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Recruiters look to embassies

Officials seek more students from abroad.

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A new recruitment effort in the nation's capital could help University of Iowa officials bring in more international students.

For the first time, UI representatives traveled to Washington, D.C., and met directly with international embassies to recruit students.

And fewer than three months after the face-to-face meetings, officials said the trips have already begun to generate results.

During the two-day trip in December, two UI officials met with higher education representatives from five Central Asian, South Asian, and Middle Eastern countries.



Thomas
dean

Downing Thomas, the dean of International Programs, said they provided an overall presentation and fielded questions about admission standards, English as a second language, and programs offered.

Thomas said the university started these trips only this year because international recruiting "hadn't been part of the priorities of the university" before 2007. Now that international efforts have increased dramatically this year alone, he said, reaching out to embassies will promote the UI in different areas of the globe.

SEE **RECRUITERS, 3**

UI picks architect for new art facility

Rod Kruse has designed many UI buildings.

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University of Iowa officials are bringing in a familiar face to co-design a new building for the School of Art and Art History.

Architect Rod Kruse, who is with the Des Moines branch of BNIM, will work with Steven Holl Architects of New York to make a blueprint to replace the old building, which was constructed in 1936 and damaged irreparably by the flood of 2008.

"Our vision for this project is for it to be distinctly different from the previous Art Building but also compatible with the rest of the Arts Campus," Kruse said.

SEE **ART, 3**

Students hope to help center

They're circulating a petition backing the UI Center for Human Rights.

By **ARIANA WITT**
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A group of University of Iowa students are circulating an electronic petition in hopes of saving a decade-old human-rights program.

Recent across-the-board budget cuts could damage the UI Center for Human Rights, which has provided more than 100 student interns with a chance to aid worldwide

humanitarian efforts.

UI senior Lauren Dana, a center intern, created a Facebook group to raise awareness about the issue.

Organizers of the group, "Save the UICHR," said they hope to collect 500 signatures for a petition letter



Loh
provost

by 5 p.m. on Friday. They'll send the letter to the state Board of Regents, UI Provost Wallace Loh, and UI President Sally Mason.

"We want to show that this is something we students really care about," Dana said.

By Tuesday, the group had collected more than 400 of the signatures needed.

The petition stems from potential staff cuts the

program could soon face.

In past years, International Programs provided the center with a grant and expected it to raise additional money, Loh said.

While he predicted that the center won't disappear because of the small funding it's currently receiving from International Programs, he said it will see a difference in staff pay.

SEE **CENTER, 3**



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Serving pancakes, generously

Free short stacks are placed on the table of IHOP patrons celebrating National Pancake Day, a fundraiser for local hospitals through Children's Miracle Network. The Coralville IHOP donated \$741 to the organization in 2009. See the photo slide show and read the story at dailyiowan.com.

Southeast residents pick projects

Officials try to include residents in the planning process early.

By **REGINA ZILBERMINTS**
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Brightly colored stickers will help city officials determine which projects Southeast Side residents view as most vital.

Approximately 70 people gathered around posters at the back of a Southeast Junior High room Tuesday evening, placing the circles next to items they considered most important for their neighborhoods — such as a bridge over a busy street and the expansion of the neighborhood.

City planning officials will take those choices into account when they develop a plan for the region.

The two-hour session is the final workshop in the process

of developing a plan for the future of the area.

In 1997, Iowa City officials decided to develop a comprehensive plan and divided the city into 10 districts. The Southeast Side is the eighth district the city has turned its attention to, and it takes about a year-and-a-half to compose a plan.

More than 100 residents were at the first meeting in April, but the decrease in attendance is normal, officials said, because people feel they've already shared their ideas. The turnout was slightly higher than at meetings for the previous district.

SEE **RESIDENTS, 3**



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Iowa Interstate Railroad tracks skirt the edge of the industrial warehouse district that extends from First Avenue to just east of Scott Boulevard in southeastern Iowa City on Tuesday. The district is largely composed of industrial/commercial and undeveloped land.

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Log on to check out an extended Daily Iowan TV video report on the documents released by the UI Task Force on Graduate Education. Charged by UI Provost Wallace Loh, officials in the group are trying to identify programs to cut in an effort to save money.



Board accepts resignation

Parent: 'Do what you can to keep this man at City High'

By **NORA HEATON**
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City High Principal Mark Hanson has a lot of local support. But that didn't stop the Iowa City School Board from accepting his resignation Tuesday night.

Nearly 700 community members offered signatures to the School Board, asking them to deny his resignation. More than 80 backed him with their attendance at the meeting. A few were moved to tears.

For more than an hour, parents and students attested to Hanson's exceptional performance.

Collins Byrd, the parent of a City High junior, choked up as he addressed the board.

"Do what you can to keep this man at City High," he said.

School Board members had initially removed his resignation from their consent list, but they announced after exiting a closed session that they would accept it effective June 30. Board members didn't discuss the resignation in open session; they were still meeting at press time. Though Hanson resigned earlier this month in an e-mail to City High staff, his resignation had to be accepted by the School Board.

Byrd, along with most other parents, said he believes district officials ostracized Hanson after the principal submitted an editorial to the *Iowa City Press-Citizen*, voicing his disapproval of redistricting plans.

Several parents said in open discussion they had urged Hanson to speak out on behalf of City High. As a

result, many said, it seemed that he was being "punished for telling the truth" after working to teach students about limitless potential.

"You want to infect our children and our students with this idea that there is a limit?" City High junior Rai Tokuhisa asked the board. "Then let him resign. That's a great way to do it. That's a ceiling. That's a cap, and that doesn't have to happen."

Leo Clougherty said both his daughters "loved Mr. Hanson."

"They understand that he's a rare man who can grip all facets of the community, and bring that to the table, and support them in whatever they're doing," Clougherty said.

Students also praised Hanson's ability to reach out

to individuals in the school.

Patrick Dolan told the board that Hanson shook his hand every day before school. Brandi Rivers said Hanson knew her name by the second week of her freshman year. Arianna Aron said he sees beyond stereotypes and viewed students as individuals.

"He looks at me as Arianna Aron, not as a troubled teen or a problem child," she said.

When the board returned announced its decision to accept Hanson's resignation, around 75 people stood up immediately and left the building.

"I am very disappointed," Byrd said on his way out. "Here was a man who gave everything he had to create an environment in which all these kids could develop their potential to the fullest extent."

Mason, Staff Council panel discuss budget, Hancher

In a closed meeting, the officials discuss the budget, Hancher/Voxman/Clapp.

By **MORGAN OLSEN**
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University of Iowa President Sally Mason spoke with the UI Staff Council Executive Committee — in closed session — about decisions facing the UI community.

Tuesday's meeting highlighted issues about next year's fiscal budget, the Hancher/Voxman/Clapp relocation, the faculty research track review, and her upcoming meeting with the entire council in two weeks.

Executive committee meetings with Mason, which have always been closed, are an opportunity for the committee to speak openly with the UI president concerning issues on campus, Staff Council President Glenn Kell said.

"It gives us a chance to have a working session with President Mason," he said. "We use this time to have open exchange about a wide variety of topics on campus."

Mason told the committee that UI officials are waiting to hear about next year's budget from Iowa legislators, Kell said. She also said she hopes to hear more about the Hancher/Voxman/Clapp relocation in the next two to three weeks.

Executive Committee member Martha Greer said she expects Mason will discuss similar issues with the entire Staff Council at the March 10 meeting.

According to Iowa Code, a governmental body's meetings may be held in closed session with certain stipulations, but they must be

open if final action is taken on a matter. The body must also keep detailed minutes of the discussion.

"If the meeting is only advisory and it's not mandatory that any decision be made, it's likely that it has the right to be closed," said Frank LoMonte, executive director for the Student Press Law Center.

Other UI bodies that have held closed meetings in the past year include the UI Faculty Senate and the Partnership for Alcohol Safety.

The Faculty Senate came under scrutiny last semester for its closed sessions, but the Iowa Attorney General's Office deemed the practice acceptable. Because the Senate isn't defined as a governmental body and it doesn't meet the

definition of holding meetings, it is not required to follow open-meeting laws.

When the Partnership for Alcohol Safety faced similar questioning, Jeff Shipley, the UI Student Government liaison to the Iowa City City Council, told *The Daily Iowan* that closed meetings could allow people to be more open and honest.

Greer, also the past president of the Staff Council, offered similar reasoning.

"These meetings are closed because we consult with [Mason] about items that decisions haven't been made for yet," she said.

Minutes of Tuesday's meeting will be reviewed by the entire Staff Council at the March 10 meeting and will become public record after its meeting on March 17.

METRO

Know your lease, service says

Some University of Iowa students gathered Tuesday to learn about evictions and landlord-tenant disputes.

Student Legal Services hosted the annual event, titled "Don't Get Evicted," in the IMU second-floor ballroom. More than 100 students attended.

Greg Bal, supervising attorney for Student Legal Services, said the majority of clients the office sees are involved with problems between tenants and landlords or between tenants. The service saw more than 350 students last year.

Bal said it is important for first-time renters to be aware that a lease is an enforceable contract and to have a full knowledge of that contract.

He recommended students new to renting use the service's free consultation before signing a lease.

The service helps students prevent future problems, review leases, inform students of their rights, and act as representatives in court.

Bal also noted young renters should check for hidden costs on a lease and document all damages when first moving in.

"You need to take steps to protect yourselves," he said.

— by Mitchell Schmidt

Teen charged with criminal mischief

Iowa City police have arrested a local teen and three juveniles after they allegedly inflicted more than \$2,000 worth of damage on a truck.

Joshua Hesselstine, 18, 4494 Taft Ave. Apt. 2B, was charged Feb. 6 with second-degree

criminal mischief.

According to police, Hesselstine and three juveniles saw the victim's truck in the Sycamore Mall parking lot at approximately 9 p.m. One of the juveniles allegedly pointed out the vehicle and encouraged the other three to damage it.

Hesselstine reportedly kicked the passenger door, leaving a large dent. The three juveniles broke rear-view mirrors, wrote obscenities on the windshield, and urinated on the door handle, according to police.

The damage to the 18-year-old truck is estimated to be \$2,633.55, according to reports.

Second-degree criminal mischief is a Class D felony generally punishable by a mandatory sentence of five years in prison and a maximum fine of up to \$7,500.

— by Jordan Fries

3rd man charged in convenience-store theft

Iowa City police arrested a third man in connection with a convenience store theft allegedly committed with help from a clerk on duty.

Kristan Mack, 19, 203 Myrtle Ave., was charged Jan. 10 with fourth-degree theft after stealing from the Kum & Go gas station, 513 Riverside Drive, on several occasions over a three-hour period.

According to police, Mack took gift cards and lottery tickets valued at \$355.

Joseph Moore, Mack's roommate, was charged last week for allegedly stealing more than \$1,700 in gift cards and lottery tickets, along with a phone card.

Kynison Cauthron, 19, 603 S. Capitol St. Apt. 205, was charged Jan. 10 with second- and fourth-degree theft for allegedly assisting the men in the theft by activating the gift cards and giving away the lottery tickets.

Cauthron, no longer employed, was the convenience store clerk at the time.

Fourth-degree theft is a serious misdemeanor generally punishable by up to a year in prison and a maximum fine of up to \$1,875.

— by Jordan Fries

Man, woman sentenced in fraud case

A district judge has issued sentences in the case of two individuals charged with defrauding a Nebraska resident out of more than \$100,000, according to a release.

On Sept. 28, 2009, Jermaine Roberts of Iowa City and Kristine Roberts of Montezuma entered guilty pleas to one mail-fraud count and six wire-fraud counts.

The pair assisted an inmate in the Iowa Department of Corrections with his effort to get a new trial. They told the victim they were filing paperwork to obtain a new trial or the release of the inmate. The Roberts manufactured false court documents to persuade the victim they were working on the inmate's behalf. They asked the victim to mail or wire money to continue their services, according to the release.

Jermaine Roberts has been sentenced to 60 months in prison, and Kristine Roberts has been sen-

tenced to 21 months in prison. Each was ordered to pay restitution to the victim of more than \$100,000 as well as \$700 in special assessments. They will be placed on three years of probation after the prison sentences.

— by Sam Lane

Man sentenced in car burglaries

A judge sentenced a 26-year-old who admitted to being involved with a rash of car burglaries to 90 days in jail and a fine Tuesday.

Jeremy Kuczynski had pleaded guilty to playing a part in the burglary of more than 90 cars — causing more than \$10,000 in damages — at parking lots at the Lodge apartments and the UI Hospitals and Clinics in November 2008.

Sentences were issued for two cases against Kuczynski. In the first, five of the seven counts were dismissed and the other two, second-degree criminal mischief and forgery by credit card, resulted in probation.

In the second case, four of the six counts were dismissed and another resulted in probation. However, Kuczynski was sentenced to 90 days in jail and must pay a \$625 fine for third-degree burglary.

Kuczynski's sentencing is based on his willingness to cooperate and the sentence of his co-defendant.

"I just apologize for what I've done," he said. "It was definitely a stupid thing to do."

— by Sam Lane

POLICE BLOTTER

Natalie Benda, 19, West Lafayette, Ind., was charged Feb. 19 with PAULA.

Matthew Burgman, 19, 366 S. Clinton Apt. 2617, was charged Feb. 20 with PAULA.

Mark Devol, 19, Blue Grass, Iowa, was charged Feb. 20 with OWI, interference with official acts, and PAULA.

Randall Essing, 55, 816 Rider St.,

was charged Feb. 19 with OWI.

Megan Hay, 20, Peoria, Ill., was charged Feb. 20 with PAULA.

Fanta Mallard, 20, 3302 E. Washington St., was charged Monday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Kathryn McDonough, 18, 800 W. Benton St. Apt. 801A, was charged Feb. 19 with public intox-

ication, interference with official acts, PAULA, and unlawful use of another's ID.

Alyssa Miller, 19, St. Charles, Iowa, was charged Sunday with OWI.

Danielle Paulsen, 20, S142 Currier, was charged Feb. 19 with PAULA.

Rina Ramos, 52, 444 Samoa Drive, was charged Monday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Garrick Raridon, 19, Newton, Iowa, was charged Feb. 19 with PAULA.

Dillon Smith, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Monday with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Joshua Troen, 20, Newton, was charged Feb. 19 with PAULA.

Shaaron Wilson, 21, 2724 Wayne Ave. Apt. B7, was charged Sunday with keeping a disorderly house.

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CENTER

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As of Tuesday, the center — located in the University Capitol Centre — had raised \$57,000 in donations and fundraising from events such as UICHR @10, which celebrated the center's 10th year in November. At the anniversary, center champions were already worried about funding.

The center needs approximately \$100,000 to stay afloat next year.

Loh said the International Programs has the ultimate say in funding decisions.

"What the International Programs does is up to it,"

he said. "The Provost Office can only tell it what percent needs to be cut."

Gregory Hamot, the center's director, said he understands the potential shortage in funds is part of campuswide budget cuts. But he's staying optimistic.

"We're still hoping for help," Hamot said. "But we also have to raise funds on our own."

According to the petition letter, the center has provided student internships for UI students with worldwide humanitarian organizations, including the American Civil Liberties Union, World Health Organization, and the Irish Centre for Human Rights.

Tia Upchurch-Freelove, a former intern at the center,

said she signed on to the effort right away because of the effect the center had on her opportunities to explore human-rights topics.

"I didn't even know what human rights really were until my sophomore year, and a lot of students can get away with not learning these things," she said.

The Facebook group can be accessed on the center's official Facebook page. Anyone can sign her or his name to the letter electronically by sending an e-mail to the Facebook group or confirming the Facebook event invitation.

RECRUITERS

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And so far it's worked.

Applications from under-represented countries such as Kuwait have increased, prompting recruiters to make this an annual effort.

"One of our goals in the international student recruitment area is to diversify. So we don't want all students from one country," Thomas said. "We want a mix of students both for their experience and for domestic students' experience."

At the embassies, they also assured diplomats that Iowa City was a safe place for their students to live.

"They want general comfort in the community. Many of these are Muslim countries, and they're going to want to know if it's going to be an environment where they will be comfortable and accepted," said Scott King, the director of the Office of International Students and Scholars. They told representatives the oldest mosque in the United States is located in Cedar Rapids.

Thomas, noting that Malaysia almost exclusively sends female students to the United States, said safety is a big factor.

While this is the first trip for UI officials, Michigan State University representatives have made these trips annually for several years, said Peter Briggs, the director of its Office for International Students and Scholars.

"It's really good to have relationships with our contacts in D.C.," Briggs said, noting the number of government-sponsored international students at Michigan State has increased by 260 in the last five years.

Funded by the recruitment budget, the UI's "relatively inexpensive" trip — airfare and hotel costs — was planned before reports about six budget-cutting task force initiatives came out earlier this month. But they wrapped their efforts into the report in order to garner response from faculty and students.

Because many of the countries send their students abroad through funding from their government,

Recruited countries

University of Iowa representatives visited five embassies in Washington, D.C.

- Malaysia
- Kuwait
- United Arab Emirates
- Kazakhstan
- Saudi Arabia

Source: Downing Thomas, dean of International Programs

Thomas said, the embassies end up being the "pipeline" to U.S. universities for those students. Governments use embassies to grant their students education in the United States in hopes they will return home to use their skills.

"It's exciting to see we're part of the future, building a group of people who will be the leaders in science and possibly government abroad who will graduate from the University of Iowa," Thomas said. "They will be alumni and be ambassadors for us abroad."

Your turn. Do you think recruitment efforts at the embassies are a constructive move for the UI? Weigh in at dailyiowan.com.

RESIDENTS

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Sherry Dolash, who has lived in the area since 2005, sat at a cafeteria table, discussing the increased traffic in front of her home.

"I'm interested in what's going on, and I like to be informed before things happen," she said.

Particularly important for Dolash is the Towncrest Neighborhood development and city growth to the east. With an increase in people and traffic, the differences could "change the nature of the neighborhood," she said.

Public workshops and comprehensive city plans are fairly common in large cities, city planners at the meeting said, and some states require towns to hold such sessions. Often, planning is done through



RYAN MILLER/THE DAILY IOWAN

This empty lot, as seen on Tuesday near Highway 6 in southeastern Iowa City, is one of a large number of commercial lots for sale in the industrial-warehouse district, which occupies most land stretching from First Avenue to just east of Scott Boulevard.

committees and limited to specific areas.

There have been intermittent efforts in Iowa to pass such regulations, but no state requirements currently exist.

A bill in the Legislature

could establish a set of principles about city planning, city planner Karen Howard said.

Such public workshops are often financially beneficial, because they make it easier for cities to petition for state and federal money.

ART

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The design concept is focused on "vertical porosity," which will allow light to penetrate the building's expected three levels, unlike the last building, he said.

"We want to stimulate the visitor, the student, and the artist with this design," Kruse said. "We want all to feel like they are standing in a piece of modern art."

Kruse, who has worked with three architectural firms in more than 30 years of service, said he has always enjoyed projects at the UI.

Among the nearly 10 projects, he designed the Blank Honors Center and the Karro Building, which houses the UI Athletics Hall of Fame.

Kruse, who said the university has always been "a great client," has also contributed to the renovation

of Schaeffer Hall and helped produce a design to convert the Field House into a recreational facility.

One of roughly 25 applicants for the project, Kruse hopes to begin an initial design in the next 30 days, though construction bids won't be due until May 2012 and the building likely won't be finished until 2014.

Potential sites for the UI's first flood-recovery replacement facility include an area north of Art Building West, which Kruse designed in 2006.

The new building is projected to be 115,000 square feet, roughly the same as the previous establishment, and it will house studios, classrooms, offices, and gallery space.

Officials have yet to put a price tag on the new building, but they expect the Federal Emergency Management Agency to cover 90 percent of the total and for the UI to pay for the rest.

UI Facilities Management architect Beverly Robalino, a member of the committee that picked the design team, said panel members are still in the process of determining costs, FEMA regulations, and university codes.

Though the building's location is also in limbo, potential sites must be at least 2 feet above the 500-year flood plain of the Iowa River.

Many of the UI's art students are excited about the possibility of having a facility on campus they can truly call their own, even with the distant completion date.

"I wish we had an art building on campus right now, because it would take a lot of stress off my day," said UI freshman Lily Allen-Duenas. "My schedule would be more balanced, and I could spend more time on my art and less on getting to the actual building."

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Editorial

Rise in graduate-education costs adversely affect students, universities, and society

Our elected officials may be fighting the wrong battle.

In the last 30 years, college tuition and fees have increased more than medical-care costs — and twice the rate of inflation, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. And even after undergraduate work, that cost doesn't let up, as students accumulate serious amounts of graduate-college debt.

Yet students are confronted with a frightening conundrum: In a time when having an undergraduate degree is increasingly insufficient, the cost of graduate school continues to rise, becoming financially unattainable for many. Still, having an advanced degree is often the difference between moving up and staying put in a job market flooded with advanced degrees. From 1996-2006, the number of master's degrees awarded in the United States increased 43 percent, according to the Council of Graduate Schools.

But despite the steep cost of attending graduate school, University of Iowa Graduate College Dean John Keller said he didn't see a problem.

"Actually, it might be better if it was a little more expensive, considering the level of education and how much higher it is than undergraduate degrees," Keller said.

"More expensive" graduate education may seem cruel to students, who rack up an average of more than \$40,000 in debt, according to *U.S. News & World Report*.

Each individual must understand the costs going into graduate school; they simply cannot be ignored. But what we cannot ignore is the lack of aid available to students.

Fewer than 4 percent of graduate students receive a federal or state grant to augment their own payments, and the average college gives fewer than 20 percent of graduate students a scholarship. Furthermore, 60 percent of graduate students receive no money at all, according to

U.S. News & World Report.

The UI provides relief to its graduate students, but it comes in the form of becoming a teaching assistant. This financial support is beneficial, but — with the decreasing number of TA positions at the university — few can take advantage of it. This school year, the UI has cut 150 of those positions.



While graduate students can apply for federal or private loans, that can lead to a deluge of problems once they graduate, such as high interest rates and bankruptcy. For many, this ossifies their educational potential, leaving them little choice but to prematurely enter into the job market.

"I have a lot of friends from undergrad who went straight into the workforce," Graduate Student Senate President Kristina Rogers said. "They don't like the career they are going into, but it is so difficult for

them to go back to school. They have house payments, car payments, and kids to support."

Graduate colleges — including at the UI — need to take drastic steps to make it easier for students to receive a postgraduate education and quickly enter the working world, thus enabling them to burn off their debt.

In the absence of increased state funding to slow the rise in graduate-school costs, colleges need to provide incentives for accelerated graduation. For example, graduate colleges could offer scholarships to those students who work tirelessly to finish their schooling the fastest while still attaining the necessary requirements to graduate. Cycling students at faster rates could save students money, but it could also lead to higher revenue with maximum class sizes every year.

So what will happen if our young men and women enter into the workforce without graduate or professional degrees?

The individual effect is sure to be problematic. Undergraduate degrees can only sustain many students' professional lives momentarily. They may enter the workforce unprepared and lacking the skills necessary to move up, stagnating their careers. Because of that lack of education, they could soon find themselves behind a class of individuals who were able to complete postgraduate work. And for many, stymied careers negatively affect both personal happiness and income potential.

In the absence of positive changes, universities will be negatively affected as well. As accessibility plummets, state institutions will lose cultural and economic diversity. Exceptional students with low-income backgrounds will be stalled in their pursuit of education, thus reducing the overall quality of the student body. Student loans can offset the economic imbalance, but that leaves students at the mercy of creditors and with years of suffocating debt.

Academically and socially speaking, it is in the best interest of graduate programs at the UI and across the country to open their pocketbooks to the gifted, but economically disenfranchised, population. We are not suggesting that colleges let everyone in; only that they ensure that those who can benefit from — and academically qualify for — further quality education will.

Commerce and business has become a global marketplace, and those without the academic clout of a master's or Ph.D. will be abandoned. We shouldn't accept the commodification of educational opportunities. But unless drastic changes are implemented, there may not be an alternative for graduate education.

Your turn. Are you planning to attend graduate school? Weigh in on dailyiowan.com.

Guest opinion

What are the humanities worth?

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In response to fiscal pressure, the University of Iowa is cutting graduate programs. The question, of course, is which ones to cut. The university answered that question last week: those in the humanities. American studies, Asian civilization, comparative literature, translation, film studies, German, and linguistics are all on the chopping block, while not a single program in math, science, and engineering is threatened. Why is this? A task force found that the humanities programs are, compared with others (that is, those in the sciences), "weak." What this means is that they don't bring in as much external grant money, their applicant pools are smaller, and their students take longer

to finish their degrees. All these things are true, but that doesn't mean these programs are "weak."

If you expect me to go on and on about how the humanities will "broaden your horizons," "give you a deeper understanding of the world," or "make you a better person," you are going to be disappointed. I think the humanities do all of these things, but that's irrelevant. What I'm saying is that investment in the humanities pays enormous returns in terms of dollars, cents, and even lives. Let me give three examples.

After World War II, the United States found itself toe-to-toe with the Soviet Union. Because each side was armed with nuclear weapons, the stakes were survival itself. Yet not only did we avoid nuclear annihilation, but we also managed to defeat Soviet communism without actually attacking the Soviet Union. How did we do that? I can tell you, because I was part (albeit a very small part) of the effort. During the Cold

War, the United States poured resources into Russian and Eastern European studies. That money went to institutions of higher education to train "Russia experts," of which I was one. Because the people of the United States were farsighted enough to support something as esoteric as the study of Russian civilization, we "Russia experts" understood the Russians; and because we did, we were able to inform the American people about them. I have no doubt that this knowledge, firmly rooted in the humanities, helped us avoid Armageddon and helped bring down the USSR peacefully.

Now let's take another, less happy, example. In the 1960s, America's relationship with the Islamic nations of the Middle East began to sour. There are many reasons for this, but the important point is that we were thereafter toe-to-toe with Islamic radicalism. The stakes, though not as high as in the Cold War, were very

high. We found that out on 9/11. We knew that Islamic radicals were mad at us, but we really couldn't comprehend why. Without such comprehension, we were powerless to take the steps necessary to cool them off. Why were we so ignorant? This answer is simple: We didn't study the Middle East or Islam, at least very seriously or on a large scale. Americans did not support the creation of a cadre of "Islam experts," so no such cadre was available when we needed it before the attacks of 9/11. We didn't know what was going on and because we didn't, we could not act appropriately. As a result, thousands of lives and untold treasure has been lost.

Lest you think that this logic only applies to the humanistic study of parts foreign, take an example closer to home. Over its history, the United States has seen a lot of racial and ethnic violence, and it's true that irrational prejudices continue to exist today on our shores.

But if you compare the recent history of the United States to that of other multi-ethnic nations, it's obvious that our handling of racial and ethnic tensions has been exemplary. Though there were tensions (and still are), all were and continue to be respected as members of our community. How did we accomplish this? One reason is surely that we seriously study American civilization and all the various traditions that compose it. That Native-American, African-American, Hispanic-American, and Asian-American studies stand shoulder-to-shoulder with what we might call "American-American studies" reflects our commitment to walking a mile in each others' shoes and thereby learning to live together in harmony. The same should be said, incidentally of gay studies, women's studies, and what might be called "straight male studies": All of these humanistic disciplines teach us about one another and thereby (to put it plainly) help us

avoid killing one another through blind prejudice.

When thinking about educational priorities, it is important to take the long view, something Americans are not always good at. If we myopically focus on this year's balance sheet, we will see that the UI's scientists brought it grants, made discoveries, and rapidly trained students, while the UI's humanists did not to the same degree. But in the long view, things look very different. Where we invested in the humanities consistently over decades, we reaped huge dividends, as in the Cold War; where we neglected to do so, we suffered huge losses, as in 9/11. The world is changing, and so is the United States. If we as people want to prosper in the coming age, we must understand the humans who will make it up. And there is only one way to do this: the humanities.

Marshall Poe is an associate professor and director of undergraduate studies in the history department.

IC featured on 'From the Top'

By HANNAH KRAMER
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Providing opportunities for young people to show off their classical-music talent is a goal of the "From the Top" radio program. Hosted by Christopher O'Riley, it will air from Iowa City tonight and will feature Orchestra Iowa and a group of select young musicians.

University of Iowa Professor William LaRue Jones, the director of orchestral studies, said it is an honor to be chosen for the program, because there are a relatively few people invited to participate. He described the youthful participants as having "not just average talent but very sophisticated talent."

"I'm inspired by Brahms, although my style doesn't imitate his so much anymore," said Jeremiah Siochi, 16, a self-taught composer, pianist, and double bassist from Iowa City. His composition was selected through an audition process for the "From the Top" broadcast.

However, auditioning did not spark much anxiety for Siochi. He felt confident about the piece he produced, as well as the performers selected to play his music.

One of the performers is sister Katherine Siochi, 14, a harpist. Because she was previously featured in a "From the Top" show, the audition was familiar territory for her.

"I thought it was a pretty good sign ... usually they only allow you 15 minutes for an interview, but I got 30 minutes and took time away from their lunch break," Jeremiah said.



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NPR's "From the Top" will be broadcast live from the Englert tonight.

Both Jeremiah and Katherine have had an interest in classical music since they started walking and talking, which is why Jeremiah is interested in bringing it into the lives of others.

Iowa Makes Music, a project funded by the U.S. Department of Education, makes "From the Top," teacher collaboration, in-school performances, and a Peer Leadership Program possible. The Peer Leadership program appeals to Jeremiah because it allows him to share his compositions with his peers. He thinks this will help change kids' ideas of

classical music.

"The perception a lot of times is that classical music is too high or far off," he said. "And it really doesn't have to be that way."

Jones said reaching out to youth in this area is a way to keep the music alive and help it grow.

"The intelligence that just sort of emanates from all of the people developing their own talents and showcasing [them] has to have an effect on the people who listen," he said.

In the future, Jeremiah hopes to integrate music through his strengths in physics and mathematics.

Out of the darkness

Matthew Davis brings his Mongolian experience home.

By REBECCA KOONS
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Matthew Davis is hard-pressed to remember a time when he didn't want to write.

When his desire to do so was met with praise and encouragement from college professors, it made him think this was not only something he wanted to do but something he could do. Though he may not have taken all the advice of his teachers to heart, the network of support was substantial enough for him to pursue writing path with optimism.

The 32-year-old Chicago native attends graduate school at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in Baltimore, and he has an M.F.A. from the University of Iowa Non-fiction Writing Program. While trying his hand at journalism, teaching, editing, arts administration, and more, Davis churned out his first book.

Davis' travel memoir, titled *When Things Get Dark: A Mongolian Winter's Tale*, will be the subject of the Prairie InSight Program at 5 p.m. today in Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St. Admission is free.

Sharon Benzoni, the executive director of the Iowa City Foreign Relations Council, will moderate the program, and David Hamilton and Rex Honey will join the panel discussion. The book will be at the center of a discussion about "Journey as Transformation," examining what Benzoni called "the concept of journey in literary tradition and in on-the-ground experience."

When *Things Get Dark* chronicles Davis' life teaching English in a Mongolian village. His struggles and



PUBLICITY PHOTO

Author Matthew Davis will read from his travel memoir, *When Things Get Dark: A Mongolian Winter's Tale*, tonight at Prairie Lights as part of the PrairieInSight program.

experiences with alcohol abuse and violence became part of the foundation for the memoir, in addition to the history and current political and cultural state of the Central Asian country. Though only just released this month, a chapter from the book won the 2005 Atlantic Monthly prize in nonfiction, and another was recognized as a notable essay in the Best American Travel Writing series in 2006.

"Initially, I wasn't so keen to write about my experiences so much as I was to write about Mongolia," Davis said. "Then ... I realized that the best way to tell these stories was through my own experiences and through the people I met in Mongolia."

In the five years it took to complete *When Things Get Dark*, he found the most challenging aspect of writing were the "walls" that presented themselves throughout. Whether it was content, style, or a matter of business, these challenges turned into successes as he was able to eventually climb them all.

"I feel like I've learned a lot

READING
Matthew Davis
When: 5 p.m. today
Where: Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
Admission: Free

in terms of both what I want to write in the future and how to do it better," he said.

Ultimately, what Davis hopes readers will gain from *When Things Get Dark* is a sense of the true nature of Mongolia and its people. He wants to shed light on Mongolia's "rich history and its tough, contemporary present." With this approach, he wants to provide a perspective that most Westerners never get to see. "He doesn't succumb to the tendency some writers have, when writing about living in a new place, to romanticize its people or culture," Benzoni said. "He renders the lives of the people he meets with honesty and complexity. Most important though, is his honesty about himself."

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Daily Break

There are 350 varieties of shark, not counting loan and pool.
- L.M. Boyd

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A partial list of things I should probably tell every prospective girlfriend

- I'm pretty sure that I'm lactose intolerant; every time I have a dozen or so White Russians, I throw up.
- I don't drink and drive; I do it at the stoplights.
- For certain reasons that I am legally bound not to disclose, I am not allowed in any bird sanctuary in any North American zoo. Also, most of the South American zoos. And a few Asian ones.
- I play GTA every day just to keep my homicidal tendencies in check.
- You can't read my poker face.
- I do nearly all my reading on the toilet. I don't know why, but there's just something about the invention of the toilet that fascinates me.
- Me's New Year's resolution was to get more better at English. And because I is so well, I done already did it already.
- I've robbed at least a dozen banks in my time, and I have the pens to prove it.
- I get high on Life (the cereal). It's a little hard to smoke, but it does have a nice, cinnamon aftertaste.
- I didn't like "Jersey Shore" because it perpetuates the stereotype that Oompa Loompas have bad hair and like to fight.
- I hate people who misuse ellipses ...
- I don't like going to bars because it's just paying to stand around awkwardly, and I could get that for free by playing in any pickup basketball game.
- People say that I am callous, but I really have the heart of a small child. I keep it in a jar in my desk.

- Daniel Frana thanks Andrew R. Juhl for collaborating on today's Ledge.

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

PONDERING HER MOVE



RYAN MILLER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Vida Brenner, a member of The Gray Knights Chess Club, ponders her next move against her opponent on Tuesday in the Senior Center. The methodical Brenner is a master of the game and has been playing since she was 11. She also takes time to teach the Chess Club at Lincoln Elementary School. The club meets every Tuesday from 2 to 4:30 p.m. and offers chess in a relaxed atmosphere.

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Wednesday, February 24, 2010
- by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 You will face barriers trying to get others to see and do things to your specifications. Don't waste time trying to get others to pitch in. Instead, do what you want rapidly and efficiently so that no one can question your motives.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Don't be afraid to push your weight around, especially if there is a cause or concern you care about and want to get involved in. Your ability to persuade others to see the need for reform and change could lead to prestige and financial gain.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Concentrate on the positive changes you can make and on your professional position. A chance to alter your career choice or get involved in something that really interests you is apparent - if you don't allow someone to stand in your way.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22 A love connection is looking good. Spend time with that special person, or attend a function where you can meet someone new and exciting. Mixing business with pleasure will meet with approval both personally and professionally.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 Check out the possibility of turning one of your investments into something more substantial. Buying and selling property or making a move that will allow you greater freedom or professional choices should be considered. A change of scenery will do you good.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Take advantage of everything and anything being offered. Opportunities are abundant if you investigate what's going on around you. Talks will lead to progress and being honest about your needs will help you get what you want.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 You may want to neglect your responsibilities or someone who is depending on you, but consider the consequences. It's vital that you take charge and care of the people and things that can mess up your game plan in the future.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Travel, attend an exhibit, or join a group that interests you, and you will find opportunities to further your personal and professional goals. Get out, network, promote, and present what you have to offer, and the results you get will be overwhelming.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Be careful how you handle your money and your professional affairs. Personal setbacks at home will cause you to lose ground emotionally and hurt your reputation. Do not make any hasty moves without doing your homework.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Go the extra mile, and impress someone you care about or want to get to know better. A blast from your past will be entertaining. A career change with an unusual twist will bring you closer to a life long goal.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Giving false hope or pretenses will not go over well when you don't follow through. Focus on the people in your life whom you love. Be honest about your habits and the things that need changing.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 Self-evaluation will do you some good. The ideas you have that will enable you to utilize your skills more will help you advance personally and professionally. It's never too late to start something new or to resurrect an old goal.

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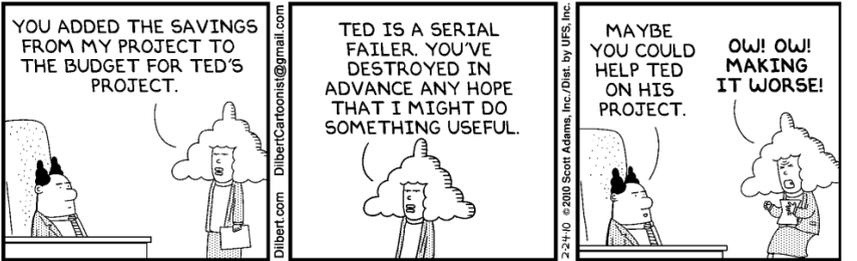
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6:15 "Java Blend" Archive, music videos from the Java House
6:30 Lisa Bluder Weekly News Conference
7 Artist James Siena, guest lecture by the artist, Feb. 11
- 8:15 Naomi Klein, University Lecture Committee, February 2009
9:30 Daily Iowan TV News
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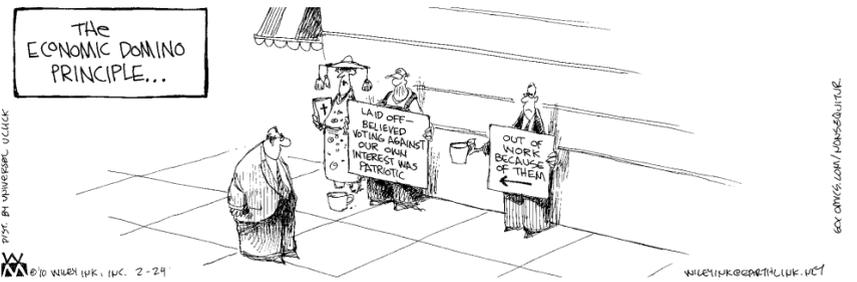
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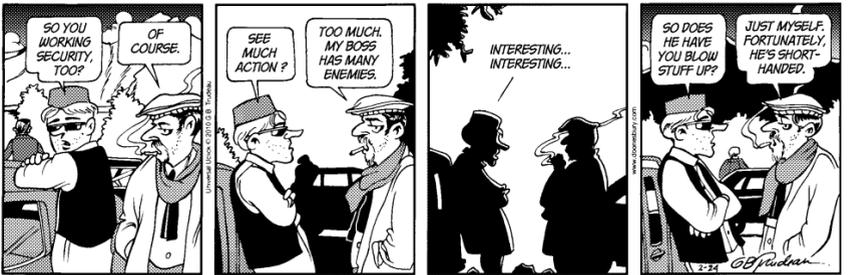
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today's events

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- **Computer Class Clone**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Preschool Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library,
- **Fahrenheit 451 Book Discussion**, 11 a.m., Kirkwood Community College, 1816 Lower Muscatine
- **Spring Job and Internship Fair**, 11 p.m., IMU Main Lounge
- **Electronic Tax Filing**, noon, Iowa City Public Library
- **Steve Seabolt**, lecture, noon, S401 Pappajohn Business Building
- **Iowa City Foreign Relations Council**, "Understanding Human Trafficking as a Global Concern: an Insight into the Northwest Region of Cameroon," Emily Lewis, noon, Congregational United Church of Christ, 30 N. Clinton
- **"A Voice of My Own,"** 1:30 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Biology Seminar**, "Sequential Sympatric Speciation: Amplification of Diversity Across Trophic Levels," Andrew Forbes, University of California-Davis, 4 p.m., 101 Biology Building East
- **Kidrobics**, 4:30 p.m., Performance Health and Fitness, 3290 Ridgeway Drive, Coralville
- **Neo-African-American Film Screening**, 5 p.m., 348 IMU
- **"When Things Get Dark: A Mongolian Winter's Tale,"** PrairieIn-sights, Matthew Davis, 5 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance**, 5:45 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Black History Month:**

- **Hubbard Group-Black Male Forum**, 6 p.m., Afro-American Cultural Center
- **Osher Lifetime Learning Institute**, "The Financial Crisis," 6 p.m., C121 Pappajohn Business Building
- **Board Game Night**, 6:30 p.m., Critical Hit Games, 89 Second St., Coralville
- **Public Policy Center's Forckenbrock Series**, "Policy Matters: Energy," David Osterberg, from the Iowa Policy Project and professor of occupational and environmental health, Teresa Galluzzo, Iowa Policy Project, and Joe Jongeward and Beth Govini, Iowa Department of Economic Development, 6:30 p.m., Main Library Shambaugh Auditorium
- **Burlington Street Bluegrass Band**, 7 p.m., The Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Learn to Knit**, 7 p.m., Home Ec. Workshop, 207 N. Linn
- **Oscar Shorts Program: Live-Action**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **Mini Bike Expo**, 7 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Tax Deduction Seminar**, 7 p.m., Iowa City Area Association of Realtors, 438 Highway 1 W.
- **Writers' Workshop Reading**, Paul Harding and Rod Smith, 8 p.m., Dey House Frank Conroy Reading Room
- **UI Jazz Performance**, 8 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Oscar Shorts Program: Animated**, 9 p.m., Bijou
- **Dubskin**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

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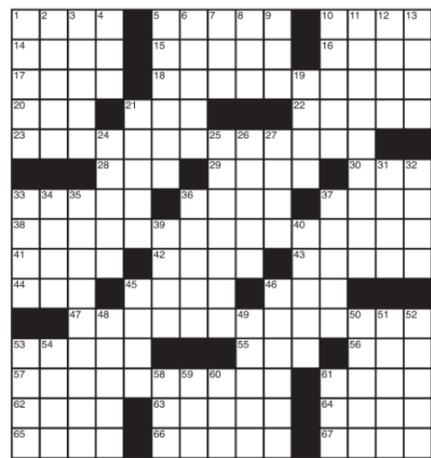
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- Across**
- 1 Stinky
 - 5 Phrenologists read them
 - 10 Not shut all the way
 - 14 What to call a crown
 - 15 Chris with the 1991 hit "Wicked Game"
 - 16 Common mixer
 - 17 Roofless home
 - 18 It creates a small vacuum
 - 20 Personal account
 - 21 "Now I see!"
 - 22 Art buyers' worries
 - 23 Parts of double-blind trials
 - 28 Baby sitter's bane
 - 29 Where flocks feed
 - 30 Word unlikely to end a sentence
 - 33 Sauce prepared in a mortar
 - 36 Daughter of Laban, in the Bible
 - 37 1856 Stowe novel
 - 38 Aspirant's motto ... or, phonetically, what 18-, 23-, 47- and 57-Across each consist of
 - 41 Clancy hero
 - 42 Gives succor to
 - 43 Clear, as a loan
 - 44 Salt
 - 45 Contralto James
 - 46 Elusive swimmer
 - 47 What national banks oversee
 - 53 Not too
 - 55 Tapped-out message, often
 - 56 Reach the end
 - 57 Chinese menu option

- Down**
- 1 Rachel Maddow's network
 - 2 Children's song refrain
 - 3 Flame blame, sometimes
 - 4 Post-tax amount
 - 5 King's neighbor
 - 6 Fully expected
 - 7 OS X runner
 - 8 Too rehearsed
 - 9 Perform a wedeln, e.g.
 - 10 No problem at all
 - 11 Guy's means of support
 - 12 Literally, "by two"
 - 13 They often include samples
 - 19 "The Sum" (Russell Crowe movie)
 - 21 Hard wear?
 - 24 Nashville-based athlete
 - 25 Actresses Farrell and Jackson
 - 26 Goes from cover to cover
 - 27 Kailua Bay's setting
 - 61 Show-off's shout
 - 62 "The Gong Show" regular Johnson
 - 63 It can be worth up to 20 points
 - 64 "Pardon me"
 - 65 Unappreciated worker
 - 66 Seize, to Caesar
 - 67 Like the "Saw" movies

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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- Puzzle by Trip Payne
- 31 Vengeful goddess
 - 32 Swirl
 - 33 Left to the captain?
 - 34 Popular singer born in County Donegal
 - 35 Overrun
 - 36 Body that's not the clergy
 - 37 Harp (on)
 - 39 Fruit growing at an oasis
 - 40 Gets ready
 - 45 Opposite of exo-
 - 46 Heroic poem
 - 48 Frequently
 - 49 Take over
 - 50 Western potato
 - 51 Large duck
 - 52 Run-down
 - 53 Cash-free transaction
 - 54 Modeled
 - 58 Grp. that meets in the Situation Room
 - 59 Upscale hotel offering
 - 60 Boathouse item
 - 61 Cry before "You're it!"
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Spotlight Iowa City

Keeping life and meals local and vegan

Dave Burt combines his passions for cooking and local food as an owner of the Red Avocado in Iowa City.

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In Dave Burt's opinion, the vegan diet can greatly affect the world.

Burt, a native of Scotland, first came to the United States 20 years ago as a student. He always had an interest in cooking, and in 1999 he opened the Red Avocado, 521 E. Washington St.

While it started as a vegetarian restaurant, a few years later, it became fully vegan. By his estimation, it is one of the few restaurants in the country that exclusively serves organic vegan meals.

"The health aspect originally did it," he said about his decision to become a vegan while he ate lunch by the Red Avocado's front entrance. That choice then led him to find other political and social benefits of veganism.

The restaurateur said he didn't miss eating meat when he converted to veganism, but the social aspect of the decision was hard.

"People get mad that you don't eat meat at all," the 41-year-old said, thanking customers as they left the restaurant. "It's more that social part that's hard."

More important than the

vegan and organic aspects of his restaurant, Burt said, is that it tries to buy all of its ingredients locally. Burt estimates that, depending on the season, the Red Avocado purchases as much as 80 percent of its food locally.

"It's just so obvious," he said about the social and economic benefits of buying locally.

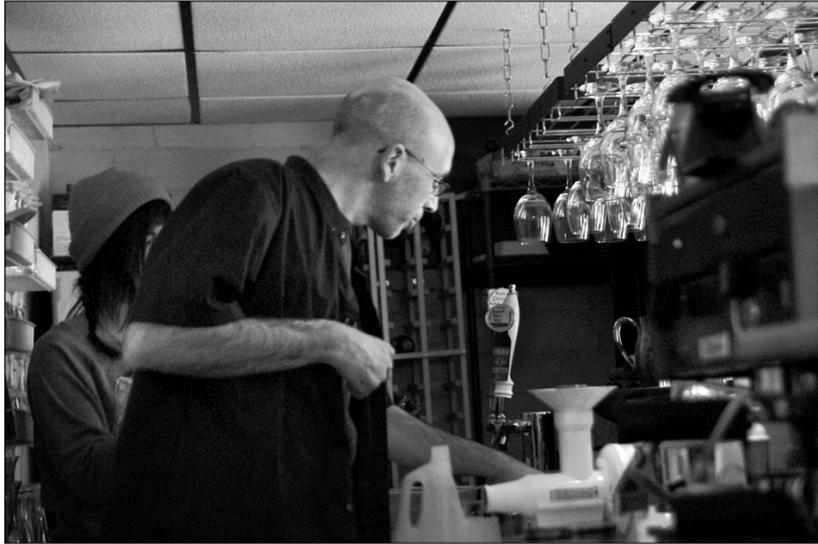
A sense of being involved locally is at the heart of his work at the Red Avocado even outside of the food. He said the restaurant also participates in and holds local fundraisers and that, even though it is doing well, he doesn't intend to do anything like offer franchises.

In cooking vegan food there was also a challenge for Burt, who said he had grown tired of cooking and eating dishes with meat and dairy products.

"It's really amazing how little you get restricted by cutting meat out," he said. "In fact, a lot of flavors are opened up."

Ofer Sivan, a co-owner of Oasis, said Burt's passion for food rubs off on friends, family, and the people for whom he cooks.

The 31-year-old once held



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Dave Burt, the founder and a co-owner of the Red Avocado, prepares tables for customers on Tuesday. Burt has operated the restaurant since 1999.

a party at his house, during which one of Burt's sons began to play cook with pots and pans. When Sivan asked the child what he was cooking, he responded edamame, tofu, rosemary, and other ingredients that most 2-year-olds wouldn't know.

"He's almost spiritual about it," Sivan said about Burt's connection with food.

Burt believes "the vibe of the person making the food goes into the food and into the stomach of the person who's eating," Sivan said.

While he still enjoys cooking, Burt no longer cooks at the Red Avocado; instead, he focuses on the day-to-day business of running the restaurant.

"There is never a moment

that goes by when the wheels in his head are at rest," said Katy Coonfield, a co-owner of the Red Avocado. "As a business partner, he enjoys focusing on the details while also maintaining his vision of the big picture."

His business acumen doesn't just benefit the Red Avocado, however. Sivan said that when he and his partner

Dave Burt

- **Age:** 41
- **Native of:** Scotland
- **Leisure activity:** Walking
- **Favorite movies:** *Magnolia*, *Lost Highway*
- **Favorite books:** *The New York Trilogy*, *The World According to Garp*, *Slaughterhouse-Five*, *Matter*
- **Favorite cuisine to cook:** Indian, Italian
- **Best thing to do with kids:** Play - "Doesn't really matter what. With a stick, a mud pool, sledding."

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were opening Oasis in October 2004, Burt was "very supportive and giving with information and advice."

Burt said taking on a business-only position at the restaurant has pared down his work schedule to around 30 hours a week.

This allows him to spend more time with his family and friends, which does, after all, fulfill one of his life and business philosophies: keeping it local.

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Men's tennis faces Drake

The Iowa men's tennis team faces its 'biggest rival' in Des Moines tonight.

BY SETH ROBERTS
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Screaming fans, packed bleachers, and two programs that respect and loathe one another.

The No. 55 Iowa men's tennis team (4-1) will travel to Des Moines today to face what many players consider their fiercest rival, Drake (2-3).

"We've had some very good matches with them over the years," Iowa head coach Steve Houghton said. "It's going to be a matchup of two fired-up teams. They have good fans, a good team, and a good coach [Jimmy Borendame]."

The meet's marquee matchup is in the No. 1 slot, where Iowa sophomore Marc Bruche is scheduled to take on Drake's Mauricio Ballivian. The junior from Bolivia earned the Missouri Valley's Player of the Week honor on Feb. 9.

The doubles team of Ballivian and sophomore Cesar Bracho began the season

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ranked No. 39 nationally, No. 2 in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Central Region.

Bruche will face Ballivian in both singles and doubles.

"[Ballivian] is a good, solid player," Houghton said. "He's very good from the baseline, and he has a strong backhand and forehand. He doesn't make many mistakes."

Also looming for the Hawkeyes is Drake freshman James McKie, who will likely face Iowa junior Nikita Zotov in the No. 2 position.

McKie played Iowa senior Reinoud Haal earlier in the Central Regional tournament in the fall, and Haal said he is well aware of how dangerous McKie

can be.

"He is aggressive," Haal said. "He's always looking for balls to attack, especially close to the net. [Zotov] has to keep his shots deep and not let him come in whenever he wants."

The Hawkeyes have won four-straight meets so far, and Drake, struggling against ranked opponents, has dropped three-consecutive meets after beginning the season 2-0.

Despite their losing streak, Houghton said, the Bulldogs shouldn't be taken lightly.

"Drake is very similar to Western Michigan," he said. "There really hasn't been one time where one team dominated the other on an individual level. Even if the meet scores seem lopsided, the individual matches are always close."

The intensity of the meet is magnified because today's competition is the second of three meets this week for the Hawkeyes as well.

Houghton said he has been keeping practices light, considering the team's grueling stretch and the abilities of the opponents his players are facing.

Haal, one of only three seniors on the Iowa roster, said he knows not to be complacent, but he is also confident about Iowa's chances.

"They always have a good atmosphere, and it'll be a good match," he said. "I think we know how to beat them."

Houghton's longest-tenured players are not the only Hawkeyes who understand the gravity of playing an in-state rival, however.

Sophomore Will Vasos said the squad must keep things in perspective.

"[Drake is] probably our biggest rival, but we have to approach it like any other match," he said. "We have to keep the same mentality that we always have, which is to stay focused, try to dominate our matches, and play our best."

Frosh sparks men's gymnastics

Iowa freshman gymnast Matt McGrath isn't surprised by his success.

By NICK GANS
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Most freshmen collapse under pressure.

But Iowa freshman gymnast Matt McGrath is not a normal freshman.

During the Hawkeyes' last two meets, he proved to be a top performer, Iowa head coach Tom Dunn said. His transition from unseasoned freshman to team cornerstone and building block hasn't surprised the Iowa coaches.

"We expected him to be a strong competitor," Iowa associate head coach Dmitri Trouch said. "That's why we recruited him."

McGrath performed so far, ranked in the top 20 nationally in the floor exercise (18th) and still rings (14th). His success hasn't gone unnoticed, either.

McGrath earned the Big Ten Freshman of the Week honor for his performance on Feb. 6 against Illinois-Chicago during Iowa's dual meet in Chicago. The award surprised McGrath, but he said he refused to let it affect him.

"It means I'm doing what I'm supposed to be doing for the team," he said. "Getting more would just mean I'm doing what I'm supposed to."

A team-first attitude has made McGrath a vital part



Freshman Matt McGrath practices a routine on the parallel bars in the gymnastics room in the Field House on Tuesday. McGrath usually participates in four events, but he practices five.

of the squad, Trouch said. Labeled the team "firecracker," McGrath brings excitement with his obvious love for gymnastics, Iowa assistant Alex Kolyvanov said.

That passion started at an early age. He remembers the first time he hit the gymnastics floor at age 6 during a friend's birthday party.

He became the center of attention, and his future club coach, Chris McKee, approached McGrath's parents about the possibility of his joining the team. After one practice, the decision was clear.

"I was always bouncing off the walls and giving [my mother] some trouble in the

house when I was a little kid," McGrath said. "My mom saw I was a little bit tired after the first practice, and it calmed me down a bit. She was convinced."

With McKee, McGrath learned the basics of team gymnastics. Individual goals were never discussed, McGrath said. Rather, the team's goals were first.

These traits guided McGrath to choose Iowa over Illinois, Michigan, and Cal-Berkeley.

"When I came on the trip, I saw really good team chemistry," the Wheaton, Ill., native said. "I didn't see that on many other teams. They

didn't connect as well at Iowa."

Upon arriving in Iowa City, he developed some goals for 2009 and beyond.

This season, McGrath said he hopes to become an All American on the floor exercise and vault. Next year, improving his pommel horse routine and competing in the all-around top his list.

Summer workouts are integral in accomplishing these feats, McGrath said.

His coaches said having McGrath specialize in the all-around is something they would be ecstatic about, but not at the expense of the progress he's made.

"It'd be nice for him to become an all-rounder, but we don't push for someone to become one," Kolyvanov said. "An excellent five events would be better than six decent ones."

By the time McGrath graduates, he said he hopes to make the U.S. National Team. As for his team goals, McGrath said he plans on helping put Iowa back in the top six nationally — a post Iowa hasn't reached since 2005.

"We're getting there. The team is looking good," he said. "We're starting to build things up again."

CO-REC PLAY

Blar rules in intramural basketball

Top-ranked Blar uses a pressing defense and fast-break offense.

By JERRY SCHERWIN
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Before Tuesday night's game started, Blar's confidence lingered around the rim.

Looking to continue on early success, the No. 1-ranked Co-Rec intramural basketball team sought a division-best 3-0 record to start the season. Its opponent, the Ball Beaters, was searching for a first win, ready to give the top-ranked team a run.

Blar was too quick, outpacing them 57 to 40.

The contest started sluggishly for both teams, with turnovers and strong defense ruling. For most of the first four minutes of the game, the two teams were locked in a stalemate.

"I couldn't imagine a worse three and a half minutes," said Blar's Reed McManigal, who led his group in scoring with 22 points.

With seven minutes remaining, Blar's Caleb Recker drilled a 3-pointer that kick-started his team's offense. After a couple of fast-break buckets and points off turnovers, the

Ball Beaters were forced to use two of their three timeouts to figure out defense.

"We are just out of shape, and we couldn't get past the turnovers," said Lance Marshall, who led the Ball Beaters with 17 points. "They brought a lot of pressure, and we had players who couldn't handle the ball and had a bad case of butterfingers."

Pressure by Blar proved to be a big factor, especially in the first half.

The Ball Beaters went on a six-possession skid, turning the ball over each time, because of an exceptional full-court press led by Amy Bagge, Abby Emmert, and captain Monica Mims.

"We have the most athletic girls in intramural basketball, and when that's the case you, can press a lot," Nick Kron said, who added 13 points for Blar.

"We all play or played a Division-I sport, so we are in pretty good shape," Mims said. "We just out-hustled them."

The second half didn't get any better for the Ball Beaters defensively. McManigal scored eight-straight points for Blar.



Graduate student Caleb Recker of the Co-Rec team Blar shoots over Amanda Macchione on Tuesday in the Field House. Blar won, 57 to 40.

"He's hard to stop in the open court when he's playing that high," Kron said.

McManigal had 16 second-half points; the Ball Beaters collectively scored 24. He capped off his night in dramatic fashion by driving through the open lane and dunking the ball — exemplifying the athleticism of this team.

Blar's ability to stop the dribble drive of Marshall

proved to be vital; the defense kept him contained until the last few minutes of the game when he finally broke free for a couple of easy looks at the basket.

The Ball Beaters are now 0-2 and looking to minimize mistakes.

"I hope we can sneak a win or two by the end of the season," Marshall said. "If we could have handled the ball, it would have been different."

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BIG TEN

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"We want to get at least eighth, but deep down, we want to do a lot better than that. We're going to have to have relays scoring top five."

Last season, the Iowa relay teams finished eighth and ninth in the races in which teams vie for double points.

Freshman Jordan Huff, who will make his first Big Ten meet appearance, is no stranger to high-pressure meets, having participated at Nationals in the past.

Huff has been a key member on a relay team, and he knows the squad will be heavily relied upon to score.

"They're something we need to move up in," he said. "I think the two medley relays are really going to surprise people. I don't think anyone is expecting anything out of the medley relays except us."



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Iowa swimmers Sean Hagan (left) and Max Dittmer (third from left) prepare for the 200 individual medley against Missouri State on Oct. 24, 2009, in the Field House. Dittmer finished first, and Hagan finished second.

The Big Ten is arguably the toughest swimming conference with all 10 teams — Illinois being the lone school without a program — listed either in the top 25 or on the bubble.

Long said a good finish this season will carry momentum and give Iowa exposure for the future.

"This is all about building a program and getting

a presence at NCAAs," Long said. "The Big Ten is the deepest conference in the country, and here we are battling just to move up from a ninth place finish. It's that deep of a conference. But we feel like we're ready to start stepping up, and we have a lot of things happening this fall which will help at these meets."

HOOPS

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OK, and then all those guys left. It's kind of like restarting."

But throughout it all, Lickliter has maintained a sense of optimism.

The system will eventu-

ally pan out, the players will live up to their potential, and the wins will start to come — at least that's the hope in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

Now comes the hard part: turning that hope into results.

"I don't think it's just going to happen," Cole said.

"We have to make it happen. You can't just sit back and say, 'Good things are going to come.' You have to act on it. I think we're doing that. We're in the right direction. It's going to take a little bit of time, you know?"

WRESTLING

Metcalf honored

Iowa 149-pounder Brent Metcalf earned his fifth Big Ten Wrestler of the Week honor on Tuesday — the last weekly accolade of his illustrious Hawkeye career.

Metcalf, the No. 1-ranked wrestler in his weight class, went undefeated (29-0) this season after topping No. 2 Lance Palmer of Ohio State, 3-1, on Feb. 19 for his 100th career victory. Against Wisconsin on Sunday, he won

No. 101 on a forfeit.

The former-NCAA champion now stands as the fourth Big Ten wrestler to receive the honor five times during his college career.

Minnesota's Ryan Lewis (2001-03), Michigan State's Nick Simmons (2004-07), and Northwestern's Jake Herbert (2004-09) are the other three.

Five other Hawkeye wrestlers have been tabbed Big Ten Wrestler of the Week this season, tying the school record set

during the 2002-03 and 2007-08 seasons.

Metcalf, senior 174-pounder Jay Borschel, and sophomore 141-pounder Montell Marion were all honored last month, and senior 133-pounder Daniel Dennis earned the title on Feb. 2.

Metcalf is one of three Big Ten wrestlers to be selected twice this season. Palmer and Penn State 157-pounder Cyler Sanderson received the honor twice.

— by Ryan Young

BASKETBALL

Evansville upends UNI

EVANSVILLE, Ind. (AP) — James Haarsma had 12 points and eight rebounds to help Evansville stun No. 25 Northern Iowa, 55-54, on Tuesday night.

Evansville had lost 17 of 18 before pulling off one of the biggest upsets of the college basketball season. It was the final home game of the season for the Purple Aces, and just 4,716 showed up to watch them beat a ranked team for the first time since 2003.

Kavon Lacey scored 11 points, and Colt Ryan added 10 for Evansville (8-20, 2-15 Missouri Valley).

Jake Koch scored 22 points and Adam Koch added 14 for Northern Iowa (24-4, 14-3), which had already clinched the conference title outright and was merely trying to avoid a slip-up. The Panthers were without 7-foot center Jordan Eglseider, who served the last game of a three-game suspension after being arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

A 3-pointer by Ryan gave the Purple Aces a 30-26 lead. A layup by Denver Holmes pushed Evansville's lead to six and forced Northern Iowa to call a timeout 3 minutes into the second half.

The Purple Aces kept the pressure on. Ned Cox banked in a jumper as the shot clock expired to give Evansville a 39-28 lead six minutes into the second half.

Jake Koch went on another scoring binge to get his team back into the game. He scored nine points during an 11-1 run, including a layup that cut Evansville's lead to 40-39.

Northern Iowa took the lead on two free throws by Kwadzo Ahelegbe, but Evansville quickly regained it on baskets by Haarsma and Lacey.

A 3-pointer by Ali Farokhmanesh cut Evansville's lead to 53-51 with 25 seconds left.

Lucas O'Rear stole the ball for Northern Iowa, but Jake Koch missed an off-balance shot in close, and Evansville got the rebound. Lacey made two free throws to make it 55-51. Northern Iowa's Johnny Moran made a 30-footer with 2 seconds left to make it 55-54, but the Panthers didn't foul until two-tenths of a second remained. Evansville missed two free throws, and time expired.

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The team also earned top-25 votes in the College Swimming Coaches Association of American poll and finished in the top half at the AT&T Short Course National Championships.

Rydze led Iowa on the diving board. The Iowa City native had the best overall finish of any Hawkeye at the Big Ten meet — eighth in the 1-meter competition.

Despite having an inexperienced group of divers and Rydze missing half the season with a back injury, Iowa diving coach Bob Rydze dubbed the season a success.

"It's always a successful season no matter what happens," he said. "As long

'As long as the girls work hard and are having fun, going to class, and doing the things they are supposed to doing. To me, that's a successful season.'

— Bob Rydze, diving coach

as the girls work hard and are having fun, going to class, and doing the things they are supposed to doing. To me, that's a successful season."

The AquaHawks will return five of their best swimmers next season — Tour, Carty, Hicks, sophomore Daniela Cubelic, and freshman Lauren Eytalis.

For diving, the squad returns Rydze and freshman Mary Sue Le May, in addition to welcoming Deidre Freeman back to the team after a redshirt year.

With the brand-new

Campus Recreation and Wellness Center housing the team for the 2010-11 campaign and many experienced swimmers and divers returning, the squad is excited about the future.

"I'm already thinking about next season," Tour said. "We're getting the new pool, which is a huge change and means we should take our team to a whole new level. The attitude of our team is changing. I'm very much looking forward to next season, and I have high expectations for myself and for my team."

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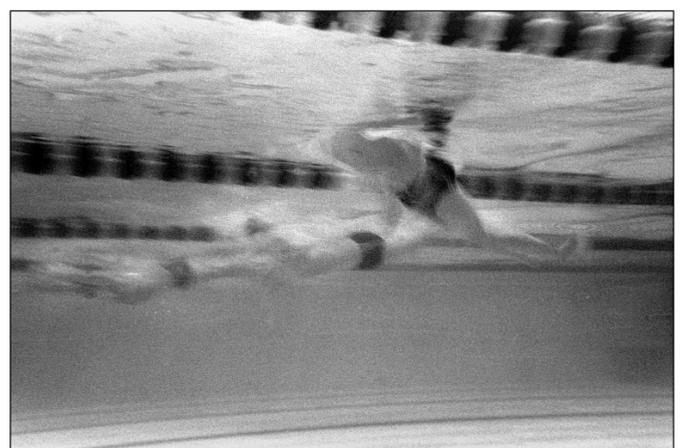
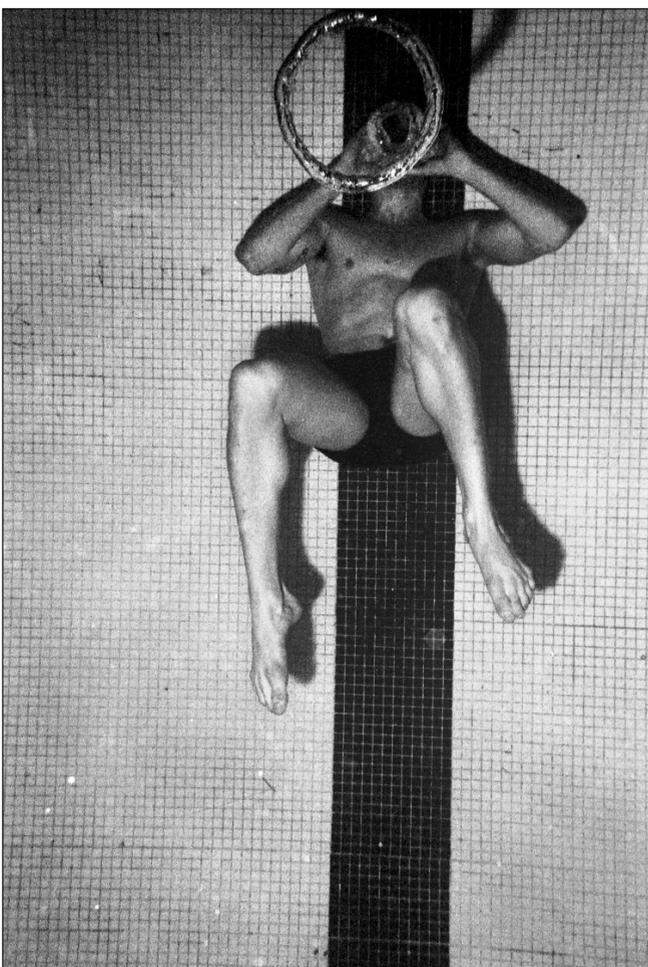


Inside the SWIMMER'S MIND

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‘During the race, when I’ve had my best races, I’m not really thinking about anything. I’m just out there, trying to beat the person next to me or just being in the moment, not trying to think too much into it: Oh, I have to do this, or I have to do this. But really, it all just comes naturally. After all that training you’ve done, it just comes together in that one race.’

– Sean Swibes, sophomore



‘Thirty seconds before the race, I’ll be behind the blocks, and I’ll just be kind of like making myself confident. I think that confidence going into the water is the most important thing. Also, that telling yourself it’s going to hurt, it’s not going to be easy to do, like to finish this race and come out on top. Just telling myself I can do it, and I can take out the guys on either side of me.’

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Women hopeful about future

The Iowa women's swimming and diving team accomplished the goals it set out to achieve, and five of its best swimmers will return for next season.

By MITCH SMITH
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The Iowa women's swimming and diving team had two goals for the 2009-10 season.

No. 1: Go undefeated at home during its final season in the 83-year history of the Field House pool.

No. 2: Create a presence on the national level.

The Hawkeyes can partially mark off the first. Iowa lost only one meet at home all year, winning the Hawkeye Invitational and going 6-1 in home

dual meets before closing out the regular season with two wins during the final meet in the historic facility.

The second goal, though, may take another year to scratch after a ninth-place finish at the Big Ten championships in West Lafayette, Ind.

"We were a lot stronger in dual meets this year than last



Carty
sophomore

year," sophomore cocaptain Danielle Carty said. "Going from dual meet to dual meet is hard, but we did a good job of getting up and racing well."

The same strong performances in the pool are what helped the team garner more national exposure. Junior Katarina Tour showed why she earned team MVP honors last year.

The native of Stockholm, Sweden, led the Hawkeyes with 14 individual wins, set a pool record in the 100 butterfly,

and finished the highest of any Hawkeye swimmer at the Big Ten championships — 10th-place in the 100 breaststroke.

Senior Christine Kuczek won 13 individual events during the season.

Two other AquaHawks also earned individual honors during the season. Junior swimmer Verity Hicks and diver Veronica Rydze earned Big Ten Swimmer and Diver of the Week honors.

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Big Ten Swimming and Diving Championships

WHEN: TODAY THROUGH SATURDAY WHERE: COLUMBUS, OHIO

A plan for a big splash

The Iowa men's swimming and diving team hopes to begin a new era, starting with the Big Ten championships today.

By PATRICK RAFFERTY
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The Iowa men's swimming and diving team has had one date circled on their calendars since the end of the summer — today.

It's the day the Hawkeyes hope will forever be remembered as the beginning of a new era at the Big Ten championships in Columbus, Ohio.

"I think what we need to do is know that we belong there," sophomore Paul Gordon said, "know that we can beat these guys and know that we can step up and race them no matter who they are."

That mentality is what Hawkeyes carried through a 10-1 campaign — one of best in recent memory.

At the beginning of the season, the team members collectively hashed out goals. Iowa is four days away from accomplishing its main objective: Improving on a ninth-place finish.

"We talked in the beginning of the year that it's time to start moving up in the Big Ten," head coach Marc Long said. "We know we're still lacking some depth; however, we need to start seeing some movement, and that will take people getting into scoring position in both swimming and diving."

With a 10-1 record, the Hawkeyes are one of the better teams in the Big Ten on paper. Iowa's only loss came against No. 10 Minnesota.

But the Big Ten championships feature a different format from regular-season competitions and more teams.

"We have to carry the same confidence that we've had all season," Gordon said. "As far as the team doing better, we've got a young, excited, motivated group of guys, and that's what you need to do well."



Gordon
sophomore

SEE BIG TEN, 9



Self reflection

Photos by Rob Johnson

Toes gripping starting blocks, waiting.
"Take your mark." Churning, waiting.
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'Until I hear something from the guys who are here, then I'm not going to believe it. I have every right to believe that everybody is going to come back.'

— Jarryd Cole, junior

Team leaders doubt more transfers

And though the team is 9-18, head coach Todd Lickliter remains upbeat.

By SCOTT MILLER
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As rebuilding projects go, Year No. 3 is when coaches expect to see results.

Losses turn into wins, players gain confidence and experience, and records improve — or so goes the rebuilding blueprint.

And make no mistake: Iowa signed off on a significant blueprint when it brought in head coach Todd Lickliter. However in the all-too-pivotal Year No. 3 under the coach, the Hawkeyes, at least on paper, have crumbled, sitting at 9-18 (3-11) and in a tie for 10th in the Big Ten.

A sign of regression?

Not if you talk to Lickliter. "They're right there," the third-year head coach said at his Tuesday afternoon press conference. "This group can be ... the ones that make it happen. They're going to have to fight through some of these disappointments."

The disappointments have been plentiful.

This season, Iowa started 1-4 — its worst beginning in 80 years — and now it's five games away from finishing under .500 for the third-consecutive season. The last time that happened was after the 1931-32 season.

The team's struggles aren't without context. Since Lickliter took over the program, 10 players

have transferred, including the most recent defec-tion, Anthony Tucker, who was the team's second-leading scorer in the 11 games he played before leaving on Feb. 12. He had been benched for off-the-court misconduct.

"There are some things I can control, and I couldn't control some of those things," Lickliter said.

The program's defections over the last three seasons have left the head coach with a starting lineup featuring two freshmen and two sophomores on most nights.

Nearly 81 percent of the team's scoring comes from underclassmen, and the Hawkeyes' four top scorers are freshmen or

sophomores.

This and a highly touted recruiting class have given Lickliter and Company reason to hope about the future — as long as transfers cease. Despite rumors and the team's poor showing this season, Lickliter, along with freshman Cully Payne and junior Jarryd Cole, said he doesn't anticipate any more transfers.

"Until I hear something from the guys that are here, then I'm not going to believe it," Cole, a cocaptain, said. "I have every right to believe that everybody is going to come back."

Payne said, "Last year, toward the end they were

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Iowa head basketball coach Todd Lickliter watches the Hawkeyes play Marian on Nov. 8, 2009, in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Lickliter is in his third year at Iowa.