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WITH A NEW THREE-YEAR PLAN, UI OFFICIALS ARE LOOKING TO SAY:
GOODBYE, PARTY SCHOOL.

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Two UI freshmen prepare a beer bong in a Burge dorm room on Oct. 1. UI officials plan to present for the first time a new three-year plan to reduce UI students' drinking rates at today's Faculty Senate meeting.

GOALS OF THE PLAN:



RECRUITMENT
Attract high school students less likely to be high-risk drinkers in college.



EDUCATION
Support students with alcohol education and alternatives.



ENFORCEMENT
Protect students, the UI, and the community by helping high-risk drinkers.



ACCOUNTABILITY
Hold high-risk drinkers accountable — possibly remove students from the UI.

For years, the University of Iowa has struggled with ongoing drinking issues and a party-school reputation. Today, the university is unveiling a strategic plan in hopes of fixing the problems once and for all.

By **SAM LANE**
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In just three years, 15 percent fewer University of Iowa students will be binge drinkers.

At least, that's one goal of university officials under a new, aggressive plan to reduce harmful student drinking and rid the UI of its party school image.

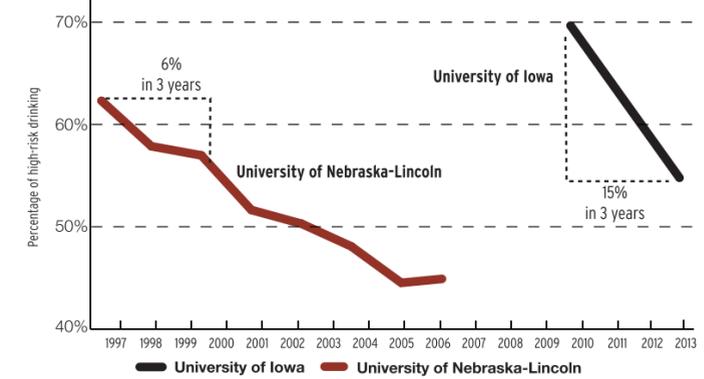
The Alcohol Harm Reduction Plan — expected to be presented today at a UI Faculty Senate meeting and obtained in advance by *The Daily Iowan* — is the result of nearly a year's worth of meetings by a 26-person committee. It is the final draft of a document that has gone through numerous revisions.

Previous versions, obtained by the *DI* through the Freedom of Information Act, included suggestions as radical as adding a question to the UI's application that asks prospective students to list any past alcohol charges or collecting data on which high schools produce high-risk drinkers.

For the final draft, however, the committee, appointed by UI Vice President for Student Services Tom Rocklin, removed certain ideas, clarified others, and laid out a set of four goals to begin tackling the university's alcohol problem over the next three years.

A tall task

It took the University of Nebraska-Lincoln nine years to lower its binge-drinking rate by 19 percent. University of Iowa officials want to see nearly the same reduction — 15 percent — in about one-third that time.



Note: The 15 percent reduction is a projected goal for 2013. Source: University of Iowa Office of the Vice President for Student Services

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THE PLAN: BY THE NUMBERS

3.43 AVERAGE NUMBER OF DRINKS PER OCCASION

In 2009, UI students were consuming an average of 7.43 drinks per occasion. By 2013, officials hope that figure drops to 4.

14% STUDENTS DRINKING 10 OR MORE DAYS PER MONTH

UI officials hope to lower the number of students who drink 10+ days per month from 34 percent to 23 percent by 2013.

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Read the plan yourself. Log on to dailyiowan.com to view a PDF of the most recent version of the plan, which the UI Faculty Senate will discuss today.

SEE PLAN, 3

Council mulls levee

A grant provides \$15.7 million in funds for construction.

By **NINA EARNEST**
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Iowa City city councilors are scheduled to decide whether to accept a grant for the construction of three levees at tonight's City Council meeting.

Councilors discussed the issue with Jeff Davidson, the city's director of planning and community development, at Monday night's work session.

"I think the question ... is do you intend to build these levees or not," he said.

The three levees — one on the west bank and two on the east bank of the river — would be paid for in part by Community Development Block Grant funds that provided \$15.7 million for construction.

SEE LEVEE, 5

River Landing taking shape

The names of the businesses in the Iowa River Landing development will be announced within two months.

By **ALLIE WRIGHT**
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Coralville has been making some big plans — around \$130 million to \$150 million worth.

"Our theory is that if we can do something different

and we can attract more people to the area, the more complementary things we can do," Coralville City Administrator Kelly Hayworth said.

Councilors said they were excited about the development that could

follow the Iowa River Landing project, which will include a hotel, expansion of the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, and retail options.

And Coralville's push to

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Log on to read two exclusive stories on indie-pop-folk band REGO, who will play at The Mill tonight, and author Nora Titone, who will read from her book at Prairie Lights today.



Spotlight Iowa City

An international flavor

Karen Wachsmuth's outreach programs provide opportunities for UI students as well as for the Iowa City community.

BY SAMANTHA GENTRY
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A conductor who previously had touched the community through her music now reaches Iowa City through promoting the cultures of those outside of the United States.

Karen Wachsmuth may have only arrived at the University of Iowa in April, but she is making a big difference. She is involved in outreach with all different groups that are interested in the International Programs.

She first starts on campus, working with Study Abroad and the Office of International Students and Scholars to reach the Iowa City community. And she also helps with the Office of Academic Programs and Services and the International Crossroads Community, which is a living and learning community in Mayflower. It consists of students who are in or are interested in international studies.

Jarvis Purnell, a hall coordinator at Mayflower, first started working with Wachsmuth this year when she suggested that the group involve international students in more volunteer-oriented programs.

"We've really been pushing the International Crossroads Community to have more service opportu-

Karen Wachsmuth

- **Originally from:** New York City
- **Last international trip:** Istanbul, Turkey
- **Favorite music:** Jazz, though she is a classical musician
- **Secret vice:** An avid mystery-novel reader, particularly those by Michael Connelly

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said Wachsmuth is a great person and an inspiration.

"She is the backbone of this amazing program [International Classroom Journey]," said Skiba, who is also a former employee of *The Daily Iowan*. "In her position, she always has to be on top of things that are going on in Iowa City."

The group recently hosted an International Day at Van Allen Elementary, 170 Abigail Ave., North Liberty. It was an all-school assembly hosted by UI international students, several Fulbright language teaching assistants, and the Japanese coordinator. The presentation also involved the UI Afro-Cuban Drum and Dance ensemble. Wachsmuth served as a "connector" between the presentation and the school, working with teachers from Iowa City schools "to plan and give life to the event."

At the conclusion of the assembly, stations were set up in classrooms for students to learn about different cultures. Presenters of each culture taught a dance or game, an art project, shared photos and artifacts, told stories, and wore traditional costumes.

Right now, Wachsmuth is helping to promote international understanding in the community. She said many



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Karen Wachsmuth works with students and Iowa City community members who are interested in International Programs and provides them with many interesting opportunities. International communication is very important during this period of time," she said.

universities and high schools offer languages other than Spanish, French, and German, but students aren't taking them. Wachsmuth's goal is to encourage students and the community to be interested in other countries and languages.

"International communication is very important during this period of time," she said. "It is not only a way for people to communicate in business, but it is also a way for people to learn about other countries."

Council ponders Roosevelt

Several options exist for the building, including as a Fire Department training facility or a space for local artists.

By NINA EARNEST
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More than a year after the Iowa City School Board voted to close Roosevelt Elementary, two options for the building are now on the table.

The Iowa City City Council discussed two options for the school, 611 Greenwood Drive, on Monday after Fire Department officials toured the building and found it to be in bad condition.

Students are scheduled to attend Roosevelt in the next school year.

One option discussed during the council's work session was to use the building for a Fire Department training facility.

Jeff Davidson, the city's director of planning and community development, explained another option was to develop a plan with the private organization Artspace.

Artspace specializes in converting older buildings into work and living spaces for artists, Davidson said. A prospective partnership

Roosevelt Elementary

Options for the Roosevelt Elementary building discussed at the City Council work session on Monday:

- Fire Department training facility
- Artspace for local artists
- General repurposing
- Students are scheduled to attend Roosevelt in the coming school year

would begin with a \$12,500 initial assessment including numerous focus groups and review of available sites.

Davidson said Artspace would likely end up owning the building.

"I like the idea of the Artspace but not here," Councilor Connie Champion said of the school.

Champion said the area was a large tract of prime land, and she was not convinced ArtSpace was the right choice.

But Councilor Terry Dickens said there was little or no interest in the



CHRISTY AUMER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Roosevelt Elementary is pictured on March 2, 2009. Roosevelt is the oldest school in the district.

property.

In June 2009, School Board members voted unanimously to close Roosevelt after months of heated discussions.

The controversial decision was because of the building's poor condition, overcrowding, and being identified by the Iowa Department of Education as having an ethnically and socioeconomically isolated enrollment.

The choice to close the school was one of nine recommendations presented by the School District's Facilities Advisory Committee. Some of the options called for renovations or expansion of Roosevelt

instead.

Its closing elicited negative responses from many communities members, who noted the school's cultural, community, and historical benefits.

Dickens, the councilor representative on the Roosevelt committee, is scheduled to discuss sharing the cost of the Artspace assessment on Dec. 13.

Councilor Regenia Bailey said she was interested in looking further into reusing the building.

"We're just looking at all of our options," said School Board member Toni Cilek. "We haven't at all narrowed that down."

METRO

Police investigate vandalism outbreak

Iowa City police are investigating a series of vandalism cases over this past weekend.

Iowa City residents reported 34 cases of criminal mischief, police said.

According to police, officers believe the vandalism occurred between Dec. 2 and Dec. 4 in the evening hours.

Police said the majority of the cases occurred during the

evening hours on the West Side — in the neighborhoods near West Benton Street and Melrose Avenue.

Witnesses reported seeing a dark-colored sport utility vehicle in the area around the time glass was heard breaking.

East Side residents near Highland Avenue reported broken garage windows and damage to holiday decorations.

Police said residents reported smashed windows of cars parked outside their properties. Police

believe the vandals used a baseball bat to cause the damage.

— by Nina Earnest

Couple sues UIHC

A Washington County, Iowa, couple accused University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics doctors of negligence Monday, court documents show.

The charge stems from a Feb. 22, 2008, incident in which Tamara Stellmach underwent procedures — including but not limit-

ed to transcranial magnetic stimulation — at UIHC and the Clinics Center for Digestive Diseases, according to a lawsuit.

Documents said UIHC officials allegedly failed to obtain consent from Stellmach before performing the procedure and failed to diagnose and treat her condition appropriately.

Stellmach's damages reportedly include past and future loss of income, physical and mental pain and suffering, loss of full body, and loss of enjoyment of life.

— by Hayley Bruce

POLICE BLOTTER

Cally Belbin, 19, 201 E. Burlington St. Apt. 1534, was charged Sunday with keeping a disorderly house.

Luis Chirinos, 24, 1932 Delwood Drive, was charged Oct. 10 with obstructing emergency communication.

Allison Hull, 19, 201 E. Burlington St. Apt. 1534, was charged Sunday with keeping a disorderly house.

Madison Hull, 18, 726 Highland Ave., was charged Nov. 11 with keeping a disorderly house.

Glenn Peyton, 43, Hardin, Ill., was charged Dec. 3 with possessing marijuana and OWI.

Christopher Ricker, 19, 416 S. Governor St., was charged Sunday with keeping a disorderly house.

Ringa Walker, 19, Douglas Court, was charged Sunday with interference with official acts.

Samantha Yeater, 20, 201 E. Burlington St. Apt. 1534, was charged Sunday with keeping a disorderly house.

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PLAN

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The goals are:

- Attract more low-risk drinkers and fewer high-risk drinkers
- Retain students who are low-risk drinkers through alcohol education, alternatives
- Help high-risk drinkers lower their drinking while at UI
- Hold high-risk drinkers accountable, possibly suspending students from the UI

Using these four goals, officials hope to lower the UI's binge drinking rate from 70 percent to 55 percent in the next three years.

"[The goals] are ambitious," Rocklin said. "They will be challenging, but it is possible. It's all about safety, but there's no metric to have people stop drinking."

And the goals seem particularly hopeful when compared with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln — considered a national model for addressing college-drinking issues — which needed almost a decade to achieve a similar drop.

"I think that's a very admirable goal, but it's going to be very difficult to achieve — it's definitely worth pursuing," Peter Nathan, an alcohol expert and UI professor emeritus, said of the plan.

The four goals

The four goals are broken down into three categories: controlling who arrives, controlling who leaves, and helping people while they are at the UI.

The first goal focuses on students seeking admission at the UI. Included in efforts to reach out to incoming students is a revision of the admissions materials sent to prospective students and providing educational resources to the UI's biggest "feeder schools," though the specific information has yet to be determined.

One expert questioned the effectiveness of such a change.

Mark Montgomery, the president of Montgomery Educational Consulting — which gives advice on college admissions — said he did not feel the change in admissions materials would affect potential students either way.

"The reality is that every school in America is a party school," he said.

Goals two and three focus on habits and activities for students already at the university, and that is where the "main action" of the plan is.

In both steps, the most concrete plans are laid out in the first year, which began this semester. These include implementing alcohol-education programs in intramural athletics and the greek system, expanding AlcoholEdu to all incoming students under 21, looking into alcohol-related reasons for students leaving the UI, and continuing the Think Before You Drink tailgating campaign.

Also this semester, officials have begun a "sophomore screen + intervene project," a survey presented to sophomores that will allow Health Iowa officials to identify students who seem to exhibit risky drinking. They then offer students optional counseling sessions on that alcohol use.

The goals also involve parental involvement. Beginning last summer, officials started mailing handbooks to parents that identify ways to talk to students about alcohol use. In addition, special optional sessions at summer Orientation brought students and parents together to discuss health and safety issues.

Officials have a few additional goals to implement in the two subsequent years, but they mostly concentrate on reviewing the previous year's progress.

The final goal focuses on addressing students who may need to leave the UI because of alcohol concerns. This includes expanding the Code of Student Life to

AMBITIOUS GOAL

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— Tom Rocklin, UI vice president for Student Services

include off-campus infractions, which has already occurred, and suspending students who continually have alcohol problems.

Creating the plan

Though many of the plan's initiatives seem to mirror the UI's current alcohol efforts, Rocklin said having a specific and sequenced document that provides benchmarks for success in curbing high-risk drinking can help a school better achieve its goals.

He appointed the alcohol committee — which is composed of students and faculty from a variety of university colleges and departments — last December and charged members to meet four times a year.

The group is chaired by Susan Assouline, a professor of education, who said the plan will be presented to the Staff Council in February.

Today, faculty senators will have a chance to provide input, but Assouline said she wasn't sure of the extent to which it will change.

"When you have a plan and a committee, you have a level of accountability," she said. "We care about this. We care about our students."

While cost estimates for the plan were not immediately available Monday night, Rocklin said officials have "thought about costs." He stressed that the specifics of the plan could change and funding sources are not final.

The UI's initiatives focus on a mix of targeting high- and low-risk drinkers with a combination of education and enforcement. But alcohol experts nationwide disagree about the effectiveness of these different methods.

While Nathan said the most effective campaigns target high-risk drinkers, Robert Saltz, a researcher at the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation, said targeting all students is the ideal policy.

Even when there are no high-risk drinkers at the school, problems will remain, "because even low-risk drinkers will occasionally drink too many drinks and fall off a balcony," he said.

But Nathan said spending resources on students who don't have a problem with alcohol may be unnecessary.

"I would focus my energies on the group that comes ready to drink heavily but not ignore the other group," he said.

Excluding the city

Rocklin said the plan is unique to UI and did not model it after another school. However, UI officials did seek ideas from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, which has been a key model in the fight to reduce high-risk drinking. Nebraska officials visited the UI campus last year to provide suggestions.

In Lincoln, the university and the community have worked collaboratively for more than a decade to reduce the school's affiliation with excessive partying and at-risk behavior.

"I think it was because we brought everybody to the table who had an investment in the situation," said Linda Major, the assistant to the vice chancellor of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Even a state senator had a place on the coalition, said Lincoln Police Chief Tom Casady.

The school spent a year drafting the Nebraska Direction's 60 objectives and 13 goals, and they are "still working," Major said.

Despite a push for collaboration, the UI did not include the city in the plan because it is aimed at things the university can do on its own, Rocklin said.

Councilor Regenia Bailey said she wasn't opposed to the university not including the city in the development of this specific plan.

"It is their document — it will be up to them to enforce it," she said.

Councilor Connie Champion agreed.

"I think the university and the town have a very positive relationship, and communication will continue to go on about these things because it costs both of us," she said.

And although the program's planning did not directly involve city officials or downtown business owners, Nathan said he felt the city has already done its part in solving Iowa City's drinking problem.

"It would be good to have the support of the city because the city has a stake in this, but I mean, this is finally the university doing something about the student drinking problem," the former UI provost said. "The city did what it could do to implement the 21-only ordinance — now, I think it's up to the university to take it from there and develop a program to deal with high-risk student drinkers."

DI reporters Hayley Bruce, Max Freund, and Alison Sullivan contributed to this article.

Student reactions to plan split

A Daily Iowan reporter went to the Main Library on Monday night to talk to students about their opinions on the UI's new three-year alcohol plan.

Of the 14 students who read the plan the night before its unveiling, opinion was split largely down the middle. While some students found the UI's new ideas to be plausible, others felt the drinking culture is so ingrained in Iowa City that attempts to change it would prove fruitless.

UI officials hope to change the party-school image and attract students less prone to high-risk drinking by promoting its commitment to student health, wellness, and overall success in admissions materials.

UI junior Kelly Williams said he thinks most students don't pay attention to admissions information in the first place.

"Most students briefly read over [admissions information] and throw it out," he said.

"[Admissions information] is more for parents than students. I think my mom read over that stuff more than I did."

Other students agreed.

"Every university says that, and every institution says that, but it doesn't change anything — I'm shocked the UI didn't have something like that in its admissions materials before," said first-year dental student Levi Zarbano.

Students also disagreed on the effectiveness of UI plans for students already on campus.

"[AlcoholEdu] could be a good reminder," Williams said. "Information is always good, and because you have something you have to take, it

might be more powerful. But Zarbano said he doesn't think students answer alcohol- and health-related surveys honestly.

"If I were a heavy drinker, I wouldn't tell the university about it, especially if it's being tracked by Student Health," he said. "And no one would take the university up on an intervention."

Still, one UI student thought parent-student education would help students take alcohol-safety information more seriously.

"I feel like sitting there with my mom would be more effective. I would listen to my mom more than anyone else," said UI sophomore Rebecca Jett. "It's better than sitting with peers. If I were sitting with my friends during something like that, I would be more likely to take it as a joke."

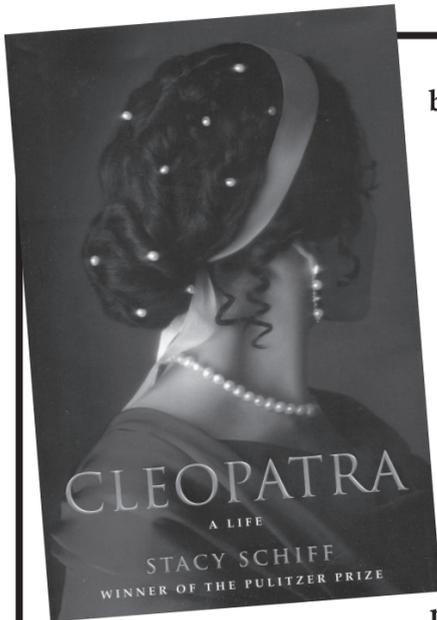
And while some students thought the 21-ordinance might help the UI in its quest to reduce binge drinking by 15 percent in three years, others laughed at the projected timeline.

"I think now without the bars, that could definitely go down in three years," Williams said. "I think it will definitely decline just because of the bars being 21, but maybe not that much."

Zarbano said even with the 21-ordinance, he didn't think the university could lower drinking rates in such a short amount of time.

"No, that is far too short of a timeline. It's a party culture even if [students] can't go to bars; they'll just go to house parties — I thought I was ambitious," he said. "[Drinking] is a draw of the college — we've been on every top-10 party list since I've been in high school."

— by Hayley Bruce



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Editorial

More education, awareness needed on cyberbullying

Before the advent of the Internet, when social-networking sites such as Facebook and MySpace were still a thing of the future and cell phones were big, bulky devices for the privileged few, kids could escape the big, bad bully by running back to the confines of their own homes.

But with digital devices now readily available, virtually no premise is safe, and almost anyone is susceptible to cyberbullying. Because of the pervasiveness of cyberbullying — and the profound isolation many victims experience — education, awareness, and prevention are needed.

Cyberbullying is using any digital device such as the Internet, cell phones, video-game systems, or other technology to send or post contents with the intention to deliberately hurt a person. A full 43 percent of teens have been victims of cyberbullying in the last year, according to National Crime Prevention, a nonprofit group. A paltry 11 percent actually talked to their parents about incidents of cyberbullying.

While City High Principal John Bacon said there haven't been many incidents of cyberbullying at area schools, he didn't play down the significance of the issue, saying its ability to disrupt a student's learning environment is one of his main concerns. Bacon said school officials "really want to make an effort to be proactive" so they can help students understand the seriousness of cyberbullying and the consequences of sending harmful messages.

Kathy Staley, an assistant director of the University Counseling Service, said she hasn't had to deal with the issue personally, but stressed the importance of increasing cyberbullying awareness as well. She told *The Daily Iowan* last week, "If students come to us, we work with them to manage the situation."

If someone is potentially at risk, she advocates offering as much protection as possible and working to repair self-esteem and confidence issues that would likely arise. However, it largely depends on the individual, she told the Editorial Board.

While it doesn't appear to be a prevalent problem in Iowa City just yet, we still feel the need to inform those of steps to take to prevent bullying.

Internet users need to be aware of the risks and benefits posed by the Internet; virtually anyone can access social-networking sites and get hold of personal information, for example. Keep your personal information private and be familiar with privacy accounts on websites most frequently visited to control who can see what. National Crime Prevention suggests showing victims how to block the bully's messages or to delete messages without reading them to prevent bullying from occurring. Last, it is crucial for teens to understand the importance of reporting incidents and where to go to report said acts, because so many go unnoticed.

Cyberbullying can be especially coercive, compared to traditional bullying. While less physical — it's not as if you're leaving the lunch room with a sore arm and empty pockets — victims are often left to fend for themselves while online: There's little chance of a heroic intervenor stepping in the way of a roundhouse punch. The weapons of cyberbullies are denigrating words and sentences, not face-to-face intimidation.

So while it appears cyberbullying isn't pervasive at the UI and surrounding high schools, we still support increased awareness efforts and laud those taking the right steps to educate students. After all, it only takes a click of the mouse or a quick text message for the problem to arise.

Your turn. Have you been the victim of cyberbullying? Weigh in on dailyiowan.com.

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The benefits of WikiLeaks

The WikiLeaks exposure has reminded us of one thing as American citizens: Be critical and skeptical about our government. These recent leaks are the largest set of "confidential documents" ever released to the public domain. The leaked documents are private communications between the United States and other nations. The documents prove the United States has spied on U.N. officials while ignoring "corruption and human-rights abuse in client states."

WikiLeaks was created in 2006. The founders of the

organization have not been identified for security purposes. The main spokesperson for WikiLeaks is an Australian named Julian Assange. The purpose of WikiLeaks is to leak confidential information to citizens of various countries.

WikiLeaks is beneficial to the United States because of our outdated secure-document practices. With these recent leaks, it is obvious our government needs to upgrade its security techniques. Our government is not taking the proper precautions to keep certain information secret.

WikiLeaks proves to us once again we have to be critical and skeptical about our government — why are we spying on the

United Nations when we are a member of the organization? This demonstrates what little knowledge we have of our own government's actions.

Chris Stewart
UI freshman

No sympathy for shuttered bars

In response to Monday's article on the effects of the drinking ordinance on the bars and downtown ("IC sees earlier drinking, bars close"): If a bar can only stay in business because it is selling alcohol illegally to underage drinkers, then why should we be sympathetic when it closes down? If the bars

were following the law before the ordinance and only serving pop to underage kids, then I don't think that the loss of a couple of hours of pop sales should hurt them much.

Obviously, if underage drinking had not been a problem, then real adults would not have had to step in and make an ordinance to help curb the actions of irresponsible young adults. Public outcry should not be that this ordinance is unfair or wrong, but that these businesses were operating with a business plan to sell alcohol illegally to the public.

John M. Wagner
University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics employee

Violins unbound



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A 1741 Guarneri violin is going on sale for the record price of \$18 million, NPR cheerily informs me, in the way only NPR can.

\$18 million? I say. Well. That's certainly not just fiddling around.

Who can afford to pay \$18 million for violin? you ask. Not musicians, NPR informs us. Rich violin collectors, it turns out. A few years back, a Russian collector paid \$10.5 million for another Guarneri, which leads me to believe that some people have been less affected by the economic mess than a whole lot of other people.

Ah, yes, the economic mess. Most of the time, I have to admit, I prefer to ignore the economy, because that's what we have economists for.

Isn't it? I can't really think of any other reason you'd have economists cluttering up the landscape.

Which leads us inexorably to the state of Iowa budget. I know, I don't want to go there, either (I'd much rather think about football bowl games — well, maybe not), but the state's budget will affect the University of Iowa's finances, and those eventually affect almost everyone in this fair burg.

(Speaking of this fair burg, how clever was it for the local government to pass an ordinance that eventually led to some bars closing and a bunch of people losing their jobs in a time of high unemployment? That's what I thought, too.)

The state of Iowa, it turns out, will receive \$6 billion more next year in tax receipts than it had expected — which, you have to admit, will buy a lot of overpriced Guarneris. Not that we'd expect our state officials to hop into the violin-collecting business. (I mean, they did such a fine job hopping into the moviemaking business.)

But still, \$6 billion — that's a fair amount to play with. Or rather,

spend soberly and carefully. So we won't have to bear the brunt of draconian budget cuts, right?

No, that's not how it's going to work out. State officials are going to slash the budget, \$6 billion extra or no \$6 billion extra. Why? Because there's no federal-stimulus money coming down the pike.

Ah yes, the federales. Right now, the Democrats and Republicans are squabbling over whether the Bush-era tax cuts should be extended for rich people. They agree that the middle class should keep their tax cuts, but the rich?

The Republicans seem determined to make the economy safe for yacht buyers and collectors of old violins. The theory is, so far as we can discern a theory, that if the economy is safe for yacht buyers and violin collectors, sooner or later, it'll be safe for us, too.

The problem is, sooner or later almost always turns out to be very, very much later. And even then, we couldn't possibly afford a 1741 Guarneri.

Now, President Obama could stand tough about the tax cuts — after all, he could remember that then-President Bill Clinton spurred America's longest sustained economic growth by raising taxes on the rich.

But Obama, as it turns out, is a nice, intelligent guy who also happens to have the spine of an oyster. Which gives you hope you can grieve in.

So we'll have some sort of compromise, and the rich will get to keep their tax cuts so they can buy some more yachts and Guarneris.

Or, as Warren Buffet, who knows a thing or three about being rich, put it: "The rich are always going to say that, you know, just give us more money, and we'll all go out and spend more, and then it will trickle down to the rest of you. But that has not worked the last 10 years, and I hope the American public is catching on."

Um, not exactly.

I don't know about you, but I'm going to forget about the economy and go listen to some nice violin music. ■

Guest opinion

Remember who brought you the weekend

The bumper sticker — you've all seen it: "The people who brought you the weekend — the Labor Movement" — is not just a poignant reminder about the roots of the lifestyle we take for granted. It's also a testimony to the historical amnesia that afflicts Americans. But that amnesia is no accident. American culture is awash in anti-unionism that effaces our history. In film, TV, and much news reporting, images of supposed union corruption and selfishness are ubiquitous.

Politicians make hay out of attacks on the teachers' and public employee's unions that are alleged to protect unproductive workers. Contracts negotiated in good faith by unionized public employees are now repeatedly challenged by governors, including Iowa

Gov.-elect Terry Branstad. They accuse public employees, many of whom have seen their wages stagnate and their benefits cut while the incomes of the very wealthy climb, of defending their "privileges" in the face of diminishing public revenues. But these same elected officials refuse to consider raising taxes on the rich to maintain vital public services or support the real costs of quality education.

We are in the midst of a "jobless recovery" in which the official unemployment rate continues to hover just below 10 percent and in some communities and segments of the population (including graduating college students) is much higher. Many conservatives blame President Obama's policies for keeping unemployment high because, they claim, busi-

nesses are worried sick about whether tax rates for the wealthy might go up 3 percentage points.

Actually, many business ideologues think high unemployment is not a bad thing because it forces wages downward, gives employers more flexibility in hiring, and weakens the capacity of unions to resist cutbacks in living standards of their members. With many job seekers and few jobs, employers can set new low standards of employment that in a robust labor market they could never get away with. For example, they can hire temporary workers with no benefits and limited organizing ability.

The role that unions have played in securing dignity and a respectable lifestyle for millions of American workers

has largely been forgotten. Since the years immediately following World War II, the improvements union workers won through struggle and sacrifice (e.g., the eight-hour work day, weekends, sick leave, paid vacation) have been under attack. In a period of declining union membership, even the hard-won "weekend" is no longer secure.

Not many months ago, passage of the Employee Free Choice Act seemed possible. This law would have restored the right of workers to speedy unionization (originally guaranteed under the Wagner Act), whenever the choice of a majority of employees, based on signed cards, was demonstrated. That right has been eroded. Instead, unions have been faced with a return to the days when employers routinely subverted union mem-

bers' democratic rights to union representation. Employer propaganda, a weak economy, and a Congress and president who have lost the will to fight for union members' rights have almost guaranteed that this legislation will not see the light of day.

Students need to defend not just their right to the weekend and a job that offers the promise of a better life but also the vital social programs that unions were so instrumental in winning for all of us — health-care reform, Social Security, unemployment compensation, Medicare, and Medicaid. The conservative/corporate attack machine targets unions because they know a vibrant labor movement is the main protector of these programs. They saturate the airwaves with anti-union

hype and portray the right to a decent, well-paying job with good benefits and the dignity of having union representation as "socialism."

We need to remember who brought us the weekend and fight for our right to keep it and other union-won benefits. We can do that by defending union workers and their right to collective bargaining. Union wages and benefits provide an essential lever for lifting the wages and the rights of all workers. Look around — if you see a picket line or workers bargaining for decent conditions of work (like TAs and RAs are now doing through their union, UE-COGs), reach out and express your support. They are fighting for all of us and for our weekends, too.

Shelton Stromquist, a University of Iowa history professor, specializes in U.S. labor and social history.

IOWA RIVER LANDING

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attract diversity comes at a time when Iowa City is making plans to do the same.

Earlier this year, Iowa City officials invested \$45,000 in a feasibility study to evaluate the economic climate of downtown, suggesting it would benefit from more diversity.

A little more than a decade ago, in 1998, downtown Iowa City was directly affected by the opening of Coral Ridge Mall. The large mall immediately changed the economic landscape for downtown.

"It was the beginning of a really difficult time for downtown," said former Iowa City Mayor Ernie Lehman.

But officials aren't predicting the Iowa River Landing district will have the same effect on downtown businesses.

"Typically, the downtown type of shops fill more of a niche and more of a need of the market area they are in," said Randy Pilkington, the director of business and community services at the University of Northern Iowa.

The department conducted the feasibility study for Iowa City earlier this year. Pilkington said the Iowa River Landing will probably bring more retail activity and trade to the Iowa City and Coralville area.

Wendy Ford, Iowa City's economic-development coordinator, also said she is not worried about the future of downtown Iowa City and has not heard any negative feedback from business owners.

"I don't think it's going to detract from downtown in any way," she said.

She said each downtown Iowa City business has its own distinct personality and place in the commercial landscape. In fact, she said, the Iowa



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Construction equipment is seen on the site of a new development at the Iowa River Landing in Coralville on Sunday. The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics has broken ground for a new outpatient clinic. Retail stores will also occupy the new buildings.

River Landing's shoppers may be curious to visit Iowa City as well.

Iowa City City Councilor Mike Wright said the contrast between Iowa City and the River Landing is too vast to expect an impact.

"I'm inclined to doubt it," he said. "Our downtown is very different from that."

Wright said he thinks the Iowa River Landing district is targeting mostly chains, which is not what downtown Iowa City features.

Mark Ginsberg, the owner of M.C. Ginsberg, 110 E. Washington St., said he thinks the River Landing development will broaden the area's tax base, among other benefits.

"I don't think it's going to have a diluting effect to the businesses that are downtown," he said, and he believes it will also increase the amount of services provided and force downtown Iowa City to become more creative.

Specific retailers and restaurants have yet to be chosen for the Iowa River Landing District; officials plan to be announce them within the next two months.

The City Council already unanimously approved the sale of the land located east of Second Street and south of Interstate 80 for a new 100-room hotel, owned by Lincoln McIlravy, a former Hawkeye wrestler, who owns Comfort Suites in Coralville.

Iowa River Landing

Coralville's Iowa River Landing may include, along with a hotel and retail:

- Specialty movie theater
- Microbrewery
- Bowling alley with a sports bar
- Department store

Source: Coralville City Administrator Kelly Hayworth

While the project won't be completed until 2012, some University of Iowa students are indifferent about the prospect. UI sophomore Maggie Younger said she will most likely stick with shopping in Iowa City.

"I think shopping with some independent stores and supporting the local economy is really important to do," she said.

Remembering



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Jessica Grimm (left) and son Lincoln sit in Lower City Park on Monday during a candlelight vigil that mourned children who have passed away. Lincoln lost a cousin who died on the day he was born. Approximately 50 people attended the event, which featured music, a reading, and prayers. "We come here to perform music and share the feeling with other people who lost their kids," said Kim Hawkins, who performed a musical number at the event.



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LEVEE

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The city would pay the difference, said Rick Fosse, the director of Iowa City's Public Works.

The city can decide to complete all, none, or a mix of the three levee projects, Davidson said. Councilors also have to decide whether to build the levees to fit the 100-year or 500-year floodplain.

Construction of a levee on Taft Speedway — along the Iowa River — would require a road to run along the top of the levee and some "very careful engineering," Davidson said.

Cost estimates for a levee on the Taft Speedway prepared for a 500-year flood plus 3 feet is \$11.76 million.

Councilor Susan Mims asked Davidson if the city is committed to building the levees if the council accepts the grant money.

There is a chance the city could keep the funds if it backs out of the project in preliminary design, but it's not a certainty. The city would likely have to return the remaining money if the levee is not built.

"If you run into something that really changes what your application said you wanted to [do], there is a chance that we would be able to keep the funds we had expended up until that point," Davidson said.

Mims asked if there were other options instead of an earthen levee, but Davidson said the grant had to apply for a more permanent structure.

After concerns were raised about residents living on the river side of the levee, Fosse said those issues would emerge during design.

"If we go down this road, we start on a journey," Councilor Regenia Bailey said. "It's not just one decision."

Taft Speedway residents Joel Wilcox and Mark Phelps, who attended the session, questioned the construction of a levee in their area.

Phelps said he was con-

cerned about the lack of concrete design plans.

"We're spending \$15.7 million, and we don't have this engineered," he said.

Wilcox, his neighbor, had similar misgivings.

"I just don't think it's the right thing for our neighborhood right now," he said.

But Mike Crawford, a six-year Idyllwild resident, said he approved of levee construction.

"Obviously, it will protect our 92 houses," he said.

Crawford said he understands the design and engineering phase are significant for the project but said he wasn't concerned about a few design plans as long as the council ended up providing a levee.

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PROs & CONs of Winter and Snow:

Pro: Claymation Christmas specials, *A Christmas Story*, and *Christmas Vacation*.
Con: All other Christmas specials.

Pro: Classic versions of "White Christmas," "Baby, It's Cold Outside," and "Let it Snow".
Con: Christmas albums put out by every musical "artist" under the sun playing on repeat in all department stores from the beginning of November and into January.

Pro: Skiing and snowboarding!
Con: We live in Iowa!

Pro: A four-wheeler, some rope, and an empty pasture make sledding actually fun.
Con: Snow is not as soft as you think, and neither are trees, fences, or cows.

Pro: Frozen dog poo means I don't have to worry about it sticking on my shoes.
Con: I can't tell whether or not my dog is healthy simply by looking at his nose.

Pro: Woman will still insist on wearing high heels and short skirts to the bars.
Con: You will regularly loan out coats and sweaters and never see them again.

Pro: I can easily avoid spots in downtown alleys where drunks have peed.
Con: People can easily tell that I've just peed in a downtown alley.

Pro: Fresh snow works great in margaritas and slushies.
Con: You can only fool someone so many times with a "lemon snow cone."

Pro: My porch becomes a large freezer.
Con: I've only got enough money to buy a sixer of PBR.

Pro: Other people's porches become large freezers ...

— Nathan Wulf thinks mittens look dead sexy on you.

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CIGAR-VILLE



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UI senior Matthew Oakley arranges the cigar case at the Tobacco Bowl on Monday. "I started smoking cigars when I started working here a year and half ago," he said. The store has approximately 60 different types of cigars, most of which are made in South America.

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PRESENTS...

horoscopes Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2010

— by Eugenia Last

ARIES March 21-April 19 Concentrate on the lesson, not the experience, and detach yourself emotionally. Discipline and gauging your time carefully will be required. Put serious consideration and thought into every move you make.

TAURUS April 20-May 20 A chance to position yourself for a job that interests you is possible. Someone you know will put in a good word and a recommendation. Change is heading your way.

GEMINI May 21-June 20 There will be plenty of pressure to deal with if you leave your personal paperwork unfinished. You will not be able to move forward and may even be penalized. A sudden loss will leave you in a vulnerable position.

CANCER June 21-July 22 Make sure you hold up your end of any partnerships you are involved in. Socializing with peers or enjoying a little festive spirit at work will help you build a closer relationship to people you work alongside.

LEO July 23-Aug. 22 You may not feel like working, but it's important to stay on top of your tasks. You may face problems with someone you love or live with if you don't take care of your share of the chores. A burden that will cause emotional upset must be taken care of immediately.

VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22 You have plenty of options. Making alterations at home will turn out superbly and will bring you closer to your family or lover. A social gathering with fellow workers will allow you insight.

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Don't let anyone guilt you into thinking you should do more. The pace will be hectic, and in order to do things well, you have to stay focused and stick to the basics. A good idea you want to share with friends or your lover will pay off.

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Someone who meant a lot to you in the past will surface, making you rethink your direction and geographical location. A lot can change in a very short period of time. Be ready to take action at the first opportunity.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Take on a challenge, and you will show everyone how well you work under pressure. Expect to face a problem regarding your home, family, or residence. Finish whatever needs doing before the year comes to a close.

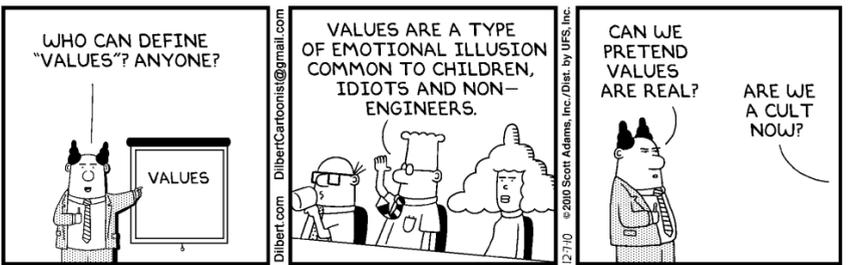
CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Sort through matters that need to be cleared up quickly. Your insight will guide you regarding your work and how you can turn something you want to do into a profitable endeavor. There is no time to waste.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18 The more you offer to help a cause or those in need, the better you will feel about who you are and what you represent. You can stabilize your life if you interact with people with something to offer you in return. Hard work will pay off.

PISCES Feb. 19-March 20 You may face an explosive situation if you aren't willing to back down and rethink how you should proceed. Give everyone time to calm down. A promise made to someone you regard highly will be reciprocated.

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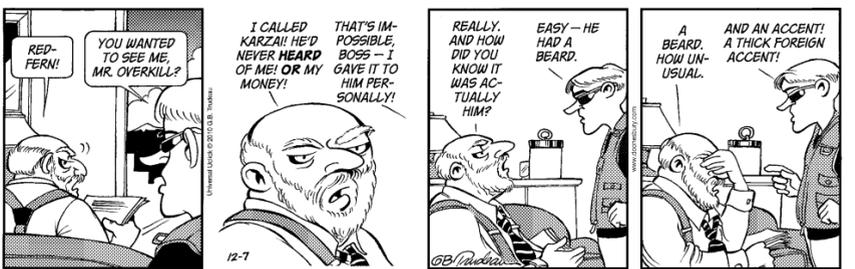
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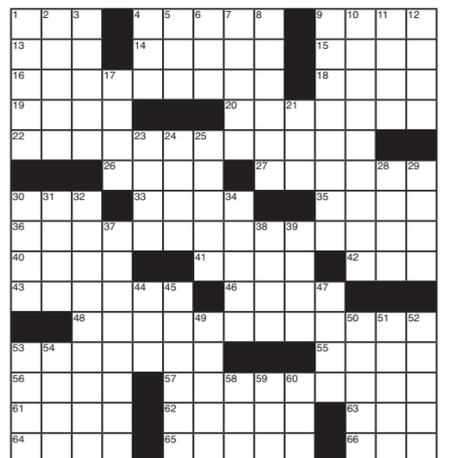
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- **Engineering Success Seminar for First-Year Students**, 8:30 a.m., Main Library Shambaugh Auditorium
- **Pharmacology Seminar, "Mitochondrial Fission and Fusion in Humans and *C. elegans*,"** Alexander van der Blik, University of California-Los Angeles, 10:30 a.m., 2189 Medical Education & Research Facility
- **Word Basics**, 11 a.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Study Nights**, noon-midnight, Asian Pacific-American Culture Center
- **Technological Entrepreneurship Certificate Advising**, noon, 3123A Seaman's Center
- **Investment Roundtable**, 12:15 p.m., S121 Pappajohn Business Building
- **Materials Physics/Solid State Physics Seminar, "Magnetoelectric Control of Spin Waves in a Ring Interferometer,"** Tianyu Liu, 12:15 p.m., 301 Van Allen
- **Biochemistry Workshop, Andy Frank**, 12:30 p.m., 283 Eckstein Medical Research Building
- **Engineering Success Seminar for First-Year Students**, 12:30 p.m., 1505 Seaman's Center
- **Joint Astrophysics/Space Physics, "TBA,"** Justin Parsons, 1:30 p.m., 309 Van Allen
- **Operator Theory Seminar, "Stochastic processes governed by singular measures,"** Palle Jorgensen, 1:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen
- **Math Physics Seminar, "Freedom and Matter,"** William Klink, 2:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen
- **New Horizons Band Ensemble Concerts**, 2:30 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Microbiology Seminar, "Cruising with Noroviruses,"** Ralph Baric, University of North Carolina, 3 p.m., Bowen Auditorium 3
- **Engineering Success Seminar for First-Year Students**, 3:30 p.m., Main Library Shambaugh Auditorium
- **Faculty Senate Meeting**, 3:30 p.m., Old Capitol Senate Chamber
- **Library-Community Writing Center**, 4 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Zumba**, 4:45 p.m., Senior Center
- **Santa's Workshop Drop-off Program**, 5 p.m., Iowa Children's Museum, Coral Ridge Mall
- **Steel Band II and III**, 6:30 p.m., 150 Music West Interim Building
- **House (Hausu)**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **Michigan Peace Team in Palestine with Martha Larsen and Liz Walters**, 7 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** Nora Titone, nonfiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Karaoke**, 8 p.m., Wildwood, 4919 B Walleys S.E.
- **Karaoke**, 8 p.m., Studio 13, 13 S. Linn
- **Tuesday Night Social Club**, 8 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Iowa Friends of Old-Time Music Jam Session**, 8:30 p.m., Hill-top, 1100 N. Dodge
- **You Will Meet a Tall Dark Stranger**, 9:30 p.m., Bijou
- **Dance Party**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- **Open Mike**, 10 p.m., Firewater, 347 S. Gilbert

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 1102

- Across**
- Toy gun shot
 - Machine that was often cloned
 - Molecular matter
 - "Don't Bring Me Down" band, for short
 - It may be "golden" in mathematics
 - Kind of shark
 - Where a cowpuncher may work
 - Sweat spot
 - School attended by James Bond ... and Ian Fleming
 - Big bears
 - Drink made with vodka, coffee liqueur and cream
 - Equipment for Olympian Lindsey Vonn
 - Aunts, in Arles
 - "Exodus" hero
 - Grades in the mid-70s
 - "Arrivederci"
 - "Sorry if that rude word offended you"
 - Double-reed woodwind
 - Prefix with -morphism
 - "What a pleasant surprise!"
 - Letter-writing prisoner, perhaps
 - Quatre + un
 - Play whence the phrase "the most unkindest cut of all"
 - Group for young people coping with parental substance abuse
 - "Othello" villain
 - Green fruit
 - What the last words in 16-, 22-, 36- and 48-Across are
 - fixe
 - "Fiddler on the Roof" milkman
 - Game cube

- Down**
- Moisten, as grass
 - Animator Don
 - "Same here"
 - Like the verb "to be": Abbr.
 - Sheep's cry
 - Everest, e.g.: Abbr.
 - Selects
 - Any regular on "The View," e.g.
 - Atmosphere, as at a restaurant
 - Quentin who directed "Inglourious Basterds"
 - "I get it already!"
 - Does some lawn work
 - Sinusitis docs
 - 1/7 of a Spanish week
 - Kitchen utensil brand name
 - Nothing, in Paris
 - 1972 #2 hit for Bill Withers
 - Individually
 - Greenwich Village neighbor
 - Individually
 - "Streamers" playwright David
 - Exhibiting fierce determination
 - Matches, as two tapes
 - Overseas diplomat in N.Y.C., say
 - Little Orphan Annie's dog
 - Texas A&M athlete
 - Rock's Guns N'
 - Like, with "to"
 - Beach resort at the entrance to the Lagoon of Venice
 - Model Herzigova
 - Six-Day War land: Abbr.
 - Word with the longest entry in the O.E.D.



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BASKETBALL

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isn't about the rivalry. It's about an opportunity.

As far as a benchmark win for a program looking to get some national exposure other than a recruiting violation featuring Ashton Kutcher and Demi Moore, this is probably the best chance for a win over a tournament-bound opponent before conference play.

UNI holds a rare distinction as one of just three mid-major schools to make the NCAA Tournament five out of the last seven seasons. The other two "non-major" schools are basketball behemoths Gonzaga and Memphis.

Iowa doesn't boast any credentials near those in recent years.

But this year's squad is completely revamped in its

style, now a complete contrast of Northern Iowa's methodical half-court tactics. And McCaffery has played UNI twice in the last two years while at Siena, going 1-1.

Even more importantly, the Hawkeyes believe they have a never-say-die attitude that will keep them in every game they play.

"I've been noticing we're a team that always fights," sophomore guard Eric May said. "Maybe we lose focus for a minute, but we always regain that and keep fighting back."

Others agreed with this assessment of the team philosophy.

"We're not a weak-minded team," Basabe said. "It doesn't seem like we ever give up, and we haven't lain down for anyone."

The squad's play has backed this up.

Down by 22 at one point in the second half to Xavier on Nov. 19, the Hawkeyes trimmed the deficit to eight points with two minutes left.

And in that Idaho State contest, Iowa let a 26-point lead get down to five points in the second half, but held the Bengals scoreless for the last four minutes to win by 17.

Against a defense-heavy Northern Iowa, this fight is going to be important.

In truth, one game won't make or break the Iowa program. It's possibly not even the most important game against an in-state rival this week with a major conference school in Iowa State coming to Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Friday.

Hence, McCaffery said that the team's progression is steady, despite results in any game.

"We're still trying to fig-

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• Students can pick up their tickets at the IMU Box Office or the UI Athletics Ticket Office (inside the west entrance of Carver-Hawkeye Arena). Tickets for the general public are \$20 for adults, \$10 for youths.

• Iowa students should enter the arena via the South Entrance. Campus will run a shuttle from Burge to Carver-Hawkeye from 6 p.m. until tip-off at 7:06.

ure some things out," he said. "Still trying to understand the anatomy of the game. But I think [we're] making strides in a positive direction without question."

ing different lifting cycles, including strongman routines. These heavy lifting routines included sled pushes and pulls, as well as lifting other objects.

Cappos noted it takes a two- to three-year learning curve for athletes to fully develop their throwing skills, but he said the success they've had so far is outstanding. He believes their work in the weight room and on their technique will continue to show results.

Taylor said the weight lifting has been the biggest reason for the improved results.

Throughout their fall training, Haight said, each thrower has recorded personal bests in the weight room — part of the reason she thinks the success is beginning to surface in spite of their youth.

"We just want to slowly develop their technique and strength levels," Cappos said. "And then, eventually, we want to become one of the better programs in the Big Ten."

THROWERS

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The youth of the group does not seem to be an issue for her.

"We don't consider each other sophomores or freshmen," she said. "We're all on the same playing field, and we all push each other in the same way. Looking on paper, you could say we're freshmen, sophomores, but it doesn't feel like it."

The throws group was the first group Anderson noted as improved performers in the intrasquad meet. He pointed to Taylor and Curry, along with throwers Micaela Haight, a freshman, and sophomore Majesty Tutson, as having the big performances.

Tutson believes the throwers' youth will be beneficial in the future. By the time the young athletes become upperclassmen, she said, they will be a strong group of seasoned throwers.

One of the main ways the Hawkeyes have begun that rebuilding process has been in the weight room. During summer training, Taylor said, they spent around two hours a day in the weight room implement-

teammates stand on the sidelines belting out the familiar chant "Hawkeye Relays" at the top of their lungs.

Swimmers attribute the team chemistry and support during these races among the reasons for success.

"I always swim a little quicker during relays, because I like going with people on a team instead of against them," junior captain Ryan Phelan said. "Everyone is rooting for you, and with everyone in sync, it raises the energy and gives you a boost."

The cheers can pump up the participating members and intimidate other teams.

"Everyone is always striving to be on a relay, but no swimmers are ever mad or angry if they aren't, they're always supportive," Partridge said. "I think the [chants during the relays] shows the energy we bring to the pool."

"Those cheers represent and show [the competition] that we like to swim, we like to compete, and we like to beat people."

SWIMMING

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Relays are also the events that generate the highest score depending on how the squad places, and that score often determines the outcome of the meet.

During practice, swimmers work on technique by using a reaction pad — which calculates if the team member jumps off before a returning swimmer touches the wall — when they line up on the blocks. Timing is essential, even if it is by a few tenths of a second. Too early a start, which can lead to disqualification of the entire event, or too late of a start can determine the outcome of the meet.

The relay teams performed their best Sunday at the Hawkeye Invitational: Iowa placed first in all events.

"It's a goal of ours to be scoring on a relay at NCAAs," head coach Marc Long said. "We've still got a lot of time [this season] to get people to get on the 'A' relays."

Realizing the importance of these events,

Heisman Trophy finalists named

By JOHN MARSHALL
Associated Press

Auburn quarterback Cam Newton and Oregon running back LaMichael James, two of the nation's most dynamic players, will meet in the national championship game next month.

First, a stop in New York.

Newton and James were named finalists for the Heisman Trophy on Monday, and they will be joined by Stanford's Andrew Luck and Kellen Moore of Boise State for Saturday's announcement in Times Square.

Newton overcame a pay-to-play scandal with a superb season on the field, piling up nearly 4,000 combined yards and 49 touchdowns in leading the top-ranked Tigers into the Jan. 10 national championship game.

James and the Ducks will be there waiting for them in the desert after he piled up more yards and touchdowns than anyone else in Football Bowl Series, helping the second-ranked Ducks into their first national-title game.

"Since I was a young boy, playing the game of football has been a pure joy and this season has been a very special one for my teammates and for me," Newton said in a statement. "I know as a team we're excited to get back on the field on January 10 against a great Oregon team."

Newton is the front-runner, but the big question is whether voters will look past the scandal involving his father.

Newton was unparalleled on the field.

He threw for 2,589 yards and 28 touchdowns while running for 1,409 yards and 20 more scores — adding another on a reception — to join Florida quarterback and 2007 Heisman Trophy winner Tim Tebow and Nevada's Colin Kaepernick (this season) as the only Bowl Series players to have 20 touchdowns rushing and passing in a season.

In his final regular-season game, he threw four TD passes and scored two more on the ground in Auburn's 56-17 rout of 18th-ranked South Carolina that earned Auburn the SEC championship and a shot at its first national title since 1957.

The knock against Newton is the shenanigans by his father, Cecil.

The elder Newton was accused of working with the owner of a scouting service to get up to \$180,000 for his son to play for at Mississippi State while the quarterback was being recruited out of junior college last year.

The NCAA cleared Cam, saying neither he nor Auburn knew anything about it, but Heisman voters might be leery of another Reggie Bush-type situation. The 2005 Heisman winner from USC gave back his trophy earlier this year, and his school was hit with heavy sanctions, after a four-year NCAA investigation determined he was ineligible that season for receiving improper benefits.

If Newton does win it, he'll join Bo Jackson (1985)

and Pat Sullivan (1971) as Heisman Trophy winners at Auburn.

"I'm very honored and blessed to be named a finalist for the Heisman Trophy with some other outstanding players," said Newton, who was playing at a Texas junior college just a year ago. "Like I've said, this is not an individual honor but a team honor. I wouldn't be in this position without my great teammates, coaches and the Auburn family."

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BALBOA

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of it, and if I see something wrong, I'm going to tell my teammates to help them improve."

Reive was impressed with Balboa's leadership abilities, especially the way he encourages his teammates during competition.

"He's a kid who is going to hit a set, get down, and say 'All right, you're next. Let's go,'" Reive said. "It brings a level of comfort for the team."

The coach expects Balboa to compete in the Big Ten and NCAA finals in the all-around, as well as achieve All-American status. While the parallel bar and high-bar events are strong points for him, Reive said, he believes Bal-

boa can give the Hawkeyes good performances in all six events.

For Balboa, his goal is simple.

"I just want to do the best I can so the team can improve. It's the start of a new process with Coach JD," he said.

"It's barely started, and I am looking forward to what's ahead."

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Will Iowa beat Missouri in the Insight Bowl?

No
The Hawkeyes are heading to Arizona to play in a bowl game.

Unfortunately, it won't be the national championship game fans dreamed of before the season started.

Instead Iowa is heading to the lowly Insight Bowl after it ended the season on a three-game losing streak and finished with a mediocre 7-5 record.

The Hawkeyes' opponent is the Mizzou Tigers, who are led by junior quarterback Blaine Gabbert. Gabbert, a former blue-chip recruit, is a second-year starter and is regarded as a potential first-round pick in the 2012 NFL draft.

The 6-5 gunslinger, a tailor-made pro-style quarterback, has led the Tigers to a 10-2 record. The record includes a dismantling of then top-ranked Oklahoma Oct. 23 in Columbia.

Mizzou has excelled on both sides of the ball with a potent offense averaging 35 points per game



While a stingy defense gives up an average of 14 a game.

The Tigers' only losses both came on the road (Nebraska, Texas Tech), and both games were close. The team is talented, and the majority of starters are expected back with what could potentially be a national-championship team in 2011.

Missouri has to be furious facing the lowly Hawkeyes in the

Insight Bowl, considering it's one of the top teams in the country with just two losses. I expect the Tigers to play inspired and wreck an Iowa team that has clearly given up on the season.

Anyone who watched the last three games of the season could see that the Hawkeyes were consistently outplayed and beaten by teams worse than them in Northwestern and Minnesota.

This Iowa team didn't live up to the preseason hype, and the coaching staff is to blame. Ken O'Keefe consistently fails to be able to call offensive plays that move the chains. And a defense that made its living last year in opponents' backfields is consistently beaten by opposing teams in the fourth quarter. The Gophers — a team that is the joke of the Big Ten — put up more than 200 rushing yards on Iowa.

Expect the Hawkeyes to continue their slide and be thoroughly embarrassed by a far superior Missouri team.

— by Ben Wolfson

Yes

Remember how just a few short months ago, the Iowa football team seemed geared for a run at a national championship?

But then, the Hawkeyes lost to Arizona. And Wisconsin. And Northwestern. And Ohio State. And Minnesota.

Goodbye BCS, hello Insight Bowl.

The season has been marked by disappointment, and playing in a pre-New Year's bowl game is the icing on the proverbial cake from a fan's standpoint.

It might be the best thing to happen to Iowa all year, though.

Kirk Ferentz and Company can use the



disappointment, humiliation, and frustration as motivation against No. 14 Missouri. The Hawkeyes will be angry on Dec. 28, and anger on the football field is good.

The anger will manifest itself mostly on the defensive side of the ball. After all, the defense gave up fourth-quarter, game-winning touchdowns in each of the team's last three games. The defensive linemen have one more shot to justify their prodigious preseason hype, and they'll deliver against Mizzou.

Also, consider that one of Iowa's best offensive showings of the year — at Michigan on Oct. 16 — came after the team's bye week. Michigan's defense may have had the worst season of any team in football history, but Iowa's extra week to prepare gave the Hawkeyes an edge.

Ferentz has even more time to get ready for Missouri. The Hawkeyes have three whole weeks to study film, draw up a plan, and get Adrian Clayborn on a treadmill so he can play the fourth quarter.

Iowa could play any team in the Insight Bowl and the result would be the same. The Black and Gold will be angry, they'll be prepared, and heads will roll.

Mizz-who? — by Seth Roberts

HAWKEYE SPORTS

Women's tennis lands Cohen

Iowa head women's tennis coach Katie Dougherty announced Monday that Jessica Cohen will become a Hawkeye in the 2011 spring season.

The Paris native has been ranked as high as 34th in her career by the International Tennis Federation.



Dougherty
coach

"We're thrilled to have Jessica joining the team in January," Dougherty said in a release. "We are looking for her to make an immediate impact in our singles and doubles lineup. She has a great work ethic, is passionate about her game, and will be a great asset to our program."

Iowa will begin its spring season at the Florida State Seminole Invitational in Tallahassee Jan. 15-17. Last spring, the Hawkeyes went 17-7 in dual matches on its way to earning the fourth seed in the Big Ten championships and the team's first NCAA bid in four years.

— by Jordan Garretson

NFL

Favre expected to play

If Brett Favre can throw, he'll go. Near the end of his 20th NFL season, Favre has created a consistent expectation that he'll play each weekend regardless of what kind of malady he might be dealing with. Earlier this season, it was a pair of fractures in an ankle. This time, it's a sprained joint in his right shoulder.

Interim Vikings coach Leslie Frazier, naturally, said he'd be surprised if Favre doesn't add to his NFL record and make his 298th-straight start Dec. 12 against the New York Giants.

"From what I've been told, rest is probably key," Frazier said on Monday. "That's going to be No. 1, and they'll do some exercises with him to help him as well. But it's not something that can surgically be attended to. It's just a matter of rest and then the rehab that they're going to put him through."

Frazier said Favre will be under constant evaluation. It's yet to be determined whether he'll practice. "When we go through the week, just seeing how his throwing motion is and what he can and can't tolerate," Frazier said.

— Associated Press

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Not thrown for a loop

The eight throwers on women's track and field team are using weightlifting and technique work.

By **AMY TIFFANY**
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All eight members listed on the Iowa women's track and field roster under the throws group are either true freshmen, redshirt freshmen, or sophomores. This roster recipe might not seem promising to produce scores that will be at the top of the Big Ten.

But head coach Layne Anderson said that what the throwers lack in experience, they do not lack in ability.

Fifteen-year assistant coach Scott Cappos, who is in his second full season coaching the men's and women's throwing groups specifically, said he is working on building up his female athletes' strength and technique in the next couple of years to increase their Big Ten standing.



Taylor
sophomore

Redshirt freshman Rachel Curry tossed a personal best in the shot put at the intrasquad meet on Dec. 4 with a throw of 13.94 meters, although it cannot be officially recorded.

Sophomore Kelsey Taylor also tossed a personal best in the intrasquad meet in the weighted throws, recording a distance of 16.92 meters. Taylor said for an intrasquad meet that she couldn't "ask [for] anything better than that."

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RICKY BAHNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa junior Matt Gatens defends Idaho State guard Broderick Gilchrest during the Dec. 1 game in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Gatens scored 18 points in Iowa's 67-50 loss at Northern Iowa last season.

Hawks to face Panthers

Iowa will try to snap Northern Iowa's streak of six-straight victories against the in-state opponents tonight at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

By **IAN MARTIN**
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Tonight, Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery will set his first matchup against an in-state opponent, when the Northern Iowa Panthers invade Carver-Hawkeye Arena at 7:06 p.m.

The Hawkeyes (4-4) don't

appear to be intimidated by arguably the state's best basketball program — even though they face a Northern Iowa (4-2) team on a three-game winning streak, including a victory against that squad from Ames.

Iowa players gave relatively conservative answers concerning the Panthers, with most

playing down any rivalry.

"It's still another game" was one typical answer from freshman Melsahn Basabe. "We want to win every game. So we're coming Tuesday to compete."

These types of answers come because — most likely — for the Iowa program, this game

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Balboa makes his mark early

Javier Balboa's keen eye for gymnastics is a huge benefit to the Hawkeye men's gymnastic team.

By **RYAN MURPHY**
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In his first season as a Hawkeye gymnast, Javier Balboa has made a big impression on the coaching staff.

The junior from Monterrey, Mexico, has become a leader in the gym in his short time in Iowa City.

"He brings in a level of maturity that you wouldn't see as a freshman," head coach JD Reive said. "He's been able to adapt a lot faster."

Balboa, who competes in all six gymnastics events, said his transition from Monterrey to Iowa City has been challenging but rewarding.

"It's been kind of difficult, but I have really enjoyed it," he said. "I'm happy I came to Iowa."

"He has made an exceptional transition," Reive said. "He is one of the top students on the team, and he really seems to like Iowa City."

Everything except the frigid Iowa City weather has drawn in Balboa, who said winter will definitely take some getting used to.

He chose Iowa after the Hawkeyes saw him perform at the Blackjack Invitational in Las



EUGENE CHUNG/THE DAILY IOWAN

Javier Balboa does a routine on the pommel horse during the men's gymnastics team's intrasquad meet in the Field House on Dec. 4. Balboa — who competes in all six events for the Hawkeyes — hails from Monterrey, Mexico.

Vegas and offered him a scholarship. Balboa — who placed second in the all-around in the 2010 Mexican National Championship and placed first in vault and parallel bars — signed a letter of intent in June.

Becoming a Hawkeye, he said, "was my only option. It was either come to Iowa or stay in Mexico."

Because this is his first year of NCAA com-

petition, he has three years of eligibility remaining at Iowa.

Apart from his ability to perform and excel in the gym, he has stood out as a great tool for his teammates. He assists fellow Hawkeyes by watching them perform and helping them when he sees something they can improve upon.

"He leads by example. It's like having another coach in the gym," assis-

tant coach Brad Virkler said. "He gives very easily applied corrections. That's something you don't always see. It's a great quality to have."

Balboa attributes his ability to assist his teammates to the amount of experience he's had.

"It comes with doing a lot of gymnastics," he said. "I really like gymnastics, and I watch a lot

SEE **BALBOA**, 7

Relays clicking for Hawkeyes

The relay races are a point of pride for the swimming team and the event helps unite them.

By **BEN WOLFSON**
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When looking at the Iowa men's swimming 200 medley relay and 400 free relay, the lineups from this season are inconsistent. Swimmers rotate in and out depending on who is performing better that week in practice or by a coach's gut feeling.

But what does remain consistent is the results.

The male relay squads have gotten it done this season no matter whom they compete against.

Against every opponent, the Hawkeyes have finished no worse than second place in every relay race.

It doesn't matter that Iowa has used anyone from freshman Dustin Rhoads to senior Sean Hagan — the Hawkeye swimmers have performed exceptionally well from the time they get their feet set on the blocks to when they touch the wall.



Gordon
junior

"[Being chosen to swim in a relay] is more based on how we're performing," junior Duncan Partridge said. "I don't think anyone really asks to be on a relay — you just have to prove yourself."

Typically, during dual-meet competition, there will be only two relays — the 200 medley and the 400 free. In the medley relay, each participant swims a different stroke, starting with back, then breast, fly, and finally free.

The Iowa coaches tend to choose their fastest swimmers for each stroke during the medley relay, junior Paul Gordon said.

"[The difference between a medley relay and free relay] is we have guys like Sean Hagan, who could do breaststroke or backstroke," Gordon said. "We've got guys who are versatile, whereas in a free relay, the order only depends on how you think your opponent will be swimming."

Because they are team events instead of individual races, relays are the most popular among the Hawkeye swimmers.

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