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Grassley: Start over on health care

Keeping young doctors tops Grassley's agenda.

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Lawmakers need to scrap progress made so far on health-care reform and start anew, Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, told those gathered on the UI medical campus on Tuesday.

"There's widespread agreement that our health-care system has serious problems," he said before the crowd of roughly 200. "Unfortunately, Congress has spent a year creating bills that wouldn't work."



Grassley
senator

Grassley's position as the ranking Republican of the Senate Finance Committee has made him a poster child for opposition to the Democrats' health-care agenda. Locally, Democrats say the Republicans' position is indicative of a disconnect between politicians and their constituents.

Iowa's senior U.S. senator touched on the usual conservative talking points:

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LAST CALL

Voters may see 21-only again

Locals then expect an influx of young voters.

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Despite which side community members fall on regarding the proposed 21-ordinance for bar entry, they may agree on one thing: Timing is key.

If the council passes a 21-only ordinance, opponents will have 60 days to collect 2,500 signatures of registered voters in Iowa City. If they meet that mark, the city clerk must verify that all the signers are registered in Iowa City, said City Clerk Marian Karr.

After a petition is verified, the City Council has three options: adopt the referendum, basically reversing its own ordinance; add the issue to the November

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Officials probe death

The victim, a mother of an 8-year-old girl, enjoyed music and Hawkeye football.

By **JORDAN FRIES**
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Authorities are still investigating what they have labeled suspicious death in a mobile-home park just east of Iowa City on Sunday evening. Johnson County deputies

responded to a report of suspicious activity around 9:30 p.m. Sunday at 18 Expo Drive, a residence in the Modern Manor Mobile Home Park. They were joined by investigators from the state Division of Criminal Investigation crime-scene unit. Sarah Elizabeth McKay, 34,

was dead when officers arrived. According to a release from the Johnson County Sheriff's Office, she resided in the home with Eric Scott Osborn, who was inside with several family members when authorities entered the residence. McKay and Osborn were

reportedly involved in a sporadic relationship over the past two years.

A majority of McKay's neighbors said they were shocked when they heard the news of her death Monday morning.

SEE **DEATH, 5A**



RACHEL JESSEN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Harlan Nost stands in the kitchen of his Friendship Street residence on March 4. The Iowa City native has owned more than 300 cars; he bought his first car, a 1935 Dodge, at age 16.

CRAZY FOR CARS SINCE THE AGE OF 13

The Iowa City resident favors Fords, recently purchasing a 2010 Ford Focus.

By **MARLEEN LINARES**
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Harlan Nost has owned more than 300 vehicles.

The Iowa City resident, who describes himself as "car crazy," said he became interested in cars at 13, when he sat "real close" to his father and steered from the passenger seat.

"I remember being inside the car, just wishing I could drive it," he said.

But the occasional steering was not enough to satisfy his enthrallment. Nost started working on his parents' cars shortly thereafter, then his neighbors started dropping off their own cars for him to "fix up."

"I like to take something that doesn't look good and make it look real nice," the 76-year-old Iowa City native said, gesturing to photographs of cars that covered every inch of counter space in his kitchen.

When he turned 16, Nost purchased his first vehicle: a 1935 Dodge for \$15.

The crankshaft on the Dodge was faulty, so Nost tended to that, as well as the engine. But once he got the car the way he wanted, he lost interest.

Nost began visiting car dealerships every Sunday afternoon, scoping out the new collection in the parking lots. If he found one he liked—which he

SEE **CARS, 3A**

Only one hat is tossed into the UISG ring

The format for what were traditionally debates among parties may change to a question-and-answer session.

By **MICHELLE HILLENBRAND**
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For the first time in at least 30 years, a University of Iowa student government presidential candidate will run unopposed.

In fact, Gordon

Sonnenschein, director of the UISG Student Elections Board, said he doesn't think it's ever happened before.

Petitions for president and vice president were due at 4 p.m. Monday. But when the deadline passed, Sonnenschein had received

only one ticket.

UI juniors John Rigby, the current executive senator, and Erica Hayes, the current speaker of the Senate, will team up as presidential and vice-presidential candidates on the lone ticket in this year's

student-government elections.

Despite the lack of opposition, both Rigby and Hayes said they will still actively campaign.

"The main idea behind a campaign is to know what you stand for," Rigby said. "Running a strong campaign

is still important."

The campaign will begin on March 29, culminating with a vote spanning April 7 and 8. In both 2007 and 2008, around 30 percent of students voted for their



Rigby
candidate



Hayes
candidate

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Iowa brewers get a break

As sales of high-proof beers rise, Iowans get the chance to enter the market.

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Iowa brewers will soon get a chance to compete with out-of-state microbreweries' higher-proof beers.

Gov. Chet Culver will sign a bill on Wednesday that will grant Iowa microbreweries the ability to make and sell higher-proof beers. The bill will increase the alcohol limit per bottle of beer from 5 percent to 12 percent.

These higher-proof beers are already sold in Iowa, because out-of-state companies can distribute their high-proof beers in the state.

"We've been at such a competitive disadvantage," said Teresa Albert, a co-owner of Millstream Brewery in Amana.

Albert said Millstream will likely produce a seasonal, higher-alcohol beer once the bill becomes law. She is considering brewing a double bock, a type of German specialty beer, as soon as state restrictions on her business ease up.

"These higher-proof beers are gourmet beverages," Albert said. "These are beers you want to sip and savor, not binge on like the cheaper beers."

At John's Grocery, 401 E. Market St., retailers have witnessed an increase in demand for pricier, higher-proof beers since last year.

Craft brewing — based in smaller breweries that generally produce higher quality, more distinct beverages than the bigger national beer producers — is on the rise.

In 2009, the craft brewing industry in the U.S. grew by 7.2 percent in volume; overall beer sales decreased by 2.2 percent. And 1,585 breweries produced beer for either some or all of 2009, the most craft brew operations to exist in the United States since before



BRENNAN NORMAN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Award-winning beer lines the wall of Millstream Brewery in Amana on Sunday. Iowa will soon allow the state's microbreweries to make beer with an alcohol content of up to 12 percent.

High-proof beers in Iowa

The following breweries account for the top-selling high-proof beers in Iowa:

- Sierra Nevada, California
- Samuel Adams, Massachusetts
- Flying Dog, Maryland
- Spaten Brewery, Munich, Germany

Source: Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division

Prohibition in 1920s and early '30s, according to the Brewers Association.

"It seems that even as people have less to spend, they want to spend it on better quality beers," said Bill Heinrich, a beer-room manager at John's, which is known for its specialty-beverage selection. "You don't spend \$14 on a four-pack of beer and then go binge on it."

The increase in demand for high-proof beers that retailers have seen has left Iowa brewers anxiously awaiting their chance to compete for those palates.

"We want to give microbreweries in Iowa an opportunity to diversify,"



BRENNAN NORMAN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Co-owner Tom Albert of Millstream Brewery stands next to brewer's malt in Amana on Sunday.

'It seems that even as people have less to spend, they want to spend it on better quality beers.'

— Bill Heinrich, beer room manager

said Rep. Vicky Lensing, D-Iowa City. "The intention was to even the playing field economically."

Lensing headed the microbrewery provision of the bill that will be signed on Wednesday.

This will allow in-state manufacturing and selling of high-proof beers, allow the beer wholesalers to distribute the beverages rather than the state, and decrease

the per-gallon tax on the beer, said Lynn Walding, the Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division administrator.

High-proof alcohol will also no longer be classified as a spirit in Iowa.

"Wine and spirits can already produce at higher levels," Albert said. "It's all alcohol, so I don't understand why Iowa beer was being held back."

Stewart to be next *DI* editor

He says for the next academic year, he will push for convergence.

By EMILY BUSSE
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After a night of competitive hourlong interviews, Lead Metro Editor Brian Stewart is poised to be next year's editor-in-chief of *The Daily Iowan*.



Stewart junior

Stewart was up against Clara Hogan, a former Metro editor currently studying in Brussels, for the position Monday evening, a pairing that interviewers said made for one very difficult decision.

"We had two of the best candidates going head-to-head in years," *Daily Iowan* Publisher Bill Casey said during his announcement in the newsroom around 9 p.m.

Russell Lentz, who serves as the chairman of Student Publications Inc., the board that oversees the *DI*, said they'd "never seen two better candidates ... but we had

to pick one."

He noted Stewart's great leadership skills and journalistic experience as reasons he will be successful replacing current Editor Kelsey Beltramea next year.

Stewart joined the *DI* on a scholarship in the summer of 2007, getting his first article, about teacher-pay negotiations, placed on the front page.

The 20-year-old said the thought of becoming editor was always on his mind, but as he rose through the ranks from reporting to editing, it became more of a goal.

"[The editor] has the potential in a year to completely boost our coverage and make changes that better *The Daily Iowan* for the future," Stewart said.

Starting as a Metro reporter, Stewart covered Iowa City School District, the state Board of Regents, and food and culture, before working as an Arts & Culture editor and Metro editor.

In addition to experience at the *DI*, Stewart

took a summer to work as a staff writer at the Student Press Law Center in Washington, D.C., and he has attended several journalism conferences.

Stewart said the experience of following former President George W. Bush during his visit to Iowa City after the 2008 flood was one of his best assignments.

But he named a 2008 feature on a local cancer survivor who bakes rainbow cakes as one of his favorites.

In addition to a wide variety of reporting topics, Casey said Stewart's knowledge of all aspects of the *DI* was his "edge."

"My different positions have really helped me see how the paper operates as a whole," Stewart said.

Lentz, a UI professor, said he hopes for "a sense of camaraderie and community" at the *DI* next year and noted Stewart has the personality to make it happen.

"He answered things in a way that showed he had the interests of the *The Daily Iowan* at heart."

Brian Stewart

Age: 20
Hometown: Iowa City
Previous *Daily Iowan* experience: Metro reporter, Arts & Culture editor, Lead Metro Editor
Favorite story: Rainbow cake profile
Favorite restaurant: Three Samurai
Started at the *DI*: In June 2007
Starts as editor: June 2010

In his 35th year as publisher, Casey said he's always eager to work with another student editor and looks forward to a fresh perspective every year, noting that Stewart has "really good people skills."

Stewart said he plans to push for convergence — working across platforms including *Daily Iowan* TV and the web — and work to ensure "superior" news coverage.

"My ability to motivate and lead a staff will be beneficial in ensuring *The Daily Iowan* as a whole can produce a fantastic product every day," Stewart said.

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METRO

University Housing wins eight awards

The National Residence Hall Honorary awarded the University of Iowa's Housing Department one national and seven regional awards.

Kathleen Fitzgerald, an assistant director of Residence Life, received a national accolade in the faculty/staff contributions category.

Regional winners from the UI include resident assistants Mark Calcott and Janna Shifflett, first-year student Kim Reed, adviser Libby Spotts, and desk attendant Alysha Gilpin.

The UI program Saturdays in Service won a regional award in the community service category, and the University Housing tutoring staff won in the community category.

—By Emily Busse

Stupak: Health bill abortion fight can be resolved

TAWAS CITY, Mich. (AP) — Prospects are good for resolving a dispute over abortion that has led some House Democrats to threaten to withhold support of President Obama's health-care overhaul, a key Michigan Democrat said Monday.

Rep. Bart Stupak said he expects to resume talks with House leaders this week in a quest for wording that would impose no new limits on abortion rights but also would not

allow use of federal money for the procedure.

"I'm more optimistic than I was a week ago," Stupak told the Associated Press between meetings with constituents in his northern Michigan district, including a crowded town hall gathering where opinions on health care and the abortion issue were plentiful and varied.

"The president says he doesn't want to expand or restrict current law (on abortion). Neither do I," Stupak said. "That's never been our position. So is there some language that we can agree on that hits both points — we don't restrict, we don't expand abortion rights? I think we can get there."

Stupak has emerged as spokesman for about a dozen House Democrats who supported health legislation approved by the House in November but contend a \$1 trillion version that passed the Senate the next month would authorize federal abortion subsidies. They insist on restoring stiffer restrictions Stupak added to the House measure.

Stupak had said last week that nothing had changed and he didn't think the House leaders had the votes to pass the bill.

His hard-line stand has made him a lightning rod for abortion-rights supporters. Some accuse the 18-year lawmaker, a Roman Catholic, of allowing religious beliefs and personal opposition to abortion to jeopardize health reform. He denies it, saying the pro-choice side raised the issue by making the health bill a vehicle to expand abortion rights.

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Patrick Christensen, 18, 731C Mayflower, was charged March 6 with public intoxication.

Tina Flore, 19, Hanover Park, Ill., was charged March 6 with

PAULA.
Roosevelt Gary, 25, address unknown, was charged Sunday with third-degree criminal mischief.

Taylor Mills, 20, Spirit Lake, Ill., was charged March 6 with public intoxication and **PAULA.**

Michael Mulert, 19, Dubuque, was charged March 6 with

PAULA.
Skylar Stark, 21, 316 S. Dodge St. Apt. 4, was charged Sunday with making alcohol available to minors.

GRASSLEY

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Bills already drafted would increase government bureaucracy, infringe on patient-doctor relations, and lead to rationing of medical benefits.

Instead of the complete health-care overhaul many have called for, Grassley said incremental changes would suffice.

But Dane Hudson, the president of the University Democrats, said that would be detrimental to the process.

"To take all the work we've done over the past year — all those months and all the headway we've made — just to scrap everything and start over again is a complete waste of time," Hudson said.

Tom Fiegen, a Democrat hoping to compete with Grassley in November, said he's observed varying degrees of support for health-care reform among Iowans. However, the people most reluctant to support reform, he said, have largely been misinformed by the Republicans.

"We've got to talk to people who are in the middle and tell them, 'If these price increases continue, pretty soon you are not going to be able to afford it,'" Fiegen said.

Ideally, Grassley said, a fresh push for health-care reform would focus on providing incentives for young



CHARLIE ANDERSON/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa Republican Sen. Charles Grassley speaks to students in the Medical Education and Research Facility's Prem Sahai Auditorium on Monday.

doctors to practice in underserved areas of the country, including parts of rural Iowa.

Recent years have seen a decline in the number of medical-school graduates choosing to pursue careers in primary care — family medicine, general pediatrics, and general internal medicine.

In fact, by 2025, the U.S. is expected to see a shortage of as many as 159,000 physicians, according to the Association of American Medical Colleges. And an increase in access to health-care could exacerbate that shortage.

The shortage could be particularly problematic for Iowans, because many rural communities already demand more primary-care doctors.

The issue is complex, said Roger Tracy, the director of the UI's Office of Statewide Clinical Educa-

tion Programs, noting that in the last five years, only around 45 percent of UI Carver College of Medicine graduates chose to train in primary care; during the mid-90s, that number was as high as 60 percent.

And even of those who do pursue primary care, only around half of UI medical graduates who train in Iowa end up practicing in Iowa.

"One of the most important issues to me relates to how health-care reform will affect the long-term ability to recruit health-care professionals to rural states such as Iowa," said Lyndsay Harshman, a third-year medical student.

DI reporter Kelli Petersen contributed to this report

Your turn. What do you want to see in the debate over health care? Weigh in at dailyiowan.com.

VOTERS

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ballot; or hold a special election to vote just on that issue.

However, with a special election comes costs for establishing voting stations and printing ballots, leading to a hefty price tag. The city last held a special election in May 2009 on the local option tax. The election cost approximately \$36,000, and Karr said another special election over the proposed 21-only ordinance would likely be about as costly.

Dan Tallon, a University of Iowa junior, noted that while signatures for a petition cannot be collected until the ordinance is passed by the Iowa City City Council, he expects residents to mobilize in response.

"I think there's going to be a big movement," said Tallon, who ran for City Council last year. "No matter what, there will be a good showing."

For UI senior Jeff Shipley, it seemed like a vote during November would be the best idea. The UI Student Government liaison noted that a summer election would pose challenges.

"It would be hard to get students to mobilize," he said, and raising awareness for the issue would take time. "It doesn't just

happen overnight."

Additionally, some opponents of the ordinance are concerned that a special election may take place near the end of the UI's 2010 spring semester; a time when students are occupied with finals and moving.

Shipley agreed, saying a key factor in a special election would be when it occurs. "Timing is very, very important," he said.

Whether the vote takes place in a special election or is put on the November ballot, officials expect the number of registered voters in Iowa City to skyrocket.

This would follow what occurred in 2007 — the previous time the 21-ordinance came to vote — when the registration of 18- to 24-year-old voters increased by 4,483 between Oct. 9 and Dec. 7, representing 87.7 percent of all newly registered Iowa City voters, according to the Johnson County Auditor's Office.

Tallon hopes if a public vote is held, it takes place during the regular November election to avoid unnecessary costs.

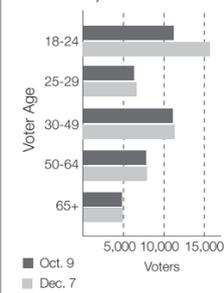
"It's irresponsible to put it on the special election," he said. "This needs to go on the general ballot."

Some UI students shared Tallon's belief.

UI freshman Logan Edwards also felt a vote should take place along with the November election. "I don't think it's neces-

Voters

Young registered Johnson County voters increased from Oct. 9 to Dec. 7, 2007.



Source: Johnson County Auditor website

MIKE LAUER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Election turnout

Iowa City set a record in election turnout in 2007 (for an odd-year election) with 15,728 voters. The turnout of registered voters in recent years:

- 2009 – 9.68 percent
- 2007 – 34.31 percent
- 2005 – 29.34 percent
- 2003 – 20.85 percent

Source: Johnson County Auditor website

sary to spend that extra money on it," she said.

While she was not an Iowa City resident in 2007, she said, she will be against the ordinance if it comes to a vote.

"I think [bar-entry age] should stay the way it is," she said.

CARS

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often did — he'd come in on Monday mornings to trade his car for the new project.

"Every car is a new experience," the self-taught driver said. "I get just as excited when I buy cars as when I bought my first one."

Nost has every car he has ever owned written

down. He's in the process of transferring them to new sheets, but some records are still written on browning, fragile paper.

Debra Griffis, Nost's daughter, said it makes her happy that her father found something he truly enjoys.

"It's nice to see the enjoyment that he gets out of fixing up all of these cars," Griffis, 53, said. "And then, when he's done with them,

he just passes along the joy to its next owner."

Most of the 309 cars Nost has owned have been Fords. He recently purchased a 2010 Ford Focus SCL, which he plans to keep at least a year. He's only had it for a couple weeks, but Nost is eager to work on the car. Once the weather warms, he hopes to add body side moldings and chrome on the front fender, grill, and back

bumper.

"I've never liked anybody who has a duplicate of what I have," Nost said. "So I have to detail the car so it's my own."

Nost isn't the only American who prefers Ford. According to February's monthly sales report, Ford has claimed the top spot in automobile sales with more than 142,000 sales — a 43 percent jump in sales since February 2009.

Nost purchased his current Ford from Brad Larson, the owner of West Branch Ford Inc. Larson has known Nost since 1984 and has sold him at least 20 cars.

"He knows just as much about cars and their makes and models as [the sales staff] do," Larson said. "He just has such a passion for cars, and his trade-ins are always as clean if not cleaner than when we sold

it to him."

Nost has a special connection to all of his cars but said his favorite was a 1950 Buick convertible with a new top and a new paint job.

"Convertibles have always been my favorite," Larson said with a sly smile. "It was always easy to pick up a lady friend with a convertible."



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Nap, nap, nap

UI researchers hope to look into the learning benefits of napping.

By **HOLLY HINES**
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UI freshman Dani Neef never went to bed on Sunday night. Instead, she stayed awake preparing for the five tests and one paper she faced during midterms week.

"I'm not as alert as I'd like to be," the pre-business major said, leaning over her entrepreneurship notes.

She plans to take naps this week, Neef said, and she prefers 20-minute power naps to longer ones. She said it was easier to learn information after a nap, even a short one.

Karla McGregor, a UI professor of communication sciences and disorders, said she plans to look into the ways napping can help students learn and remember information.

She and other researchers recently submitted a proposal to the National Institutes of Health for roughly \$135,000 to fund the research. They'll find out whether they will get the money over the summer, and they could start the research next fall.

They want to find out whether naps have the same benefits as a full night's sleep.

Traditionally, researchers have thought naps shorter than 90-minutes don't produce enhanced learning because the brain doesn't have time to enter the deepest stage of sleep, said Mark Dyken, a UI associate professor of neurology.

Results of a recent study have already concluded 90 minutes can produce results.

According to still-unreleased research conducted by Matthew Walker, a University of California-Berkeley professor, study participants who took a 90-minute nap showed a roughly 10 percent greater learning capacity than those who didn't sleep.

During a 90-minute nap, the brain clears out short-term memories, making room for new information, according to a press-release previewing the results.

McGregor also noted shorter periods of sleep likely enhance declarative memory — the type the brain uses to learn new facts — more than procedural memory, which the brain uses to complete step-by-step tasks.

Simply being less tired is an obvious benefit of naps. But researchers are trying to separate that from better memory consolidation, or the ability to retain information.

McGregor said she recommends students studying for midterms opt to get a few hours of sleep rather than staying up all night to study.

People are most likely to feel sleepy between 1 and 3 p.m. and between 1 and 3 a.m., Dyken said, and researchers are unclear about whether the time of day during which ones sleep affects the quality of sleep.

UI freshman Stephanie Yoder, agreed that taking naps helps her learn information.

"You come back and study, and you feel more refreshed," she said. She plans on taking "power naps" to help her get through the week.

She feels better able to memorize facts after taking a short nap, she said, and sleeping longer than a couple hours leaves her feeling tired rather than energized.

Local Muslims prefer the mosque employ Arabic

Some UI students follow Islam's testament of unity.

By **ARIANA WITT**
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UI freshman Shazmin Izhar didn't grow up speaking Arabic.

Though the Muslim student was born in Malaysia and thus spoke Malay, Izhar decided to study his religion's language.

"I learned it so I could pick up on the feelings of the prayers," Izhar said. "Parents in my country usually just tell their children about Arabic and its importance, but I decided to learn it for myself."

Prayers in the mosque are traditionally in Arabic, and the Iowa City Mosque is no exception. This doesn't bother student members such as Izhar.

But recently some Muslim youth in the United States have debated replacing Arabic with English in mosques.

Izhar and Seniha Kraina, a UI senior and member of the UI Muslim Students Association, are not among them.

"Some Arabic just can't and shouldn't be said in another language," Kraina said. "It's about respecting the words of God."

The native Serbian speaker said young followers of Islam should make the same efforts she did to learn Arabic. She said her decision is based on drive.

Kraina said she gave a speech in her sociology class at the UI defending Muslim traditions, such as wearing the headscarf, but realized she didn't actually adhere to many customs herself.

"A person's level of faith in learning the Koran is very important," said Kraina. "Three years ago, I would not have classified myself as religious,

but now my drive is up to the sky, and knowing Arabic is a big part of that."

Followers of Islam believe their book of worship, the Koran, consists of the words God spoke in Arabic to the prophet Muhammad. Many non-speakers of Arabic learn the basics of the language in order to understand verses recited during prayers.

"The prayers should be in Arabic because the Koran is in Arabic," said UI senior Omer Elgaali, the president of the Muslim Students Association. "I don't see that ever changing."

He is one of the of native Arabic speakers who make up 15 percent of the world's Muslim population. A native of Saudi Arabia, he has lived in the United States for six years.

Arabic prayer is something shared by mosques in Saudi Arabia and Iowa City. Elgaali doesn't think that will ever go away.

"The message from the Koran is the message of God, so translating it would cause that message to be lost," he said.

To gain more awareness of the language, the Muslim Students Association is working on making Arabic tutoring lessons available for those who would like to learn the basics of the language.

"People can hear the verses in Arabic and run to translate them to English, but that can be confusing," Elgaali said. "We want them to be able to just read the Koran and learn from it."

And though the local mosque has an English speaking imam, head-

phones, and an English translator for its multicultural members, Kraina thinks Arabic should be second nature to Muslims.

"I would recommend all followers of Islam teach their children Arabic, at least to understand the Koran," she said. "I would love for my children to know Serbian, but Arabic will definitely be a must for them."



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Hiba Traiq (left) sleeps while mother Sarwat Shaheen finishes prayers with other women in the Iowa City Mosque on Monday.

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DEATH

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Most of the residents failed to hear the cacophony of ambulances and fire engines the previous night.

Next-door neighbor Judy Patterson said she had no idea what happened until she received a knock on her door the next day from a sheriff's deputy.

But she did hear what she described as banging doors and the sound of a car



McKay
deceased

alarm at roughly 11 p.m. on Sunday. Patterson also saw a large white pickup truck in their driveway that she had never seen before.

"I considered them friends," Patterson said about McKay and Osborn. "They were always sweet and kind."

She said she hadn't noticed anything unusual when the couple invited her over for dinner on the night of March 5.

Investigators spent most of a chilly Monday inside the yellow and brown mobile home, sectioned off with yellow police tape.

An autopsy is scheduled for this morning at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. The DCI state crime

lab and the Johnson County Medical Examiner's Office will contribute to the report.

BJ Franklin of Horizon Survivors Program said McKay had an 8-year-old daughter, Emilia, from a previous relationship. The child reportedly lives with her grandmother in Iowa City.

Osborn has three daughters, Franklin said, but it was unknown whether any of them lived with their father at 18 Expo Drive. Some neighbors said they had seen up to three kids living at the residence over the summer.

McKay, the youngest of three siblings and a City High graduate, worked at Hawkeye Food for the past year and a half. She

enjoyed music — including New Kids on the Block — as well as Hawkeye football and dancing with Emilia.

"She had a great sense of humor, was extremely personable, intelligent, and had a giving heart," McKay's family said through a survivor's advocate.

But as recently as 2006, McKay was involved in a custody dispute with Emilia's father. According to court documents, she has a history of alcohol-related offenses.

In a separate incident on March 6, a woman was charged by police for allegedly stabbing a man at a residence on the 3500 block Shamrock Place, just north of Expo Drive.



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN
A Johnson County Sheriff's Office deputy car sits outside the mobile home of a suspicious death Tuesday.

But many residents still say that their neighborhood is safe.

"This is a great area,"

said Susan Holsombach, a six-year resident of Modern Manor. "Things like this just don't happen here."

CANDIDATES

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student body representatives. In 2009, that number dipped to just above 20 percent.

Rigby and Hayes said they

couldn't discuss the specifics of their plans yet, because of Student

Election Board policy, but have been actively preparing for months.

"We recognize that campaigning is part of the culture on campus," Hayes said. "We still hope to make our presence known."

Though the pair said they had anticipated other candidates, running unopposed could reduce the personal nature of campaigning.

"We feel like we can do some of the stuff we view as important and not have to worry about some of the minor negative issues that have come up in previous years," Rigby said.

In 2008, students had four parties to choose from. In 2009, there were just three president/vice-president combinations on the ballot.

Although Rigby has not seen an overall decrease in interest concerning UISG involvement, Sonnenschein said, the anomaly of a lone ticket could be the result of people considering Rigby and Hayes to be great candidates.

"They are probably pretty intimidating people to run against," he said.

While UISG will still need to hold a vote for Senate positions, Sonnenschein said, it will most likely hold a "vote of confidence" for the president and vice-president positions. It will take a few weeks to iron out the specifics, he said, because there is no written precedent for the Student Elections Board to follow.

Annual presidential debates, scheduled for early April, will also change this year. Rather than the usual debates, UISG will most likely host an open forum in which faculty, staff, and undergraduate students can listen to Rigby and Hayes discuss their platform and ask any questions, Sonnenschein said.

As they continue to prepare for the campaign, Rigby and Hayes will wait to hear from the Student Elections Board about final campaign specifics.

By the numbers

The past two years saw numerous presidential candidates:

2009:

- Go Party - Michael Currie
- Your Party - Emily Grieves
- L Party - Ryan Kopf

2008:

- Student Power Party - Vernon Jackson
- Naked Party - Atul Nakhasi
- VIP Party - Maison Bleam
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Point/Counterpoint

Was the Iowa City Housing Authority right to halt new applications to the Section 8 housing program?

Yes

The Iowa City Housing Authority closed the floodgates. It's about time.

The Housing Authority is no longer accepting applicants for federal housing assistance. The city made a pragmatic choice to cinch the program's bulbous waist.

The Housing Authority supports 1,214 families with a budget of \$5.7 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. But, said Housing Authority Administrator Steven Rackis, there are around 2,400 families on the waiting list, some of whom have been waiting two to five years.

I empathize with people who desperately need to land a place to call home. But the cumbersome assistance programs are inadequately managed and are long overdue for restructuring and internal review.

Housing Authority officials should give utmost attention to each individual submission instead of constantly facing a barrage of new applications. Much like a traffic jam, local housing-assistance programs are bottlenecks, with a greater inflow than output. Closing the waiting list — even temporarily — provides city officials adequate time and resources to review current applications and decide how to better regulate programs.

I agree with the Housing Authority's decision to close the housing-assistance waiting list and hope officials will put measurable effort into restructuring Section 8 and public-housing programs.

— by Michael Dale-Stein

No

Closing the Section 8 housing list may sound like the only option, but the decision brings with it enormous consequences. The waiting list of approximately 2,400 families is long, but having no list at all shows neither progress toward resolving housing troubles or alternate measures to ignite action.

Iowa City's Housing Authority prioritizes applicants by first placing the elderly, disabled, and people under 18 years of age. This makes a great deal of sense, and one cannot argue with this system. It provides the most basic care and support for those who cannot produce adequate housing for themselves.

However, in certain circumstances in which those guidelines cannot be reached, the local Housing Authority needs to move on to other qualified applicants. I am not suggesting ignoring the most needy people, only that we move the system along to create space for other people.

Furthermore, what message does this send to potential applicants? They hope for the chance to get nearer to that list; now, with no list at all, their hope is greatly diminished. Housing officials have said they do not want to give applicants a false sense of hope because of the long and protracted weight of finding housing.

We do not want to set these people up for failure and misguided promises. But we are putting them at an even greater disadvantage because the process has stalled.

— by Michael Davis

Your turn. Was the Iowa City Housing Authority right to halt new applications to the Section 8 housing program? Weigh in on dailyiowan.com.

Drink up
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Last week, quite famously now, the Iowa City City Council (yes, that repeat of the word "City" is quite annoying, but what are we going to do, rename the town?) brought back the 21-ordinance from the dead.

Curious. Maybe the city councilors have been watching lots of zombie movies lately. I hear they're all the rage.

Oh, yes, I know: Imbibing alcohol is a huge problem in this burg, and University of Iowa undergraduates do little else. How thousands of them manage to graduate each year is anybody's guess.

And, to tell the truth, 21-only doesn't affect me much — I'm a year or two or three older than 21, and the watering hole I frequent now and then is 21-only. And when I was the age of most Iowa undergraduates today, I and the crowd I hung out with didn't do much drinking. We had another substance that we preferred. As I recall, we referred to people who did prefer alcohol as beerheads. With probably more than a hint of scorn.

But, OK, this town has a drinking problem, UI undergraduates are at the center of it, and the 21-ordinance is the panacea.

Take the view of Tom Rocklin, the UI interim vice president for Student Services and occasional film censor. Last week, he told *The Daily Iowan*: "The big reason we're taking a position now is that things have changed. The council has tried a number of ways to counteract underage drinking. Though they've seemed reasonable, they just haven't worked."

I don't want to quibble with his language, but things really haven't changed. You have a great number of college-age people (and the general assumption is most are UI students) filling downtown and drinking alcohol, especially on Thursday through Saturday evenings. It was true in 2007, and it's true now.

It was no doubt true in 1997.

I just don't see how making the bars 21-only is going to change anything. If underage people want to get alcohol badly enough, they will find a way to get it. That's been true since there was a drinking age. That's the history of prohibitions — people always find a way around them.

Take pot. As we all know, there's a prohibition against it. So, nobody in this town smokes marijuana, right? C'mon. But the police bust everyone who smokes pot, right? Double c'mon.

There's a school of thought (well, I'm not sure it's a school or, for that matter, a thought) that holds the drinking scene, if 21-only passes, will simply move to house parties. And in response, a spokeswoman for the police, Sgt. Denise Brotherton, told the *DI* that it's much easier to control three house parties than 42 bars. But what if it turns out to be 103 house parties? Or 203? Or ...?

Obviously, I don't know (and I don't think anyone else does, either) if there will be a tsunami of house parties or how the police will handle the situation if there is.

But what I find truly noxious about the resurrection of 21-only is that elected officials are exhuming it after Iowa City voters overwhelmingly buried it at the ballot box in 2007 (58 percent to 42 percent, if you're keeping score at home). In fact, Mayor Matt Hayek probably won his council seat in that same election because of anti-21-ordinance voters. (In 2007, he opposed the ordinance. A sitting city councilor who was pro-ordinance lost her re-election bid. Hmmm.)

Yes, I know — people change their minds all the time. Just look at the divorce rate. But it's something along the lines of unseemly for an elected official to turn his back on the people who put him in office.

Oh, well.

One thing's almost certain. If 21-only is instituted, those who make and sell fake IDs are going to make out like Goldman Sachs. ■

Letters

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Save the humanities

I am a Ph.D. student in one of the three arts and humanities programs recently deemed "exemplary" by the University of Iowa Task Force on Graduate Education. However, I do not think these three programs — English, communication studies, and creative writing — would remain as exemplary as they are for long if the humanities graduate programs singled out for possible termination by the same report were closed down.

While pursuing my Ph.D., I have encountered students and faculty from these programs — especially film studies, comparative literature, American studies, and the Translation Workshop — both inside and outside the classroom who have enriched my educational experience immeasurably through their diversity of approaches and perspectives.

I believe that to close down such prestigious programs would affect all of the graduate programs at UI — even the ones the university prizes most — because the university would

send the message that it is not committed to supporting its core strengths in the humanities. It is a short-term cost-cutting measure that would have long-term, even irreversible, effects on the university's reputation.

Lynne Nugent

Ph.D. candidate, English department

Reject 21-ordinance

I have recently graduated from the university, and I believe the city councilors are severely underestimating the potential changes the 21-ordinance would have. The only way to estimate what changes the ordinance would have is to speak with real college students who have been in the middle of the Iowa City bar scene for years. As one of those students, I feel compelled to weigh in.

I am 100 percent confident that this ordinance would only take students out of the bars and into house parties. The students who want to drink will still drink no matter what rules are enforced, so this will 1) increase drinking in the dorms by an enormous amount, 2) substantially increase house parties, and 3) as a byproduct of these previous

two, decrease safe partying conditions by a frightening amount, because this indirectly encourages drug use, fighting, and just as much binge drinking as before.

Be assured that if the councilors displace our 18- to 20-year-olds from the bars and effectively put them in house parties, they will now be surrounded by drugs and alcohol (in an unregulated establishment) instead of just alcohol. The drugs that appear in house parties are not going to be your relatively "safe" drugs, but Class A drugs with the potency to kill.

Students know that if they're in bars, they're risking a lot to fight, use drugs, or even get out-of-control drunk because it is a somewhat-regulated area. Take them out of the bars, and Iowa City will find itself with a whole new set of student health issues — this time more dangerous and, possibly, life-threatening.

Dave Drustrup

UI graduate

Religious fundamentalism

I am writing in response to a March 2 letter by Jeff Shanks of

North Liberty ("No bigotry here"). In it, he decried Lt. Dan Choi's "cherry-picking Scripture to justify his lifestyle."

We are all familiar with the debate on a piece of literature that has been revised and retranslated countless times. However, I would like to ask Shanks if he adheres to all proclamations of the Bible, as he advises Choi to do so. Does he patrol the city and justly stone every neighbor to death who dares to labor on the Sabbath? Has he refrained from eating any form of shellfish (which is of course unclean and an abomination, according to the Bible)? Does he applaud when daughters (sons are worth too much) are sold into slavery by their fathers, merely utilizing their God-given right as outlined in the Bible?

Until the population of the world who believes in this racist, sexist, and inhumane piece of literature really reads the entire Bible, bigotry will continue. And yes, Mr. Shanks, if I am correct in assuming you think Choi is doing something wrong simply because the Bible told you so, you are a bigot.

Chelsea Bacon
Iowa City resident

Guest opinion

Delivering babies in earthquake-devastated Haiti

By KIRSTIN RIGGS

The woman on the table is screaming.

I'm gripping her hand with two fingers — I've heard that a woman in labor can break your fingers if you give her your whole hand — and holding her knee up with the other.

I yell, "Puse! Puse!" — one of the few Creole words I'd learned since arriving at a medical clinic in Haiti. I can see the black curls of the baby's hair.

A week before, I was sitting in my journalism class at the University of Iowa. That's my major; it's where I belong. I know nothing

medical. Still, earlier this month I found myself as part of a medical team living in army-issued tents in Petit Goave, Haiti, 20 miles from the epicenter of the Jan. 12 earthquake.

When I wasn't working in the pharmacy, I was helping women give birth.

We were averaging four to six births a day. Each one was born natural — with no pain medications — and the women usually walked home minutes after giving birth. One brand-new mother rode home on a motorcycle. Twins were born in the back of a rust pickup truck when the

doctors didn't have enough time to move inside.

But back to the birth. The birthing room is very different from the New York hospital where I was born. The walls are made of yellow cement bricks, and a folding table is the bed. Skimpy sheets cover the windows for privacy, but there's usually a small crowd watching. Chairs and tables line the walls, covered with medical equipment — forceps and clamps, scissors and gauze, a precious bottle of cleansing alcohol.

Another contraction. "Puse! Puse!"

The baby slides out onto the table. My heart leaps seeing this miraculous new life, but I remember to glance at my watch. The doctor is suctioning the baby's nose and throat and mopping up blood. It's another boy.

The minute is up, and the doctor is placing clamps on the umbilical cord. He hands me the scissors and shows me where to cut. The cord is slippery and more difficult to cut than I expected. Brenda, a nurse on our team, beams as she picks up the crying boy with a towel and carries him over to the baby station —

the top of a sturdy container flipped upside down.

The tears started falling as I watched the beautiful boy be cleaned off and clothed in a yellow outfit his parents had brought. I haven't made it through a birth without crying yet. I'm surprised; I had expected to be disgusted or faint. I've always found pregnancy beautiful, but watching a birth — its utterly miraculous.

The new mother's work isn't done yet. No medical training makes me the honored placenta-bearer. I grab a small blue bucket from the corner and place it under the doctor's arms.

A few moments later, the tub has caught its belongings, and I'm off to take the delivery to the outhouse.

I'm still crying as I return to the delivery room. The boy is wrapped in a warm blanket despite the humid 90 degrees and resting in his father's arms, who is smiling proudly.

"Merci," he says, thanking everyone in the room. Most of us are bleary-eyed, including him. His wife will come back in a couple hours to kiss us all on the cheek.

Kirstin Riggs is a UI journalism student. This is the second of three guest opinions on Haiti from Riggs, who is now back in Iowa.



PUBLICITY PHOTO

The award-winning editors of *Feministing* are visiting the UI tonight to discuss a range of hot topics, followed by a lengthy Q&A.

Feminism a long way from dead

Feministing.com helps feminism and social justice thrive online.

By **ALYSSA MARCHETTI**
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The newest wave of feminism seems to be taking place on the Internet.

Every month, more than 500,000 readers open their browsers and log onto *Feministing.com*, a blog and online community that aims to give a voice to this generation of young women, a voice that is fresh, humorous, and informed.

Founded in 2004, *Feministing* highlights myriad topics, including popular culture, advertising, social justice, relationships, and reproductive health from a feminist perspective.

"[Feministing] is a fairly safe environment for young people to hash out issues ... and engage in dialogue together," said Stef Shuster, a coordinator for Iowa Women Initiating Social Change.

The Women's Resource and Action Center will present the discussion panel "Feministing at Iowa: A Conversation with the Editors of *Feministing.com*" at 7:30 p.m. today in 100 Phillips Hall. Admission is free and open to the public.

As part of International Women's Month, *Feministing* Editors Vanessa Valenti, Samhita Mukhopadhyay, and Miriam Pérez will speak to the Iowa City community to address such questions as: How is the failing economy changing gender roles? What's up with the sexual climate on college campuses? And,

is there such a thing as "women's issues" anymore?

"It is easy to counter these myths [that feminism is no longer relevant] with concrete numbers on wage gaps and hiring records," Mukhopadhyay said. "Women are still statistically paid less for the same work and promoted less often."

UI senior and longtime WRAC volunteer Miranda Welch agrees. She has *Feministing.com* set as her homepage and contributes to it as a community blogger.

"We still have issues with maternity leave in the workplace, we have childcare access inequities, we have severe lack of comprehensive sex education in our schools," she said. "We have a severe lack of women's representation in all branches of government ... and things like 'Girls Gone Wild' masquerading as women's empowerment."

The idea that sexual liberation might not be tantamount to the perceived sense of promiscuity on campus is another major issue the panelists will discuss.

"This debate isn't about [the "hook-up culture"] — it's about our need to learn the skills of honest and open communication with sexual partners," Pérez wrote in an e-mail to the *DI*.

Many in the *Feministing* community believe

DISCUSSION PANEL
Editors of Feministing.com
When: Today at 7:30 p.m.
Where: 100 Phillips Hall
Admission: Free

casual sex is not the core of the problem. The real concerns arise from the closed-off environments that condone sexist attitudes and behavior, which is often more prevalent in college culture.

According to the Department of Justice, roughly one in five women who attend college will become victim of a rape or an attempted rape by the time she graduates.

"Sexual assault is definitely a huge problem on college campuses," Pérez said. "Survivors need to feel supported and also given the resources they need to feel safe again."

The Center for Public Integrity recently released a major report that revealed most college sexual-assault offenders found guilty receive little or no punishment, and their actions rarely lead to expulsion even in the cases of repeat offenders.

"It's unsettling to say the least," Valenti said. "[We] need to teach boys to appreciate girls more as human beings ... and help women not buy the hype that our value as human beings should be determined by men."

Fun with the Workshop

Author John McNally turns Iowa City into his own personal playground with his new book, *After the Workshop*.

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John McNally loves Iowa City. He loves the downtown. He loves how smart the residents are. He loves the Iowa Writers' Workshop. He loves the bookstores. He loves how it feels like a "big small town." He loves it all.

In fact, he loves Iowa City so much that he wrote a satirical fiction book titled *After the Workshop* — mocking it.

"I think I need to talk to Prairie Lights to see where the closest exit is," McNally said jokingly. "But, it's very farcical. It's not an exposé or a serious book. I'm hoping that people will take it in the spirit it was written, which was a high comedy."

He will read from *After the Workshop* at 7:30 p.m. today in Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St. Admission is free.

The novel follows Jack Hercules Sheahan, a graduate of the Writers' Workshop who initially was headed for fame. While in school, a short story of his was published in *The New Yorker* and later anthologized in the *Best American Short Stories*. He began work on his first novel, only to find himself, 12 years later, still in Iowa City, still working on his first novel. Now, to make rent, he works as an escort for authors who come to town for readings.

"For me, the book is more about a guy with a crappy job who's questioning the meaning of his life," McNally said. "That's the universal part to me."

Although *After the Workshop* is not a memoir, moments are based on McNally (who attended the Writers' Workshop from 1987-89), and his experience in Iowa City and working as a media escort. And, even though the novel is based on a very specific town and lifestyle, the writer isn't worried about too narrow of an appeal.

"I always tell my students that the best way to receive universality through fiction is with



PUBLICITY PHOTO COURTESY OF AMY KNOX BROWN

Author John McNally satirizes the Iowa Writers' Workshop with his new book *After the Workshop*. He will read from it tonight at Prairie Lights Books.

"It's not an exposé or a serious book. I'm hoping that people will take it in the spirit it was written, which was a high comedy."

— John McNally, author

specificity," the 44-year-old said. "If you try to be universal, then it seems generic, and it doesn't appeal to anyone."

UI Press Director Holly Carver calls McNally, who has published four previous books and edited six anthologies, quite humble and said he plays down his success. She credited him for carrying that similar tone to *After the Workshop*.

"I felt really sympathetic toward the main character while he was being a doofus," she said. "And it doesn't have that 'oh, I'm an artist' type feel. He doesn't seem to have any sense of entitlement at all, which is really kind of nice to read. I think if he did, it would be an elite book, but God, he's so human."

While writing *After the Workshop*, McNally took a different approach than his previous work. Rather than completing large chunks and then revising, he wrote in smaller portions and read each section aloud to his wife.

"I don't think I planned to do that, but I was having so much fun when I first started writing it

READING
John McNally
When: 7:30 p.m. today
Where: Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
Admission: Free

that I wanted some feedback right away," the author said. "I didn't plan on turning into Charles Dickens, giving nightly readings or something. I would read to her with a pen in my hand so that if I read a line, I'd look up, and if it seemed like it fell flat, I would cross it off and keep reading."

And his process paid off. He set out to write a fictionalized memoir and based some events in *After the Workshop* on his own life.

"If I had written this when I was younger, it would've seemed like a memoir, and it probably wouldn't have been funny," he said. "It would've been sentimental, and melodramatic, and angry. So finding that comic voice gives me just enough distance to straddle that line between fact and fiction."

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Spotlight Iowa City

Well-traveled in geography, writing

Assistant Professor Carol Severino has jump-started writing centers in Ecuador and Iowa City.

By **JORDAN FRIES**
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Carol Severino has lived on the fringes of the Amazon rain forest. She's taught creative writing to the indigenous people of Ecuador. Yet the University of Iowa associate professor said the prospect of "country living" in Iowa generated just as much excitement. "It's really beautiful to get out of that super urban lifestyle," said Severino (who has also lived in Chicago and New York) about her home near the Coralville Reservoir. "We hunt and fish, kayak, walk in the woods, pick berries. I'm really making the most of it."

The multitasking Severino has been the director of the UI's Writing Center for nearly two decades, presiding over unprecedented growth. The mother of two has accumulated a wealth of other experiences to dwell on throughout her journey.

The self-described "sheltered teen" originally wished to attend Oberlin College, in Ohio, to pursue a budding musical career (she played the drums) in the 1960s, but instead, she received a bachelor's degree in Spanish from Valparaiso University, in Indiana.

She carried that language experience into a job as a social worker in East Chicago, where she worked primarily with non-English speaking families to help them financially and socially.

During an "eye-opening" period when she ran a Cuban-refugee program, Severino, who also speaks some Italian, said her Spanish improved dramatically.



Carol Severino stands in the UI Writing Center on March 5. Severino has been the director of the center for around 20 years.

She recalled a particular moment when a single mother and her child came in to collect a monthly \$115 check, which they depended on for their entire income.

"That job was more rewarding than any school experience," Severino said. "It taught me so much about life, children, and other cultures."

Somewhere in the midst of receiving a master's in applied linguistics and a doctorate in English from the University of Illinois-Chicago, Severino got married and gave birth to twin boys.

When her children were 9, she accepted the offer to direct the UI Writing Center, leaving Chicago behind.

"I had never heard of Iowa before, and I wasn't too happy to be leaving my friends behind," said

Severino's son, Mike. "But I've definitely changed my allegiances since then."

Mike eventually joined the Peace Corps and lived in Quito, Ecuador, for more than two years and married a local woman.

That's when he arranged for his mother to stay with a host family for a few months in 2006 in a town called Tena, located on the edge of the Amazon rain forest.

There, Severino added another language to her arsenal after learning Quichua, an indigenous language. She returned to Ecuador in the spring of 2008 and stayed until June, teaching numerous classes for local children and beginning a writing center there.

She channeled that experience into her work

Carol Severino

- **Age:** 60
- **Originally from:** Long Island, N.Y.
- **Favorite aspect of Iowa City:** Restaurants
- **Kids:** Twin 28-year-old boys
- **Languages she can speak in addition to English:** Spanish, Italian, and Quichua
- **Favorite thing to help students with:** Professional writing
- **Plays:** Drums in a band, the Yahoo Drummers

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reviving the previously moribund writing center at the UI.

When Severino, also an



Carol Severino points to a dictionary in the UI Writing Center on March 5. The Writing Center director has developed the facility by adding a website, on-site tutors, and online tutoring sessions.

associate professor of rhetoric and a tutor, inherited the center in 1990, roughly 150 students used the facilities.

The center lacked computers and required students to use the tutoring service twice-a-week if they wanted it at all.

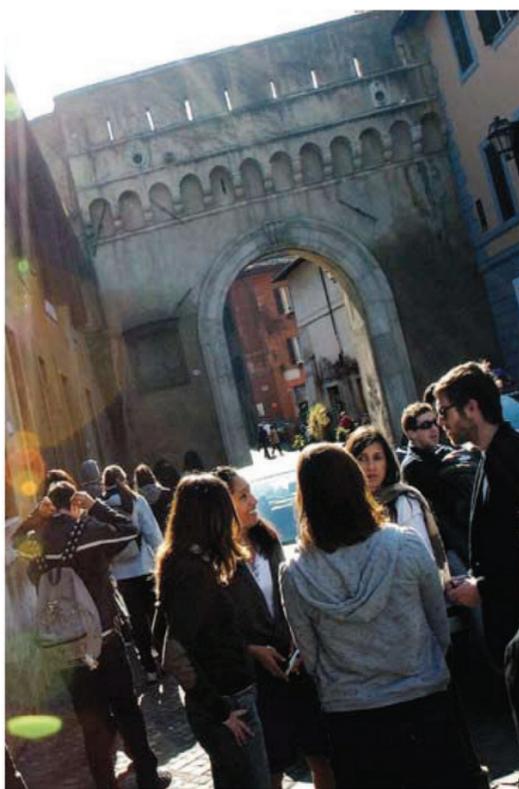
Severino started the Writing Fellows Program six years ago, training UI students to become tutors

for the center. She developed a website, opened the doors for all students, initiated online tutoring sessions, and spearheaded development of five satellite centers throughout the campus.

"Carol is tireless and deeply committed to the one-on-one education of the Writing Center," said Megan Knight, the assistant director of the center.

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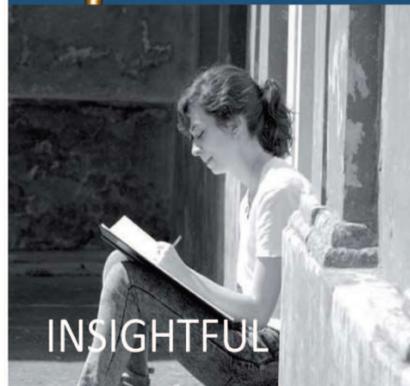
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In a game decided by penalty kicks, the 515 won its third-straight women's intramural soccer championship

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NCAAB
St. Mary's 81, No. 18 Gonzaga 62



Eric May

BASKETBALL

3 Hawks receive Big Ten recognition

When the Big Ten announced its season-ending awards for men's basketball on Monday, three Hawkeyes earned recognition.

Sophomores Aaron Fuller and Matt Gatens were chosen as honorable mentions for the All-Big Ten squad, and Eric May made the conference's All-Freshmen team.

May has started 22 of the Hawkeyes' past 24 contests and leads all Big Ten freshmen in steals with 19 takeaways and 17 blocked shots. He averages 34 minutes per game.

Gatens is one of three players who has started all 31 games for the Hawkeyes this season, leading Iowa in scoring with 12.4 points per contest.

Fuller has started all 18 Big Ten games for Iowa this season; an ankle injury hobbled the Mesa, Ariz., native during nonconference play. In those 18 conference games, Fuller led the Hawkeyes in scoring and rebounding, averaging 12.3 points per game and 7.6 boards per contest.

"We are a better team because of their approach and development," Iowa head coach Todd Lickliter said in statement.

— by **Brendan Stiles**

GOLF

Men get ready for Callaway

The Iowa men's golf team traveled to Dallas for the Black and Gold Alumni Match this past weekend. Head coach Mark Hankins' Hawks used the trip to regain their mental edge and remove any rust accumulated through being stuck inside the past two weeks.

The Iowa golfers competed on two of Dallas' more elite golf courses — TPC at Las Colinas, home of the PGA's HP Byron Nelson Championships, and the Dallas Country Club.

Hankins also used the weekend to determine his top five competitors for the upcoming Callaway Collegiate Match-Play tournament in Arizona on March 21-23. This event features the nation's most elite golf teams, including Texas A&M, last year's NCAA champions.

After a 36-hole afternoon on March 6, juniors Brad Hopfinger and Vince India and sophomores Brad George, Barrett Kelpin, and Chris Brant ended up on top; they will travel to Arizona. Freshman Ryan Marks will travel as the team's alternate.

— by **Jessie Smith**

BIG 10 COVERAGE

The Iowa men's basketball and wrestling teams are competing for championships, and *The Daily Iowan* has you covered.

This week, Todd Lickliter and the Hawkeyes will head to Indianapolis for the 2010 Big Ten Tournament looking to make a run. Tom Brands and his crew will head to Omaha next week, seeking a third-straight national championship.

From stories to photo slide shows to live Tweets, the *DI* will have ample coverage of both events. Be sure to visit dailyiowan.com starting Thursday for the Big Ten men's basketball tourney, and all next week throughout the NCAA wrestling championships.

Metcalf regrouping again

With his defeat at the Big Ten championships behind him, Brent Metcalf eyes the NCAA championships.



RACHEL JESSEN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Hawkeye 149-pounder Brent Metcalf tries to struggle out of a hold by Ohio State's Lance Palmer during their finals match in the Big Ten wrestling championship in Ann Arbor, Mich., on Sunday. Palmer defeated Metcalf, 9-3.

By **J.T. BUGOS**
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Brent Metcalf wasn't supposed to lose.

The Iowa wrestler was the front-runner for the national title, so a Big Ten championship seemed like a foregone conclusion.

The senior was matched up with Ohio State's Lance Palmer — seeded No. 2 and also the second-ranked 149-pounder in the country. Metcalf had beaten Palmer four times before, but never by more than a four-point decision.

Two of those victories

sent the Buckeye tumbling out of the championship bracket at the NCAA championships in 2008 and 2009.

In the first period of Sunday's match, Metcalf's grasp on the Big Ten title appeared as unbreakable as the hold he had on Palmer's leg. The Davison, Mich., native was dragging Ohio State's finest around the mat, almost toying with his opponent.

Palmer rarely allows opponents to get deep on shots, so an early Metcalf takedown boded well for the Hawkeye.

But on his fifth try, Palmer became just the second grappler to best Metcalf.

The Buckeye's efforts brought Metcalf to a wrestler's most vulnerable part — his back.

"I got in on a shot to hopefully win the match," Metcalf said. "And really just stopped wrestling, waiting maybe for a stalemate instead of going to finish."

Palmer scored a takedown and three near-fall points to put the match out of reach in the closing seconds, eventually winning, 9-3.

But losing creates a

glaring awareness of weaknesses, which allows for rapid improvement.

Matt McDonough, the 125-pound Hawkeye, said after his championship loss to Indiana's Angel Escobedo that sometimes you can take more away from a loss than you can a victory.

During the regular season, Metcalf exemplified the words of his redshirt freshman teammate. At last year's NCAA championships, he suffered defeat at the hands of North Carolina State's Darrion Caldwell. The terror Metcalf inflicted on his opponents

this year indicated an improved wrestler.

But he must regroup again.

"I think losing the match in the championship probably hurts more," the 149-pounder said. "But losing is losing. It all sucks. Luckily, I have the opportunity to correct the wrong."

Heavyweight senior Dan Erekson hopes Metcalf does flip the score by March 20. Losses wear on more than just the grappler standing in second place on the podium.

SEE **METCALF**, 3B

Odd year for Big Ten hoops

The 2010 Big Ten Tournament will begin on Thursday in Conoco Field House in Indianapolis.

By **BRENDAN STILES**
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The 2010 Big Ten season could best be described as wacky. Three teams — Ohio State, Purdue, and Michigan State — tied for first place with 14-4 conference marks. Because the Buckeyes and Spartans only met once, Ohio State's win at Michigan State on Feb. 21 gave the Buckeyes the top seed in this week's Big Ten Tournament. The Spartans sit in the No. 3 spot behind Purdue.

Not only that, but they all have played games this season with their best players injured.

At the start of the Big Ten slate, the Buckeyes' Evan Turner had missed two games (both of which were road losses) because of a broken vertebrae in his back. However, the Ohio State

junior returned to lead the Buckeyes to victories in 14 of 16 Big Ten games en route to being named the conference's Player of the Year on Monday. Ohio State will face the winner of Thursday's game between No. 8 Michigan and No. 9 Iowa.

"As a coach, I would tell any parent that if your son wants to be an All-American national Player of the Year, you need to analyze how Evan Turner acts and how committed he is. It's unbelievable," Ohio State head coach Thad Matta said during the Big Ten teleconference on Monday. Turner, who will likely be the national Player of the Year, averaged 19.5 points, 9.4 rebounds, and 5.8 assists per game.

SEE **BIG TEN**, 3B

Coach Raff still helps out tracksters

John Raffensperger volunteers more than just time to athletes and the Iowa City community.

By **MATT SCHOMMER**
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There aren't too many things that Brett Favre and John Raffensperger have in common. But there is one obvious connection the two share: Neither knows when to retire.

You won't find Raffensperger's name listed under coaches on the Hawkeye Sports' website. But you will find the former high-school track coach at the Recreation Building, helping out the men's track and field team practices on a daily basis.

"He's obviously an outstanding coach with a wealth of knowledge and wisdom," head coach Larry Wiecek said. "His most valuable thing is his sense of humor. He keeps me relaxed and can put things in perspective."

Raffensperger volunteers his time each day to help the Iowa tracksters, an activity he had done as a head track



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Walking with a track runner, John Raffensperger gives advice in the Recreation Building on Feb. 23. Among some of his many accomplishments, Raffensperger was inducted into Northern Iowa's Athletics Hall of Fame two years ago.

coach at City High for 36 years. During his tenure, "Coach Raff" racked up 10 state track titles, while also assisting on the football team — one that featured former Hawkeye standout Tim Dwight and current assistant coach Joey Woody.

"He just has a good feel

on how to coach high-school kids," Woody said. "My senior class won the first [title] for him, but now it's fun because he's been a part of my career ever since I was at UNI and even after that."

SEE **TRACK**, 3B



INTRAMURALS

515 prevails in soccer

The 515 kicks its way to a women's intramural soccer championship title.

By KYLIE SEBERT
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An intense match led to overtime penalty kicks between undefeated the 515 and Flash on Monday night in the Bubble. In a dramatic finish, 515 junior Katie Nordquist scored the final penalty kick to win her team's third-straight women's intramural soccer championship.

Lacking a substitution, the 515 women from Des Moines grew tired in the second half but fought through to the finish.

"If we would have had a sub or were in better shape, it would have gone better," senior Abbey Betlach said. "They [Flash girls] were in good shape, I feel, but they were also all freshmen."

Despite this, the 515 began the game by leading.

With the first half winding down and the score tied at 0, 515 took action. Nordquist passed the ball from midfield to senior Danna Shrader, who sneaked the ball in for the first goal.

Though Flash had countless attacks on goal, junior goalie Anne Witherspoon allowed the 515 to maintain a 1-0 lead until halftime.



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UI senior Abbey Betlach dribbles towards the goal during the second half of the women's intramural soccer championship game on Monday night in the Bubble. Betlach's team, 515, beat the Flash, 2-1, in a shootout to become champions.

In the second half, Flash moved the ball down the field and attacked the goal, but Witherspoon did not let up. Her six-consecutive saves allowed 515 to remain ahead.

"We just couldn't finish the great attacks down the field," Flash's Kristina Nieman said. "The goalie was tough."

However, as the game advanced, Flash's persistent attacks produced a mistake by 515 with an accidental shank into its own goal. The game was now tied 1-1 with five minutes left.

Exhaustion visibly set in, and 515 struggled to hold off the Flash attack. Yet, defense prevailed and the game proceeded into a five-minute "golden goal" overtime, in which the first team to score would win.

It was not until 30 seconds remained that a glimmer of hope emerged for Flash. Nieman attacked from the left side in what looked like a definite goal, but Witherspoon's experience enabled her to make a great save. The game went into second overtime, which consisted of penalty kicks.

"We just couldn't finish the great attacks down the field. The goalie was tough."

— Kristina Nieman, member of the Flash

Flash freshman Kaitlin Hillner took the first kick and scored. The next five kicks were goals, and just when it seemed the game would continue into sudden death, Flash missed its fourth penalty kick.

This meant one of 515's experienced players would have to miss a penalty kick against a brand-new goalie. Experience won.

The women of 515 have been playing together for years. Their team consists of members of the same club team in high school, and they continued once they reach the UI. Witherspoon will try to lead 515 into another championship season next year.

"We will hold tryouts next year and become even better," Witherspoon said, joking. "But seriously, we will continue playing next year and hope to repeat again."

Hawks try to learn from losses

The Iowa men's tennis squad is on a two-meet losing streak.

By SETH ROBERTS
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Even the toughest loss can hold a positive aspect for a team.

The No. 49 Iowa men's tennis team (6-3) dropped its second-consecutive meet on Sunday, falling to No. 32 Denver, 6-1, in Denver. Although the Hawkeyes lost all six of their singles matches, they won the doubles point thanks in part to the seventh-consecutive doubles victory by sophomore Will Vasos and senior Tommy McGeorge.

Vasos and McGeorge — playing at the No. 1 doubles spot for the first time this season — defeated Yannick Weihs and Jens Vorkefeld, 8-5.

"[The win streak] isn't really surprising at all," Iowa head coach Steve Houghton said. "Will and Tommy won 12 matches in a row last year, so it's almost old business for them."

Vasos said he attributes the team's continuing success to his rapport with his teammate.

"It's kind of like last year," he said. "Tommy and I have good chemistry, and we both hit good returns, so we kind of feed off of each other."

Iowa sophomore Marc Bruche combined with sophomore Tom Mroziewicz for the first time this season to defeat Andrew Landwerlen and Fabio Biasion at the No. 2 position, 8-6. The No. 3 team of senior Reinoud Haal and junior Austen Kauss, also paired together for the first time, fell to Denver's David Simson and Enej Bonin, 8-4.

The Hawkeyes could not maintain their momentum, losing six-consecutive singles matches. No. 6 Mroziewicz fell first, losing to Landwerlen (6-0, 6-1). No. 1 Bruche became violently ill during his match against Weihs and was forced to retire early in his third set. He was taken to a Denver medical center to receive an IV, but he said he is feeling better after receiving medication.

"I was playing well even though I was sick, but after

a while I couldn't focus because I had lost so much liquid," Bruche said. "I talked to my assistant coach [Steve Nash], and we decided it didn't make sense to force anything."

Iowa continued to struggle after Bruche's exit. Junior Nikita Zotov lost to Simson in the No. 2 slot (6-2, 6-3), and No. 4 Vasos was defeated by Biasion (6-4, 6-3). No. 3 Haal lost to Bonin (6-3, 6-4), and No. 5 McGeorge fell to Vorkefeld in a third-set tiebreaker (4-6, 6-4, 10-4).

Haal's defeat to Bonin was his first singles loss since Iowa's first meet of the season, snapping a seven-match win streak.

"I think the key thing is that I learn from the loss," he said. "I played a guy who played well, while I definitely didn't play my best tennis, but hopefully, I can learn and start another win streak soon."

The Hawkeyes' loss to Denver was their second loss in a row, marking the first time this season that the team has dropped

consecutive meets. Iowa was upset by unranked Sacramento State, 4-3, on March 6 in Denver.

Iowa lost the doubles point despite a win by Vasos and McGeorge. Iowa salvaged a split in singles play, but a pair of narrow losses for Bruche and Vasos gave the Hornets (6-6) the victory.

"We knew going in that they are better than they look on paper," Vasos said. "We're looking at it not as a negative loss. We have to take positives from it; we played well but didn't come out on top."

The Hawkeyes will spend the week conditioning before embarking on their annual spring trip, when they will play three teams in Nevada and California.

"I think we're pretty well-conditioned, but we're going to crank it up since we have time to work," Houghton said. "At this point, everything points to being ready for Big Ten play."

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UConn wins 71st straight

By DOUG FEINBERG
Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — The top-ranked Connecticut Huskies made women's college basketball history Monday night — not that you would have known it by watching them.

Tina Charles scored 16 points, and Maya Moore added 11 to help UConn win an NCAA record 71st-straight game, a 59-44 victory over No. 6 Notre Dame in the semifinals of the Big East Tournament.

The Huskies didn't gloat, though. They didn't even celebrate. Just another night's work for coach Geno Auriemma's latest dynasty.

At the final horn, they just shook hands with the Irish — the way they have with opponents after nearly every other game during their incredible streak.

"I can't think anything is

more important than winning and playing in the Big East championship for these kids," Auriemma said.

UConn surpassed its own mark set from Nov. 9, 2001, to March 11, 2003. Unlike that amazing run, which ended in a loss in the Big East Tournament semifinals to Villanova, this Huskies team has thoroughly dominated its opponents in every game, winning all of them by double digits.

"After the season, the last game we play we can look back and see what we've done," said Kalana Greene, who scored 15 points. "You don't want to celebrate about wins. We don't plan on our season being over any time soon."

The Huskies are focused on bigger goals — not just winning a 16th Big East championship but also a seventh national title. Connecticut (32-0) will face No. 9 West

Virginia, the second seed in the tournament, tonight for the league championship.

But even top teams haven't posed much of a challenge for the Huskies since they beat Georgia Tech to start this run on Nov. 16, 2008.

With Monday's win over Notre Dame (27-5), UConn improved to 13-0 against top-10 opponents, winning by an average of 26.2 points. Even second-ranked Stanford lost by 12 when the teams met in late December.

UConn has rarely even trailed during its streak. The Huskies have been behind for a total 86 minutes in the 71 games. It's been even more uncommon for UConn to be down in the second half — only facing a deficit three times after intermission. None of those scares lasted long. There hasn't been a need for any late-game rallies or last-sec-

ond shots by the Huskies.

Notre Dame kept this one close for a half.

UConn only led 25-22 at the break — its lowest scoring output in nearly three years. The Huskies then asserted themselves, led by Greene.

The senior hit just one of eight shots in the first 20 minutes, but scored the first four points of a decisive 13-4 run that gave UConn a 49-35 lead with 9:00 left. Moore's deep 3-pointer capped the spurt.

Notre Dame, which was led by Skylar Diggins' 10 points, was only able to close to 10.

Even with the incredible numbers that this team has put up, Auriemma is still partial to the 2002 team that started the previous record streak. Those Huskies, led by Sue Bird and Diana Taurasi, featured four of the first six picks in the WNBA draft.

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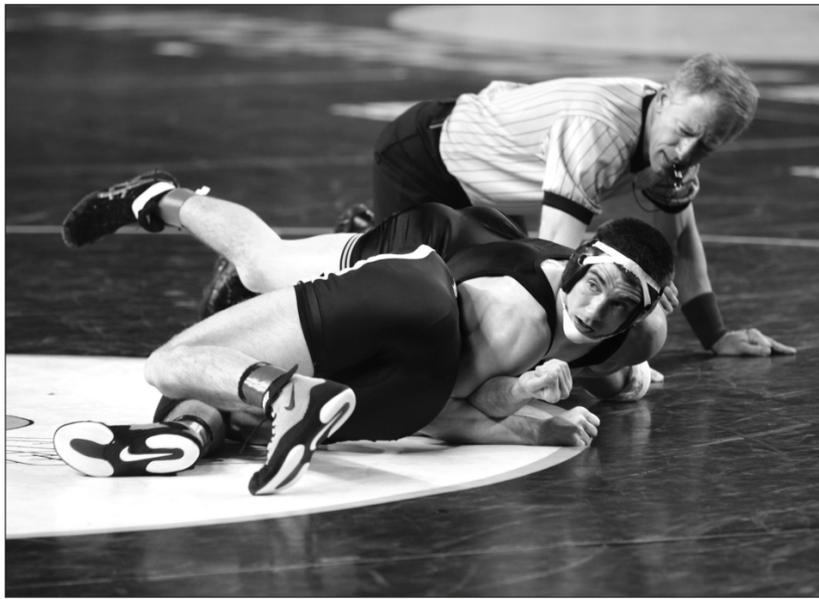
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Hawkeye 149-pounder Brent Metcalf glances up at the clock during his quarterfinal match against Purdue's Nick Bertucci at the Big Ten wrestling championships in Ann Arbor, Mich., on March 6. No. 1 Metcalf pinned No. 8 Bertucci.

METCALF

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"I try to focus on my match the whole time, but I'm real close with all these guys, and it hurts me when they lose," Erekson said. "You can't let it distract you because your emotions get messed up. You have to keep focused."

Iowa head coach Tom Brands blamed the lack of focus in his finalist wrestlers — specifically their ready state of mind — and said the NCAA championships will be a good judge of "if we're sucking our thumb, or if we're getting tough."

"[Metcalf] is going to learn to manage the whole match, and when things start going against

you a little bit, you have to up your effort," Brands said. "He can do it; he will do it. Am I making a prediction that he win the national title?"

"I don't make predictions, but he's Brent Metcalf, and I know where he comes from."

BIG TEN

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Last month, the Spartans experienced life without last season's Big Ten Player of the Year, Kalin Lucas. The lone game he missed came Feb. 6, a contest Michigan State lost at Illinois. Starting at the No. 3 seed in this week's tourney, the Spartans will draw the winner of Thursday's game between No. 6 Minnesota and No. 11 Penn State.

Now the Boilermakers are learning how to deal with not having their go-to guy, Robbie Hummel, who tore his ACL in a game at Minnesota on Feb. 24.

Purdue has won two of three since Hummel's injury, and winning the Big Ten Tournament could possibly vault the Boilermakers to a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament, which begins next week. Purdue will play on Friday against either No. 7 Northwestern or Indiana, which is the 10th seed in this week's tourney.

"It's still a work in progress," Purdue head coach Matt Painter said during the Big Ten teleconference on Monday. "We're just trying to get better every single day, we're trying to be posi-

'We got to go to the tournament and do some damage if we're going to have any chance for postseason.'

— Bruce Weber, Illinois head coach

tive every single day and also embrace the challenge of playing without [Hummel]."

Then there's the lone quarterfinal already set for Friday, which will be a rematch of a game last weekend. No. 4 Wisconsin and No. 5 Illinois will meet five days after the Badgers left Assembly Hall in Champaign, Ill., with a 72-57 win against the Fighting Illini. In fact, Wisconsin comes into this game having won its last four games, all of which have taken place since the return of forward Jon Leuer from injury.

While Wisconsin looks like a team poised to make a deep run in this week's event, for Illinois, the situation is urgent. Sitting at 18-13 overall and having lost five of its last six, the Fighting Illini need a second victory over the Badgers to help cement an at-large bid. Another loss to Wisconsin on Friday could potentially send Illinois to the NIT.

"Now we've put ourselves in a major bind,"

Illinois head coach Bruce Weber said during the Big Ten teleconference on Monday. "We got to go to the tournament and do some damage if we're going to have any chance for postseason."

The action will start Thursday at 1:30 p.m., when the Wolverines and Hawkeyes square off inside Consecro Field House. That game can be seen nationally on ESPN2.

TRACK

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Woody said he still remembers Raffensperger watching him compete in Switzerland and being able to hear his voice above everyone else's in a crowd of 40,000-plus.

Raffensperger's success as a coach is most likely a result from his success as an athlete. At Northern Iowa, Raffensperger participated in both track and football, and his time there earned him an induction into the Athletics Hall of Fame two years ago.

Originally from Iowa City, Raffensperger's family ties have kept him close and involved in his hometown.

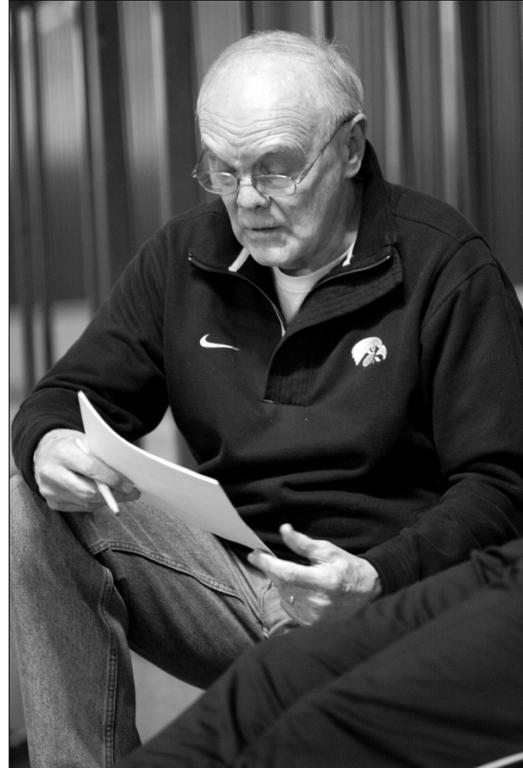
"My dad was the head football coach at Iowa in the early '50s," Raffensperger said. "He's one of the reasons I went into coaching, but ever since I was a little kid, I wanted to be a coach."

Now in his fourth year with the Hawkeyes, the 69-year-old continues his childhood dream of teaching young people.

As a volunteer coach, Raffensperger doesn't get paid, but there are a few fringe benefits. A new pair of shoes each year, coaching clothes, and free trips around the country with the team are a few of the perks Raffensperger said he enjoys.

He's also known for the time he puts in at the Iowa basketball and football games.

"I keep stats for basketball," he said. "And I've been on the football PA since 1968. I have someone who feeds me the plays, like who got a sack, how many yards they got, and I announce



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While looking over statistics, John Raffensperger talks with one of the sprinters he coaches in the Recreation Building on Feb. 23. Raffensperger coached high-school track for 41 years, 36 at City High, before coming to the Hawkeyes to serve as a volunteer coach.

'I like to be active, and this gave me a good opportunity.'

— John Raffensperger, volunteer

them in the media booth." some spring training in Tucson, Ariz.

It's not hard to see that Raffensperger has tried to remain as involved with the university as possible.

"I like to be active, and this gave me a good opportunity," he said.

While Raffensperger remains an effective part of the track team's success, he is starting to take pleasure in some of the things that come along with retirement. He is currently taking in

Raffensperger shares just about everything with the local community except for one minor thing.

"I'm a [St. Louis] Cardinal fan, actually," Raffensperger said with a laugh. "I guess that sort of makes me an anti-Cub person."

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Donar bids adieu

The lone senior woman gymnast has a memorable final home meet.

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As the Iowa women gymnasts marched to the center of Carver Hawkeye Arena on Sunday hand-in-hand, Jenny Donar stood in the middle of the swarm, leading her team into roaring applause.

As the lone senior, the meet was, in a sense, celebrating her.

Donar greeted a dozen or so homemade signs decorating the arena in her honor. One read "Senior Solo Power" and another said "We Love Donar."

Before the dual meet with No. 21 Southern Utah, Donar said she wasn't sad about her final home meet, only excited. And anyone who knows the Cuba City, Wis., native would know that was the truth for the gymnast who seems to never stop smiling.

After the Hawkeyes upset the Thunderbirds by hitting all 24 routines and posting their highest team score of the season, 195.300, Donar's eyes were as bright as the lights in Carver.

"I could not ask for a better senior night," she said after the meet. "Words can't even describe it."

The academic All-Big Ten member hit a 9.700 on the vault and a 9.750 in the floor exercise. Afterward, Donar received a bouquet of flowers, and an announcer read a statement over the PA system about her journey as a GymHawk. It began when she asked head coach Larissa Libby permission to walk on to the team four years ago.

Libby said yes, then gave Donar a scholarship as a sophomore. However, Donar reverted back to walk-on status in her two seasons as an upperclassman.

After the meet, Libby beamed for her only senior.

"She really brought her A game," the head coach said. "A lot of times when you do Senior Nights, the emotion is so there that it's hard for them to concentrate. I was very pleased for her that she had such a great night."

Donar was not rattled by her emotions. Not even by the bus and three vanloads of 75 fans her parents brought from their hometown to cheer.

However, Donar admitted that at



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Jenny Donar had Iowa's top performance on the floor at 9.7 to finish fourth against Illinois on Jan. 25, 2008, in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. The GymHawks' lone senior competed in her last home meet on Sunday.

times, she was so excited she had to contain herself.

"It was actually more exciting because it was louder, and I love that," she said.

Don and Deb Donar, a wrestling coach and gymnastics trainer, have traveled all over the country and to just about every Big Ten university to watch their daughter. Don Donar

even bought an expensive camera to capture all of the moments.

"I'm excited and joyful," he said. "It's sad to come to an end. But watching her go and have fun, and staying injury-free is huge. It's a dream come true to have your kid compete in D-I sports. It's something that for any parent to sit back and absorb it — it's unbelievable."

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NCAA-bound Siena tops Fairfield in OT

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Edwin Ubiles scored 27 points, and Alex Franklin added 22 points and 12 rebounds as Siena rallied from a double-digit half-time deficit and beat Fairfield, 72-65, in overtime Monday night to win the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference tournament for the third-straight season.

Siena (27-6) has won 38-straight home games, the second-longest such streak in the nation behind top-ranked Kansas, which has won 59 in a row at

home. The second-seeded Stags (22-10) put up a fight before losing to the Saints for the third time this season.

Franklin's runner in the lane snapped a 60-all tie just 16 seconds into the extra period, and the Saints never trailed again in winning the tournament for the fifth time. Ryan Rossiter's tip follow and Franklin's lay-up boosted the lead to 68-64 with 1:50 left.

Freshman guard Derek Needham, who had 16 points to lead the Stags, missed twice in the final minute, and Ubiles sank four free throws to secure the victory.

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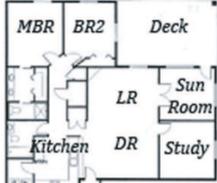
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Daily Break

There's a whiff of the lynch mob or the lemming migration about an overlarge concentration of like-thinking individuals, no matter how virtuous their cause. — P.J. O'Rourke

the ledge

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Overheard at Iowa

Guy: Does it count as teen pregnancy if the girl is 20?
Girl: Seriously?
— Quit avoiding the question; if you don't know the answer, just say so.
(Overheard by Anonymous)

Girl in class: If I could go back in time, I would go to London in the 1800s. But I'd want to be upper class.
Professor: Yeah, I'm pretty sure no one aspires to go back in time so he or she can be a peasant digging in the dirt.
— He should know. It was probably covered somewhere in his doctoral thesis.
(Overheard by Norah Bushman)

Guy 1: Hey, man, can I get a light?
Guy 2: You got three bucks?
Guy 1: You're seriously gonna charge me for a lighter?
Guy 2: It's a RECESSION, MAN!
— When those economics classes really start paying off.
(Overheard by Alex Röhlsberger)

Patron [to bank teller]: Yeah, I spent \$21 at dinner. And then at the bar I was buying, like, everybody drinks, so that explains the \$68 purchase. But I swear those next two purchases were not mine.
— If only there was a reasonable explanation. Think!
Think!
(Overheard by Chris Collier)

Girlfriend: Wow. I can't believe you waited that long for a quesadilla.
Boyfriend: Well, I've been waiting this long for you to put out, so it's not that unbelievable.
— Even in the Burge Market Place, true love waits. But only for, like, another week. Tops. Seriously, this is getting ridiculous.
(Overheard by Steph Worrell)

— Andrew R. Juhl thanks the above contributors for originally posting on the "Overheard at Iowa" Facebook group.

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

HANDS UP



RYAN MILLER/THE DAILY IOWAN

UI sophomore and health promotions major Emma Baker slides to catch a Frisbee on the water-soaked grass of Hubbard Park on Monday. A dreary, overcast day that would normally keep most students inside was no match for Baker and her friends, who were out playing for the first time this spring in the park known for its Frisbee games.

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THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

SOLUTION TO MONDAY'S PUZZLE

3	7	9	2	4	5	8	6	1
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9	3	1	6	7	2	4	5	8

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UITV schedule

Campus channel 4, cable channel 17

3 p.m. Women at Iowa Interview with Monica Brasile, practicing doula and childbirth educator
4 Human Rights Week Convocation & Celebration, keynote speaker state Rep. Wayne Ford, Jan. 18
6 Todd Lickliter Special News Conference
6:30 Iowa Women's Archive Honors Linda Kerber, Dec. 10, 2009
7 Women at Iowa Interview with Monica Brasile, practicing doula and childbirth educator
8 "Civility in a Fractured Society," James Leach, chairman of the National Endowment of the Humanities and former Iowa congressman, Feb. 16
9 Iowa Women's Archive Honors Linda Kerber, Dec. 10, 2009
9:30 Daily Iowan TV News
9:45 Todd Lickliter Special News Conference
10:15 Karla Miller, music performance at UITV studios

horoscopes Tuesday, March 9, 2010

— by Eugenia Last

ARIES March 21-April 19 Shake off anyone's attempt to make you feel bad. An emotional response will only give the person you are at odds with the upper hand. If you are professional and do your job to the best of your ability, you will get ahead.

TAURUS April 20-May 20 Think big, follow your heart, and don't be afraid of what others may think or say. In the end, you will win the support you need and enhance your reputation. Don't be distracted by someone's jealousy.

GEMINI May 21-June 20 Don't be too sure of yourself. A problem with love, money, and a job you are working on will make it difficult to meet your deadline. You'll be moving fast, but in doing so, you will make unnecessary mistakes. Empty promises are apparent.

CANCER June 21-July 22 Don't let emotional troubles hinder your personal judgment or your professional goals. You are likely to take things the wrong way or give the wrong impression. Once you make a transition, everything will get back to normal.

LEO July 23-Aug. 22 You will be enthusiastic about your plans and will talk boldly about the things you want to do. A trip will not be without problems, but it will bring you in contact with someone or something that inspires you.

VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22 You need to interact with people who will spark your enthusiasm and your creative drive. Someone you meet along the way will interest you in a partnership that can complete your life personally or professionally.

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Put any troubles you face behind you and get out with friends. You can't change what's going on at home, so avoid getting into deep discussions that will only make matters worse. Solutions can be found if you distance yourself.

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Make alterations to your personal life and your living arrangements. A residential move will give you a new lease on life and help you to revive some of your old ideas. A longtime partnership will benefit from changes you make.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Nothing will be easy to resolve, especially if you are having difficulty getting along with others. Promises you may not have fulfilled will come back to haunt you. Changing your vocation will not rid you of the problem you are facing.

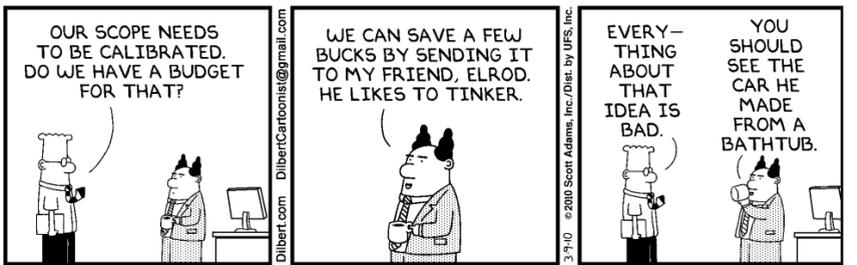
CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Give more time to the people and things you enjoy most. You deserve a break and the opportunity to fulfill your dreams. A creative idea you have will be shared with someone who can turn it into a masterpiece.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18 You have to face any problems directly. As soon as you try to skirt issues or ignore the facts, someone who is watching will confront you with questions. A change at home may be daunting, but it will turn out OK.

PISCES Feb. 19-March 20 Don't waste time when it comes to financial or personal matters. Be ready to take advantage of anything that leads to a good partnership or financial gain. Love is in the stars, and the chance to bring greater stability and security to your life is evident.

DILBERT

by Scott Adams



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today's events

Want to see your super special event appear here? Simply e-mail the name, time, date, and location information to: daily-iowan@uiowa.edu

- **Pharmacology Faculty Seminar**, "Activity-dependent Regulation of Voltage-gated Ca2+ Channels," Amy Lee, 10:30 a.m., 1117 Medical Education and Research Facility
- **Iowa KidSight Screening**, 11 a.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Tech Petting Zoo**, 11 a.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Community and Behavioral Health Journal Club**, 11 a.m., 1-107 Bowen
- **Epidemiology Journal Club**, "A Randomized, Controlled Trial of Financial Incentives for Smoking Cessation," Justin Glasgow, 11:30 a.m., 2-501 Bowen
- **University Club Luncheon**, 11:30 a.m., Highlander Inn and Conference Center, 2525 N. Dodge
- **Biochemistry Research Workshop**, "Integrity of the nuclear lamina is required for germ line stem cell homeostasis," Pamela Geyer, 12:30 p.m., 283 Eckstein Medical Research Building
- **The Gray Knights Chess Club**, 2 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Web Basics Computer Class**, 2 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Microbiology Department Seminar**, "The biochemical and proteomic study of early HIV nucleoprotein complexes," Michael Belshan, Creighton University, 3 p.m., Bowen Auditorium III
- **Faculty Council Meeting**, 3:30 p.m., 2390 University Capitol Centre
- **Tuesday Seminar**, "When you think wind power, think Iowa," David Osterberg, 4 p.m., 123/125 Institute for Rural and Environmental Health
- **Ida Beam Visiting Professor Public Lecture**, "Postmodernism Revisited," Frederic Jameson, Duke University, 4 p.m., Old Capitol Senate Chamber
- **Free Pool**, 5 p.m., Wildwood, 4919 B Walleys Drive S.E.
- **Information Session — Exploring Health Care in the Land of Contrasts: ICELAND**, Summer 2010, 4 p.m., Nursing Building fourth-floor faculty lounge
- **Opera Talk on Hamlet**, 5:30 p.m., 2520D University Capitol Centre
- **Aviation Movie Night**, 6:30 p.m., Alexis Park Inn & Suites, 1165 S. Riverside Drive
- **Electronic Tax Filing**, 6:30 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Beginner's Square Dance Lessons**, 7 p.m., Iowa City Recreation Center
- **Brass in Blue**, 7 p.m., Englert Theatre, 220 E. Washington
- **Broken Embraces**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **Feminist at Iowa: Panel Discussion**, 7:30 p.m., 100 Phillips Hall
- **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** John McNally, fiction reading, 7:30 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Flying Machines**, 9 p.m., Blue Moose Tap House, 211 Iowa
- **An Education**, 9:30, Bijou

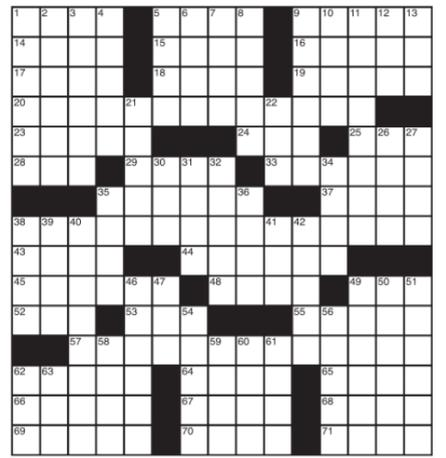
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- Across**
- 1 Brainy Simpson
 - 5 Try, as a case
 - 9 In pieces
 - 14 A Grimm beginning?
 - 15 Lui: him :: ___ : her
 - 16 First unelected president
 - 17 Suffix with dinosaur fabrications
 - 18 Faintest residue
 - 20 Outcome of many a boxing match ... or 38- and 36-Down
 - 23 Sniggler
 - 24 St. Louis Blues org.
 - 25 One in the hand?
 - 28 Pig's home
 - 29 Corn units
 - 33 Venerate
 - 35 It's sometimes good to get back to them
 - 37 Wood-shaping tool
 - 38 Interstates ... or 60-Down and 65-Across
 - 43 "Yikes!"
 - 44 Three-ingredient treats
 - 45 Well-thought-out
 - 48 "___, you noblest English ...!": "Henry V"
 - 49 ___ favor
 - 52 Something to roll over, briefly
 - 53 Brit. reference
 - 55 Weeper of mythology
 - 57 Crushed by sorrow ... or 5-Across and 63-Down
 - 62 Greek porticos
 - 64 Skateboard trickster's track
 - 65 Partner of means
 - 66 Nail-biting
 - 67 Modern storage units, briefly
 - 68 "Aha!"
 - 69 Early Icelandic literary works
 - 70 U.S. Open's ___ Stadium
 - 71 Drag racing org.
- Down**
- 1 The second number in a record
 - 2 Peevish
 - 3 Mulder's "X-Files" partner
 - 4 Cliffside nest
 - 5 Didn't give away
 - 6 Author Wiesel
 - 7 A Baldwin brother
 - 8 Sticky stuff
 - 9 Fifth-century emperor remembered as the epitome of cruelty
 - 10 Expert in match play, for short?
 - 11 "The West Wing" actor who played Arnold Vinick
 - 12 Camcorder button abbr.
 - 13 Uno + due
 - 21 Tire pattern
 - 22 Theater admonition
 - 26 Snug as a bug in a rug
 - 27 Flock females
 - 30 Enzyme suffix
 - 31 Clears (of)
 - 32 Ordinary schlub
 - 34 Statutes
 - 35 Wait
 - 36 Priority of ___ (group in "The Da Vinci Code")
 - 38 Tenth: Prefix
 - 39 Noted lab assistant
 - 40 Tramp
 - 41 Miracle-___
 - 42 Temporary tattoo dye
 - 46 Hangmen's tools
 - 47 Shatner's "___ War"
 - 49 Soapmaking stuff
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 - 51 Exodus locale
 - 54 Skin: Suffix
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 - 58 Tabula ___
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 - 60 Daily temperature stat
 - 61 Otherwise
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 - 63 Slugger Williams

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Puzzle by Alex Fay

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