence (which, as I've established, it practically is).

The latest display featured pins by red-shirt freshman Matt McDonough and Metcalf. Both grapplers sit at 24-0 on the season. McDonough sports a No. 4 ranking, and Metcalf tops the 149-pound weight class.

But the biggest story of the day was the 133-pound match.

Daniel Dennis faced defending national champion Franklin Gomez, and a more exciting match would be hard to come by.

Dennis fell one second short of securing a riding time advantage that would have given him a win in regulation. So overtime ensued

with the score tied. Then it went into a tie-breaker.

Dennis started down and scored an escape in the first 30-second period. The Ingleside, Ill., native rode Gomez for the entire second tiebreaker period as 7,120 fans stood, cheering.

The Hawkeye senior later played down the win, saying he still hasn't accomplished what he wants. But this victory is one giant step on the road to achieving the end result Dennis craves.

While his win individ-

ually wasn't dominating, it was part of Iowa's clean sweep at all 10 weight classes — the sixth time the Hawkeyes have shut out an opponent this season.

The Spartans ultimately were just another casualty in Iowa's quest for (wrestling) world supremacy.

Though unmatched, question marks still remain for the top-ranked wrestlers.

Can Montell Marion capitalize on his obvious immense talent at 141 to

become a threat to the crown? Will Aaron Janssen or Jake Kerr emerge to solidify 157 pounds and continue to be serviceable? Can Chad Beatty continue to be a top-ranked 197-pounder when he eventually returns from injury?

But among the myriad of questions is one certainty: There is one road to Omaha and the national championship, and it runs through the Dan Gable Wrestling Complex.

But then again, I'm sure you've heard that already before.

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BASKETBALL

Hummel leads No. 10 Purdue past Penn State

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — Robbie Hummel scored 23 points to help No. 10 Purdue beat Penn State, 66-46, Sunday for its fourth-straight win.

Hummel made four 3-pointers and had six rebounds. JaJuan Johnson scored 13 points, and E'Twaun Moore added 12 for the Boilermakers (18-3, 6-3 Big Ten), who have returned to early season form after a three-game losing streak in mid-January.

Talor Battle scored 13 points, David Jackson scored 11, and Bill Edwards had 10 points and 13 rebounds for Penn State (8-13, 0-9).

It was the ninth-straight loss for the Nittany Lions.

Purdue, which has allowed under 60 points in three-straight games, held the Nittany Lions to 31 percent shooting and surrendered its second-lowest point total of the season. The Boilermakers shot 46 percent and committed just six turnovers.

The score was close throughout the early part of the first half, but Purdue held Penn State without a field goal for seven minutes to take a 25-17 lead before the Nittany Lions made it 28-26 at halftime.

Hummel opened the second half with a 3-pointer, then made another 3, was fouled and converted a four-point play to give the Boilermakers a 35-26 lead two minutes into the half. Those buckets were part of a 13-0 run that gave Purdue a 41-26 lead.

Ohio State handles Minnesota

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Ohio State honored its 1960 national championship team, then the current Buckeyes showed they could play a little, too.

William Buford scored a career-high 26 points, and Evan Turner and Jon Diebler each had 19 points to lead the 20th-ranked Buckeyes past Minnesota, 85-63, Sunday for their fifth win in six games.

The Buckeyes (16-6, 6-3 Big Ten) shot 63 percent against Minnesota (13-8, 4-5), which came in leading the conference by limiting opponents to just 38.6 percent.

Rodney Williams had 13 points, Ralph Sampson III had 11, and Damian Johnson and Blake Hoffarber each had 10 to lead the Golden Gophers.

The 1960 national championship squad led by Jerry Lucas and John Havlicek was honored at halftime. That team beat California, 75-55, for the school's only national title in basketball.

Against Minnesota, this year's Buckeyes shot 73 percent from the field in the opening half to build a 49-35 lead and never looked back.

There was no clear, lopsided run that powered the Buckeyes to the big lead. They just slowly pulled away, playing patiently on offense and getting points off their cloying, trapping defense.

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Wrestlers roll over Spartans



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Iowa 133-pounder Daniel Dennis takes down Michigan State's Franklin Gomez in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Sunday. Dennis defeated the 2009 NCAA champion in overtime, 3-2.

Senior Daniel Dennis upset No. 1 133-pounder Franklin Gomez in Iowa's 37-0 win over Michigan State on Sunday night.

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Technically, Daniel Dennis knows he didn't wrestle the best match of his collegiate career Sunday night.

He knows his 3-2 overtime upset against top-ranked 133-pounder Franklin Gomez in Carver-Hawkeye Arena didn't win him any style points.

But Dennis only needed one point in overtime to ignite 7,120 fans and help No. 1 Iowa extend its dual-meet winning streak to 56 with a 37-0 rout against Michigan State.

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While scrambling for an escape early in the third period, Dennis rolled into a reversal for a 2-1 advantage and looked to secure the win over Gomez by riding out the period.

But Gomez tied the match, 2-2, on an escape with 13 seconds remaining in regulation — a Houdini-esque feat that sent the match into overtime and kept Dennis from amassing enough

riding time to earn a match-clinching riding time point.

The All-American matchup ended with a 30-second ride by Dennis in the final tiebreaker period.

Now 2-0 against Gomez since taking over Iowa's starting spot at 133 last season, Dennis said defeating a defending national champion a month-and-a-half before the NCAA championships holds little importance in his eyes.

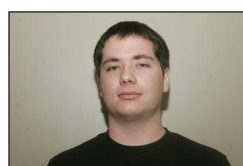
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Hawks grind on

The Iowa wrestling team shows it isn't to be messed with.



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The No. 1 Iowa wrestling team dismantled Michigan State on Sunday in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. I know, I'm surprised, too.

This Hawkeye squad lacks the toughness of a typical Tom Brands team ... Oh, who am I kidding?

Coming into the season, I thought it would be easy to write about the 10-man wrecking crew that won the last two national titles and treats opponents like Kimbo Slice treats his staged street fights.

But instead I find myself sitting in press row, engulfed by the

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Women hoopsters stun Boilermakers

A 19-1 game-opening run powered the team to a 70-50 triumph.

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Even though the Iowa women's basketball team includes nine underclassmen, every player already has a diploma.

Prior to the Hawkeyes' game at Illinois on Jan. 21, head coach Lisa Bluder and her assistants bestowed each of their players, including junior Kachine Alexander, with a Bachelor of Science in basketball.

"Coach Bluder came in with this whole outfit, hat, gown, everything. It was probably the funniest thing ever," Alexander said. "After that, we just kind of had a stress relief. Everything just melted away. Then we played very well at Illinois and kept rolling from there."

Apparently the ceremony's timing was appropriate.

Since then, Iowa (11-10, 4-6 Big Ten) has reeled off three-straight wins — the latest of which was a 70-50 drubbing of Purdue (11-11, 6-5) on Sunday in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Alexander and freshman Morgan Johnson led the way for the Hawkeyes, each scoring 16 points.

The mock graduation ceremony wasn't the first time the 10th-year head coach has resorted to creative tactics to motivate



RYAN MILLER/THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa women's basketball team celebrates after a 70-50 win over Purdue in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Sunday. Iowa improved to a 11-10 record on the season.

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Check out a photo slide show from the Iowa women's basketball team's game against Purdue on Sunday.



her squad.

Two seasons ago, Bluder assigned her players homework. Each player had to write about her strengths as a player. That exercise was also successful — Iowa's next game was an 87-43 victory over Northern Illinois on Dec. 8, 2007.

Bluder said those types of tactics help "keep it light."

The graduation ceremony in particular helped them create the images "that they didn't have to play like freshmen anymore. They didn't have to play like sophomores anymore. That they needed to grow up."

Iowa was just two weeks removed from a catastrophic 81-59 defeat at the hands of Sharon Versyp's Boilermakers in West Lafayette, Ind., on Jan. 17. On Sunday, Purdue was

the team shocked from the game's opening tip.

Much like the 24-8 run Purdue started Jan. 17's game with, Sunday's contest saw the Hawkeyes grab a 19-1 lead in the game's first 7:22.

"[It was the] exact same type of game. Role reversal," Versyp said. "Everything they needed to do to win the game, they brought it today."

A K.K. Houser lay-up for Purdue cut Iowa's lead to eight points with 13:45 left in the second half. Not even four minutes after that bucket, the Hawkeye lead had expanded to 17 points.

Five different Hawkeyes scored during Iowa's 19-1 game-opening run. Balanced scoring remained a key, and Bluder received double-digit scoring from five different players. In addition to Alexander and Johnson, freshman Jaime Printy totaled 12 points, and freshman Gabby Machado

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Still looking for all the fans

Despite a turbulent season, more fans should support the Iowa women's basketball team at home.



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A good crowd can make all the difference.

An impressive turnout of 7,737 attendees came out to watch the Iowa women's basketball team take on Purdue in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Sunday.

It was the largest crowd of the season, and it comes on the brink of the 25th anniversary of the Ohio State-Iowa women's basketball sell-out game of 1985, in which a record 22,157 packed into Carver-Hawkeye Arena to watch the contest.

Perhaps it isn't really surprising who the Hawkeyes' biggest supporters were during Sunday's game — young girls. The game was promoted as "Girl Scouts Day" and allowed Girl Scouts and their troop leaders to get in for just \$1. It was an ideal marketing strategy and, considering the Hawkeyes' 70-50 crushing of the

Boilermakers on Sunday, a good move.

Every time a Purdue player stepped up to the free-throw line, chants of "thin mints" could be heard echoing throughout (thanks in part to the master plan of Abby Emmert, the director of basketball operations). It was probably one of the more adorable sports moments I've ever been a part of and possibly the cleverest.

After all, the Boilermakers only went 10-of-24 from the charity stripe.

Who knew that little girls could be so vivacious?

"It took me out of the game, so I know it was tough for the shooters," junior Kachine Alexander said. "I was like 'Wait, what are they saying?'"

Despite the sizable turnout, it still pales in comparison to what the Iowa State women's basketball team draws. During the Cy-Hawk game on Dec. 10, 2009, the Cyclones had an impressive 12,244 in attendance at Hilton Coliseum. And that was in bad weather.

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