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UI class sizes under scrutiny

Professors may see larger classes.

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Faculty efficiency has been a focus at the UI for at least two years, but the budget crisis in particular has “accelerated” the need, the faculty council president said.

Because of the diminishing numbers of faculty positions and teaching assistants, UI officials said they need faculty to pick up the slack and teach more students.

“We’ve lost so many teaching assistants, we’ve lost faculty lines, and the current faculty are being asked to step up to the plate more and teach more because of the need,” said Faculty Council President David Drake.



Drake
Faculty Council president

According to the College Portrait for the UI the ratio of students to faculty is 15-1. Most undergraduate classes — 82 percent — have fewer than 30 students.

Freeing up those professors who interact with few students to teach larger classes could save money, UI Provost Wallace Loh said.

SEE SIZES, 3A

Hayek highlights budget, crime

The mayor notes the city will hire six new police officers, including one to handle juvenile offenses.

By **KATHRYN STINSON**
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Preventing crime and balancing the budget are the two key issues facing Iowa City, Mayor Matt Hayek told the Iowa City Area Chamber of Commerce on Thursday evening.

He addressed a number of the city’s challenges at the chamber’s annual banquet, spanning from tough budget decisions to developing projects that will aid the area as it continues to expand.



Hayek
mayor

“Iowa City is a very attractive community, and we are in

SEE HAYEK, 3A

‘I grabbed my passport and left as soon as I could. It’s surreal to know that everything is gone so fast.’

— **Olga Mironova**, UI student and tenant

10 homeless after fire



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Firefighters attempt to put out a fire at 515 E. College St., where 10 people resided, on Thursday. A call was made at 4:26 p.m. to the Iowa City Fire Department. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Records show the apartments had received fire-code citations last month.

By **JORDAN FRIES**
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A fire in an Iowa City apartment building on Thursday left 10 residents, including some UI students, without a home.

Iowa City firefighters said the structure, located at 515 E. College St., is probably destroyed. No injuries have been reported, and all residents were evacuated from the building.

The cause of the fire is still unknown.

UI student Olga Mironova, a tenant in the building, said she discovered the fire at roughly 4:30 p.m.

Mironova returned home around 4 p.m. and said she smelled smoke almost immediately.

She dismissed the smell as a tenant smoking in the building, then became uneasy and began to check her apartment unit. She found smoke rising from the basement and checked with a tenant upstairs, who called 911.

Firefighters responded roughly five minutes later, Mironova said.

“I grabbed my passport and left as soon as I could,” the native of Russia said as she gazed at the blaze. “It’s surreal to know that everything is gone so fast.”

Tenant and UI student Alex Hinders was sleeping, but the smoke and the blaring sirens awakened him. He was surprised at the chaos awaiting him outside the building, he said.

“It took awhile to register that my place was literally on fire,” he said. “I still can’t believe it.”

Hinders and Mironova joined the thickening mass of observers who gathered on the adjacent street to watch eight fire engines combat the flames.

SEE FIRE, 3A

UI scrambles to better serve Latinos

Latinos will be the largest minority population in Iowa by 2050, Census Bureau says.

By **KATHRYN STINSON**
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The UI is looking to continue boosting its minority recruitment, particularly for Latinos, according to a Monday report from a task force commissioned by Provost Wallace Loh. But several community members emphasized retaining those students must remain a key element in the equation.

The report said UI officials hope to be recognized as a member of the National Hispanic Institute, an educational resource for Latinos. And the UI has hiked Latino

enrollment from 746 students in 2006 to 886 in 2010.

On top of that, the UI received a one-time chunk of federal stimulus money to increase outreach to minority students, said Nicole Nisly, the UI interim chief diversity officer.

“There is clearly a link between excellence and diversity,” said Nisly, also a co-chairwoman for the Internalization and Diversity Taskforce. “It’s very important we realize the population of Iowa is becoming more and more diverse.”

SEE MINORITY, 3A



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UI junior Guadalupe Trinidad (left) plays Catch Phrase with other students at the Latino and Native American Cultural Center on Tuesday. The group was celebrating with a casual get-together and game night.

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CORRECTION

In the Feb. 18 story “High-tech classrooms in UI’s near future,” the *DI* inaccurately reported that the classroom under construction would cost the UI \$290,000 due to a source’s error. The classroom will actually cost approximately \$440,000 when the cost of technology is added to the price. The *DI* regrets the misinformation.



Cohen to step down as head of downtown board

'She brought all of downtown together,' George Etre says.



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Leah Cohen, the owner of Bo-James, reaches for pizza coupons in Bo-James on Aug. 25, 2009. On Thursday, Cohen announced she would step down as president of the Iowa City Downtown Association.

By **NORA HEATON**
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One of downtown Iowa City's fiercest advocates will step out of the spotlight this summer.

Leah Cohen, the current president of Iowa City's Downtown Association, will leave the position on June 1, six months before the close of her 2010 elected term.

"I'm ready to cut back on things," said Cohen, who has been president since January 2009. "I have a couple of challenges with my own business, so I decided it's time for me to exit public life."

Cohen is the owner of Bo-James, 118 E. Washington St. The restaurant and bar is facing a possible 30-day loss of liquor license this spring after failing an alcohol-compliance check on Jan. 30, 2009.

Cohen said she plans to challenge the charge.

Illegal alcohol consumption and related issues have historically been a concern for the Downtown Association, which promotes downtown Iowa City.

But much of the board's

attention also goes toward creating a safe downtown for residents, shoppers, and visitors. For example, the association recently undertook the introduction of monitor cameras on the Pedestrian Mall. Cohen said she hopes to complete the installation before June.

It has not always been easy to accommodate both city officials' concerns about downtown businesses and the interests of owners, said Iowa City City Councilor Regenia Bailey. But Cohen has been instrumental in representing downtown interests to the city in an amenable way, Bailey said.

"Leah has always had a pretty visible relationship with the City Council and city staff," Bailey said. "She was very good about bringing issues to council that concerned downtown businesses."

Aside from administrative concerns, Cohen has promoted a sense of community downtown, said Takanami owner George Etre, and she consistently worked to represent retailers in addition to bars and restaurants.

"I think that's the key to what made her so successful," said Etre, who recently sold his downtown bar Et Cetera. "She brought all of downtown together."

Still, Cohen said, bar owners are a key presence downtown and are under-represented in the Downtown Association. She considers herself one of few bar owners active in the community.

Nonetheless, downtown businesses will be left in the hands of a "superior board of directors," of which Cohen said she will remain a part. The board has already established a committee to select new leadership.

Bailey said she expects and hopes the next president will be as communicative with the City Council as Cohen was.

"Downtown is a critical part of the city," she said.

Cohen will see transition in her personal life when she steps down, she said.

"I've been in public life and working with the community for a lot of years," said Cohen, who also served as co-chairwoman of

Twenty years for alcohol safety

An overview of Leah Cohen's involvement in Iowa City:

- Owner of Bo-James, restaurant and bar
- President of the Downtown Association
- Original member of the Iowa City Police Citizen Review Board
- Chaired and co-chaired the Iowa City Alcohol Advisory Board
- Member of the UI's Partnership for Alcohol Safety
- Worked with the Mayor's Youth Empowerment Program
- Promoted safety awareness with the Rape Victim Advocacy Program

Source: Leah Cohen

the Iowa City Alcohol Advisory Board for four years and sits on the UI's Partnership for Alcohol Safety. "I have a little home in Arizona I'd like to go back to and enjoy a little bit of early retirement."

METRO

Man accused in shooting gets 2 suspended sentences

An 18-year-old accused of shooting an Iowa City man outside the now-closed Los Cocos bar has accepted a plea agreement, said assistant Johnson County prosecutor Deb Minot.

According to court documents, Bernard Butler and Cortez Parker were at Los Cocos, 1921 Keokuk St., on Aug. 9, 2009, when Butler allegedly became intoxicated and shot the accuser. Parker sustained serious injury.

Minot said Butler pleaded guilty to going armed with intent as well as intimidation with a dangerous weapon. Each is a Class D felony. The parties agreed that each offense would carry a sentence of five years and that each would be suspended. Instead, Butler will be put on probation and will serve a sentence at the Hope House in Coralville.

— by Sam Lane

Minneapolis man faces additional count

A Minneapolis man charged in connection with the 2004 break-in at the UI Spence Labs and

Seashore Hall has been indicted with an additional count of conspiracy, according to federal court documents.

Scott DeMuth, 22, was first 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 has claimed credit for the break-in.

— by Sam Lane

Student charged with burglary

A UI student and IMU Catering employee was charged last month after allegedly using someone's ID to steal items from Mayflower Market.

Junji Ji, 19, 1122 N. Dubuque St., was charged Jan. 31 with third-degree burglary, possession of burglar's tools, and identity theft.

Ji allegedly went to the Mayflower Hall front desk wearing a Mayflower Market shirt and claimed to be employed there. She used an actual employee's ID to check out a key, police said.

According to police, Ji was seen on video entering Mayflower with an empty bag, then leaving with the bag full. A

front desk worker reportedly identified Ji in a photo lineup.

— by Jordan Fries

Man charged with animal abuse

Iowa City police arrested a man last week after he allegedly beat a dog.

Earnest Mitchell, 54, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 3427, was charged Feb. 12 with animal abuse after a woman, the dog's owner, reported that he injured her long-haired terrier.

According to police, Mitchell had been caring for the dog when it urinated on his floor. He allegedly grabbed the terrier around the neck and "spanked" it after the dog tried to bite Mitchell's hand, police said.

The dog was visibly injured, according to reports, with swelling, red eyes, a noticeable limp, a large lump on its head, and a lack of energy.

Animal abuse is an aggravated misdemeanor generally punishable by up to two years in prison and a maximum fine of up to \$5,000.

— by Jordan Fries

Woman charged with theft

Iowa City police charged a

woman with theft after she allegedly falsely reported stolen student-loan checks.

Valerie Davis, 44, 2113 Miami Drive, was charged Feb. 2 with second-degree theft and making false reports to law enforcement authorities.

Davis allegedly cashed a student-loan check for \$1,304.61 at Money Station, 1104 S. Gilbert St., on Sept. 10 before reporting to U.S. Bank that the check was stolen and forged, police said.

U.S. Bank reissued the funds, and Davis reportedly cashed that check for the same amount on Dec. 16 at Fast Cash, 804 S. First Ave.

Davis allegedly reported another stolen check on Feb. 2 to Iowa City police. She said her post office box was broken into and a check for \$5,386 was stolen, forged, and cashed.

The officer then spoke with a Fast Cash employee who provided the officer with a photocopy of the loan check and Davis' ID, police said. The employee reportedly recognized Davis as the person who cashed the check.

Second-degree theft 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

POLICE BLOTTER

Phil Barr, 49, address unknown, was charged Thursday with public intoxication.

Curtis Hubbell, 20, 702 N. Van

Buren St., was charged Feb. 12 with keeping a disorderly house.

Jon Radecki, 48, address unknown, was charged

Wednesday with public intoxication. **Roosevelt Tye**, 42, 1100 Arthur St. Apt. E5, was charged Wednesday with OWI.

Steven Warner, 59, 816 Clark St., was charged Wednesday with OWI and fifth-degree theft.

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People stand behind an apartment complex to watch a fire at 515 E. College St. on Thursday. The Iowa City Fire Department received an emergency call at 4:26 p.m.

FIRE

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Firefighters worked for more than four hours to beat back the flames as the Sun began to set and temperatures plummeted.

Iowa City police officers closed access to the entire 500 block of College Street — including evacuating the Community Mental Health Center for Mid-Eastern Iowa, 507 E. College St. — as water from the hoses gushed down the sidewalk.

The apartments received nine citations last month during an inspection by the Department of Housing and Inspection Services, records show.

Violations cited in the report indicate a missing smoke alarm in the living room and a fire extinguisher that needed to be mounted on the wall. A



Firefighters battle a fire at 515 E. College Street on Thursday. Fire officials believe the structure was destroyed.

reinspection was scheduled for Feb. 24.

The complex was originally a house before it was modified to accommodate seven apartment units.

Landlord Jo Ellen Roffman of Iowa City rental service J&J Real Estate declined to comment.

Officials from the American Red Cross gathered the homeless tenants and

gave them vouchers to use for shelter.

For now, the residents are left to wait and generate hope for the future.

"I was very lucky to have awakened when I did," Hinders said. "Who knows what could have happened if I had waited any longer."

MINORITY

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Two years ago, the UI Admissions Office updated its website to offer a Spanish page. It also added Spanish speaking admissions advisers after hearing requests for some, said Debra Miller, an associate director of undergraduate admissions.

Officials will also send more recruiters to areas with high Latino populations, Nisly said.

Bilingual representatives from the UI Center for Diversity and Enrichment will travel to schools to provide information on the UI to minority students and their parents, who sometimes don't speak English any may not be familiar with the college search process or experience, Miller said.

Despite the focus on diversifying the UI's student body, Nisly agreed with several students that once students get on campus, retention is still a concern.

When UI senior Ramiro Ramos came to Iowa City, he said felt isolated as a minority student.

"There just wasn't a place for me to identify with," the 23-year-old said. Then he found the Latino/Native American Culture Center, a home away from home for Ramos.

"The programs work, and the people are fantastic," he said, "but the UI is skating by on a minimum."

Elizabeth Macias, a UI sophomore Latina student, said the university is proactive when it comes to recruiting minority students, but officials need to offer more programs to help keep students here.

"I would like to see the university involved in planning programs or events for minority students," she wrote in an e-mail. "Not just from the cultural centers."

And low graduation rates for minority students illustrate the problem.

Latinos are the largest and youngest minority group in the United States, numbering around 35.3 million, according to the 2000 U.S. Census Bureau. The U.S. Census Bureau predicts Latinos will be the largest minority population in Iowa by 2050.

This overwhelmingly large group also has the highest dropout rate — only around a quarter will graduate from college, according to the National Educational Longitudinal Survey.

The UI offers numerous support networks including the Center for Diversity & Enrichment, Iowa Edge, and the Latino/Native American Culture Center.

But Macias said she doesn't feel these resources — especially the centers — get enough attention.

"Most if not all of the non-minority students don't even know these cultural centers exist," Macias said. "But every-

one is aware of a Lupe Fiasco concert. It's just an example of what things seem to be more important to the university when cultural awareness should be on the top of its list."

Nisly said the UI gave the cultural centers additional money this year to enhance programs, but officials hope to focus on these efforts more as the university recovers from the budget crisis.

Luisa Ortice, a UI graduate student who manages the Latino/Native American Culture Center, said mentor and support programs are vital in sustaining minority retention.

"It doesn't matter to me how many minority students there are," she said. "Their success relies on the programs that are created to see them succeed."

HAYEK

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great shape compared with so many places across the country," Hayek said. "But, the steady automatic growth we have historically enjoyed is no longer so automatic and is not sufficient to fund our operations and long term projects."

Nancy Quellhorst, the president and CEO of the Iowa City Area Chamber of Commerce, said Hayek was selected to speak because his message was timely.

"Iowa City currently faces a selection of a new city manager, a budget that needs to be balanced, and rising crime," she said. "As a result, the city's leadership is critical to the future of our community."

Hayek contended that the community's crime rate is rising.

"Crime in Iowa City has increased in number and severity," he said. "The situation cannot be tolerated and must be a primary focus of our attention and resources."

(On June 9, 2009, *The Daily Iowan* reported that despite the public's perception, the crime rate for Iowa City is going down, according to police.)

The city plans to expand resources to combat the city's crime issues, Hayek said. This includes hiring six new police officers to enhance patrol operations in higher crime areas; one will specialize in juvenile crime.

City officials also



ROB JOHNSON/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa City Mayor Matthew Hayek greets people at the Iowa City Area Chamber of Commerce banquet in the Coralville Marriott on Thursday. The mayor spoke about his plans for the upcoming year to improve the budget as well as reduce crime.

re-established the position of crime-prevention officer, who will connect police and other departments with neighborhood groups, schools, and landlords, he said.

Hayek also noted positive developments in the city, including his excitement about the possibility of the UI School of Music and Hancher Auditorium moving downtown.

It's also important for the city to use effective planning as the project develops to minimize the amount of taxable land loss, he said. These revenue cuts could be eased if the buildings offered commercial or office space on the bottom floor.

However, Iowa City City Councilor Mike Wright, who attended the banquet, said he didn't like the idea of the UI taking property off the city's tax roll.

But he did agree with Hayek that careful planning for the facilities could

Iowa City expands

In-progress city projects include:

- Towncrest Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan
- Moss Green Urban Village
- Riverfront Crossing Redevelopment Project
- Expansion of the Southeast Industrial Area

Source: Mayor Matt Hayek

be beneficial. "I'm afraid we are not going to know that until it happens," he said.

Councilor Susan Mims also expressed mixed feelings about losing tax revenue with the new music facility location.

"At the same time we are excited it may spur more private development," she said. "That it will bring more foot traffic with the students and professors is certainly positive for all the downtown business."

SIZES

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"What colleges are trying to do is to make the most effective and efficient use of limited teaching resources to meet the student demand," he wrote in an e-mail.

Loh noted the "best class sizes" are determined by subject matter, so classes in art performance are small, almost individualized instruction.

Theater Professor Eric Forsythe teaches 16 students in his acting classes and four or five in his directing seminar.

Small numbers are a matter of individualized attention and safety because of the physical activity involved with theater, he said.

"Any more [students], and we would have people being hurt," Forsythe said.

To improve efficiency, professors are taking on a larger number of classes with the same number of students. Professors now work with larger numbers in general, Forsythe said.

"We reach a fair number, and we're certainly cognizant of our responsibility to reach as many as we can," he said.

Another reason some faculty work with fewer

students is if their subject matter is not very popular, resulting in low enrollment. While those professors may have to take on more classes, Drake said, it wouldn't necessarily mean they would have to discontinue the smaller class.

But colleges may have to reconsider whether low-enrollment classes should be offered annually, Loh said.

Despite focusing on efficiency, students' education won't suffer, Loh said, and size won't determine the quality of teaching.

"Some types of courses must be kept small, and some types of courses can be large, keeping educational quality the paramount consideration," Loh said.

For performing arts classes, small student-teacher ratios are necessary for the space avail-

Professors teach few students

Several factors contribute to some faculty teaching smaller numbers of students:

- Needed individualized attention for music students
- Specialty classes
- Low popularity
- Senior capstone classes
- Theater classes with limited space

Source: Provost Wallace Loh

able, style of teaching, and one-on-one time.

"In performing arts, it's absolutely vital," Forsythe said. "The relationship is crucial. If there weren't very close personal relationships with students, we might as well go out of business."

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Editorial

Iowa should legalize and lead with medical weed

The Iowa Board of Pharmacy's recommendation on Wednesday to simultaneously reclassify marijuana and create a body to oversee the possible legalization of the plant for medical use is commendable and realistic. Iowa legislators — and other states — should take note.

The board voted unanimously to recommend shifting marijuana from a Schedule I controlled substance to Schedule II — a switch that would recognize the potential medical benefits and open the door for possible legalization. While the legislation needed to change the plant's categorization likely won't come until next year at the earliest, the decision is still a major victory for Iowans who tout the medical benefits of the drug.

Iowa's board is the first body of its type to take active steps toward medical marijuana legalization. Of the 14 states that allow medicinal use of the drug, the measure has arisen from other means, such as the public referendum in California. While these methods of legalization are perfectly valid, having a state body such as the Board of Pharmacy initiate proceedings breeds an unprecedented level of control for any change in regulation.

"Because medical marijuana is illegal, people doing research on its effects can't do the research," said Margaret Whitworth, one of two public members of the board. She explained that many of the studies that provide evidence for the drug's benefits lose much of their credibility, mainly because the size and scope of such research is limited by the criminality of the drug.

That's not to say that there isn't evidence that points to marijuana's health benefits. Marijuana

has been shown to ease many conditions, including vomiting, chronic pain, and nausea. And it's safer than scores of drugs on the market; it's nearly impossible to overdose on pot.

"There is increasing information that [marijuana] does provide medical benefits," Whitworth said in an interview Thursday.

The board's actions represent a new wave in responsible and intelligent debate on the big-picture effects of legalizing medical marijuana. There are still questions concerning the extent of the benefits and how best to control the dissemination of the drug. This is why the board has also proposed the creation of a large body of stakeholders who can oversee the possible transition.

If legislators decide to legalize the substance for medicinal uses, Iowa should avoid a relatively laissez-faire approach, as California has done. The creation of this body is a positive step toward the measured, transitional legalization that is needed.

Whitworth said California's approach left things wide open.

"It's basically not medical marijuana, just plain marijuana," she said.

Amid the mounting evidence in favor of marijuana's medicinal value for ailments ranging from HIV to glaucoma, these pre-emptive actions to further research and better control the substance put Iowa at the forefront of medical marijuana reform.

We applaud the board for its actions and look to our legislators to back its recommendations. Iowa should serve as a leader in providing information on marijuana and its medicinal benefits.

The negatives of plus-size

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We are in the midst of the hottest time in fashion. February begins the Fashion Week parade that jumps from New York to London to Paris, complete with the walking pieces of art that will hit (mostly elite) stores in the spring. Implicit in your thoughts on couture designers and bright runways are the models. While the exact shape of the model changes to express the zeitgeist of the decade, the actual size has basically stayed the same. This year, however, more than one designer has chosen to include the generally dreaded (in the fashion world at least) plus-size model. Rumors abound from London and New York about the opposition to this new inclusion.

So what is all the hubbub about? Despite my very secure self-identification as a feminist, I find myself a bit out of sorts where this topic is involved. While I oppose the idea of size-0 models as the only representation of the female form on the runway, I don't think I am a fan of the size-12 models either.

Let me say right now that I am no size 2 or 4 (or 6 for that matter), so I think I can understand the desire of many proponents of the plus-size movement. I'm definitely a fan of having someone in magazines and on television to identify with physically. I can attest to the long-term damage produced by the insane and generally unobtainable weight expectations imposed on American women. However, the sizes that the public consider to be in the plus range, 14-18, are to my mind just as unhealthy as the 0s and 2s.

Part of what bothers me about having the size 14 on the runway is the motivation for it. In this economic climate, it would seem that many designers are doing whatever they can to jump on a market that was previously untapped. Jean Paul Gaultier walked down the runway with his plus-sized model who was wearing his collection's finale dress (the big-deal dress). Additionally, in about a week, Gaultier will

release a line designed for Target Stores nationwide.

Many other designers that have featured runway plus-size models, from Michael Kors to Isaac Mizrahi, have also created lines for big-box stores. Perhaps this is a marketing ploy more than a new acceptance. If that is the case, then the inclusion of these new models could be just as damaging.

So what size constitutes health? A few months ago, *Glamour* magazine drummed up a lot of attention by featuring a photo shoot of several plus-size models in the industry. Among them was Lizzi Miller, star of *Glamour's* first nude plus-size photo shoot. In an interview, size 12-14 Miller said that she eats right and exercises daily and that her size is an accurate reflection of her natural weight. I find this pretty difficult to believe. I run between a size 8 and a size 10 and like athletics, so perhaps I am unable to shelve my own bias. But it would seem to me that someone eating optimally (six roughly 300-calorie meals a day, complete with the proper distribution of proteins, veggies, and fruits) and working out daily (could be as little as a 20-30 minute run) should be closer to a size 6 or 8.

I am by no means condemning larger sizes aesthetically. The plus-size women who have walked the runways thus far have been as beautiful as the typical Fashion Week model fare. Trust me — I am about as awed by Miller's looks as I am of Agyness Deyn's.

However, it would seem that people posing as fashion iconoclasts are really just taking advantage of a new market in desperate times. This may be an attempt to exhibit women that fit into the image of the average American woman, but the average American women is unhealthy.

So, what are the implications of this new trend? Is this an attempt to create a new fashion verisimilitude? That a size 14 is the right size? Could these new images have a positive effect on the American female psyche? I don't know the answers just yet. But I am skeptical. ■

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The wrong quote

Daily Iowan columnist Simeon Talley, in his Feb. 15 article, seriously misquoted former Arizona Sen. Barry Goldwater. He had the senator as supposedly saying, "extremism in the face of liberty is no vice." The complete statement is, "I would remind you that extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice. And let me remind you also that moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue."

The only thing infamous is your misquotation, not the statement itself. It might be worth your while to Google "Senator Goldwater" and read the Wikipedia article.

Martin Sokoll
Coralville resident

Ocean pollution a problem

Recently my family and I took a trip down to the Florida Keys. We go back almost every

year to see the smiling faces, and beautiful views. But that got me thinking, what is in the future for our planet's oceans? To me, where I stand, they seem fine. But looking at pictures of the dead zone in the Gulf of Mexico makes me sick and gives me the drive to do something about it. I want a change for my future children and for the generations to come.

Ocean pollution is a serious issue that is taken lightly. Or on the other hand, people may

think that it's too big of a job to even try to deal with. Well, they're wrong. Even if we Iowans don't live by an ocean, we do live by a very polluted river. Many of these toxins come from Iowa's farmers, and there needs to be an end. I think we should make farmers change their fertilizers to more eco-friendly chemicals. If we all work together, we can end marine pollution.

Carolyn Rosenquist
Iowa City resident

Guest opinion

How to answer those difficult sex questions

By CHRISTIE VILSACK

"If we talk to teenagers and young adults about sex and birth control, isn't that going to encourage them to have sex or condone sexual experimentation?" I hear this question — or some variation of it — at almost every presentation I make to civic organizations in Iowa.

In sharp contrast, when I talk with students on college campuses, I ask what message they think I should tell their parents and grandparents about sexuality issues for young adults. They say, "Tell them that we left home without the information we needed to make wise decisions

about intimate relationships." Some tell of good sex education in their schools. Others talk about parents and grandparents who speak openly with them about sexual intimacy. Most, however, tell stories of teachers, parents, or faith leaders who used scare tactics or keep silent on the subject.

Talking about sex at age-appropriate levels doesn't cause promiscuity or encourage young people to engage in sexual intimacy sooner than they might otherwise. In fact, a study conducted by the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy found that young people

armed with information put off their first sexual experiences.

Just as parents are their children's first and best teachers as babies and toddlers, they continue to teach even when their teenager stomps out of a room and slams a door in frustration. We have a precious opportunity to talk with our children about relationships like "falling in love" or sexual attraction. Studies also tell us that most of us don't want to talk about sex with our adolescent children because we don't want to talk about our own sexual behavior at their age, our own insecurities, conquests, or perceived mistakes.

Many of us simply wish someone else would take care of this for us. It's not easy to have "the conversation," but it doesn't have to be so hard, and it needs to be numerous conversations.

If parents started talking correctly about basic body parts (the ones we can't see) when children are very young, they could learn right along with their children. Our health-care professionals and day-care and preschool teachers can help us with this.

For Janice, the opportunity presented itself unexpectedly when her seventh-

grade daughter interrupted dinner preparations to ask Janice if she would answer some questions for a class. Janice, an involved parent in small-town Iowa, immediately agreed. First question: "Tell me about your first sexual experience." The question caught Janice completely off guard. "Whose class did you say this was for?" she stammered. The teacher was someone she knew well, and she immediately conjured up an image of the teacher's late-night reading of her daughter's report and having to face her at parent-teacher conferences or at the grocery store.

As a School Board member, Janice had been part of approving this life-skills class as part of a community effort to reduce teen pregnancies and improve the district's graduation rate. With a few questions of her own, Janice realized this survey was meant to stimulate conversation but wouldn't be turned in. She breathed a sign of relief, reminded herself to encourage her daughter to also ask her father the question, and proceeded to consider an appropriate response.

Christie Vilsack is executive director of the Iowa Initiative to Reduce Unintended Pregnancies.



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ABOVE and BELOW: Shalmali Bodas applies a henna tattoo to Gina Mergy's hand at the Celebrating Cultural Diversity Festival in the Field House on Feb. 24, 2008. This year's festival is from noon to 5 p.m. on Feb. 21 at the Field House.

Celebrating diversity

The Celebrating Cultural Diversity Festival doesn't have to wear a tiara on its 20th birthday to stand out.

By **CAROLINE BERG**
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For its 20th anniversary, the Celebrating Cultural Diversity Festival isn't ordering fireworks or lining up Lady Gaga to throw it down on the main stage. It doesn't need to.

"Every year is special," said Nicole Nisly, the UI interim chief diversity officer and a UI associate vice president. "One festival never looks like the one that came before it, because it's about the content, and the content is the people."

The popular Turkana music group, Moy Yat Ving Tsun Kung Fu, and a Korea-based dance troupe are a mere sample of what to expect at the festival in the Field House from noon to 5 p.m. Feb. 21. Admission into the event is free, and ethnic foods, arts, and crafts will be available for purchase.

"As the world gets smaller, we learn about all these issues going on outside of Iowa," said Bret Gothe, a member of the festival's planning committee. "You meet a student from Haiti at the festival, and all of a sudden, you feel a connection to what you've been hearing and seeing on the news."

The UI's total international enrollment consists of 2,423 students from 115 different countries — the largest international population coming from China to the lowest single-student populations including Uzbekistan, Gambia, and Estonia. Gothe believes in the cultural event's ability to draw international issues closer to home.

"The festival gives peo-



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ple the opportunity to interact with different groups they might not have been able to meet otherwise," UI student Zakir Durumeric said. "It opens up a whole new world of things that maybe you didn't know existed."

He grew up attending the festival annually, and he is now in his third year serving on the festival's planning committee. The native of Iowa City found it difficult to describe the magic of the event.

"It was really a sensory overload as a child," Durumeric said. "I basically remember there being a lot of people and a lot of music playing all around me."

These days, he looks forward to the annual event as an escape from the cold and snow to a world full of color and tempting aromas. Durumeric, who is of Turkish descent, attested to the cultural authenticity of the groups represented at festival.

The event consists of a main performance stage for music and dance, the North Gym for lessons and demonstrations from hapkido self-defense to Egyptian and Lebanese dance, and children's

area rooms including crafts and dress-up. Cultural groups and organizations also line the perimeter of the running track to sell food and hand out information. In honor of the Haiti relief fund, the Grant Wood Area Chapter of the American Red Cross will have a booth set up to take donations.

"There's a group of very committed people working every year to put this festival together," Nisly said. "Particularly the students [in the committee] bring in a special infusion of energy and always have new ideas to share."

The committee has paid extra attention this year in welcoming and catering to those with disabilities, she said.

"We're doing this because we really realize that having a disability is just another form of diversity," Nisly said. "We don't want people to hesitate about coming just because they have a disability."

In her definition, diversity covers all realms of distinctions including ethnic, economic, religious, and sexual. Everyone is different, and everyone is welcome.

Some bluegrass without corn

Split Lip Rayfield will give bluegrass a kick in the butt tonight at the Yacht Club.

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When people think about bluegrass, images of gray-haired men in collared shirts and ties plucking away at banjos might come to mind. However, the guys in Split Lip Rayfield prefer wearing T-shirts and jeans onstage, and their playing gives off a live feel more along the lines of a punk-rock show — rebellious, aggressive, and energetic.



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... there is a lot of tradition in the bluegrass world, and we try to cast that aside."

Split Lip Rayfield will perform its wild bluegrass tonight at the Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn St., with an opening performance from local blues rock band the Mad Monks. Admission is \$10.

The group has been together for almost 15 years, putting out seven studio albums and receiving widespread critical acclaim along the way. Its most recent album, 2008's *I'll Be Around*, features the humor and raw power that fans have come to expect from the band.

Jason Larson, a UI student and the host of "Local Tunes" on KRUI 89.7FM, commended the Yacht Club for its support of the bluegrass scene, and he looks forward to Split Lip Rayfield's performance in Iowa City. He said the trio plays "some good bluegrass."

While the band is currently going strong, it was not long ago that the future of the Split Lip Rayfield was in question, when founding member and acoustic guitar slinger, Kirk Rundstrom, died after a yearlong battle with esophageal cancer.



PUBLICITY PHOTO

Split Lip Rayfield comes to Iowa City tonight. The group will play at the Yacht Club after an opening performance from local blues rock band the Mad Monks. Admission is \$10.

"We thought the band was over," mandolin player and vocalist Wayne Gottstine said.

Split Lip Rayfield broke up for almost a year but reunited after recording music for the Adult Swim TV program "Squidbillies" and performing with the Reverend Horton Heat.

Gottstine said the band missed playing shows and decided to start touring again as a trio, with banjo player Eric Mardis completing the lineup. The group is on the road in the Midwest and plans to continue playing as many gigs as possible.

While Split Lip Rayfield shuns most of the bluegrass tradition, it does have one staple that shows up at every performance — the Stitchgiver. Eaton used the gas tank of a 1978 Mercury

Grand Marquis, a piece of hickory, and a Weedwhacker line to build the homemade bluegrass instrument.

Gottstine said the bass is not for the weak; it got its name because of its tendency to injure those around it.

"It'll rough ya up," he said. "You don't want to get too close to it, or it will take a chunk out of your skin. It's real rough on [Jeff's] hands, and he has to tape them up."

The trio looks forward to its performance at the Yacht Club, a venue that the band has learned to call its home in Iowa City.

"We always like going to the Yacht Club," Gottstine said. "It's always a real good time, even though I've rarely experienced lovely weather in Iowa, because we always seem to come around in the winter."

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Around the world

Stephanie Griest thirsts for travel and writing.

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Stephanie Griest fondly remembers the adventurous and worldly bedtime stories her father, a Navy drummer, told her. She got the travel bug early on.

"I just have wanderlust encoded in my DNA," the UI graduate fellow said.

Years later, she has made her way to more than 30 countries and seen every state in the United States (save for Hawaii, Alaska, and Minnesota). She's also an accomplished nonfiction writer to boot, studying to get an M.F.A. in the Nonfiction Writing Program.

The travel obsession began during Griest's senior year in high school in Corpus Christi, Texas, when she received a brochure for a journalism conference in Washington, D.C., in the mail.

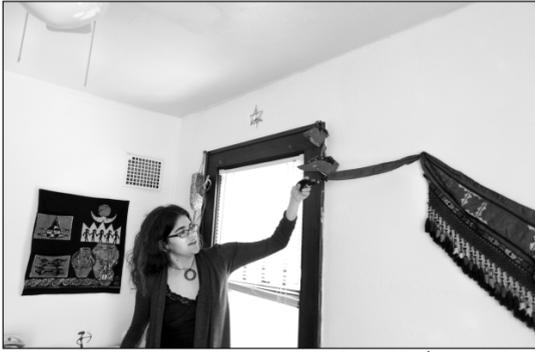
At the conference, she asked the keynote speaker, a CNN correspondent, how she could become a professional journalist.

The man replied, "Learn Russian."

So in the fall of 1992, following her senior year, Griest did just that, taking classes at the University of Texas.

Next came the trip — naturally — to Moscow, where she spent almost all of 1996 and started a four-year, 12-nation tour of the former Communist Bloc documented in her first book, the award-winning *Around the Bloc: My Life in Moscow, Beijing, and Havana*.

Griest has since published other books, including *Mexican Enough: My Life Between the Border-*



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UI graduate fellow and award-winning author **Stephanie Griest** examines a souvenir she bought in Uzbekistan in her apartment on Thursday.

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lines and 100 Places Every Woman Should Go.

In a tour around the country, she and eight others split into pairs and drove 45,000 miles across the United States, documenting history for a children's website, *The Odyssey*. Irene Lin, who made the trip with Griest, said she respects Griest for her "writing and her commitment to giving voice to the voiceless."

"All of us trekkers are not surprised by her successes as an author," Lin said.

Griest is also a passionate activist. She cofounded the Youth Free Expression Network, an anti-censorship organization for teens that is a program of the National Coalition Against Censorship in New York City (she sits on its board).

"Stephanie is one of the most remarkable students I have ever encountered. She's an adventurer, a

Stephanie Griest

- **Age:** 35
- **Hometown:** Corpus Christi, Texas
- **Favorite music:** Middle Eastern music and U2
- **Favorite food:** Mexican or Chinese
- **First crush:** Luke Skywalker

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wordsmith, a polyglot, a free spirit — all of which make her a wonderful writer," said UI Professor Meenakshi G Durham, who taught Griest at the University of Texas.

In the future, Griest hopes to use the M.F.A. to obtain some sort of teaching job.

In any case, travel writing is a very difficult profession to consistently make money in, she said, citing a common phrase to describe such authors.

"We don't make a living, but we have a hell of a life."

Center gets gift for gifted

UI receives \$1 million grant for grade acceleration.

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The way UI gifted researchers see it, no child should be left behind — or held back from her or his possible future.

The Belin-Blank Center for Gifted Education and Talent Development, which works to accelerate gifted students in school, recently received a \$1 million grant from the John Templeton Foundation.

The grant will expand on work of the Institute for Research and Policy on Acceleration, a program in the Belin-Blank Center.

"With this grant, we can provide consultation on various forms of acceleration and also help in consultation in terms of schools writing some policies and procedures," said Nicholas Colangelo, the director of the Belin-Blank Center.

Acceleration provides gifted students the opportunity to skip a single subject or a full year in elementary or high school. UI programs allow eligible students to skip their senior year of high school and start as UI freshmen a year early.

"It was kind of a saving grace," said Caitlin Moore, a UI senior who enrolled after her junior year of high school in Salina, Kan. "I needed new challenges and a new place to engage at."

UI researchers' work has already benefited students in the Iowa City School District, said Kathy

Jepson, the district's gifted-education coordinator. The district uses policy guidelines from the Belin-Blank Center's Iowa Acceleration Scale to allow for subject or grade acceleration as well as postsecondary enrollment at the high-school level.

"We're grateful to the Belin-Blank Center for providing research and guidelines to our district and to the nation regarding acceleration," Jepson said. "We're looking forward to learning more about the grant and its components and how it will support local and state needs related to gifted education."

Only eight states in the U.S. have policies outlining procedures for acceleration, according to the National Association for Gifted Children. Iowa, like most states, leaves the responsibility up to the school district.

The problem with this setup, said Colangelo, is that many high-school districts do not individually have the resources or policies to accelerate students.

"One of the issues is when schools don't have written procedures, it becomes a hit-and-miss proposition on acceleration," he said. "More and more schools are looking to provide acceleration for students. What the Institute for Research and Policy on Acceleration will do is provide the help to do

Gifted and acceleration policies

How states respond to the needs of gifted students:

- Eight states specifically allow acceleration with policy
- Thirty-five states allow local education agencies to set acceleration policies
- Ten states specifically permit early entrance to kindergarten
- Twenty-eight states require some form of program of service for gifted students
- Twenty-two states require services starting in pre-K or kindergarten through grade 12

Source: National Association for Gifted Children

that so that schools do not have to do this alone."

Julia Zalenski, a UI senior who attended a small, rural high school in Williamsburg, Iowa, said her school was unfamiliar with acceleration and seemed reluctant to help her graduate early until she signed on with the UI's National Academy of Art, Science, and Engineering.

Zalenski said she hopes the Templeton Grant will allow the Belin-Blank Center to expand acceleration programs.

"I think there are a lot of students very much like me who don't have the same opportunities that I did," she said. "I really hope that with this financial support the programs are able to reach more students who need their help."

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New fee panel praised

Groups will have to apply to be funded.

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A new committee to decide the allocation of the student activity fees is garnering praise from both sides of a yearlong funding dispute.

The new committee will help determine how much funding groups with a shared interest will receive.

The UI Student Government and Executive Council of Graduate and Professional Students members approved plans on Tuesday for Student Governments at Iowa, a joint allocations committee.

Before Tuesday's meeting, an interim policy guided operations for allocating funds. Thomas Rocklin, the UI interim vice President for Student Services, had created the temporary plan.

Those who developed the new version were happy with its completion.

"One of the key things here is that this policy now is something that was created by students and not imposed on us by the VP of Student Services," said Executive Council President Eric Kaiser.

UISG financial officer Patrick Cebrynski (who also serves on the Student Publications, Inc. board) agreed.

"[The old policy] was like your mom or your dad telling you you had to do your homework," he said. The new policy utilizes many similar concepts from the interim policy, he said, but with some modifications.

In addition to the newly created joint group, the undergraduate UISG has an organization to allocate student-fee money, the Student Assembly Budgeting and Allocating Committee. The Executive Council has the Graduate Professionals Allocation Committee.

Student Governments at Iowa will allow large student groups that affect both undergraduate and graduate students to apply for collaborative funding organization status. Currently, 11 groups have the status, including SCOPE, Dance Marathon, and the Rape Victim Advocacy Program.

For the rest of this year, the Student Governments at Iowa will use the list of collaborative funding organizations that Rocklin provided.

Next year, any student organization that wants the status will have to apply for it, with terms lasting two years.

The UI receives approximately \$1.5 million in student fees each year, Cebrynski said.

Though former UISG President Maison Bleam and former Executive Council President Steve Wieland told *The Daily Iowan* in February 2009 that they hoped to reach an agreement about allocating student fee money in the near future, Kaiser said new legislation takes a while to develop and even longer to get everyone on board.

"We don't have holes, we don't have mistakes in how we operate," Kaiser said.

Michael Appel, a Student Assembly Budgeting Allocating Committee member, said communication with graduate students has been influential.

"At this time last year, we could not get anything accomplished," he said. "I think it's good now because we finally have a working system."

UISG Senator Joe Sheridan agreed, noting the new policy is a step forward.

"But I still think there is a lot of work that needs to be done," he said.

Sheridan suggested a program to educate the student groups applying for collaborative funding organization status, especially because student organizations often have quick leadership turnovers.

"We can look at this document as something to start with," he said. "Then we can have student organizations go through and see what we can tweak."

Material witness still jailed

Though uncommon, material witnesses can garner significant attention

By SAM LANE
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Justin Marshall has been in jail for more than 90 days.

The 19-year-old is being held as a material witness in conjunction with the Oct. 8 shooting death of John Versypt, the landlord of an apartment complex on Iowa City's Southeast Side.

And although material-witness cases are rare — usually fewer than one per year in Johnson County — some, such as Iowa City attorney Sarah Majerus, feel the law is unfair.

"It's unconstitutional," said Majerus, who is defending Marshall. "Our criminal-law system in the United States is based on the idea that someone is innocent until proven guilty ... The same thing does not exist for material witnesses."

According to court documents, Marshall was in the

apartment building when Versypt, who was checking up on the property, was shot. Police believed Marshall had key information regarding details of the shooting.

Majerus filed a motion for dismissal earlier this month. The motion lists a number of constitutional elements that she felt were violated through her client's incarceration.

"On its face and as applied in this case, the material witness statute provides less protection of Marshall's rights than he would be afforded if he were charged with a crime," the court document reads.

Normally, officials take a witness' statement and they are released, said Ronald Carlson, a professor of law at the University of Georgia-Athens.

However, in the cases of material witnesses, officials often hold the individual until an offender is

identified. This allows the witness to affirm that the defendant is the person who committed the crime.

"I think if the person is from Texas or California and sees something happen in Iowa City and his testimony is essential, I see cause for a bit of a hold on him," said Carlson, a former UI law professor. "I'm a critic of laws when they are, in my view, misused."

Carlson — who has written about the subject for a number of college law reviews, including the UI's — said his concern arises from the fact that, in many states, material witnesses aren't accorded a free lawyer.

He added "the cards are in the prosecutor's hands." If they want to set a high bond, they can, he said.

Janet Lyness, Johnson County prosecutor, said she believes material witnesses are necessarily held.

"Clearly, sometimes you



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The body of John Versypt is pulled out of an apartment building on Iowa City's Southeast Side on Oct. 8, 2009. A material witness in the shooting has been held by authorities for 90 days.

need to get witnesses who are likely to flee," she said. "You need them to testify in whatever proceedings occur."

Precedence for material-witness laws in Iowa came from the 2002 court case *State v. Hernandez-Lopez*, in which a number of people were involved in a fatal car crash and officials had to determine the

identity of the driver. Officials in the case determined that due process "requires governmental action resulting in the deprivation of a liberty interest to be implemented in a fair manner."

Marshall will have a hearing on March 4 in which a judge will review his \$100,000 bond and the motion for dismissal.

Slim pickings found in social work

However a number of local organizations will use a fair today to garner workers.

By HOLLY HINES
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UI social-work major Anna Schwenker loves giving children the opportunity to learn musical instruments.

The music-minor counsels youth through music and other programs as a part of her practicum.

Today social-work students will have a chance to explore practicum opportunities like Schwenker's at the annual UI Social Work Practicum Fair. Roughly 20 local social-work agencies plan to set up booths for the event at the Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn St.



Trefz
Executive director of the Mid-Eastern Iowa Community Mental Health Center

Recently, some social-work agencies have been offering fewer jobs because of funding cuts, said Kristie Doser, the executive director of the Domestic Violence Intervention Program.

But she added agencies are more likely to hire students who already have good training. The violence-intervention program will have a booth at the fair.

"A practicum is a great way to get a foot in the door," she said. Violence-intervention program officials are more likely to hire

students who trained with them during practicum, she said.

Doser noted students have helped the program maintain its level of service during hard economic times. Students often help facilitate support groups for victims of violence and help victims find therapeutic services.

Stephen Trefz, the executive director of the Mid-Eastern Iowa Community Mental Health Center, agreed job opportunities for social-work students may be scarce in the next six months because of cuts in government funding.

But the community need for social-work services will likely increase over the next five years because of the economy, causing more jobs to become available, he said.

Trefz said advanced practicum students at the Mental Health Center often gather information about new clients at their first appointments, and the Health Center also often hires practicum students.

UI alumna Rachel Carter now works as a community-development specialist at the Hawkeye Area Community Action Program, where she completed a practicum during the 2008-09 school year.

"It's the experience that gets you the job," she said.

She said though the economic recession has affected the social-work job market, government stimulus money has helped fund some agencies, allowing

more positions to remain available.

Beth Ritter Ruback, the director of communication development at the Crisis Center of Johnson County, said the center has had a booth at the practicum fair every year for roughly 15 years.

Ritter Ruback said past practicum students helped improve training for volun-

teers who answer the 24-hour crisis line at the center.

She said the organization benefits from the new ideas and up-to-date

information students often possess.

"They bring enthusiasm, which is always a great boost," Ritter Ruback said.

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Jeff Brinson

FOOTBALL

Brinson to transfer

Iowa running back Jeff Brinson and the Hawkeyes have agreed to part ways, according to a release issued on Thursday.

Brinson, a redshirt freshman, was in contention last August to fill the void left at running back after Jewel Hampton suffered a knee injury that sidelined him during the 2009 campaign.

However, Brinson suffered an ankle injury during fall camp and found himself behind Iowa's two other freshman running backs, Adam Robinson and Brandon Wegher, as well as junior Paki O'Meara.

According to the release, Brinson, a native of St. Petersburg, Fla., will transfer somewhere close to home, but no schools were specified.

Iowa also announced on Thursday that assistant Eric Johnson will assume coaching duties with tight ends. That had been a role filled by wide receivers coach Erik Campbell.

— by Brendan Stiles

SOFTBALL

Softball hits the road again

The Iowa softball team is on the road again today after winning three of its first five games in Minneapolis last weekend.

The Hawkeyes (3-2) will head to Tempe, Ariz., to participate in the Littlewood Classic. They will open the tournament against Texas State and Rutgers today before facing Illinois State and Arizona State on Saturday.

Iowa has fared well in the Littlewood Classic in recent years, winning 10 of its last 15 games at the event.

The competition is tough this weekend, though.

Arizona State ranks No. 7 in the latest ESPN.com/USA Softball poll, and Texas State won the Southland Conference title last season.

Senior Lindsey Digmann hopes to pick up where she left off last weekend. The Marion native hit safely in four of the team's five games, and she is tied for third in the Big Ten in hits.

Digmann and junior cocaptain Chelsey Carmody both rank in the top-15 in the Big Ten in batting average.

— by Mitch Smith

BASKETBALL

Gophers dump Badgers

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Blake Hofferbar had 16 points and nine rebounds to lead an inspired Minnesota to a 68-52 victory over No. 14 Wisconsin on Thursday night, putting a big dent in the Badgers' Big Ten title bid.

Trevon Hughes scored 19 points, and Jason Bohannon added 18 for Wisconsin (19-7, 9-5), which went almost eight minutes without scoring down the stretch and was out-rebounded 41-28 for the game.

Junior forward Jon Leuer returned from a broken left wrist that kept him out of the last nine games, but he shot just 2-of-12 and finished with four points. Ralph Sampson III's defense had a hand in that for Minnesota (15-10, 6-7), adding 10 points and eight rebounds.

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Hawkeyes bury Gophers



Iowa freshman Jaime Printy drives into the lane in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Thursday. Printy scored 15 points in the 75-54 win over Minnesota.

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The women used a school-record 13 team blocks to defeat Minnesota.

By EVELYN LAU
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This one wasn't even close.

After almost blowing a 30-point advantage against Illinois on Sunday, the Iowa women's basketball team (15-11, 8-7) built another large lead in the first half.

However, the Hawkeyes kept their composure and defeated Minnesota (12-14, 5-10), 75-54, in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Thursday night. It was the seventh win in the last eight games for Iowa.

Freshman Jaime Printy and sophomore Kamille Wahlin posted 15 points each, and junior Kachine Alexander recorded a double-double with 14 points and 17 rebounds. Freshman Morgan Johnson added 12 points while setting a school-record with eight blocks.

"I thought we played another really good first half," Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder said. "I just feel like our offense was clicking. Defensively, I think we surprised them a little bit with our aggressiveness to begin the game."

Defense proved to be a central theme in the Hawkeyes' victory — Iowa tallied a school-record 13 blocks. Along with Johnson's individual school record, freshman Gabby Machado and junior Kelsey Cermak had two blocks a piece, and Wahlin had one.

"I think it's just an exciting opportunity for me," Johnson said. "It's one of my jobs in my paint, especially when we're in our zone defense, is to stop penetration, and I do that by blocking shots."

Iowa took an early 11-3 lead just 15:32 of the first half. Using a 23-9 run, the Hawkeyes raced out to a 34-12 at the 8:05 mark and went into halftime with a commanding 50-28 edge.

The Hawkeyes out-rebounded the Golden Gophers, 26-12, in the first half, while shooting 63.3 percent and holding Minnesota to just 30.6 percent from the field.

"It seemed like every miss [Iowa] had in the first half, they got the offensive board," Minnesota head coach Pam Borton said. "We just had to continue to take it one possession at a time in the second half and kind of keep chipping away."

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COMMENTARY

Women's hoops needs 10-second jolt

Women's college basketball needs a 10-second backcourt violation rule.



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There is no 10- or eight-second backcourt violation in

women's college basketball.

Watching Thursday night's game between Iowa and Minnesota, it was painfully obvious a rule change needs to happen.

Teams that like to use full-court press and full-court trap defenses, such as Minnesota, are the

biggest victims of this rule's absence. Facing a 50-28 deficit at halftime, the Golden Gophers had no choice but to ramp up their use of pressure defense in the second half.

But with such players as Kamille Wahlin, Kachine Alexander, and Jaime Printy,

Iowa has plenty of capable guards. Combine that with essentially 30 seconds — the length of the shot clock — to dribble around as long as you want, and a full-court press is about as effective as Devan Bawinkel inside the 3-point arc.

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No. 1 Iowa (21-0, 6-0) vs. No. 4 Ohio State (18-1, 7-0)

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Wrestlers recall off-mat friendships, wins

On-mat success has been important, but off-mat relationships are more meaningful for the Hawkeye seniors.

By J.T. BUGOS
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Eleven seniors will enter Carver-Hawkeye Arena donning their black and gold singlets for the last time when No. 1 Iowa takes on No. 4 Ohio State today.

A total of 640 career wins will leave with them, as well, along with 1,640 team dual points, one individual

NCAA title, three Big Ten individual trophies, and nine All-American honors.

The group has helped Iowa win two consecutive national titles and a 59-match win streak — the fourth-longest in college wrestling history.

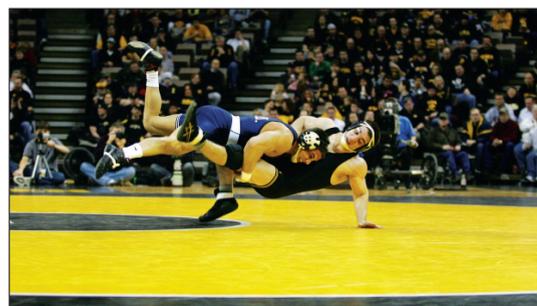
For 149-pounder Brent Metcalf, all those wins will be what he remembers most. "The success and the

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things we've been through together has been pretty cool," he said. "What we've done together as a team has been our best experiences."

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Penn State's Frank Molinaro takes down Brent Metcalf on Jan. 29 in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. No.-1 ranked Metcalf pinned fifth-ranked Molinaro late in the second period.



Law-league hoops feels pinch

A suggestion from the '80s, the intramural law league has had low numbers recently.

By JOVANA SIMIC
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What was once a popular intramural league may be discontinued in the future.

The intramural basketball law league at the UI has seen decreasing numbers in the last few years. And some participants said the decline is because most law students are busy and don't have enough time for intramural sports.

Bojan Lazic, the captain of 3L STUD Muffins, said he would be disappointed if the league were canceled.

"It is a bad idea because most of us play basketball to let off steam from school," Lazic said. "It would be a waste of a good thing."

In the 1980s, a group of law students approached Recreational Services with the idea of creating a separate league for intramural basketball, Recreational Services assistant



SLADE KEMMET/THE DAILY IOWAN
Chris Lueth passes the ball during a law-league intramural basketball game in the Field House Feb. 2, 2010. Lueth's team, the 3L STUD Muffins, defeated Atanna's Bananas, 49-41.

director Mike Widen said. They designated Fridays as the league's game day, he said.

Lazic said he thinks the low numbers are the result of students preferring to focus on their studies.

"There aren't many teams because most students are spending their time studying," he said. "First- and second-year

students are concerned about their grades."

The law league currently boasts both Men's and Co-Rec divisions. This year, only one Co-Rec team signed up to participate, and there are four Men's teams registered — 3L STUD Muffins, Atanna's Bananas, Pippin Ain't Easy, and Hung Jurors. "The Co-Rec league is

low because there are no women who want to play, but I don't believe that the law league has low numbers [to have to be discontinued]," Hung Jurors captain Grant Anderson said.

Most of the men on the team are friends or know each other from school. They also have past basketball experience; most of the players having participated either in high school or during their undergraduate years in college.

The 3L STUD Muffins player Matt Priksat said playing intramural basketball has helped his team become closer.

"We play intramural basketball to take off steam and bond together as a team," he said. "We spend most of our time studying."

Although the players don't like the idea of the league being canceled, they understand the situation is out of their control.

"There is a lot of pressure on law students," Priksat said. "They feel they should be doing homework instead of playing basketball, and it is easier for them to say no."

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Some Hawks to fine-tune at meet

Some track and field women slow down before the Big Ten championship.

By MICHÈLE DANNO
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With the season's judgment day two weeks away, some members of the Iowa women's track and field team will have their competitive fate decided at home this weekend.

Beginning today at the annual Iowa Invitational, some women are laboring to fine-tune their events by getting a few extra runs, jumps, and throws in before contending for a Big Ten championship on Feb. 27.

For those who haven't competed much this season, including Iowa's red-shirt freshmen, this afternoon's meet is a time to prove their skill level and get more comfortable competing under pressure.

However, some tracksters will not participate in the invitational, choosing instead to use the coming week as an opportunity to refocus and recuperate before the traveling to State College, Pa.

Iowa coaches said this weekend is important for the track and field squad, regardless of whether the Hawkeyes compete.

"We're looking to see how much improvement people have made," Iowa head coach Layne Anderson said. "To this point, we've gotten progressively better. I'm anxious to see what this group does and how we finish up."



FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY IOWAN
Hawkeye tracksters and twin sisters Lauren (left) and Amanda (right) Hardesty lift weights together during indoor track practice on Feb. 20, 2008. The women's track team will have a final tune-up this weekend before the Big Ten meet.

The roster for the Big Ten meet has not been completed, and today's invitational will give coaches a last look at their options before the conference meet entry deadline on Feb. 22.

Freshman pole vaulter Katie Truedson, who has competed in every meet this season, has her season on the proverbial chopping block.

If Truedson fails to clear 11-6 today, her indoor campaign will be over.

Iowa coaches made this height the standard to determine which vaulters

will enter in the Big Ten meet. So far, neither Truedson nor freshman counterpart Kirsten Weismantle have cleared the mark.

But Truedson said she won't let the added responsibility negatively affect her performance.

"I'm definitely nervous, but it's not a bad nervous," she said. "It's kind of nice to have more pressure on me. I think I'll be able to step up and get over the next bar, then go to Big Tens."

One Hawkeye with a secured spot at the conference meet is Iowa

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freshman high jumper Megan Glisar, who plans to practice her approach at the invitational — a perfect place to do so because of the familiar territory, she said.

"Our season depends on Big Tens," she said. "I want to have my approach worked out this weekend, so I'm not as nervous for the championships."

Men tracksters seek momentum

The Iowa men's track team will host the Iowa Invitational today.

By MATT SCHOMMER
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The Iowa men's track and field team has one final hurdle before next weekend's Big Ten championships.

Hosting the Iowa Invitational today at 5 p.m. at the Recreation Building, the Hawkeyes will try to do some last-minute tweaking to a well-oiled machine.

Coming off some career performances in the Cyclone Classic on Feb. 12-13, momentum is key for Iowa before the Big Ten's best gather in Minneapolis.

It's been more than a month since the Hawkeyes have been home, and the timing couldn't be better.

"It's often more fun to be at home and do it in front of the home crowd," head coach Larry Wiecek said. "You're not traveling, so you

can be a little more rested. You can sleep in your own bed and kind of stay in your own routine, so it's an advantage from that standpoint."

The Iowa Invitational has historically been a low-key event for the Hawkeyes, but that doesn't mean the men in black and gold won't try for some top finishes.

With sophomore Erik Sowinski and senior Adam Hairston sitting out this meet, other Hawkeyes will get the chance to step up.

Hairston said the Iowa Invitational is mainly to make last-minute preparations before the Big Ten championships. Several other Big Ten teams will host their own events this weekend.

"We're holding some people out of action and moving others into events a lit-

tle more than we usually do," Wiecek said. "But we are still looking to get something productive of [the meet]. From a coaching standpoint, we want to come out of it with some positive things."

The coach feels the team is not where it needs to be yet, he said, and this weekend should provide an opportunity to correct some shortcomings.

One of the focal points of the track and field team, the throwers, hit plenty of those snags last week in Ames. The squad hopes to use this weekend as a springboard to get back on track.

"We're a lot more ready to go this weekend," throwing coach Scott Cappos said. "I think we are in a lot better shape because of our training,

and we are expecting a lot better results than the last few weeks."

Unlike the runners, all of the throwers will compete in the meet in hopes of peaking at the right time.

"This is kind of the big one right before the biggest one," Cappos said.

For the first time in two years, no Hawkeye throwers have provisionally qualified for the NCAAs this late in the season, which the team will try to change.

Cappos said the Hawks have made adjustments in the weight room the last few weeks, and he expects that hard work to come to fruition during the meet.

"It comes down to training, and I think all the throwers expect to do really well this weekend," he said. "We'll be ready to roll."

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Baseball seeks rebound

The Iowa baseball team will try to improve on last season's 10th place Big Ten finish with young but experienced talent.

By J.T. BUGOS
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The Iowa baseball team may have finished last season with a 16-35 overall record, but the Hawkeyes hope a positive attitude and a re-established team identity will add to their win total in 2010.

"I think we've made as much progress as any team I've been around," Iowa head coach Jack Dahm said. "I'm very excited about the guys' work ethic and their attitudes. To me, the biggest thing is we learned a lot last year."

Dahm said for the last two years, the baseball team has lacked an identity. This year, he is establishing a team-oriented approach.

Players must know and accept their roles, Dahm said, and the players have embraced the challenge.

Catcher and designated hitter Dallas Burke best exemplified Dahm's approach last season. Burke started 25 games in 2009, but with the return of junior Tyson Blaser from injury, the sophomore's role behind the plate will be diminished.

Burke didn't express disappointment, though, only eagerness.

"I'll take whatever role Coach gives me," he said. "As long as I get the opportunity to keep helping the team, that would be great."

Dahm said Iowa's identity on the diamond would be a throwback to years past. The defense, which was shaky last season, has turned around and will be a key to this season's success, he said.

"We want to be a gritty team, one that's going to



Freshman Kevin Gates hits balls toward the ceiling during the Hawkeye baseball media day in the Bubble on Thursday. The baseball team members said they are ready to practice outside and are looking forward to some nice weather.

put pressure on people, and one that's going to be able to learn to handle adversity," the sixth-year head coach said. "Last year, we had a lot of tough breaks with injuries, and we didn't handle that very well. Some of it had to do with the people who were filling in were young guys — freshmen who didn't know what to expect and got thrown into the fire."

Last season, three freshmen finished in the top three on the team in innings pitched — south-paw Jarred Hippen, and right-handers Nick Brown and Phil Schreiber.

While none finished the season with an ERA lower than 4.57, the experience should be beneficial to the fledgling hurlers.

"Our top three guys last year were all freshmen," Blaser said. "So even though they're young, they have experience. I'm really excited for what we have on the mound."

With excitement comes a positive attitude that each member of the team shares.

Senior outfielder Ryan Durant said the atmosphere is different, and practices are more productive. Last year was negative, he said, but the Hawkeyes are moving forward.

"This has been a fun team to be around," Dahm said. "They have a little more seriousness to them, a bit of a workmanlike approach. That's allowed us to make strides in a hurry."

Outfielder Kurtis Muller echoed his coach. The junior

said the team is still having fun, but a more serious fun. The players joke around, he said, but know when it's time to get down to business.

Iowa will need to push itself in order to improve on its last-place Big Ten finish, but Dahm is confident the Hawkeyes' reinvigorated attitude will bring success.

"One of the big things we need to teach the guys is that it's the same game, and if you play a solid game, you have a good opportunity to win," he said. "I think we're going to be a lot better off this year because of some of the things we went through last year."

"I don't want to say we got hardened a little bit last year, but we understand there's going to be adversity."

WRESTLING

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Iowa 174-pounder Jay Borschel reverted to what head coach Tom Brands has regularly preached — a career is defined by wins and losses and championships. Borschel said he would be disappointed if he doesn't win a title during his senior season, both individually and for the team.

Metcalf echoed those thoughts.

"I think you definitely want to cap it and finish it the right way," the Davison, Mich., native said. "So right now, you do everything you can to make sure you're doing that and putting yourself in the position to win the title. I think you feel better at the end of the day if you finish it off the way you want."

But what has happened off the mat may be more important than the success.

Borschel said the people he has bonded with in the program are a great aspect to his career.

Daniel Dennis was less reserved about his favorite memories as a Hawkeye.

"Many things I'm never going to forget: Brands singing and dancing to Katy Perry. I'm going to leave it at that, though," he said. "There's things you're never going to forget, and relationships and bonds with your teammates that are going to last forever."

Dennis said he'd never forget the times Borschel cheered him up after a loss or Iowa assistant coach Doug Schwab "acting like a nut job."

The 133-pounder said what happens on the mat affects the way he

'Many things I'm never going to forget: Brands singing and dancing to Katy Perry. I'm going to leave it at that, though.'

— Daniel Dennis, senior

lives off it, but if Dennis had to choose one aspect, he'd take the life lessons.

"It's been a great experience as a person," he said. "I feel like it's developed me and my relationships with some of the best people I know. There are life lessons that I feel developed me into a better person than what I was when I came to Iowa."

Metcalf agreed the Iowa coaches are unique because they take care of business in the wrestling room. But at the same time, they are lighthearted and funny.

Brands said the camaraderie was something he worked hard to establish, and every Hawkeye pulls for his teammates.

The fourth-year head coach said winning championships is important, but seeing wrestlers come out of hard times and start to shine is even more rewarding.

Dennis went so far as to say that long after his hair turns gray — with memories being stripped from his grasp — Iowa wrestling will remain locked in his mind.

"There's really too many memories to think of that I'm never going to forget," he said. "There's instances with every single person on our coaching staff and every single person in this room that I'll take with me to the day I die."

COMMENTARY

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The story was no different last night.

Iowa had zero problems thwarting Minnesota's pressure, and the Gopher's comeback hopes, as far-fetched as they seemed, were swiftly dashed.

But I'm OK with that. Iowa was a much better team on Thursday night.

That doesn't mean a rule change isn't in order, though.

If players are working hard enough and creating havoc for opposing offenses, why should a team that is unable to execute simple press-break offense catch a break? It just doesn't make sense.

A rule change would also bring more excitement to women's college basketball. The "run and gun" style of play, currently in effect at men's programs, such as Tennessee and Louisville, allows teams to dictate game tempo.

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Half-court basketball

has no business being played at a high level. The NCAA should take note and once again re-examine the idea.

Honestly, it's a slap in the face of women's basketball players. Is it impossible to think a team of Division-I women's basketball players are not athletic or skilled enough to break a press in 10 seconds or fewer?

Tell that to Alexander. It's something I can't wrap my head around. What exactly does not having a 10-second count accomplish?

Two things: It punishes active, aggressive defense, and it also makes the game boring.

If that's what the NCAA is going for — and, knowing the NCAA, that's not too unlikely — great work.

If not, please consider changing this rule.

Not only will it reward teams for playing basketball the right way, it will further increase the excitement and popularity of women's basketball.

It's long overdue.

BASKETBALL

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After nearly blowing a large advantage against Illinois the previous game, Iowa went into halftime with a different mentality. Bluder said the Hawks took the initiative to talk among themselves in the locker room about securing the lead and not letting Minnesota slip back in.

During the second half, the Gophers used a 15-7 run to cut Iowa's lead to 14, but the Gophers couldn't get within single digits. The Hawkeyes then built some momentum of their own to seal the game.

After starting the Big Ten season 1-6, Iowa has gone on a hot streak. Going 7-1, the Hawkeyes have scored 70 or more points in eight-consecutive games and moved into fifth place in the conference standings.

"It's just been exciting," Wahlin said. "I can't really explain the feeling except that it's just been a lot of fun. I think we're all getting along. We're all ready to come to practice to work and get each other better. I just feel like we're all kind of goofy and having fun."

Iowa will travel to Evanston, Ill., in search of the season sweep against Northwestern on Feb. 21. Tip-off is scheduled for 1 p.m.

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GymHawks face archrival

The GymHawks will try for a third-straight victory over Iowa State.

By **ROBBIE LEHMAN**
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The Iowa women's gymnastics team will have to work this weekend.

No. 15 Iowa State will head to Iowa City on Feb. 21 for a dual meet at 2 p.m. in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

The No. 33 Hawkeyes are coming off a fourth-place finish at the Navy Pier Meet in Chicago on Feb. 12. The Cyclones are energized after scoring a season-high 196.225 points despite falling to No. 1 Oklahoma last weekend.

However, Iowa owns a two-meet win streak over Iowa State after sweeping the Cyclones during the home and away series last season.

"I love when we compete against Iowa State," junior Andrea Hurlburt said. "It's important to us that we do well. I know [the Cyclones are] looking out for revenge, and I don't want to give it to them."

The meet is the latest event in this season's Cy-Hawk Series, which Iowa State leads, 12-7.

The Cyclones average 195.271 points per meet, and the Hawkeyes are putting up 193.183. Iowa's highest score of the season — 194.925 — came during the team's lone Big Ten win over Ohio State two weeks ago.

Designated as a "Blackout" meet, fans will be given black rally towels and "Beat State" signs. The Hawkeyes will also sign autographs after the meet.

Iowa head coach Larissa Libby said she is expecting fans from both schools to fill Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

"For gymnastics, it doesn't really matter whether they're your fans or not," Libby said. "Having stands that are packed is great to compete in front of as long as the noise is there. It's very helpful. Our fans have been great helping us out."

Iowa will look for a strong performance by junior Houry Gebeshian, who finished second in the all-around during the team's latest meet in Chicago. Nationally, she ranks No. 46 in the all-around, averaging 38.888 points.

The Newton, Mass., native said Iowa's two wins over Iowa State last season isn't causing her additional pressure. "That was huge, and we've got a lot to live up to this time," Gebeshian said. "But I think we're just going to go into it like every other meet and kick some butt."

But before the 2009 campaign, the Cyclones have held an advantage over the Hawkeyes. The two



FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY IOWAN
The GymHawks warm up before their floor exercise on Feb. 16, 2009, in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. The Hawks will face No. 15 Iowa State this weekend.

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— Andrea Hurlburt, junior

teams are set to meet a second time on March 5 in Ames.

"In the past, they've pretty much owned us," Libby said. "We would like to kind of keep that up [from last season's sweep] over the next couple years and make sure we're creating a dominance over them as they seem to supposedly have over us."

However, with ample talent on the balance beam Iowa State may dominate the Hawkeyes in at least one event

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this weekend.

Hurlburt, one of Iowa's beam specialists, said she sees the event as an opportunity for the Hawkeyes to illustrate the in-state rivalry is nowhere near one-sided.

"While our beam team stays up, they have a little bit better presentation than us," Hurlburt said. "So we're going to be really focusing on that. It's going to be a chance for us to show that it doesn't matter what you're ranked in gymnastics. Anyone can win. It's going to be really important for us to just get out there and know that we can be as good as them."

GYMNASTICS

Men gymnasts head for California

With the season reaching its midway point, the Iowa men's gymnastics team will try to gain some momentum for the second half.

The No. 8 Hawkeyes hope to find a place among some of the best at the seventh-annual Pacific Coast Classic on Saturday in Oakland, Calif.

Standing in the way is a squad Iowa has never competed against — the Japanese Collegiate All-Star team, which won the classic last year.

The Hawkeyes will also face reigning NCAA champion and fourth-ranked Stanford, in addition to California-Berkeley, Arizona State, and Washington.

Iowa associate coach Dmitri Trouch said it's too hard to predict a winner with such a talented field in the meet this year. However, he said, he has high hopes for the Hawks.

"We're expecting the team to have dynamic exercises and keep the momentum going if we win," he said.

One of the events the 14th-year associate said he is looking forward to is rings, where the Hawkeyes rank seventh nationally. He added he is eager to see how Iowa competes against other great "ringers."

On pommel horse, sophomore Jacob Swafford and Mike Jiang hope to see the improvements made in practice translate to the arena.

Iowa last competed in the Pacific Coast Classic in 2008, where it took first against a different field.

The Hawkeyes are coming off a bye week, and they haven't competed since their 340.200-331.050 victory over Chicago-Illinois on Feb. 6. The victory is all the more impressive considering the Hawks were missing senior Jon Buese and junior Ben Kettelsen, who were in Las Vegas for the Winter Cup competing for a chance to make the USA National Team.

The return of Buese and Kettelsen and the extra week to prepare has helped the Hawkeyes improve their routines and erase some of the early season mistakes, Trouch believes. He also hopes his gymnasts leave Oakland with a little momentum.

Jiang said the team has made progress.

"I feel like after every meet, we come out of it with something new," he said. "So I feel like every meet this year we've improved in something. We're working together."

— by Nick Gans

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Housing ads to avoid for next year

- **WANTED:** 1 roommate, M/F. Must have original kidneys & O- blood. “Free.”
- **FOR RENT:** 6 BR town-house w/ 92 pre-installed cameras. No TV deal yet, but we'll broadcast online 24/7 until we do. \$500/month until the DVDs start selling better.
- **WANTED:** 1 dude. My place has, you know, like all the rooms and stuff you need to live. It'd also be totally awesome if you could help me with chem class and if you'd go halvesies on the munchies, bro. Like, we can work something out for payment, you know?
- **FOR RENT:** 1 sleeping bag. Do you love nature, the outdoors, and trains? You'll love living underneath the tracks on 600 S. Gilbert. Basic hunting course & “all-purpose” wooden baseball bat included. \$20/month (payable in aluminum cans).
- **FOR RENT:** 1 BR in 2 BR house. **FREE! NO DEPOSIT!** All I ask for is a young man to do a few “favors” for an old lady every now and then. Please, no sinners, televi-sions, or theater majors.
- **WANTED:** 1 male roommate. Must have WoW, MTGO, Twitter, MySpace, Facebook & Xbox LIVE accounts. Connections with Best Buy and experience moderating forums are a plus. 25K Microsoft Points/month.
- **FOR RENT:** 3 BR house with beautiful decorative glyphs lining all walls. Minimal blood stains and bite marks. Normal burn marks. \$666/month.
- **FOR RENT:** 2 BR house. Some bullet holes, inside and out. Plenty of “storage.” Great for “entertaining.” Safe neighborhood; the cops know right where it is. \$4,000/month, but I bet we could work something out.
- **WANTED:** 1 roommate, F, 18-24, size 2. Must own leather jumpsuit & whip.

- Nathan Wulf thanks Andrew R. Juhl for collaborating on today's Ledge.

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Friday, February 19, 2010
- by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 Get serious about your future. Don't leave anything to chance. No one will do as good a job of selling your skills as you can. In the end, you will gain greater confidence and proof that you can excel.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Plan a trip, or arrange to make changes to your living space or your personal life. Lending a helping hand or offering favors will lead to a lasting, comfortable partnership. An unexpected occurrence will cause some doubt regarding a business associate.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Play it safe, and you won't be sorry. There are too many variables to take unnecessary risks. A sudden change in the way someone treats you will lead to greater uncertainty. It's important that you focus on maintaining your integrity and dignity.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22 Don't limit your choices by refusing to accept a little change. There is too much on the line for you to waffle. Love is on the rise, and an interesting proposition may be exactly what you need.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 Keep your emotions out of the decisions you must make. Stick to facts, and take a practical approach both professionally and personally. Take a short trip if it will help you close a deal or make amends with someone.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Be open about the way you feel and how you see the future unfolding. Don't let someone from your past meddle in your affairs. Do what you can to get along with everyone but not at the sacrifice of an important relationship.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Think about what it is you want and take action. You may be enticed by someone you work with. Before heading down that path, consider the consequences. Stick with the familiar, not the unknown.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Focus on your home, happiness, and personal relationships. You can make positive changes that will encourage the people you love to do more and to do better. A change will be as good as a rest and can offer you a new beginning.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You'll face opposition no matter what you do, but that doesn't mean that you shouldn't proceed. Don't get anxious about debts - find a solution, and work within a budget so that you don't feel so tied down and helpless.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Taking on responsibility will impress someone considering you for a bigger and better position. If someone is angered by your choices, consider whether this relationship is to your advantage or is holding you back.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 It's important to rise to the occasion and show everyone that you have something to contribute. Your sincerity and compassion will help you overcome any problems you face. Take advantage of any chance to work more.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 You have the potential to excel professionally if you share your thoughts in a very imaginative manner. Your colorful outlook and expression of speech will get your plans up and running. An emotional encounter with someone you've lost touch with will bring you greater hope that you can succeed.

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UITV schedule

- Campus channel 4, cable channel 17
- 12:20 p.m.** Piano & Violin Tricia Park, violin; Conor Hanick, piano, May 2009
- 1:30** Cello Daze Concerts Concert, Sept. 13, 2009
- 2:15** Liszt Gala Concert February 2009
- 3:45** Liszt Solo Piano Concert February 2009
- 4:50** Tricia Park, violin, Conor Hanick, piano, May 2009
- 6** Piano Sundays Concert from Feb. 19, 2009
- 8** "WorldCanvass," lively talk and music, UI International Programs, February
- 10** Dance with the Maia, Space/Place, March 2007
- 11** Collaborative Dance, Space/Place, Dec. 10, 2009

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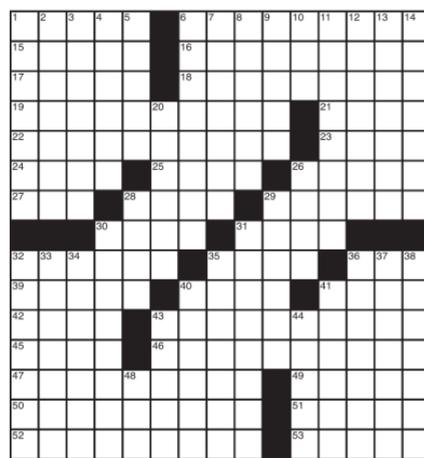
- **English Conversation Group**, 10 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Book Babies**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Iowa City Area Development Lunch and Learn**, 11:45 a.m., Iowa City Area Chamber of Commerce, 325 E. Washington
- **Government and You in Johnson County**, 1 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Ambassadors of the Solar System: The Iowa Connection, Past Present, and Future**, 4 p.m., Van Allen Lecture Room 1
- **Biology Seminar**, "CaMKII Determines Mitochondrial Stress Responses in Heart," 4 p.m., Mei-ling Joiner, 101 Biology Building East
- **Thesis Defense**, "Incidence and Risk Factors for C. difficile in an Insured Population," Jennifer Kuntz, 4 p.m., C225 UIHC General Hospital
- **KC Lenten Fish Dinner**, 5 p.m., KC Family Center, 4776 American Legion Road
- **Lifeguard Certification Course**, 5 p.m., Field House
- **Lunar New Year**, 5 p.m., IMU second-floor ballroom
- **Regina Fish Fry**, 5 p.m., Regina Education Center, 2140 Rochester
- **"WorldPrairie - Islam in the World,"** featuring Gerhild Krapp, Mohamed Al Adraoui, lecturer at the Institute of Political Studies of Paris, and Nabil Hajlaoui, special assistant to the assistant secretary for Middle East and North Africa for the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 5 p.m., M.C. Ginsberg, 110 E. Washington
- **Fish Fry**, 5:30 p.m., Eagle's Lodge, 225 Highway 1 W.
- **Keith Varadi Cloak Wheel**, 6 p.m., Public

- SpaceOne, 115 E. Washington
- **Abigail Foerster and Jay Galentine**, book signing, 6:30 p.m., Iowa Book, 8 S. Clinton
- **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** Geoff Becker, fiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Oscar Shorts Program 2010: Live Action**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **The Beast from 20,000 Fathoms**, Ray Bradbury Film Festival, 7 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **End Days**, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Theatre, 213 N. Gilbert
- **Open Mic**, 7:30 p.m., Uptown Bill's Small Mall, 401 S. Gilbert
- **Poona the F**kdog (and Other Plays for Children)**, 7:30 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Society, 10 S. Gilbert
- **Eagle Idol**, 8 p.m., Eagle's Lodge
- **Faculty/Graduate Dance Concert**, 8 p.m., North Hall Space/Place
- **Rene Hell and Wet Hair**, 8 p.m., Java House, 211 1/2 E. Washington
- **Stegosaurus (or) Our Golden Years**, 8 p.m., Theatre Building/Theatre B
- **Wonderful Town**, 8 p.m., Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington
- **Brighton MA**, with Bright Giant and the Teddy Boys, 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Holiday Road**, 9 p.m., Wildwood, 4919 B Walleve Drive S.E.
- **Oscar Shorts Program 2010: Animated**, 9 p.m., Bijou
- **Split Lip Rayfield**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- **2012**, Campus Activities Board Movie, 10 p.m., 348 IMU
- **Big D's Karaoke Jamz**, 10 p.m., Saloon, 112 E. College
- **No Shame Theatre**, 11 p.m., Theatre B

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- Across**
- Ticketed
 - Chilled
 - Chilling
 - Constellation once called the Dragon's Wing
 - Tenor Mario
 - The Who's "Quadrophenia," e.g.
 - Microscopic protists
 - Part of a picket fence
 - Docs who've paid their dues
 - Lettuce variety
 - Japanese code word meaning "tiger"
 - Tandoori-baked breads
 - Singer of the Leoncavallo aria "Vesti la giubba"
 - Organ repair sites, for short
 - Like some coats
 - Fine point
 - Land of a Million Elephants
 - Bill
 - Printing press parts
 - A cappella group part
 - Joe- weed (herbal remedy)
 - Perfume, in a way
 - Suffix with techno-
 - 1930s Royales
 - ___ milk
 - Be fourth in an order
 - Union and others: Abbr.
 - "Well done!"
 - Reveled



ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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- Down**
- School in the Patriot League
 - Well-suited?
 - Bad traits for conductors
 - Aloe target, perhaps
 - Silas who was the United States' first foreign diplomat (1776)
 - Bicep builders' accessories
 - Process of mountain building
 - Walt Disney has more of these than anyone else
 - Great ___
 - Post-punk genre
 - Returns, as from a high level
 - Makeup of some jokes
 - Briefly
 - Stereotypical college drinker
 - OB's perform them
 - Bye for an Italian soccer team?
 - Fresh angle
 - Add gradually, as to dough
 - Certain table tennis grip
 - 1941 Glenn Miller hit that spent five weeks at #1
 - Zener cards are used in it
 - City on the Strait of Dover
 - Outs, in a way
 - "The Hobbit" character
 - Draw forth
 - It can come on white, briefly
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