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## Bill takes aim at student debt

It could help limit student debt, some say.

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UI students will soon have to sift through a heftier process to carry a plastic card.

Starting Feb. 22, students under 21 will be required to have a cosigner or show proof that they can independently take responsibility for any debt when applying for a credit card.

The Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act aims to protect young adults from entering the dark world of credit-card debt, according to a release from the White House.

UI senior Kristine Wozniak said she supports the act and wishes it had been implemented a year ago, which would have eased her debt woes.

"If I hadn't been able to apply for a credit card without a parent or cosigner, I wouldn't be so stressed out right now," she said.

Locally, representatives from the UI Community Credit Union see the bill as a positive change to enforce credit-card responsibility among young users.

"If students don't use credit cards responsibly, they can be stuck in debt for a long time," Jim Kelly, the senior vice president of marketing at UI Credit Union,

SEE CARDS, 3

## Super pizza delivery bowl

Delivery drivers put in extra work during the busiest day of the year.

By **MITCHELL SCHMIDT**  
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It was calm at the moment, but everyone knew it would change soon.

Around an hour before the Colts and Saints met in the Super Bowl on Sunday, in one of the most viewed sports events each year, the employees at Pizza Pit knew they wouldn't see a minute of it.

While millions of Americans cozied up in their La-Z-Boy's and ordered pizza, thousands of pizzeria employees prepared to dish out their pies.

"It's pretty crazy," said Alex Clewell, a delivery driver at Pizza Pit, 214 E. Market St. "It's a little overwhelming."

Clewell, a UI junior and communications major who has worked at the local pizzeria for more than a year, admitted that the Super Bowl can add more pressure to the sometimes stressful job.

The typical American pizza store sees business spike around 35 percent on Super Bowl Sunday, according to trade publication *Pizza Today*. Local pizzerias said they couldn't estimate how many pies they sold Sunday evening.

SEE PIZZA, 3

### DANCE MARATHON 2010



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN



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Above: Benny Barnard dances with Jeff Roeske and other Dance Marathon participants at 2:19 p.m. on Feb. 6 in the IMU Main Lounge. Benny, who is 5-years-old, participated in his second Dance Marathon.

Top: UI sophomore Aleshia Varner reads messages from fellow Dance Marathon volunteers at 5:15 a.m. on Feb. 6. Varner has participated in Dance Marathon for two years.

## FEELING LIKE A MILLION

Despite a limping economy, Dance Marathon achieves its third million dollar year.

By **MICHELLE HILLENBRAND** and **ADAM B SULLIVAN**  
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Another year, another record. Tired and sweaty, hundreds of Dance Marathon participants crowded into the IMU Main Lounge this past weekend. After almost 24 hours of dancing came the announcement they'd been waiting for.

Dance Marathon leaders took the stage to reveal the group had raised \$1,058,658.16 this year, the biggest annual total achieved in the group's 16-year history. And leaders say that total is especially impressive this year.

"We're in the worst economic crisis in 70 years, and you still raised ... a lot of money," business director Ben Friedman told a packed dance floor.

The announcement was the culmination of this year's Dance Marathon "Big Event," which led thousands of dancers, volunteers, patients, and family members to the IMU. The event spanned from Feb. 5 to Feb. 6.

**Feb. 5, 11:30 p.m.**

Steph Sacia sat relaxed, her eyes fixed on a book nestled in her lap.

Sacia's skill for relaxing in less-than-cozy settings is surely a product of long hours — or days — spent in hospital waiting rooms. Her daughter Megan was diagnosed with leukemia in 2005.

SEE MARATHON, 3



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Dance Marathon volunteers announce the amount raised at the 2010 Dance Marathon on Feb. 6. The total of \$1,058,658.16 is the largest the group has raised; this was the third year the figure topped \$1 million. In 16 years, Dance Marathon has raised roughly \$8.5 million to support pediatric cancer patients and their families.

**DI** DAILYIOWAN.COM Check out a multimedia piece, along with video footage, from Dance Marathon 16.

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Read about the successes of the men's and women's track teams featured only online.



# Council to employ electronic system

Davenport and Des Moines both use electronic meeting systems.

By **KATHRYN STINSON**  
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The Iowa City City Council might not use a new electronic communication system too regularly, council attendance records show.

For years, absent councilors couldn't cast a vote on agenda items.

To combat issues that arise when councilors miss meetings, the City Council approved the purchase of an electronic communication system at a meeting last month. The equipment will give absent councilors the option of calling in to participate in meetings electronically.

Iowa City's councilors are not notorious for missing meetings. In 2009, then-Councilor Amy Correia was absent the most, accumulating six absences, according to meeting minutes. Councilor Ross Wilburn came in next with five absences.

After the system is installed, councilors will be marked as participating electronically instead of as absent.

Councilors, including former Mayor Regenia Bailey, said at their Jan. 25 meeting that they're optimistic the electronic alternative will help prevent rescheduling meetings and split votes.

"It is the 21st century after all," said Bailey, who didn't miss any meetings in 2009. "If we have that kind of capability, it makes for a nice option."

The cost for the equipment will likely be between \$700 and \$1,200, said City Clerk Marian Karr. The updated technology will use both the current public-address system and a phone line. Councilors will dial directly into the system.

Karr also noted the system could be useful to various city commissions that also meet in Harvat Hall.

Councilors grappled with a split vote in December 2009 when they failed to pass an amendment that would cut the 2-percent franchise fee in half.

Because of the split, the City Council decided to suspend the vote until new

councilors took office. The council didn't vote again on the reduction until last week.

Other cities across the state are using the same technology.

Des Moines installed an electronic system in 1998, Des Moines City Clerk Diane Rauh said. It cost \$25,000 to remodel their meeting room; the phone connection was the cheapest component.

The Des Moines City Council uses the system when a councilor or the mayor is out of town. The councilors will often request that an absent councilor call in to vote during controversial circumstances, Rauh said.

Rauh said the system works well, noting the only problem is an occasional failed cell-phone connection.

Davenport officials also use phone lines to communicate when an alderman is absent, said Deputy City Clerk Jackie Holecek.

The city began using its system before she was hired 23 years ago, she said.

Though an electronic

## Meeting electronically

Other Iowa cities that have electronic communication systems:

- Davenport
- Dubuque
- Des Moines
- West Des Moines

Source: Marian Karr, Jackie Holecek, and Diane Rauh

system seems to work well for other cities, all Iowa City's councilors said they agree the new system should be used sparingly.

Councilor Connie Champion said she has always thought councilors should be present to vote, but she understands why the majority of the council endorses the system.

"I think part of listening to the public is being there and seeing their mannerisms and faces," she said. "Electronic communication takes that out of the picture. Its use should be limited."

## METRO

### Defendant wants dismissal in Spence case

Attorneys for a Minneapolis man charged in connection with the 2004 break-in at the UI Spence Labs and Seashore Hall have asked that his indictment be dismissed, according to federal court documents.

Scott DeMuth, 22, is charged with conspiracy to commit animal-enterprise terrorism. On Nov. 14, 2004, four masked individuals broke into Spence Labs and Seashore Hall and caused around \$450,000 in damages. The Animal Liberation Front claimed credit for the break-in.

DeMuth's counsel said he was indicted for a conspiracy that violated a statute not the law at the time of the alleged offense.

Also, the lawyers asked for a

dismissal because the indictment was filed beyond the five-year statute of limitations. Finally, DeMuth's attorneys have asked that the indictment be dismissed because the prosecution failed to properly notify him of the specific charges against him, preventing him from preparing a defense.

Along with requests for dismissal, DeMuth's attorneys have asked to be provided with evidence of his other crimes, necessary documents, and the identity and whereabouts of any informants.

— by Sam Lane

### Man charged with third OWI

An Iowa City man was charged with his third OWI on Feb. 5.

Police charged Terrance Banasau, 42, address unknown, with third-offense OWI after

police allegedly found him erratically weaving between his lane and oncoming traffic.

Banasau reportedly agreed he was too drunk to get out of the arresting officer's squad car. He refused to have his blood-alcohol level tested.

Banasau has previous OWI convictions from March 7, 2007, and May 31, 2007.

— by Jordan Fries

### Police mum on accidental firearm discharge

A UI police officer accidentally discharged his firearm inside the UI police office earlier this year, UI officials confirmed. No injuries were reported.

Authorities have denied requests to release information about the incident because, they

said, the details contain confidential personnel information. Charles Green, the assistant vice president for the UI police, said the department filed an internal report, but he declined to release it. *The Daily Iowan* filed a request for that report on Feb. 4, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act.

Green said accidental discharges are "common in other departments."

"Even firearm instructors from time to time have accidental discharges," he said.

Still, the officer received "appropriate disciplinary action," UI spokesman Tom Moore said.

Iowa City police Sgt. Denise Brotherton said Iowa City police have experienced accidental discharges, but not within the past five years.

— by Adam B Sullivan

## POLICE BLOTTER

**Matthew Abrahamson**, 18, 0547 Slater, was charged Feb. 6 with unlawful use of another's ID and PAULA.

**Kelly Allworth**, 18, 4510 Burge, was charged Feb. 5 with being in a bar after hours.

**Alexa Bennett**, 20, 328 N. Clinton St., was charged Feb. 6 with PAULA.

**Mary Bobo-Taylor**, 45, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 3612, was charged Feb. 6 with violating a no-contact domestic-abuse protective order.

**Matthew Bovard**, 24, 443 S. Johnson St. Apt. 1, was charged Feb. 4 with possession of marijuana with intent to deliver and drug tax stamp violation.

**David Buch**, 20, 313 S. Gilbert St., was charged Feb. 6 with public intoxication.

**Manuel Cook**, 21, 910 Bridgit Lane Apt. 10, was charged Sunday with disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

**William Courtade**, 21, 2010 Bartelt Road Apt. J, was charged Feb. 6 with keeping a disorderly house.

**Brady Curran**, 20, 2100 Broadway Apt. K, was charged Feb. 5 with possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia, and keeping a disorderly house.

**Camia Curry**, 18, 2640 Whispering Prairie Ave., was charged Feb. 6 with disorderly conduct and interference with official acts.

**Tyler Dolder**, 20, 1251 Sante Fe Drive, was charged Feb. 6 with public intoxication.

**Andrew Donovan**, 21, 114 Iowa Ave., was charged Feb. 5 with disorderly conduct.

**Michael Dubrey**, 21, 308 E. Davenport St., was charged Feb. 5 with disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

**Jacob Edmundson**, 19, Keswick, Iowa, was charged Sunday with public intoxication, interference with official acts, and disorderly conduct.

**Bernard Ellis**, 51, 716 N. Dubuque St., was charged Feb. 3 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

**Tyler Ferguson**, 18, 100 Hawk

Ridge Apt. 1208, was charged Feb. 5 with being in a bar after hours.

**John Flynn**, 20, Palos Heights, Ill., was charged Feb. 6 with PAULA.

**Kapila Garner**, 22, 2010 Bartelt Road Apt. J, was charged Feb. 6 with keeping a disorderly house.

**Claire Gause**, 19, 0421 Slater, was charged Feb. 6 with PAULA.

**Tyler Gorman**, 22, 435 S. Dodge St., was charged Feb. 6 with public intoxication.

**Lauren Green**, 24, 1570 First Ave. Apt. 15, was charged Sunday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

**Jeremiah Hagen**, 18, N256 Hillcrest, was charged Feb. 6 with PAULA and unlawful use of another's ID.

**Timothy Halley**, 23, Fairfield, Iowa, was charged Feb. 4 with possession of marijuana.

**Amadou Hanne**, 20, Moline, Ill., was charged Feb. 6 with assault.

**Eric Hanson**, 35, 2921 Heinz Road Apt. 7, was charged Feb. 4 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

**Keith Hanson**, 44, address unknown, was charged Feb. 4 with public intoxication.

**Kade Harris**, 19, Marion, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

**Jennifer Haymon**, 28, 901 Cross Park Ave. Apt. E, was charged Feb. 6 with OWI, assault, possession of marijuana, and child endangerment.

**Lisa Heaton**, 20, Port Byron, Ill., was charged Sunday with possession of marijuana.

**Joseph Heun**, 24, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with public intoxication and interference with official acts.

**Madalyn Hinz**, 21, 43 Regal Lane, was charged Jan. 13 with OWI and possession of marijuana.

**Kara Hornbuckle**, 19, Brookfield, Ill., was charged Feb. 6 with PAULA.

**Johnny Houpe**, 30, 2508 Nevada Ave., was charged Feb. 6 with OWI.

**Chelsie Howerton**, 20, 366 S. Clinton St. Apt. 2612, was charged Feb. 6 with PAULA.

**Jenna Jeffrey**, 18, 3527 Burge, was

charged Jan. 24 with possession of a canceled/suspended/altered ID.

**Keara Jennings**, 19, Chicago, was charged Feb. 6 with PAULA.

**Courtney Jensen**, 20, 313 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 2032, was charged Feb. 6 with unlawful use of another's ID and PAULA.

**Spenser Johnson**, 18, 670 Sandusky Drive, was charged Feb. 1 with possession of marijuana with intent to deliver.

**Alyx Korn**, 20, 328 N. Clinton St., was charged Feb. 5 with PAULA.

**Mark Lage**, 19, 637 S. Dodge St. Apt. 2, was charged Feb. 5 with OWI.

**Jimmy Little**, 50, Chicago, was charged Feb. 6 with child endangerment and public intoxication.

**Brady Loper**, 22, 219 E. Church St. Apt. 13, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

**Elijah Luedens**, 19, 609A Mayflower, was charged Feb. 6 with PAULA.

**Matthew Mastin**, 21, 755 Robbins Road Apt. 3, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

**Seth Maxwell**, 19, Keswick, Iowa, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

**Annjie McCormick**, 33, Jackson, Minn., was charged Feb. 5 with OWI.

**Jakeb McGruder**, 18, 402 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 731, was charged Feb. 5 with being in a bar after hours.

**Alexa Mohan**, 19, 1034 Rienow, was charged Feb. 5 with PAULA.

**Brett Monthei**, 19, 278 E. Court St., was charged Feb. 5 with PAULA.

**Meggan Morehead**, 20, 328 N. Clinton St., was charged Feb. 5 with PAULA.

**Alexander Mulgrew**, 21, Kellogg, Iowa, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

**John Murphy**, 19, 5542 Kirkwood Blvd. Apt. 10, was charged Sunday with fourth-degree criminal mischief.

**Jens Olsen**, 21, Minneapolis, was charged Feb. 6 with public intoxication.

**Kurowsh Saatnia**, 20, 616B Mayflower, was charged Feb. 6 with PAULA.

**Cody Shank**, 21, Coralville, was

charged Feb. 5 with disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

**Aaron Shivers**, 20, Dubuque, was charged Sunday with possession of marijuana.

**Marcus Simpson**, 18, 221 Slater, was charged Feb. 5 with unlawful use of another's ID and being in a bar after hours.

**Kevin Sims**, 23, address unknown, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

**Stephanie Smith**, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Dec. 13, 2009, with possession of marijuana.

**Christine Soufers**, 20, 328 N. Clinton St., was charged Feb. 5 with PAULA.

**Nathaniel St. Clair**, 20, 420 N. Gilbert St., was charged Feb. 6 with public intoxication.

**Stacy Stein**, 19, 613 N. Gilbert St. Apt. 3, was charged Feb. 6 with PAULA.

**Stephan Stokes**, 19, Davenport, was charged Sunday with public intoxication and assault causing injury to a police, fire, or EMT official.

**Anthony Strasser**, 31, Marengo, Iowa, was charged Feb. 6 with fifth-degree theft.

**Melodie Taylor**, 30, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 3807, was charged Feb. 5 with driving with a suspended/canceled license and OWI.

**Tyler Tiecke**, 21, 327 E. College St. Apt. 1727, was charged Dec. 6, 2009, with keeping a disorderly house.

**Stephon Washington**, 19, 2121 Davis St., was charged Feb. 6 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

**Derelle Weems**, 30, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 4210, was charged Feb. 3 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

**Jerlon Wilkins**, 19, 2110 Davis St. Apt. A, was charged Feb. 6 with possession of marijuana.

**Thomas Woods**, 19, 201 E. Burlington St. Apt. 1524, was charged Feb. 5 with PAULA.

**Lada Yorish**, 19, 366 S. Clinton St. Apt. 2612, was charged Feb. 6 with PAULA.

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2. Students push PAULA bill in Des Moines
3. Wrestlers travel to Utah Valley
4. 'Big Event' begins tonight
5. Ferentz officially signs 21

## METRO

### N. Liberty man faces drug charges

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office has charged a North Liberty man with two counts of possession of a controlled substance after a narcotics search allegedly yielded the discovery of methamphetamines and steroids.

Troy Cooper, 37, North Liberty, was charged Feb. 2 with possession of a schedule two and schedule three controlled substance without a valid prescription.

An Iowa narcotics search warrant of Cooper's residence

found a small bag allegedly containing methamphetamine. Cooper reportedly admitted to being a meth user and said the bag was his.

According to police, 15 glass ampoules of a 50-milligram steroid were located in Cooper's dresser. Cooper allegedly said he received them from a friend.

Possession of a schedule three controlled substance is a Class D felony generally punishable by up to five years in prison and a maximum fine of up to \$7,500.

— by Jordan Fries

## UI Researcher Invites Participants for Election Campaign Study

**Interested American citizens aged 18 and over are invited to participate in an election campaign study being conducted by Professor David Redlawsk, of the University of Iowa Department of Political Science. Participants will spend approximately 2 hours involved in a presidential election campaign simulation where they will learn about candidates and decide which candidate they favor. Participants' decision making processes will be recorded and used to understand the processes voters use to make choices during a campaign.**

**Compensation is available.**

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MARATHON

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But the family weren't at the hospital this weekend. Instead, they were at the "Big Event."

"This 24 hours is dedicated to focusing on some of the positives and not having to dwell on some of the bad stuff," Sacia said.

Feb. 6, 7:30 a.m.

Thirty-five women walked on-stage in the IMU Main Lounge. Ten minutes later, they left the stage, their hair 10 inches shorter, all of it set to be donated to Locks of Love.

"It was absolutely liberating," said UI junior Shaina Chechang.

Feb. 6, 10 a.m.

While amplifiers pumped loud jams downstairs, the Disney-theme Family Room upstairs buzzed with children's singing voices.

"This one's for you, Mom," Jason Eckrich said before his rendition of

Miley Cyrus' "The Climb."

Just a year ago, Jason was too sick to attend the "Big Event." But he's doing well now; he's been out of the hospital since Dec. 10 and receives mostly outpatient care.

Feb. 6, 2 p.m.

Throughout the event, morale captains performed a choreographed dance, likely too elaborate for most kids to join in on.

But Kenzie Colbert, a member of the family-relations committee, formulated a more kid-friendly dance.

Around 20 Dance Marathon kids took to the stage, holding hands while wearing oversized white T-shirts. On cue, they spun around to reveal a message on the backs of their shirts, one letter per shirt: "Thank you, Dancers."

The kids then proceeded to dance to a compilation of songs including "Hakuna Matata" and "You've Got a Friend in Me."

Feb. 6, 3 p.m.

Best friends Madalynn

A million again Dance Marathon has set a fundraising record in 15 of its 16 years. This year's total of more than \$1,058,000 tops the mark set in 2009 by almost \$30,000:

- 2005 - \$579,214.11
2006 - \$686,251.12
2007 - \$880,903.13
2008 - \$1,003,646.14
2009 - \$1,030,428.15
2010 - \$1,058,658.16

Source: Dance Marathon

Rudolph, 7, and Eve Warner, 8, were on stage throughout the event, pulling other dancers on stage with them.

Madalynn was at the event in memory of her cousin Trevor White, who was diagnosed with cancer in 2003.

Holly Rudolph, Madalynn's mother, said the event has given Madalynn a better perspective on cancer's impact.

"If she's having a bad day or doesn't feel good, she'll say, 'At least this isn't as bad as Trevor's good day,'" she said.

PIZZA

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Clewell peered through the car window, trying to catch a glimpse of the house number he was looking for. After spotting it, he found a place to park — not an easy task near downtown Iowa City. After finding a spot, he trudged through the falling snow to hand off a pizza to hungry Super Bowl fans.

Pizza delivered and empty heat bags on the passenger seat, Clewell headed back to the store to do it again.

While the driving can bring on some light road rage, he noted there are positive aspects of the job.

"It's cool being able to see a lot of parts of Iowa City that other people don't see," he said, noting many UI students only see the campus.

Back at the store's small kitchen, the aroma of pizza wafted through the air, and the radio played the Rolling Stones over the sound of the printer spitting out a nearly constant stream of tickets. Yellow pizza boxes lined the shelves like giant building blocks.

As Dan Alexander, a manager at Pizza Pit, tossed dough in the air, flour sprinkled down just like snow outside. Alexander noted the Super Bowl is not the only busy day for deliveries — Halloween, New Year's, and local football games are also ripe with orders.

Clewell echoed Alexander's sentiment. "Homecoming has got to be one of the craziest days," he said.

Wayne Jackson, also a Pizza Pit manager, said Super Bowl night is the busiest right before kickoff and again during



RACHEL JESSEN/THE DAILY IOWAN

UI junior and Pizza Pit employee Alex Clewell makes a stop at Burge to deliver a pizza on Sunday. Super Bowl Sunday is one of local pizzerias' busiest days, in addition to Halloween, Homecoming, and New Year's Eve.

CARDS

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wrote in an e-mail. "As long as usurious credit cards exist and are targeting students, we think the change is good."

Kelly said the credit union's staff members work to teach students credit-card responsibility while not burying students in debt.

The credit union does not currently require a cosigner for its estimated 8,500 customers who fall between the ages of 17 and 21, but it will implement the new rule Feb. 22, Kelly said.

In order to show they can make monthly payments, young adults will have to provide proof of income from a job or wages, Kelly said.

But protecting young people is only one of many critical elements to the act. Others include prevention of unfair fee traps, plain language disclosures, and accountability, according to a White House release.

While some think the act will enforce responsibility, local economists do not see the change having an effect on the bad economy.

The limited number of credit-card users will reduce spending but it will not knock the country out of the recession, said UI economics Associate Professor John Solow.

"This is not the big problem that we face right now," he said. "The big problem we face is housing markets and things like that."

UI political-science Associate Professor Tim Hagle

said politically, the question is whether this is an issue that requires government intervention.

"It's still the government getting involved in what is essentially a private transaction," he said. It's a matter of finding the right balance between government power and citizens' rights, he said.

But as the government prepares to limit another privilege to those over 21, it is creating a new controversy.

"I'm not so sure we need a law," said Charles White-man, the senior associate dean of the Tippie College of Business Associate, noting that government officials are saying that 18-year-olds are well-qualified to serve in the military but not to hold credit cards.

halftime because the majority of customers don't plan ahead for delays. This creates a rush of orders and a hectic kitchen, Jackson said.

"Guys are running around like chickens with their heads cut off," Jackson said, while slicing and boxing up another pizza.

Despite the madness of the job, Clewell appreciates its perks.

"You get free pizzas, too, sometimes," the Dav-entport native said. "Everybody likes that."

Even though he missed the game, he said, tips during the Super Bowl are often generous.

"I usually make enough money to forget about it," the driver joked as he

Super Bowl pizza

The busiest day of the year for pizza deliveries:

- Two-thirds of American men are expected to watch the Super Bowl.
Pepperoni is the most popular topping with 63 percent of votes.
More than 80 percent of orders are placed on the phone.
Pizza Hut plans to deliver more than 1.7 million pizzas this Super Bowl.
Dominos Pizza plans to deliver 1.5 million pizzas.

Source: Pizza Hut and Dominos surveys

grabbed another pizza and stepped out into the cold.



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Staff Council Committee of the Month Education Committee

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The Mary Jo Small Staff Fellowship is an award that University of Iowa staff members may use to help defray costs of regional, national, or international meetings or workshops, training opportunities on and off-campus, and/or work release time to prepare publications.

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Selection for the awards will be based upon documentation of recognized contributions which support the University's mission and goals. For application and selection process information visit the Learning and Development website - http://www.uiowa.edu/learn/awards/mjsfellow.html.

Did you miss the Brown Bag Series on Furlough issues? The materials should be available on-line soon through the Staff Council Website: http://www.uiowa.edu/~staff/news.shtml.

Charter Committee of the Month Research Council

In FY 2009, the University of Iowa Research enterprise external funding achieved yet another all-time record of \$429.5 million (http://research.uiowa.edu/report/). As a UI Charter Committee, the Research Council shall advise in the formulation, review and application of policy and guidelines for University research and its funding both from within and without the University; advise on questions concerning the compliance of research with University policies; advise in developing methods for informing University members about research opportunities and for stimulating, evaluating and rewarding good research; provide a forum to which faculty and students may refer questions and recommendations concerning University research policies and procedures. Membership includes: Linda Snetselaar(chair), Majd Haddad, Kaitlin Kapri Moulin, George Malanson, Paul Romitti, Bob Kirby, Laura Dallas, Michael Ringman, John Doershuk, Anita Jung, Carin Green, Alberto Segre, Catherine Wigan, Johna Leddy, Yasar Onel, Erin Irish, Kenneth Hubel, Jordan Cohen and Cheryl Reardon. See: http://research.uiowa.edu/vpr/rcouncil/index.php?get=home

Staff Council Agenda

Wednesday, February 10, 2010
2:30pm-4:30pm • 102 CCD

- 2:30 Call to order
2:30 Academics at UI - Provost Wallace Loh
3:00 Roll Call
3:05 Review/Approval of Minutes
3:15 LiveWell - Joni Troester, UI Organizational Effectiveness/Health and Productivity
3:30 Biennial UI Research Salary Survey - Trevor Glanz, UI Compensation and Classification Office
3:45 Nominations for Staff Council Officers - Bob Manders, Staff Council Elections Committee Chair
4:00 Compensation and Classification Redesign - Karen Shemanski, Compensation and Classification Specialist
4:10 Comments and Updates - Sue Buckley, Vice President of Human Resources
4:20 Announcements
4:30 Adjourn

Congratulations to the College of Education Staff Council for receiving Coke Funds (http://www.uiowa.edu/~staff/funding.shtml) in support of meetings to discuss the results of the Working in Iowa survey. The results of the Working at Iowa survey are available at: http://www.uiowa.edu/hr/working/

Meet Your Councilor

Ann Synan has been on Staff Council since March 2009. Ann joined the staff of Clinic Administration at the College of Dentistry in May 2003. She is a Patient Representative. She also assists with developing and communicating information about patient care services to the University community and the public about the student clinics as well as faculty private practice. Ann feels that the College of Dentistry would benefit from representation on the Staff Council. In these difficult budget times it seemed important to have a voice for the College of Dentistry on the Council. Ann also wanted to better understand the workings of the University of Iowa and be part of the bigger picture. Ann is a member of the Awards Committee of UI Staff Council, which promotes and gathers nominations for the annual selection of University/Regents staff awards. Ann also represents Staff Council on the UI Healthy Campus Advisory Group. Ann continues on the Go Green Committee at the College of Dentistry, chair of public relations. She would like to become involved in the efforts to support the rebuilding of Hancher and the Arts campus. Her husband, Bill Synan, is the Predoctoral Director of Oral Surgery at the College of Dentistry. They have three children, Katy, Mariel, and Nicholas, all in college and grad school. Ann enjoys walking, cooking, travel, and the arts. She volunteers with her church, St. Patrick's in Iowa City, and Regina in Iowa City.



Ann Synan



IOWA (Improving Our Workplace Awards)—Over a decade ago, Staff Council collaborated with Human Resources to develop the IOWA to recognize staff efforts in quality improvement at The University of Iowa. Many faculty and staff continue to focus on improving practices, processes, patient/student/customer satisfaction and safety in their area. Nominate them (individuals or teams) for using initiative & innovation in achieving lasting results in our workplace. Nominations are welcomed until March 15, 2010. Start the process at www.uiowa.edu/hr/iowa/index/html for nomination forms, tips for nominating, and descriptions of past winning efforts. Contact nancy-noyer@uiowa.edu or 335-0560 for assistance.

Message from the UISC President

Each February, P&S and MSEC staff have the opportunity to elect representatives to the Staff Council. Later this week staff in these classifications will be notified by email that voting is starting. Please take advantage of this opportunity to help select the staff who will dialogue with UI leadership about topics impacting our staff.

The University is considering some proposed revisions to the University's Sexual Harassment Policy. The proposal can be reviewed at: http://www.sexualharassment.uiowa.edu Comments about the proposal can be sent by email to shpolicyreview@uiowa.edu or staff-council@uiowa.edu.

We appreciate opportunities to be actively involved in the life of the university beyond our individual work assignments.

Glenn Kell
UISC President, 2009/10

Did You Know...?

Staff Council elections will be held from Feb. 12-26. There will be a drawing for prizes daily! Make sure your voice is heard by voting in the upcoming elections!

The Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity is accepting nominations for this year's Catalyst Awards. Nominations for outstanding and innovative contributions to diversity and inclusiveness are welcome from now until February 28, 2010. Further information and nomination forms may be acquired at: www.uiowa.edu/~eod/diversity/catalyst-awards/

The University Libraries is seeking nominations for the Arthur Benton Excellence in Reference Services Professional Development Award. This prestigious award recognizes a member of the Libraries' professional staff who provides exemplary reference services for the University community. The recipient of the award receives \$1,000 to be used for professional development activities. Criteria and the nomination form are available at: http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/admin/bentonaward/

Each year the Finkbine Dinner Committee selects four outstanding students, one professor and a graduate to receive the prestigious Hancher-Finkbine Medallion presented at the Finkbine Dinner for Representative Student Leaders. Beginning in 2007, one University staff member is also selected to receive this award. The award will rotate each year between staff in the merit and professional and scientific classifications. In 2010 the award will be given to a merit staff member. Information can be found at: http://student-services.uiowa.edu/students/awards/finkbine.php

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## Editorial

## Dance Marathon brings out the best in UI community

Thousands of students, families, community members, and others whose lives have been touched by cancer gathered in the IMU this past weekend for 24 hours to support those in the battle against the disease.

The event collected a record-breaking total — an impressive \$1,058,658.16. Amid the worst economic crises this country has seen in years, fundraisers worked tirelessly to collect the amount they did. The UI has one of the smallest student bodies in the Big Ten, yet the Dance Marathon continues to raise an extraordinary amount for the Children's Hospital. We should be proud of our disproportionate contribution.

But Dance Marathon isn't just about the money.

It is about people gathering together, setting aside their own interests, and helping people who are in greater need. It is more than just the largest student-run philanthropy event. It is people helping people, the purest form of good one can demonstrate.

Dance Marathon is the UI community at its best — altruistic, compassionate, motivated.

Thirty-five participants cut off around 10 inches of their hair to donate to Locks of Love, a group that makes hairpieces for patients who have lost their natural hair during treatment.

A group of dancers traveled to the hospital during the festivities to visit patients who couldn't leave the hospital. Live coverage of Dance Marathon was broadcast at the hospital for those unable to attend.

At the event, children got the chance to interact with the participants who donated their time and money to help the cause. This year was the first time the children were given the chance to learn a dance and perform on stage as part of the festivities.

The event is full of enthusiasm, and children who are suffering get the chance to raise their spirits with a night of music and dancing.

Dance Marathon brings the community together to help children and their families. Students work around the calendar recruiting dancers, raising



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Dance Marathon volunteers wave their hands while Iowa City recording artist MILLZ performs on stage during Dance Marathon 16 at 2:24 a.m. Feb. 6.

money, and organizing for the annual festivities. Schools in the area host mini Dance Marathons to help raise money.

The annual event counters the pall of cancer with hope, compassion, and ebullient dancing. And, millions of dollars raised aside, the marathon is a source of strength.

"You feel this world is crashing down on you and then Dance Marathon gives this bag of things to you," Lynn O'Neill, the mother of a 5-year-old child fighting cancer, told *The Daily Iowan*. "They probably don't even realize what that means."

So to all those involved, thank you. Thank you to everyone who participated and volunteered. Thank you to those who coordinated and worked tirelessly to put on the event. Thank you to anyone who donated any time or money at all.

It's events such as these that make us truly proud to be a Hawkeye.

Your turn. Which area should the bulk of Dance Marathon money go to? Weigh in on [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com).

## Letter

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## Anti-Israel bias

In a Jan. 26 letter, Jessica Brock wrote, "As long as a country [Israel] has discriminatory marriage laws and denies basic commodities to legal Bedouin communities, the international community will always hold that nation legally accountable."

In part, Brock cites an organization called Human Rights Watch to back up her claims. Despite the noble-

sounding name, the group has been found to be highly biased against Israel by NGO Monitor, which monitors nongovernmental organizations.

No less than the founder of Human Rights Watch, Robert Bernstein, has been highly critical of the group's anti-Israel bias and its neglect of human-rights violations in closed societies. In many predominately Muslim countries, gays not only do not have the right of marriage, they are tortured and

murdered simply for the "crime" of being gay. A woman can be beaten for the "crime" of using Twitter to innocuously tell the world what she ate for lunch, as Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton recently discovered. Rape victims (including prepubescent girls) can be murdered for the "crime" of violating the family honor. Muslims who dare convert to another religion can be put to death for the "crime" of choosing freedom of religion.

Israel should, of course, be no less accountable for its actions than any other country. However, by ignoring grievous human-rights violations in other nations and citing organizations that have been independently found to be anti-Israel, the letter writer is practicing the same brand of bias she so vehemently rails against.

J.L. Metcalf  
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## Ending 'Don't Ask'

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"No matter how I look at this issue, I cannot escape being troubled by the fact that we have in place a policy which forces young men and women to lie about who they are in order to defend their fellow citizens." Those were the words of Adm. Mike Mullen, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, speaking last week before a Senate panel. "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," the policy that bans openly gay and lesbian individuals from serving in the military, has run its course.

Since 1993, thousands of men and women have been discharged from the military, and recruitment has been down. Many of those were specialists with proficiency in languages such as Arabic. Human Rights Campaign, a civil-rights organization, estimates that 65,000 gay, lesbian, and bisexual Americans are ably serving right now. And in Afghanistan, American troops are serving alongside military units from other countries that are fully open and inclusive.

Practically speaking, the arguments that have been used to support Don't Ask simply don't stand up.

The FBI, CIA, NASA, the National Security Agency, and the Secret Service allow openly gay and lesbian individuals to serve. There have been no reports of disorder or lack of cohesion in these agencies. Most local law-enforcement agencies have eliminated prohibitions without any negative effects.

But the military is a peculiar institution, right? It's subject to a different set of norms, behaviors, and expectations.

While the United States spends more money on defense than any other country, we are also one of the few remaining developed countries to prohibit gays and lesbians from serving openly. Many European countries have done away with such restrictions, and countries such as South Africa and Israel have as well. Not one of these countries has experienced an erosion of morale, performance, or

cohesion in their armed forces.

So the policy never was based on observable facts. Rather, it reflected discrimination and intolerance in American society writ large. By forcing men and women to lie about who they are, we have expelled and prevented qualified people from serving. But we have also committed an injustice.

Mullen's statement was significant. In 1993, it was mostly the military that blocked then-President Clinton's attempt to strip away one's sexual orientation as a condition for military service. Now, as public opinion has shifted, the military is acknowledging what many have known for some time — sexual orientation has no bearing on an individual's ability to serve in the military. Even Colin Powell, who led the charge in 1993 against allowing open service, has recently changed his mind.

Although repeal of Don't Ask appears to be inevitable, there will still be those who'll be obstructive. Repeal of the policy will take an act of Congress, and in today's hyper-partisan climate, we may be in for a raucous debate. But this is an issue that members of Congress shouldn't compromise on. And it's a debate that Congress shouldn't shy away from. This policy puts our military at a disadvantage and is morally wrong.

When President Truman desegregated the military in 1948, he did so before Congress had passed any meaningful civil-rights legislation. He did so despite much of the public and military's opposition. Some argued that desegregation would dampen morale and cohesion. There were those who thought that African Americans weren't capable of the type of service exhibited by their white counterparts.

The executive order issued by Truman was courageous then, but was really a no-brainer. The same could be said about Don't Ask.

While we have made much progress on race, the repealing of policies such as Don't Ask represents this generation's fight for equality. We shouldn't take for granted communities such as Iowa City or campuses such as the UI. Across this country — and indeed, throughout the world — the fight remains. ■

## Guest opinion

## Stop the terrorists — implement this idea

By WILL MATTESSICH

The hungry media storm over President Obama's handling of the "Christmas Day Bomber" is now starting to calm. Obama's speech detailing the changes in security following the event added more fuel to the fire. In a rational world, the president could have spoken to the country and told us that no matter what we do, there is always the chance that someone will get through and that another attempted attack could occur. He could say that the skies are actually safer than they've ever been, explaining that, as statistician Nate Silver has calculated, the odds of having been on an aircraft experiencing a terrorist attack in the last decade

are 1 in 10,408,947.

But this is not a rational world, so aviation security has been forced to respond to American insecurity. Does anyone actually think that making an elderly woman take her shoes off at a security checkpoint makes any of us safer? Or that the three-ounce liquid-container rule is an effective method in thwarting terrorists attempting to use chemical explosive? The answer, sadly, is that many people do think this. Because of the necessity of assuaging America's disproportionate fears, the president mandated new, more stringent security measures for 14 "countries of interest," which will now involve full-body pat-downs for passengers from

each of these states. Some say this is too much, but I say it is not nearly enough. The only way to make Americans feel safe about air travel is to initiate a drastic overhaul in security screening, a proposal I'm calling: "PlanePals."

PlanePals would ensure the safety and perceived safety of every air traveler. Here's how it would work: All prospective air travelers from each "country of interest" would buy their tickets one year in advance. Upon purchase, the Transportation Security Administration would assign a trained operative, a "PlanePal," who will go to the traveler's home and live with her or him for one year preceding the flight. The PlanePal would go to

work with the traveler, eat dinner at home with the traveler, and meet the traveler's nuclear and extended family. This would ensure that no suspicious activity by the prospective traveler will go unnoticed.

Upon the day of the flight, the PlanePal would assess the situation and give the traveler an easy-to-understand color code. A "green" rating would mean the traveler is clear to fly. A "yellow" rating would mean the PlanePal is still somewhat suspicious about the traveler, and so the PlanePal would accompany the traveler for the duration of the flight (including visits to the bathroom; we must take no chances) until they safely reach their destination. A "red"

rating would mean the traveler may not board the plane and that the PlanePal would live with the prospective traveler for one more year before he or she is allowed to fly. This arbitrary risk designation, similar to the Department of Homeland Security's terror alert levels, would help the Transportation Security Administration easily handle any suspicious passengers.

In addition to the obvious security benefits, the PlanePals initiative would have huge economic benefits. Millions of jobs would be created by the need for operatives and support staff. The vast amounts of money spent to form and fund the new operation would help expand

America's GDP. Also, flights from each of the countries of interest would fill up faster, because of the PlanePals traveling with their assigned passengers, generating more revenue for airlines. This proposal may single-handedly revitalize America's struggling economy.

PlanePals would solve many problems and create many opportunities. Security checkpoints can only go so far, and the current American sentiment seems to be that one terrorist attack for every 11,569,297,667 miles flown is too many. A plan of this magnitude is the only way to ensure safety in air travel.

Will Matessich is a UI student and the founder of Hawkeyes for Progress.

## Arising from the Dead

Dark Star Orchestra recreates the Grateful Dead experience at the Englert Theater tonight.

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The Grateful Dead is a band that spawns countless tribute and cover acts. While each shares an abiding love for the Dead, Dark Star Orchestra takes it one step further.

Dark Star performs its shows based on set lists from the Grateful Dead's touring history and proceeds to reinterpret them to create the experience of being at one of the Dead's actual concerts of yesterday. In addition to set lists, the band also puts fanatical detail into recreating a stage set and presence that is reminiscent of a set list's particular era.

Lists are obtained from a website called DeadBase, which works diligently to catalogue the dates and locations of most of the Grateful Dead's concerts, including songs the band played at any given show.

Dark Star Orchestra will perform its Grateful Dead tribute at the Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington St., at 7 p.m. today. Admission is \$30.

Dino English, 41, one of the band's two drummers, plays the role of Grateful Dead Drummer Bill Kreutzmann. English joined the band in 1999 after having been in several Grateful Dead tribute bands. His love for the Dead began relatively late, as a college student in the early '90s. Since then, his tally has grown to 20 concerts.

"I got dragged to the concert and basically came out a changed man," English said.

Being a Deadhead is something that comes with the territory of being a member of Dark Star. Most of its seven-person lineup have attended dozens, if not hundreds, of Grateful Dead concerts, which can only help to bring a sense of authenticity to the elaborate production the band puts on



PUBLICITY PHOTO

**Dark Star Orchestra will bring its Deadhead spirit to the Englert Theatre at 7 p.m. today.**

night in and night out. Because Deadheads are known for their fanaticism toward their favorite band, it comes as no surprise that Dark Star pays attention to the accuracy of its performance, while at the same time trying to create and maintain energy similar to that of the real thing. Sometimes, English said, this is easier said than done, especially where the crowd is concerned.

"We want to create an environment in which the magic of the music can come alive," he said. "Sometimes, it makes itself readily known, and sometimes it doesn't, even though we're playing well. When it does happen, it's very natural."

Dark Star's process of reinterpretation is often compared with the way an orchestra will treat a symphony. A Dark Star concert is not represented as a show song-by-song; rather, the group transforms the evening into one whole piece of music.

Tonight's show will be the second for Dark Star at the Englert. Englert CEO Sean Fredericks anticipates a bigger and even better production coming from the tribute band, which members of the Grateful Dead have performed with and given

their accolades to.

"They're traveling with their own light show this time, so I'm looking forward to a show that is as visually compelling as it will be musically," Fredericks said.

The biggest accomplishment for the band is the knowledge that people who have been Grateful Dead fans for decades continue to support their work. Some of them, English said, are now bringing their children to the shows, exposing a new generation to the music of the legendary rock band.

"Hopefully, they are able to grab a piece of the actual Grateful Dead live show," English said. "If we can come close to that, that's all we're hoping for."



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### MOVIE REVIEW

## Dear shallow ...

Dear John leaves viewers wanting more than what it gives — a poorly developed romance film.

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Sitting in a crowded theater waiting for *Dear John* to appear on the silver screen, a man asked, "Why are we seeing this?"

After viewing Nicholas Sparks' latest book-to-film adaptation, the question still remained. *Dear John* lacked both substance and any real romantic chemistry between its two main characters.

The movie follows soldier John Tyree (Channing Tatum) as he falls in love with good girl Savannah Curtis (Amanda Seyfried) while on a two-week leave from the army. With only a year of active duty left, the two are optimistic that they can make the relationship work. But after 9/11, John feels compelled to extend his contract, and time and distance begin to take a toll on the young couple.

The biggest issue in *Dear John* is its lack of depth. The film fails to establish a strong, loving relationship between the characters and instead keeps the two leads kissing and gazing at each other. Montage after montage is used to show their deep adoration for each other, but it never truly comes across.

Rather than explore the reasons for their love, the film falls back on the old Hollywood standby — a reliance on physical attraction. While the two look cute together, they do not seem to have much in common. Savannah is a wealthy, educated good girl, while John is a poor, uneducated bad boy.

Tatum plays a convincing and handsome lovesick puppy. However, Seyfried's Savannah is flimsy and uninterested. She acts like a rich, spoiled loose goose who just cannot wait for her Army boyfriend to come home. Seyfried's forced and stiff acting also does little to help her poorly developed character.

What rescues *Dear John* is the relationship between John and his father, played by Richard Jenkins. The pair's strained bond is the most realistic and heartfelt part of this romance movie, and their relationship is by far the most endearing. Jenkins gives a terrific and heartbreaking performance as a father unable to communicate with his son.

But the most disappointing part of the film is its decision to stray from the novel. Fans will certainly be



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**Pretty faces aren't enough to save *Dear John* from total failure.**

disappointed with Hollywood's twisting of the characters and plot. What made the book interesting was the strong connection Sparks developed between John and Savannah during their two weeks together, something the movie ignored.

Despite the duo's poor development, the flick does do a good job of conveying the hardships John faces. As both narrator and main character, John is the one viewers will find themselves caring about most. The pressures he faces as a soldier are grueling and realistic, and they make for a thoughtful, mature lead compared with his flimsy love interest.

So why see the film? If nothing better to do comes along than watch some montages of a good-looking couple fall in love, *Dear John* is the film to see. Otherwise, save the money. Many more films (*500 Days of Summer*, for example) have been able to establish a more satisfying romantic connection. *Dear John* falls short. It does nothing new nor does it ever develop into a thoughtful, meaningful film.

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# No Child changes eyed

Obama will reform standards set by original No Child Left Behind Act.

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Local school administrators are eagerly waiting to see what changes the Obama administration will propose for modifying how K-12 education is monitored.

White House officials said they would ask Congress to increase education spending for fiscal 2011 by about \$3.5 billion — a 7.5 percent increase over fiscal 2010. Though no specific details were released, part of the money will go toward a plan to overhaul No Child Left Behind, the federal law that tracks public schools' annual progress.

Local officials said they hope the move will change the policies on sanctions as well as reform how schools are judged.

The majority of Iowa City schools are considered failing under current adequate yearly progress standards, said Pam Ehly, the director of instruction for the Iowa City School District. Officials said the new accountability system — one that won't be based solely on test scores — would better exemplify schools' progress.

"We have some really great schools, and the adequate yearly progress standards provide the public perception that our schools are not up to par or are not providing quality education to our students, and that is the furthest thing from reality," said Tuyet Dorau, an Iowa City School Board member.

The current standards have been criticized for many reasons, one being a small amount of students' test scores can represent an entire school, Ehly said.

Standards aren't a bad thing, she said. But local officials are concerned the accompanying sanctions do nothing to further student growth.

If a school is not meeting federal standards after one year, parents have the option of transferring their children to a different school.

Sanctions continue to increase each year if schools continue to lag behind expectations. They may even have to close after four years of not meeting standards.

Karrie Craig, former president of the Districtwide Parents' Organization, said these sanctions often results in even lower scores for schools as higher-scoring students leave.

"Free tutoring is much more helpful to students than leaving the school," she said. "Many people do not realize all of the resources they are leaving behind."

School District officials have acknowledged a change is needed in how academic progress is tracked. The issues they cite are mirrored by federal officials.

"We want an accountability system that factors in student growth, progress in closing achievement gaps, proficiency towards college and career-ready standards, high-school graduation and college-enrollment rates," Arne Duncan, the U.S. Department of Education secretary, said in a Feb. 1 speech.

Both local and federal officials said they hope to leave behind the unrealistic goals that mark current legislation.

The main goal set in 2001 by No Child Left Behind was having all schools nationwide reach a level of 100 percent proficiency no later than 2014 — a utopian goal, Duncan said.

In line with the act, Iowa City schools were working toward 100 percent proficiency by 2014. But, Craig said, that goal is "simply not doable."

## Spotlight Iowa City

# Russian teacher inspires students

Russian lecturer Irina Kostina will lead eight students to Moscow in March. Kostina is a passionate teacher, students say.

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It was likely Russian lecturer Irina Kostina's passion that did it for UI student Stephen Theulen.

He wasn't planning to take Kostina's intensive summer Russian course, but he changed his mind (despite not having a place to live or a job in Iowa City) after a couple run-ins with Kostina. She was persistent. He took her summer course.

"She's way more than just a teacher," Theulen said, noting how Kostina engages students in her classrooms.

This year, Kostina will take eight students to Moscow in March. She made the same trip a year ago with Theulen and six other students. The group will be exposed to Russian culture, attending a three-week seminar, living with a Russian family, and finishing with the Test of Russian as a Foreign Language, which allows students who pass to continue education in Russia.

"It will be your own experience," Kostina said. "Not somebody's experience."

But before any trip, she must ensure the students are ready for full immersion in Russia — and that involves an intense language preparation.

That's where Professor Margaret Mills of the Asian and Slavic languages and literatures department says Kostina excels. She overhauled

'She pushes them to their limits, but they leave class every day knowing that she really cares about them and that she wants them back in there tomorrow.'

— Margaret Mills, UI professor in Asian and Slavic languages and literatures department

the Russian program, Mills said.

"She really pushes them hard," Mills said. "She pushes them to their limits, but they leave class every day knowing that she really cares about them and that she wants them back in there tomorrow."

To prepare the students, Kostina taught an intensive language course during the winter break. During the course, students studied Russian from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a total of more than 90 hours. Intensive study is the best way to learn a language, she believes.

"Russian is difficult, but it is language and was created by people, so we can learn it," she said.

She first came to the UI in 1992 to teach a two-month summer course. In 1993, she was invited back to teach for another year. At the end of that year, she was offered another contract, and she has taught at the univer-

sity ever since.

Kostina's frank manner and elegant appearance (she seems to favor dangly earrings and wears her long dark hair pulled back), may seem intimidating at first. This was certainly Katherine Otto's

first impression.

"I love her now, but at first I was a little terrified," Otto said.

As time goes on, many students come to see Kostina is both passionate and caring. Otto, now a double major in Russian and English, will be among the students to travel to Moscow.

"I've never had a more dedicated teacher," she said.

It's clear that Kostina feels the same way about them.

### Irina Kostina

- **Lived in:** Dagestan, Moscow, Iowa
- **Favorite thing about America:** the people — "very nice" and "very friendly"
- **Family:** two children, Marina and Alex, and husband, Paul
- **Favorite movie:** *Legend of the Fall*
- **Favorite author:** Fyodor Dostoevsky
- **Hobby:** Hot-house yoga

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**ANDREW R. JUHL**  
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20 movies I might have thought were porno flicks, based solely their titles

1. *The Princess Diaries*
2. *The Pleasure Seekers*
3. *Coal Miner's Daughter*
4. *House of Mortal Sin*
5. *Up Your Alley*
6. *Maid in Manhattan*
7. *The Ploughman's Lunch*
8. *Seven Sinners*
9. *Doc Hollywood*
10. *The Girl Next Door*
11. *Private Parts*
12. *Beverly Hills Brats*
13. *Lady and the Tramp*
14. *The Watcher*
15. *Bad Girls*
16. *The Big Shot*
17. *Babes on Broadway*
18. *Flesh and Bone*
19. *Monster Man*
20. *Crazy Mama*

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Eric Asboe, who writes for a *Literal Letter Service*, types on his typewriter in Java House on Sunday. According to a letter-request form online from a *Literal Letter Service*, the group's members write letters, pack them into envelopes, address, stamp, and mail them — all for free. "It doesn't make sense on a lot of levels, but we figure that's all the more reason for doing it ... we like to think: If time is money, then we're indifferent to them both," the form reads. The group welcomes donations.

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## horoscopes

Monday, February 8, 2010  
— by Eugenia Last

**ARIES** March 21-April 19 A more youthful look will help you feel energetic and able to conquer whatever you face. You can take care of emotional issues by offering suggestions. Help will come from a very unusual source. Ignore what others say.

**TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Keep thoughts to yourself instead of provoking an argument with someone who will never see things your way. A money venture will be tempting. Think twice before you make a commitment.

**GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Confusion will set in if you take on too much. You have to stay focused and refuse to let emotional matters stand in your way. Offering help impulsively will turn into a costly situation. Consider what is doable before you get started.

**CANCER** June 21-July 22 Don't stand still when you should be taking action and making a point. Put your fears behind you and step into whatever situation faces you with determination and the intent to win. Opportunities are present, so ready to reach your goals.

**LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 Good things are heading your way. An offer you cannot refuse is likely to surface. You will meet someone special if you get involved in a social activity or networking event. Your knowledge and experience will lead to an interesting new position.

**VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Sort through any discrepancies you face, and refrain from making any rash decisions. There's a potential they will backfire and cost you emotionally and financially. Concentrate on your own likes and needs.

**LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Focus on creative endeavors and networking with people who have similar interests. Love and romance are in the stars, and they should be your main concern during the evening hours. Mingle, if you are single, or wine and dine the one you love, if you are in a relationship.

**SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Check out your personal situation carefully — you will find ways to make improvements. Deception is apparent, and it can lead to emotional responses that will disrupt your home and family.

**SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Your emotions will get the better of you, causing costly, impulsive action. Do something creative or something that will help to enhance your position in your community. An offer you cannot refuse is in the works.

**CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Suspicion will mount, creating a problem with someone you have known for a long time. The more you divulge, the greater the response and help you will receive. An interesting conversation will lead to a couple of unexpected but beneficial changes.

**AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 By putting forth your best effort, you will impress those who don't know you well and please the ones who do. An interesting proposition is heading your way. Be ready to make a move.

**PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 Stand your ground. There is no reason why you should bend to what someone else wants if it goes against everything you have worked so hard to achieve. Control the situation intelligently.

## DILBERT

by Scott Adams



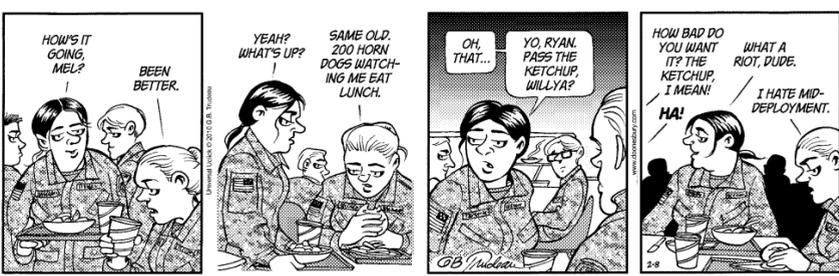
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- **Toddler Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Nuclear and Particle Physics Seminar**, "Gap equation, Fisher's zeros and density of state in nonlinear sigma models," Haiyuan Zou, 1:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen
- **Condensed Matter Faculty Candidate Colloquium**, "Quantum Dynamics and Nanoscale Nuclear Magnetism," William Coish, University of Waterloo (Ontario, Canada), 3:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen
- **Fit 4 Fun**, 4:30 p.m., Performance Health & Fitness, 3290 Ridgeway Drive, Coralville
- **Fabric Garland**, 6 p.m., Home Ec. Workshop, 207 N. Linn
- **Wine Tasting**, 6:30 p.m.,

- Devotay, 117 N. Linn
- **Dark Star Orchestra**, 7 p.m., Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington
- **Free Pool**, 7 p.m., TCB, 114 E. College
- **"Jesus Journalism in Occupied Palestine,"** David Goodner, 7 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Coco Before Chanel**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **Free Ballroom Dance Lessons**, 7 p.m., Robert E. Lee Recreation Center, 220 S. Gilbert
- **"Archaeology in Nepal, the Land of the Buddha,"** Nancy Wilkie, Carleton College, 8 p.m., Macbride Auditorium.
- **Open Mike**, with Jay Knight, 8 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Brief Interviews With Hideous Men**, 9 p.m., Bijou
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## WORLD

### Health emergency: Helping Haiti's fragile minds

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — The battered bodies may be mending, but the minds still struggle.

As many as one in five Haiti earthquake victims have suffered trauma so great with the multiple shock of lost homes, jobs and loved ones that they won't be able to cope without professional help, doctors say.

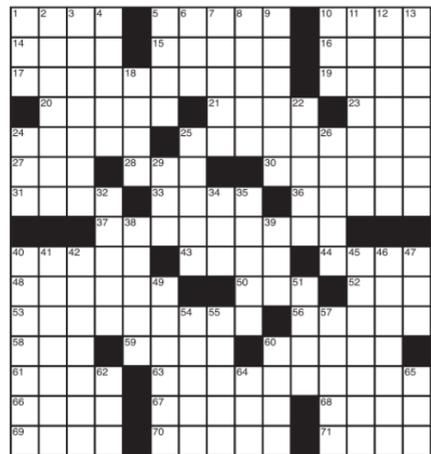
In a country where mental-health services barely existed before the quake, building the required support is a huge challenge. The symptoms can't be diagnosed by stethoscopes, blood tests, and X-rays, and can take time to surface after the initial shock of the disaster.

"It's not about immediate psychological counseling," said Lynne Jones, a senior medical adviser for the International Medical Corps. "It's about assisting mourning. People cannot recover if their social needs are not met."

## The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0104

- Across**
- 1 Tiddlywinks or tag
  - 5 Leftover cloth bit
  - 10 Moon-landing vehicles, for short
  - 14 The Bard of (Shakespeare)
  - 15 Michelangelo masterpiece
  - 16 "Peter Pan" pirate
  - 17 Reaction of a sore loser
  - 19 Boxer Oscar Hoya
  - 20 Bosom buddy
  - 21 \_\_\_-hour traffic
  - 23 Lung protector
  - 24 Food from heaven
  - 25 Head honcho
  - 27 Shelley's \_\_\_ to the West Wind
  - 28 Cartoonish baby cry
  - 30 Gives in (to)
  - 31 Scotch and \_\_\_
  - 33 Rioter's haul
  - 36 Triumphant cries
  - 37 Be productive ... or what the answers at 17-, 25-, 53- and 63-Across do?
  - 40 Hate
  - 43 Highlands denials
  - 44 Sounds of amazement
  - 48 Country music's Tritt
  - 50 Mattress problem
  - 52 "Just kidding!"
  - 53 They protect car buyers
  - 56 City NW of Orlando
  - 58 Reactions to adorable babies
  - 59 Accessory that might say "Miss Universe"
  - 60 "The \_\_\_ Bunch" of 1970s TV
  - 61 AARP part: Abbr.
  - 63 Select the best and leave the rest
  - 66 Earl \_\_\_ tea
  - 67 Seoul's home



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**Down**

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- 4 Energy company that filed for bankruptcy in 2001
- 5 Energetic for one's age
- 6 Org. in "The Bourne Identity"
- 7 Copy, for short
- 8 Enjoyed immensely
- 9 Elapse
- 10 '60s hallucinogen
- 11 Valuable green stone
- 12 Bill & \_\_\_ Gates Foundation
- 13 "Chilean" fish
- 18 Munch on like a mouse
- 22 Jean-Bertrand Aristide's country
- 24 May and June: Abbr.
- 25 Locust tree feature
- 26 "That's swell!"
- 29 Lobster \_\_\_ Newburg
- 32 From the beginning, in Latin
- 34 Arthur Miller's "Death \_\_\_ Salesman"
- 35 Lock of hair
- 38 Brockovich and Moran
- 39 It's between Can. and Mex.
- 40 On the loose
- 41 Anheuser-Busch, for one
- 42 Pet with cheek pouches
- 45 Words after stop or turn
- 46 "My heavens!"
- 47 RR stop
- 49 Pants that are dressier than jeans
- 51 Graphically violent
- 54 \_\_\_ in the dark
- 55 Question of location
- 57 Mafia bosses
- 60 Stoker who created Dracula
- 62 It may have made a blonde blonde
- 64 Stephen of "The Crying Game"
- 65 Bout enders, briefly

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# GymHawks nip Ohio State

A little bit of faith goes a long way, the women's gymnastics team learns.

By **ROBBIE LEHMAN**  
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The saying "What goes around comes around" applied to the Iowa women's gymnastics team during this past weekend.

Before the team's dual meet with Ohio State on Feb. 6, the GymHawks made a trip to the IMU to support those participating in Dance Marathon.

"It was the most amazing experience ever," Hawkeye head coach Larissa Libby said. "We went over there and just tried to give them a little morale. ... We were very pleased to be a part of that."

In return, fans flocked to Carver-Hawkeye Arena to watch Iowa take on the Buckeyes in a "Think Pink" meet meant to raise awareness for breast cancer. The announced crowd of 766 sounded even larger and proved to be instrumental in helping Iowa make a final-event comeback to win the meet, 194.925-193.025.

The Hawkeyes earned their first Big Ten win of the season, but the meet served only as a platform to promote a larger cause.

During introductions, the GymHawks walked into the stands to pass out



Iowa junior Arielle Sucich performs on the uneven bars during Iowa's meet against Ohio State in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Feb. 6.

flowers to those who have been or are fighting breast cancer.

It was extra special meet for Iowa sophomore Jessa Hansen, whose mother beat the disease and was at the meet cheering for her daughter right along with the other Iowa fans.

"It was awesome," Hansen said. "It's kind of cool how they get into it. It's great how everyone came to support breast cancer awareness. It's a great cause, and it was a great turnout."

Black and gold gear was abandoned for pink T-shirts, ties, pom-poms, and ribbons among other garb. The GymHawks wore black leotards with pink

stripes, and pink balloons were tied to tables.

Even the black floor exercise mat was outlined in hot pink tape.

The Hawkeyes directly interacted with the fans throughout the meet. Each GymHawk who posted a score of 9.70 or better tossed a pink T-shirt into the stands, sending Hawkeye supporters into a screaming frenzy.

"[The fans] were definitely into it," junior Houry Gebeshian said, noting they helped the Hawkeyes reach their highest point total of the season. "I tried pumping them up before our floor routine. I always just try to get them as

involved as possible."

With Iowa down by .175 going into the final rotation, Gebeshian jogged around the concourse motioning her arms up and down, trying to get Iowa fans on their feet. A section of fans even cheered "Hip, Hip, Houry." The entire Hawkeye squad was energized, dancing to the music over the arena speakers.

Behind the strong floor routines of Gebeshian, Hansen, and junior Rebecca Simbhudas, who won the all-around, the GymHawks showed the quality that Libby has been trying to squeeze out of her young team all season: confidence.

Iowa's clearly evident swagger in the final rotation animated the crowd, which undoubtedly brought out the killer instinct, Libby said.

Beginning and ending the day in support of a good cause, support for the Hawkeyes came around when they needed it most.

"We can hear them," she said after the meet as her team danced to the Cha-Cha Slide with fans. "Every time they start their little cheers, it just gets you. It just gives you that extra littleumph to get going. They feel that strength in numbers."

# Hawkeyes dominant in last dual in Field House

A raucous crowd helps the men's swimming and diving to a win.

By **PATRICK RAFFERTY**  
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The Hawkeyes had to win this meet.

When the Iowa men's swimming and diving team opened its inaugural season in 1927, it faced Illinois. And it was only fitting the last meet in the Field House pitted another Illinois school against Iowa — Western Illinois.

Head coach Marc Long said the team engineered the schedule to end the building's legacy in same way Hawkeyes began by competing against a neighbor.

"I hate not to win the last meet," he said after Iowa's 162-52 win on Feb. 5.

Energized from beginning to end, the Hawkeyes handled their opponent with relative ease.

Added energy also came from an unexpected source, the crowd.

With the bottom stands of the Field House pool filled by approximately 1,000 fans, stragglers watched from the top. While there was no official attendance count, the

presence of the large crowd was certainly felt.

Iowa assistant coach Frannie Malone took note of the attendance. Malone, who had family in the crowd, cited the tremendous support as a contributor to her team's success.

"It's a proper ending to give this old facility a big win on its way out," she said. "I saw a lot of people. I would look up in the stands, and I would see a lot of administrators, a lot of old coaches, a few people that I swam with in town. I think a lot of people kind of came in to say their goodbyes."

Heading into Iowa's last competitive race in the 83-year old facility, there was a sense that something was about to happen.

When the Hawkeyes stepped up to the blocks, fans rose to their feet as the Iowa bench simultaneously shouted, "Field House. Field House. Field House." honoring the last race in the building's history.

"Our team gets it, and it's emotional," Long said. "But I have to admit it did



Iowa swimmer Richard Salhus swims an exhibition heat in the 200 freestyle at the Field House against Western Illinois on Feb. 5.

kind of get to me with that relay, watching them step up at the last event. It means a lot to the guys."

Senior Matt Ryan, who swam his last race for the Hawkeyes, said receiving such support on a special night was nice.

"It was just a good feeling," he said. "I had a lot of good memories here. There's been a lot of history in this pool, and I'm happy a lot of people acknowledged it."

The Hawkeyes also honored their seniors before

the meet. Iowa senior swimming Brad Jones remembers how far he has come during his four years, and since his first race.

"It's been a long road," the Knoxville, Tenn., native said. "The whole team has come a really long way. It's nice to see. ... My first dual meet here, I disqualified our very first relay. I remember there were a lot of tears on that one. To go out with a win and such a fun relay at the end is just a total turnaround."

# Kuczek swims out a winner

Senior swimmer Christine Kuczek caps her Iowa tenure on a solid note.

By **MITCH SMITH**  
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Christine Kuczek wasn't about to let a case of walking pneumonia keep her from swimming on senior day.

Despite the illness, the senior shone in her final regular-season meet, helping the Iowa women's swimming and diving team to victories over Northern Iowa and Western Illinois on Feb. 5 in the Field House.

The Hawkeyes dominated the meet, downing Northern Iowa, 160-60, and Western Illinois, 168-60.

In addition to a first-place in the 50 freestyle, the Deerfield, Ill., native swam the final leg for the 200-freestyle relay team.

The relay squad picked up a first-place finish to close out the meet and an era. The 200-freestyle relay was the final female event in the 83-year history of the

Field House pool.

"I love that anchor spot," Kuczek said. "Sometimes I hate it, but today it was really fun. Knowing I was the last one swimming was what got me through it. It was really exciting to touch that wall and hear everyone cheer."

She finished the regular season with 13 individual first-place finishes, ending her Hawkeye swimming career with 36 individual wins — capping a memorable four years.

The freestyler set the school record in the 100 freestyle as a sophomore, and then beat her own mark as a junior with a time of 50.21. In addition to the individual records, she swam a leg for the school-record setting 200- and 400-freestyle relay teams.

Her pool performances also earned her the women's swimming team's

MVP honor during her freshman and sophomore seasons.

"She's been such a great leader," Iowa head swimming coach Marc Long said. "The team counts on her to swim in these relay events, usually in the anchor spot to get that last point that we need."

These four years have also been an amazing ride for her parents, Ted and Cheryl Kuczek.

Her mother and father have been the unofficial "superfans" for the Hawkeye swimming program. During home meets this year, Ted Kuczek walked around the Field House donning a black and gold wig and a pair of bib overalls, and Cheryl Kuczek sported a black and gold striped skirt.

Ted Kuczek also led Iowa fans in cheers, such as

"Let's Go Hawks. Hoo." and "Hawkeye Relay."

"Every year, someone rose to the challenge to keep the crowd going and lead a cheer," Ted Kuczek said. "I'm humbled and honored to lead this great group of Iowa parents and fans. They probably look at me as a nut job every once in a while, but they always get up and cheer."

Although the season isn't over for Christine Kuczek and the Hawkeyes, Feb. 5 was a night to look back on her four years in Iowa City. She said she hopes this year's senior class helped cement a legacy that keeps the program strong.

"I'm really glad to be a part of what we did over the past four years," she said. "I can't wait to come back as an alumna and see everything that was built through my four years and beyond."

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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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line as a team.

Despite going up against a good sized Spartan team that boasts the nation's tallest player in 6-9 Allyssa DeHaan, the 5-9 Alexander also collected a game-high 10 rebounds to earn her 10th double-double of the season.

"I think Coach Bluder kind of made it real clear to me this summer that [rebounding] was going to be my job," Alexander said. "That anything under 10 rebounds is not acceptable. I really love to rebound, so for me, anything under 10 is kind of unacceptable. So I take that to heart."

Johnson, who went



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Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder plots strategy while Iowa's Kachine Alexander shoots a free throw during the Hawkeyes' game against Michigan State on Sunday in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Alexander posted 23 points and 10 rebounds in the Hawkeyes' 77-66 victory.

head-to-head with DeHaan, did more than hold her own for Iowa. DeHaan was limited to 13

points on just 5-of-15 shooting. Johnson was a perfect 4-of-4 from the floor in the first half.

"Nothing intimidates [Morgan]," Bluder said. "As a freshman, you're always worried about

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

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launching contested 3s.

Struggling with the Buckeyes' 1-3-1 full-court zone press, Lickliter's squad shot 4-of-15 (27 percent) beyond the arc, 8-of-26 overall (31 percent), in the second half.

While Iowa hoisted contested jumpers, Ohio State continued to feed Turner, its national Player of the Year candidate. The junior consistently wheeled through the lane and on the block, baffling Iowa defenders with his athleticism.

At one point, he flawlessly ran a one-man fast break past a bevy of Hawkeyes.

The forward attempted a career-high 22 shots, netting more than 50 percent of them for his sixth time in nine games. Perhaps the most versatile player in the country, Turner also added seven rebounds, five assists, and four steals Sunday afternoon, shooting 8-of-11 from the free-throw line.

"He showed how good his is," May told the Hawkeye Radio Network. "He got the ball in the basket a lot. ... It wasn't a performance I was proud of on defense."

Even with Turner controlling the game, Iowa got within single digits at the 1:25 mark. But six consecutive free throws from Turner sealed the game and gave the junior his second 30-point performance of his career.

A 9-2 Ohio State run to begin the second half

quickly gave the Buckeyes their first double-digit lead of the game. The Hawkeyes never got within eight points again. The Buckeyes went 22-of-27 (81.5 percent) from the free-throw line and scored 20 points off 14 Iowa turnovers.

"They're not turnovers that make much sense," Lickliter said. "They're ones that I think are avoidable. ... The things that you can control, you better control, and we didn't do that."

Nine first-half turnovers sparked a Buckeyes' 10-2 run. Turner netted 12 points in the game's first 20 minutes as Ohio State's lead grew as big as seven. But May's 10 first-half points — six of which came from beyond the arc — kept the Hawkeyes close.

With a heavy dose of drives and post feeds, Iowa continually attacked Ohio

State's interior defense. Getting in the lane with ease, sophomore Aaron Fuller scored nine first-half points and finished 11.

Sophomore Matt Gatens added 10 points, and freshman Cully Payne contributed 11.

The Hawkeyes' new-found inside game opened the perimeter. Lickliter's squad connected on 4-of-5 3-pointers in the first half, shooting 11-of-21 (52 percent) overall. But as the shots began to rim out, Iowa faltered on the road, where it is now 1-6 on the year.

"You've got to have some pride and compete," Lickliter said on the Hawkeye Radio Network. "These guys do. These guys are prideful, they're competing, and I've heard the criticism of it, and I think it's very unwarranted."

## COMMENTARY

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experience for the future.

Or so many said.

After a while, the more outsiders talk about Iowa's future, the more the team got sick of it. They were determined to focus on the now and prove how good they could really be.

With a big victory over Michigan State — picked preseason to finish second — it seems as though the Hawkeyes have finally found their swagger.

Standing at 12-11 overall, 5-7 in the conference, Iowa is two games from being .500 in the Big Ten and a game and a half back from tying for third place.

The parity in the Big Ten is simply astonishing.

With a month left before the Big Ten Tournament, the Hawkeyes have won four of their last five games — the lone loss coming against No. 9 Ohio State (and that was only by four points).

Thirty seconds separated a shocking upset from a bitter defeat.

Junior Kachine Alexander said Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder doesn't have the team focused on the standings because they don't really prove anything.

Once the Big Ten Tournament rolls around, "anything can happen," she said.

After all, it's already been a season in which "anything can happen" has happened.

Injuries. Upsets. Disappointments. This team has seen it all.

Recently, Iowa thumped Purdue, 70-50, in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. That same Purdue team shocked then-ranked No. 4 Ohio State in West Lafayette, Ind., just a week earlier.

I wonder what this really means for Bluder's Bunch? Or more importantly, the Big Ten in general?

There are six games remaining (three at home) for Iowa. The Hawkeyes have a chance to make some noise in the conference.

Mathematically speaking, they could finish as high as tied for second and receive a first-round bye in the Big Ten tournament in March.

A team with nothing left to lose, the Hawkeyes have the potential to be dangerous.

Alexander said that while no team likely focuses on Iowa and the Hawkeyes' recent success, that's how her and her teammates like it.

In fact, she even admitted she probably couldn't tell you another team's record if asked.

As long as they're winning, that's all that matters for the moment.

Looking toward the Big Ten Tournament, Alexander likes to remember one thing that has seemingly been the message all season long.

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that. That they're going to be intimidated by a hostile environment or by a certain opponent because you respect them so much."

Iowa was without its starting point guard, Wahlin, for the game's final 7:14. The Crookston, Minn., native left the action after her head was stepped on following a

collision. Bluder said she suffered a concussion; medical officials will monitor her condition.

Freshman Trisha Nesbitt played 21 minutes in relief of Wahlin, posting five points.

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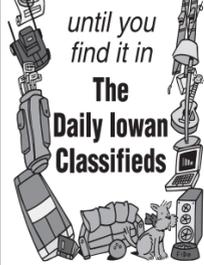
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### NFL

#### Saints march in, stun Colts

MIAMI (AP) — Who Dat won the Super Bowl? The New Orleans Saints, that's who. Ain't kidding.

Put away those paper bags forever: Drew Brees and the Saints are NFL champions, rallying to upset Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts, 31-17, Sunday night in one of pro football's most thrilling title games.

Brees tied a Super Bowl record with 32 completions, the last a 2-yard slant to Jeremy Shockey for the winning points with 5:42 remaining. The Pro Bowl quarterback was chosen Super Bowl MVP.

"We just believed in ourselves, and we knew that we had an entire city and maybe an entire country behind us," Brees said. "What can I say? I tried to imagine what this moment would be like for a long time, and it's better than expected."

A surprise onside kick sparked the Saints' second-half comeback. Their 25th-ranked defense made several key stops, and Tracy Porter's 74-yard interception return on a pass from Manning, of all people, clinched it.

Manning gave futile chase, but was blocked by a New Orleans defender and fell awkwardly as the cornerback raced by. The four-time NFL MVP forlornly walked to the sideline as the Big Easy celebrations began. Who would have thought the biggest mistake of the game would have come from Manning?

An NFL embarrassment for much of their 43 years, the Saints' football renaissance, led by Brees and coach Sean Payton, climaxed with Shockey's touchdown and Lance Moore's 2-point conversion catch. The conversion pass originally was ruled incomplete, but Payton challenged the call and won.

### GYMNASTICS

#### Gymnasts sweep Illinois-Chicago

The Iowa men's gymnastics team traveled to Chicago this past weekend hoping to repeat last season's victory over Illinois-Chicago.

Behind stellar performances on the rings and vault by freshman Matt McGrath, the Hawkeyes defeated the Flames, 340.200-331.050 on Feb. 6.

McGrath took first in both events with a score of 14.650 in the rings and 15.550 in vault. Iowa sophomore Zach Cazabon set an Iowa season high by taking first in the parallel bars with a score of 14.600.

Iowa was without the presence of team leaders Ben Ketelsen and Jon Buese, who were in Las Vegas competing in the Winter Cup and hoping to make the U.S. National Team.

"With [Ketelsen and Buese] in Las Vegas, we had other guys step in, and they did a fantastic job," Iowa head coach Tom Dunn said in a statement. "This was probably our best meet of the year, to date, so I was very pleased."

The Hawkeyes swept the Flames in team totals in all six events. Iowa had the leading individual scorer in every category but the horizontal bars.

— by Nick Gans



Iowa freshman Trisha Nesbitt fights off a double team during Iowa's game against Michigan State on Sunday in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. The game was Iowa's annual Pink Zone contest to help raise awareness of breast cancer.

# Hoopsters stop Spartans

Kachine Alexander's 23 points and 10 rebounds powered the Iowa women's basketball team to a 77-66 win over Michigan State.

By JORDAN GARRETSON  
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Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder wasn't invited to any Super Bowl parties.

But after a 77-66 win victory by the Hawkeyes (12-11, 5-7 Big Ten) over Michigan State (15-8, 6-6) on Sunday in Carver-Hawkeye Arena, the 10th-year head coach had other reasons to celebrate.

The biggest one? Balance: Five Hawkeyes scored in double figures.

Junior Kachine Alexander led the way, posting a game-high 23 points. Also scoring double digits for Iowa were sophomores Kelly Krei (14) and Kamille Wahlin (14), in addition to freshmen Jaime Printy (11) and Morgan Johnson (10).

Sunday was the ninth time four or more players have scored in double figures this season. Iowa is 9-0 in those games.

"I love the fact that we are so hard to guard," Bluder said. "We have so many offensive weapons on the floor."

"I also think it just shows the confidence that we have in all of our players as far as their ability to score."

Bluder's Bunch went into halftime

with a 30-29 advantage despite being essentially without Printy — the team's leading scorer on the season at 15.1 points per game — able to contribute offensively.

The 5-11 guard only played 11 minutes in the first half after picking up two charging fouls in the game's first 6:05. She appeared to be out of rhythm and was unable to net any points prior to the break.

But Printy's play in the second half was a different story.

All 11 of her points came in the first 9:46 of the second frame, sparking Iowa to a 55-43 edge with 10:14 remaining. Bluder said Printy's performance "just shows you what she's capable of doing in a short period of time."

Numerous fouls by Michigan State put Iowa in the single bonus just 7:21 into the second half.

From there, free-throw shooting propelled Iowa to its fourth Big Ten win in five games. Alexander went 12-of-14 from the charity stripe, and the Hawkeyes shot 87 percent from the

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### COMMENTARY

## Not waiting for next year

The Iowa women's basketball team still has a shot to finish strongly in the Big Ten.



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In October, the Big Ten released its preseason media and coaches' picks for women's basketball. Iowa was predicted to finish fifth in the team standings.

The Hawkeyes opened conference play

with a disappointing 54-51 loss at home to Michigan on Dec. 6, 2009. A month later, they fell into a slump, losing of four out of five in the Big Ten.

It looked as though it would be a long and disappointing season.

Starting a miserable 1-6 in conference play, the Hawkeyes never gave up. With a starting lineup comprising two freshmen, two sophomores, and a junior, it was all a learning

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# Men play Buckeyes tough but lose

Ohio State's Evan Turner proved to be too much for the Hawkeyes on Sunday.

By SCOTT MILLER  
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Iowa needed a break from Evan Turner. It never got one.

Playing all 40 minutes, Ohio State's All-American forward tied a career high of 32 points and led the Buckeyes (18-6, 8-3) to a 68-58 victory over the Hawkeyes (8-16, 2-9) on Sunday in Columbus. The defeat marks Iowa's fifth loss in six games.

Iowa head coach Todd Lickliter's squad had four scorers in double-figures for only the fifth time all year, led by freshman

Eric May's 16 points.

"You've got to give our guys a lot of credit for their effort and the way they play," Lickliter said on the Hawkeye Radio Network. "Athletics are pass-fail, and it hurts, but the fact is we're a much better team today than when we started."

In the second half, Iowa abandoned its inside game and reverted to its 3-point-happy system. Whereas the Hawkeyes only took five triples in the first half, they spent much of their time in the final 20 minutes

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Iowa's Cully Payne dribbles towards for William Buford of Ohio State during the Hawkeyes' game on Jan. 27 in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. On Sunday, the Hawkeyes lost to Ohio State, 68-58.

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