

BROMMER EMERGES?

Andrew Brommer's 12 points in 16 minutes against Iowa State surprised some, but not his teammates.

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Flyover still causes sonic booms

Some students said the height of the flyover caught them off guard.

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Officials said a flyover at Kinnick Stadium during the Iowa-Ohio State football game last month may have violated Air Force regulations by being hundreds of feet too low, the Associated Press has reported.

Videos show the four jets barely clearing the scoreboard, which rises to 112 feet. Air Force regulations require jets to fly at a minimum altitude of 1,000 feet above "the highest obstacle within 2,000 feet" of the aircraft, as well as 1,000 feet above the ground of heavily populated areas, the Associated Press said. The highest point of Kinnick is the top of the press box, at 137 feet, Kim McDonald of Neumann Monson Architects told the Associated Press. Neumann Monson designed the stadium's renovations.



Kopacek pilot

Students at the Nov. 20 Ohio State game told *The Daily Iowan* they were shocked at how close the T-38 Trainer jets came to Kinnick Stadium.

"The noise was deafening, and I honestly thought they were going to hit the

SEE FLYOVER, 3A

SMOKING BAN

Some still see smoke signals

Despite a campus wide smoking ban, some say they don't believe the number of people lighting up on campus has decreased.

By LAUREN WRETMAN
Special to *The Daily Iowan*

University of Iowa freshman Will Tapella said he smokes a pack of cigarettes a day — and he usually lights up outside Burge Residence Hall.

While smoking is banned on the University of Iowa campus, the 19-year-old said he has never received a citation. Generally, he said, there is only one police officer who has said anything to him outside Burge.

"He's warned us ... to take steps closer to the road," Tapella said, adding he also smokes walking through the Pentacrest — another prohibited area — and has never been stopped there.

Smoking on the UI campus has been illegal for more than two years, but people lighting up on campus is still a common sight. The Smokefree Air Act went into effect July 1, 2008, and smoking on the UI

SEE SMOKING, 3A



KATHLEEN WILLEM/ THE DAILY IOWAN

Students at Horn Elementary dump their leftover food into the garbage at the end of their lunch period on Nov. 18. Elementary students in the School District receive only 15 minutes for lunch. Some parents are upset with the time limit, contending it's not enough time and that their children are rushed to eat.

On your mark, get set, lunch

Some Iowa City parents are concerned the 15-minute lunch periods are too short.

By MARIA GIBBS
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Students at Horn Elementary filed into the lunch room at 11:15 a.m. on a Thursday morning, sitting down to eat with their winter coats still on. Chewing their food at a fast pace, the children ate only what time allowed, often leaving behind their fruits and vegetables or main entrées.

Only 10 minutes passed before they were hurried to recess.

Nina Elkadi, Carrie Callahan, and Callie Dains — fifth-graders — along with Carmen Gonzalez-Recober, a sixth grader, all said they feel like they don't have enough time to eat lunch.

"They're usually telling us to hurry up and eat cause we have P.E. after this," Dains said, as she stayed inside to talk with friends. "Some kids don't have enough time to eat."

The others agreed with her.

"Teachers yell at us to get out around 12, even though we still have 10 more minutes and we don't have to go out if we don't want to," Elkadi said.

Iowa City School District parents have recently raised concerns about the 15-minute lunch periods, saying they're too short.

In response, Iowa City School District Superintendent Steve Murley has scheduled a meeting at 6 p.m. today at Shimek Elementary, 1400 Grissel Place,



KATHLEEN WILLEM/THE DAILY IOWAN

Students at Horn Elementary eat their lunch on Nov. 18. Elementary students in the ICCSD only receive 15 minutes for lunch.

School lunch

The Iowa City School District will hold a meeting tonight to discuss the issue:

- Where: Shimek Elementary, 1400 Grissel Place
- When: 6 p.m. tonight
- Who will be there: parents and Steve Murley
- Why: To discuss the length of lunch periods

Source: Katina Lillios

to discuss the issue.

UI Associate Professor of anthropology Katina Lillios, a mother of a sixth-grader at Shimek, will be among those attending the meeting. She created a website, Healthy Eating

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Check out a photo slide show of Horn Elementary students during their lunch period.

Takes Time, dedicated to the issue. By Sunday night, the online petition had nearly 70 signatures.

"At our home, as I am sure in most homes, we teach our child to enjoy his eating and to see eating as a relaxing social time," she said. "The schools, in contrast, are teaching children to simply eat efficiently and minimize conversation," she said.

Lillios said she became concerned about the amount of time needed to eat when her

son came home with a full lunchbox and complained of not having enough time to eat his lunch.

"Some [kids] will throw out some of their food or skip their milk — which is wasteful and doesn't allow kids to benefit from the nutrition provided from the food they are given," Lillios said. "Children who haven't fully eaten their lunches are tired, irritable, and will not learn as effectively as well-nourished children."

School Board member Mike Cooper said he hoped the administration and parents would work the issue out.

SEE LUNCH, 3A

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WEATHER

HIGH **7** LOW **-8**
Mostly sunny, winds (and wind chill to -20 F) continue.

BRRR...

After a light snowfall coated Iowa City over the weekend, this frigid weather is expected to continue throughout finals week. Read more, page **6A**.





Studying marathon for UI finals week

Monday is typically the busiest day of finals week for study spaces like the UI Main Library, according to one library official.



RACHEL JESSEN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Students line up to purchase food and beverages at Food for Thought in the Main Library on Sunday. Individual tables, study rooms, and the ITC were crammed.

By **ARIANA WITT**
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Tori Garifo sat in a green chair on the third floor of the University of Iowa Main Library on Sunday around 5:30 p.m., marking almost six-straight hours of working on her research methods in psychology paper.

But dressed in a yellow Hawkeyes sweatshirt and gray sweatpants, the UI junior said she refuses to get stressed out by her three impending finals.

"I used to play field hockey and would have no time at all to study," Garifo said. "This is nothing."

For students such as Garifo who plan to study for hours on end this week, the Main Library is offering 24-hour access and, on Sunday, students seemed to occupy every available space the library had to offer.

In addition to the library's expanded hours, the IMU has added late-night movies at the Bijou and extra snacks for late-

night studiers.

In the library Sunday evening, UI junior Chelsea Harris studied Health for Living for five hours on the third floor before moving on to Spanish II at 5 p.m. On the second floor, UI junior Thomas Kray drafted a critical essay for nonfiction, which he'd been working on since 3 p.m.

Monday is traditionally the busiest night for finals week, said Kristi Bontrager, the coordinator of public relations for the UI Libraries.

Of the estimated 2 million people who utilize the UI Main Library annually, Bontrager said finals week usually draws the largest crowds, which can lead to a shortage of study space.

"One reason it gets that way is because we have two other libraries on the second floor ... that wouldn't normally be there," Bontrager said, referring to the Art and Music archives moved after the 2008 flood.

But if students can't find space at the Main Library, they might have better luck

at the IMU, which is traditionally open 24-hours during finals, though has been open 24 hours for the last several months as well.

This year, students can take a break for a free Bijou movie at 2 a.m., said David Grady, the UI dean of students. He noted that late-night snacks are available — including coffee and popcorn — and they now include fruit for students looking for a healthier option while studying.

"Students have different studying styles," Grady said. "Some like groups, others like it quiet. The choice depends on the student."

UI senior John Felder sat on the IMU third floor, tucked away in the corner near the KRUI radio station, studying for a statistics exam. Just around the corner from Felder's table, students who couldn't find chairs sat on the floor in hallways to study.

Christina Johnson, a lecturer in health and sports studies, teaches a course titled Stress Management,

Finals week

Study spots include:

Main Library

- Open 24-hours
- Free coffee Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday starting at 10 p.m.
- Designated quiet floors — fourth and fifth

IMU

- Open 24 hours
- Free cereal, coffee, popcorn, and fruit
- Free 2 a.m. movie at the Bijou

and she encourages students get their time-management skills going early this week.

But combating the stress of taking tests and handing in papers is not as easy as making a schedule, Johnson said. Thoughts of having one's work evaluated can create great amounts of stress that some find hard to ignore, she said.

"If students really want an A in a class but consistently feel they can't get one, finals will be a high stress period for them," Johnson said.

METRO

Restitution hearing rescheduled

A restitution hearing has been reset for a Marshalltown man who pleaded guilty to riot in a home invasion.

Randon J. Hill, 20, was originally charged with first-degree burglary joint criminal conduct, first-degree robbery joint criminal conduct, and riot following an April 12 home invasion involving at least four individuals.

Victims told police they were asleep when four intruders entered the home through a shattered glass door, armed with sticks.

The report said one of the suspects told the victims he had a gun and said he would kill them.

The victims were then ordered to lie down on the floor while several items were stolen from the home, reports said.

Hills' robbery charge was dismissed, and he received a deferred judgment for the burglary charge.

His restitution hearing has been reset for Jan. 19, 2011.

— by Hayley Bruce

Prof's sentencing continued

The sentencing of a University of Iowa assistant professor guilty of assault causing bodily injury has been continued.

Toshiki Itoh, 47, was found guilty on two counts of assault causing bodily injury in October following incidents in which he hit, kicked, and punched his female lab assistant.

On Dec. 6, his lawyer filed a motion to delay sentencing, and a motion for a new trial, while the prosecution filed a motion to resist the delay and new trial.

Itoh's sentencing was originally scheduled for Dec. 10, but a new date has not been set.

Since Itoh was charged in September 2008, he has been on paid leave from the UI with an annual salary of \$93,000.

— by Hayley Bruce

Man charged in home burglary

A Coralville man was charged with aiding and abetting the burglary of \$50,000 in property from an Iowa City home.

Wally Patheuangsin, 19, of Coralville was charged Dec. 8 with aiding and abetting first-degree theft and third-degree burglary.

According to Iowa City police, Patheuangsin and two codefendants reportedly went to the victim's home knowing the residents would be out of town. The code-

fendants reportedly entered the home to steal numerous items — mainly jewelry as well as clothes, shoes, liquor, cash, and electronics amounting to approximately \$50,000.

Police said an informant told officers the defendant and the two codefendants were responsible for the burglary.

Patheuangsin reportedly admitted to his involvement in an interview as well as the involvement of the codefendants. He also gave specific details as to how the burglary was carried out, police said.

Third-degree burglary is a Class D felony punishable by up to five years in prison or a maximum \$7,500 fine. First-degree theft is a Class C felony punishable by up to 10 years in prison and a maximum \$10,000 fine.

— by Nina Earnest

POLICE BLOTTER

Ryan Bacon, 19, Muscatine, was charged Dec. 9 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Dalesha Barton, 18, 1111 Hollywood Blvd., was charged Dec. 10 with disorderly conduct.

Gregory Benson, 50, 1930 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 1, was charged Dec. 11 with assault causing injury.

Robert Burke, 19, Ames, was charged Dec. 10 with public intoxication, interference with a traffic-control device, and disorderly conduct.

Eric Conrad, 26, 727 E. Washington St., was charged Dec. 11 with possession of a controlled substance.

Herbert Evans, 44, 1037 Cross Park Ave. Apt. E, was charged Dec. 10 with fifth-degree theft.

Jessica Farrell, 29, 802 E. Washington St., was charged Dec. 11 with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Kelly Ford, 18, 637D Mayflower, was charged Sunday with PAULA and presence in a bar after hours.

Robert Forrest, 49, address unknown, was charged Dec. 10 with public intoxication.

Michael Haythorn, 20, 1958 Broadway Apt. 2A, was charged Dec. 10 with interference with

official acts, disorderly conduct, fifth-degree theft, and PAULA.

Abigail Jungjohan, 21, 214 E. Church St., was charged Dec. 10 with fifth-degree theft.

David Lankford, 25, 1025 E. Burlington St., was charged Dec. 11 with sale of tobacco products to a minor.

Sean Maynard, 27, Orland Park, Ill., was charged Dec. 10 with public intoxication and fifth-degree theft.

Edward Reuben, 19, 1002 E. Washington St., was charged Nov. 17 with disorderly conduct, public intoxication, and criminal trespass.

David Smith, 31, 2422 Lakeside

Drive Apt. 6, was charged Dec. 10 with OWI and driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Robin Svec, 25, 727 E. Washington St., was charged Dec. 11 with possessing prescription drugs, permitting gatherings to use a controlled substance, and possession of a controlled substance.

Adam Vanostran, 25, 461 Highway 1 W. Apt. 34, was charged Sunday with interference with official acts and public intoxication.

William Watson, 22, 22 N. Governor St., was charged Sunday with OWI.

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5. Johnson-Koulianos arrested for drug-related charges, suspended from team

UI Stormwater Management Program

The University of Iowa operates its own stormwater system under the EPA's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II Program. The complete program the University is required to follow to maintain this permit is called a Stormwater Phase II Program. This program uses several techniques to reduce the amount of pollutants discharged, protect water quality, and satisfy water quality requirements of the Clean Water Act. These techniques consist of a public education and outreach program, public participation, illicit discharge detection and elimination, construction site runoff control, post-construction runoff control, and pollution prevention by using good housekeeping practices. UI received its second five-year permit in May of 2009.

What is stormwater runoff?

Stormwater runoff is rainfall or snowmelt that runs off permeable surfaces or impervious surfaces like roads, buildings, sidewalks or compacted ground surfaces. It can drain directly into streams, rivers, and lakes by traveling over ground or through storm drains. These drains, commonly called storm sewers, should not be confused with sanitary sewers that transport wastewater to a treatment plant before discharging to surface waters. Stormwater entering storm sewers does not receive any treatment before it flows to surface waters such as lakes and streams.

Why is stormwater runoff a problem?

Stormwater can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river or wetland. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the water bodies we use for swimming, fishing and providing drinking water.

Stormwater pollutants and sources

- Sediment from construction sites
- Pesticides and nutrients from lawns, parks and roadsides
- Bacteria from pet waste
- Oil and grease from car leaks, gas stations, and industrial areas
- Trash such as cigarette butts, paper wrappers, and plastic bottles
- Illegally dumped pollutants
- Thermal impacts from sun-heated impervious surfaces
- Illicit connections to storm sewers

For additional information, see <http://www.facilities.uiowa.edu/uem/stormwater.html>.





RICKY BAHNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

UI freshman Andrew Forsyth smokes outside Rienow Residence Hall on Sunday afternoon. Some complain that people still smoke on university property even after the campus-wide smoking ban was enacted in 2008.

SMOKING

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campus became an offense carrying a \$50 citation.

But the number of citations for smoking in a prohibited area has decreased since the ban was enacted. According to UI police, officers wrote 25 citations in 2009 for smoking in a prohibited area. Since the beginning of this year, they have written eight.

David Visin, the associate director of the UI police, said the decrease comes from people's heightened awareness of the law.

"I believe it is due to increased signage and education," he wrote in an e-mail. "We enforce what we see. That has not changed."

The number of calls for service regarding smoking — either when someone calls in a complaint or when officers issue a warning — has also decreased.

In 2009, 312 calls for service were made, and in 2010, there were 172 through the end of October.

Although police attribute the drop to increased education, some students said they saw a lack of enforcement.

"I have never seen the police handle a situation," said sophomore Nolan Petersen, 19. "It's like a myth. I always hear of kids getting smoking tickets, but I've never seen it."

Other students — both smokers and nonsmokers — agreed.

"This is a non smoking campus, and I see a lot of people smoking," said freshman Kayla Beck, 19. "I'm concerned about their health and those around them."

Since the ban, signs have

Smoking stats

The number of smokers in Iowa is higher than the national average:

- Percent of Iowans who smoke: 21.5
- National average: 20.2 percent
- 18- to 25-year-olds in Iowa: 42.3 percent
- 18- to 25-year-olds in the U.S.: 38.7 percent

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation, ImpacTeen Tobacco Chart Book 2009

gone up around campus including all building entrances and exits, in parking structures, and at other key points around campus. The signs list the fee for smoking on campus and a number to report someone.

"I don't think the police do enough," said 19-year-old freshman Cameron Hayward. "I have seen people smoking and the police walked right past without so much as a few words."

Despite some complaints, police said, they still monitor smokers; however, it's not their main focus.

"It is not a high priority on our list — we are not conducting surveillance or stings," Visin said.

But an expert said the ban may not be effective without enforcement.

Mark Vander Weg, a UI associate professor of internal medicine, said that while banning smoking helps reduce the number of smokers, it's not enough.

"As with all smoking policies, however, enforcement is key," he said. "When the laws are not actively enforced, the impact is obviously significantly reduced."

LUNCH

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"I don't disagree that 15 minutes is not enough time," he said.

Some national experts said they, too, feel 15 minutes is too short.

"It really depends on the district and its needs, but 15 minutes, I will say, is rather short," said Alexis Steines of the School Nutrition Association. "We want to make sure kids have enough time to eat the healthy food they are served."

The short lunch period also minimizes time to socialize, experts said.

"I think children need

that time not just for nutrition but for socialization," said Rhonda Clements, a professor of education at Manhattanville College who has written books on children's nutrition and physical education.

As an advocate for 25-minute lunch periods and more time to play, Clements said she believes students need socialization with their peers just as much as they need schooling.

"What we are doing is basically telling the child to shovel food into their mouths, and we don't give them the chance to sit down and actively socialize with their best friends," Clements said.



KATHLEEN WILLEM/THE DAILY IOWAN

Students at Horn Elementary receive pumpkin bars and grab silverware during lunch on Nov. 18. Elementary students in the Iowa City School District receive 15 minutes for lunch.

But some teachers think the lunch period is long enough.

"I feel like they have enough time to eat, but they don't use all of that time," said Maggie

Wagenknecht, an assistant in the kindergarten class. "They generally spend it talking. You can't force them to, but you can encourage them to eat a little bit more."

FLYOVER

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Jumbotron," said UI sophomore Logan Williams. "I've seen a flyover before, and that one, the planes seemed closer."

Another UI student said he thought the flyover resembled others he's seen.

John Veale, a history major at the UI who watched a flyover at the 2005 Outback Bowl, said he thought the two demonstrations were similar.

"I enjoyed it overall," the sophomore said. "But it was about the same height."

The military flyover came at the end of the "Star Spangled Banner" and was followed by loud cheering and a standing ovation by many Hawkeye football fans.

One of the pilots who conducted the flyover said they received permission to fly below regulated levels, but an official from their Air Force base disagreed.

According to the *Des Moines Register*, Maj. Chris Kopacek, who flew one of the four jets over Kinnick Stadium Nov. 20, said he and his colleagues were cleared to fly at an altitude of 500 feet. Other pilots declined to comment.

But First Lt. Katie Roling, the chief of public affairs for Vance Air Force Base, Okla., told the Asso-

Air Force flyover regulations

A military flyover conducted at Kinnick Stadium on Nov. 20 is under investigation for an alleged failure to comply with Air Force rules:

- Jets are required to fly at a minimum altitude of 1,000 feet over populated areas.
- Jets must fly at least 1,000 feet above any obstacle within 2,000 feet of the aircraft's path.
- One pilot said they had permission to fly at 500 feet.

Source: Associated Press



ROB JOHNSON/THE DAILY IOWAN

Four T-38 jets fly over Kinnick Stadium after the national anthem prior to the Iowa-Ohio State game on Nov. 20. The flyover is under investigation for an alleged failure to comply with Air Force rules.

ciated Press permission was never granted. Roling said all requests must be approved by an Air Force official after a waiver by the Federal Aviation Administration, the Associated Press said. The flyover remains

under an internal investigation by Vance Air Force Base, and the exact altitude of the jets involved is unknown. Roling said the results would be made public, but it's unclear when that will be. However, officials said the jets appear to have flown far below regulated levels.

UI spokesman Tom Moore declined to comment on the investigation, because it is not being conducted by the University of Iowa.

"The purpose of the flyover was to honor all of our military personnel," he said.

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Editorial

Should home liquor delivery be legal?

Yes

It certainly seems like an unrealistic, foolish plan that would go horribly wrong. But liquor isn't the only thing delivered to residences, allowing me to reluctantly endorse the service — as long as it's properly regulated.

Until recently, home alcohol delivery was permitted, thanks to an exempting clause from the Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division. But after a change in state administrative law, alcohol delivery service is now illegal. As liquor establishments continue to suffer with the 21-ordinance, home deliveries would constitute another avenue for profit. Anthony Jones, the owner of Whateva ... We Can Deliva, recently told *The Daily Iowan* that after an administrative change, he had to shut down his delivery business because alcohol delivery made up 75 percent of his profits.

One could contest that this is just another avenue for individuals to obtain alcohol illegally; however, alcohol-delivery services could actually protect an establishment from liability issues with the help of a proper invoice system and employee oversight.

Furthermore, I'd hope safety would prove the biggest incentive for a reinstatement of the services. Drinking and driving is a common issue in Iowa City. If reinstated, liquor-delivery services might prevent inebriated individuals from getting behind the wheel to make a liquor run.

"It keeps a lot of drunk drivers off the road and a lot of accidents from happening," Jones told the *DI*. "So we definitely try to play our part and keep things like that from happening."

Sure, waiting may be a hassle for the impatient, and some broke college students may complain about delivery fees. But those fees are less expensive than an OWI.

While there are obvious setbacks to alcohol-delivery services, businesses should be able to profit from such services.

— by Taylor Casey

No

There are myriad benefits to having things home delivered: the ease of acquisition of a product, the time saved in outsourcing a task, the freezing walk averted. As convenient as delivery services may be, however, liquor should be one thing left off that list.

There are several problems with a home-delivery service for alcohol. For instance, were I to order several bottles for delivery but upon arrival was found to be already intoxicated, would the driver have qualms (professional or personal) about completing the transaction? Or would he rather profit and make his delivery worthwhile? In addition, if a delivery driver observes the presence of underage drinkers in the location, does he or she have the authority to check identification?

Yet another issue that must be rectified is the limitation (or lack thereof) on the amount of liquor, wine, or beer being distributed. Should the purchase of numerous kegs and an exorbitant number of bottles of heavy liquor be delivered as readily as a couple bottles of wine? State legislators are set to debate this facet of the issue, along with many other amendments to a potential re-legalization of home alcohol delivery when the Legislature reconvenes in January.

Many advocates of home delivery contend that it keeps intoxicated drivers off the road. But not only does the transport of additional alcohol to already intoxicated persons not sound better, it also smacks of complicity fomenting substance abuse. With or without alcohol delivery, there will be drunk drivers — however, that is prima facie one of the many reasons Iowa City and UI police patrol traffic.

This is not an issue of tightening government control; it is a matter of regulating a practice that can have several negative consequences, including aiding unlawful activities. And I was under the impression we were trying to curtail binge drinking.

— by Kirsten Jacobsen

Your turn. Should alcohol home delivery be legal? Weigh in on dailyiowan.com.

Letters

University's new alcohol plan atrocious

As a recent graduate, I am glad I left the University of Iowa and Iowa City when I did. The recently unveiled Alcohol Harm Reduction Plan shows the lack of strategic thinking on the part of university administrators and their collusion with the City Council to make Iowa City something resembling a large monastery.

Simply put, the goal of the university should be to give students a superior education through great courses with amazing professors, try to help students graduate ready for employment in their chosen field, and try to keep their debt to a minimum. As a supplement to those goals, the university should do everything in its power to help motivated and intelligent students succeed at the UI as efficiently as possible. Policing their off-campus activities, upping the disciplinary ante, and trying to recruit "low-risk" students distracts from what the university administration should be doing to help students succeed.

Instead of trying to meet statistical goals with stupid plans, the university should emphasize preparing students for the future. That means lowering the cost of education. The university needs to help students graduate with minimal debt, not add to their costs by monitoring if they're slamming beers in their free time. Make academics the priority. Those who can't keep up academically or are too busy drinking will fail and figure their problems out themselves. They aren't the university administrator's problem; the flailing image of the UI is.

Furthermore, student housing, dining, and recreation at the university are atrocious and overpriced. The university pays lip service to increased night activities and more facilities, but the truth is most facilities are outdated and overpriced. If you want to help students succeed, give them nice facilities in which to live and study and help them reach their full academic potential — don't drown them with public-service health-awareness messages that waste their tuition dollars.

On a side note, all UI alumni who donate should carefully direct their donations. Don't just throw your money at the school so officials can spend it on some ill-planned project like the Alcohol Harm Reduction Plan that doesn't aid the educational mission of the university. Make sure to earmark your donations to the academic programs that matter to you and keep it from the administrators who use it to create work for themselves with misguided projects such as the Alcohol Harm Reduction Plan.

Jonathan Groves
UI graduate

Support county property-maintenance code

The League of Women Voters of Johnson County has been concerned for many years with the access of all county residents to decent homes and suitable living environment. We also believe that the Board of Supervisors must adopt strategies that recognize the county's changing demographics as population growth occurs. More recently we have begun to study the issue of regionalization of safe and sanitary water and wastewater facilities.

While residents of many cities in the county have been protected by appropriate city codes from unsafe and unsanitary living conditions, unsafe drinking water, and inadequate sewage disposal, residents of unincorporated areas have not. Every year, more people move into rural Johnson County, in addition to the rural mobile home parks and farm residences already there. Farmhouses are occasionally rented, and sometimes rural residences are abandoned because of bankruptcies. Lack of county regulations has led to an uneven playing field for county residents.

Several years ago, for these reasons, we supported the adoption of the county building code. We note that this was not approved without opposition, but we have been pleased that we have heard very few complaints since its adoption. The Board of Supervisors at that time had the courage to do what was right for the public welfare in our growing county.

The supervisors' pending adoption of a property-maintenance code could assist the county in its duty to protect the health and welfare of its residents. The code would provide the authority, on a complaint basis, to regulate unsafe or unsanitary living conditions. A reading of the proposed code shows that only minimum standards would be set and that regulatory methods have been carefully drafted to protect individual rights. The code would bring protection equity to county residents with their counterparts in the cities. We are also glad that the standards would apply to places of public accommodation, as they are used by both city and rural customers.

We urge the Board of Supervisors to adopt the proposed property-maintenance code.

Polly Horton, president, League of Women Voters of Johnson County
Carol Spaziani, member, League of Women Voters of Johnson County
Board of Directors

Why the focus on alcohol?

Despite the increasing issues in regards to free speech (such as the jailing of Julian Assange, a.k.a. "the WikiLeaks guy") and other pressing topics, Iowa City seems to only be focused on alcohol. From the 21-ordinance to the Alcohol Harm Reduction Plan, attempting to restrict underage access to alcohol seems to be all that matters.

Although it sounds cliché, alcohol is a near-guaranteed part of the college experience. Despite whatever limitations the city or the university may place on access to alcohol, students will continue to find a way to get it. The mindsets behind both policies are in the right place. Attempting to decrease alcohol-related injuries and alcoholism is a great cause. However, these policies must be taken with a grain of salt.

In addition, the focus on these policies in the media around Iowa City is unsettling. Alcohol will always have a presence among college students, no matter what policy is enacted. Debates over such topics as free speech could cause changes to the rights of the entire nation. People need to be aware of such events, as their outcomes could change not only their lives, but the lives of future generations.

In the long run, alcohol is almost guaranteed to be present in the lives of college students, while as it stands, free-speech rights may change.

John Baginski
UI student

Illusion of racial equality

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In our post-racial America, it is no longer socially permissible to use race as the justification for discrimination or exclusion. Racism, while still a problem, is generally more institutional and subtle than overt. We've long aspired to be a place where race, along with class, gender, and increasingly, sexual orientation shouldn't determine your course in life. If we're not at that magical happy place yet, we're assuredly moving in the right direction.

But what if we haven't made so much progress?

While it'd be nice to think of American society as colorblind, the U.S. criminal-justice system is not. The disparity and the rate at which we are incarcerating African Americans suggest that we see race and that racism is alive and well.

The United States, with roughly 2.3 million inmates, has more people in jail or prison than any country in the world. Sixty percent of those locked up are racial and ethnic minorities. More than 800,000 of those are black males. For black males in their 20s, one in every eight is in prison on any given day, according to the Sentencing Project.

Over the past few decades, the prison population has skyrocketed. In 1980, fewer than 500,000 were incarcerated. The last 30 years has seen a 500 percent increase. The war on drugs, waged largely in poor communities and targeting black males, has left more than 2 million African Americans under the control of the criminal-justice system. Iowa, which has only has a small percentage of blacks, has the highest disparity in incarceration between blacks and whites.

But don't blacks and the poor use more drugs? Isn't the increase in incarceration driven by an increase in crime rates? No and no.

Research shows that people of all colors use and sell drugs at remarkably similar rates. In fact, some studies show that white

youth are more likely to deal drugs than are black youth.

Nonetheless, our prisons are overflowing with black drug offenders.

In addition, U.S. crime rates have generally fluctuated over the past 30 years, but have decreased since the '90s.

That our criminal-justice system operates in such a racially biased manner has caused some to label it a new racial caste system. And mass incarceration in the U.S. is, in fact, a comprehensive and well-designed system of racial social control eerily similar to Jim Crow.

That may lead some to scoff, but it's not hyperbole. There are more African Americans under correctional control today than there were enslaved in 1850. In 2004, more African American men were disenfranchised because of felony-disenfranchisement laws than in 1870 — the year the 15th Amendment was ratified.

Michelle Alexander argues in her recent book, *The New Jim Crow*, that what has changed since the demise of Jim Crow has less to do with the structure of our society than the language we use to justify severe inequality. Once you've labeled someone a felon, in some states, old forms of discrimination — in housing, voting, employment — are legal.

What's sad is that alongside the accomplishments of the Barack Obamas, Oprah Winfreys, and Michael Jordans, we've allowed millions of African Americans to be relegated to permanent second-class status.

That's not progress. Or, it's not the warm fuzzy feeling we all shared when Obama took the oath of office.

So why should students care? You're likely to have minimal, if any contact, with the criminal-justice system. But the exponential increase in incarceration has had a budgetary impact. Just like guns versus butter, there is prisons versus school and/or college aid.

State expenditures on jails and prisons have swelled. State contributions to higher education have not. And we're not a just or decent society when so many are systematically excluded. ■

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Bearless and funky

Indie-rock band Minus the Bear will perform songs from its new album *OMNI* tonight.

By **LAURA WILLIS**
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Minus the Bear wanted to get funky.

After five hit albums, and tours throughout Europe, Australia, and Japan, the indie-rock band decided that it wanted to add different elements of jazz and R&B music to its 2010 release, *OMNI*.

"We were all listening to different soul music," said drummer Erin Tate. "It has a different rhythmic background to it. It's a bit groovier."

The Seattle-based band will perform at 6 p.m. today with Tim Kasher and Ra Ra at the Blue Moose Tap House; 211 Iowa Ave. Tickets are \$16 in advance, \$18 at the door.

Inspired by new styles of music in hip-hop and jazz, *OMNI* showed the range of techniques that Minus the Bear could achieve. Not only did the sound differ from previous albums, it also had more provocative lyrics. A theme of human sexuality appears throughout the CD.

The classic soothing progressive rock sound that earned the group its fame can still be heard in the album's hit single, "My Time." The song uses a synthesizer to produce an electro-pop vibe, which sounds similar to previous Minus the Bear works, particularly 2008's *Planet Ice*. The album used smooth guitar rifts to produce a dreamlike quality to each song.

After the release of *Planet Ice*, the five-member band traveled across the globe, growing in popularity. Members decided to look for a producer to help guide

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them in the music industry.

Joe Chiccarelli seemed like the much-needed cure for a growing band.

"When we met him, we knew it was going to be a good fit right away," Tate said.

Chiccarelli had an impressive résumé. He had worked with big name acts such as My Morning Jacket, the White Stripes, and the Shins. He challenged Minus the Bear by going through 10 or 12 takes each rehearsal. More importantly, he helped members perfect the sound they were aiming for.

"I personally feel like it was helpful for us to get a different kind of sound," Tate said.

Minus the Bear kicked off its 2010 tour in Boston. Tonight will be the second time the band has performed in Iowa City; it appeared at the Picador in 2008.

"They are a great indie-rock band that has done well in the Iowa City area in the past," said Blue Moose booking agent Doug Roberson. "They always deliver a great show."

While *OMNI* adds a new flavor to Minus the Bear, members remain confident in their loyal listeners.

"We have a pretty die-hard fan base that tends to stick with our music," Tate said. "That sticks with us."

DVD REVIEW

Greg Brown fêtes the Mill

Greg Brown...Last Night at the Mill celebrates 40 years of music and culture at an Iowa City favorite.

By **JESSICA CARBINO**
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The DVD begins with just an outside view of the Mill. Then, the camera zooms into the packed bar and eatery, with the soft sounds of a guitar being strummed in the background. The camera continues to move, focusing on the source of the sounds.

Greg Brown and a band of middle-aged men perform their songs on the venue's stage. The audience sits in booths or tables facing the performers while casually drinking a Jack and Coke or eating a slice of pizza.

Greg Brown ... Last Night at the Mill was made in celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Mill in Iowa City.

Local legend Brown is the central performer of the show, which features both old and new songs as well as poetry in honor of the occasion. Everything from the songs to people involved are directly connected to Iowa or Iowa City. I'm a country fan and have never really listened to the blues. As soon as the music started I began thinking "What am I getting myself into?" Though it wasn't bad, the sound was different than what I'm used to fixing my ears on. But the more I listened, the more I began to enjoy the band's bluesy vibe.

Director Dave Olive has been making video and audio projects since the '70s. This videographer, editor, and DVD maker graduated from the University of Iowa with honors in 1976, and after spending many years in the industry, he established his own company, Vertical Inc., which created this film.

The DVD features 16 different songs, written by



PUBLICITY PHOTO

Local musician Greg Brown performs in *Greg Brown ... Last Night at the Mill*, a DVD celebrating his four decades of performances at the Iowa City bar and eatery, located at 120 E. Burlington St.

different people in a genre that can be best described as "country/blues." There are some interesting

songs, such as "Suitcase Boogie," "Almost Outa Gas," and "China." These titles make the viewer wonder what the song is about. Brown's "China" describes how distance (both physical and emotional) plays a part in relationships and how it can seem like someone you love is all the way in China when things aren't going right. Other songs, such as "Roll & Tumble Blues," are about exactly what they say, rolling and tumbling through life. A couple of songs, such as Brown's "Poor Back Slider" and "Fool Me Once," discuss the more serious topic of alcoholism. "Poor Back Slider" is very interesting because it's about an alcoholic dad who loses his

family but the tune to the song is upbeat instead of mellow like one would think it would be.

Other songs, such as "Down at the Mill," "Ode to the Mill," and "Good Night Ol' Mill," are written specifically for the venue.

It's cool that the reason for this DVD is the celebration of 40 great years at the Mill, showing off the small-town, homey vibe of the establishment. It provides viewers with the opportunity to admire the distinct culture of Iowa City and having songs written specifically for the area and the Mill are also fun.

Though the film quality wasn't the best (several moments were shaky or awkwardly done), it still showed good footage of the band and the audience, which was mostly made up of older listeners intently paying attention to every

word Brown sings. It's clear they are enjoying the performance as they smile, clap, and whistle.

After listening to Brown perform, it's obvious he has talent, but the DVD's sound quality doesn't necessarily showcase it perfectly. During some songs he pulls away from the mike, making it difficult for viewers to hear him sing. He also tries to make his voice have a certain sound effect, almost like a raspy country twang, but it doesn't necessarily work all the time. On more than one occasion, it simply sounds as if he's mumbling the words.

Overall, I'm glad I checked out what this DVD was all about. It's definitely not party music, but is perfect for when you want to enjoy a piece of Iowa City culture in your own home.

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Lots of wind, little snow

More snow is in the forecast for this week, but severe wind is not expected.

By **ALLIE WRIGHT**
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Veteran Iowans may not have considered this past weekend's weather out of the ordinary, but California native Layla Pena was nervous as she drove around Iowa City.

The University of Iowa sophomore said the slick roads made her nervous as her friend, UI sophomore Monique Singson turned a corner, but Singson wasn't as concerned.

"I think it's because it hasn't been that bad, and they had time to get [the snow] cleared off," she said.

Though the weekend brought the year's first major snowfall in Iowa City, officials said residents were lucky.

Two to three inches of snow fell in eastern Iowa this weekend, said National Weather Service meteorologist Jim Lee, with sharply lower temperatures and strong winds hitting on Sunday.

Authorities said there had been few weather-related car accidents.

Iowa City police Sgt. Mike Lord said he wasn't aware of any injuries this weekend, though some streets presented bigger obstacles.

"The places we had problems were on the main hills, like Jefferson Street and Market Street," Lord said. Streets also became slick when the rain froze on



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A snowplow clears the freeway during a snowstorm in Minneapolis on Dec. 11. By the morning of Dec. 11, heavy snow and strong winds had created blizzard conditions across eastern South Dakota, northwestern Iowa, and southwestern Minnesota.

This week's forecast

Snow is possible late Tuesday and on Wednesday during the day and night. The average normal high and low for this time of year is 35 and 20.

Today: High near 7 degrees. Low around minus-7 degrees.

Tuesday: High around 15 with a low around 9; 20 percent chance of snow late.

Wednesday: Cloudy, with a high near 25. Low around 18.

Thursday: High near 27. Low about 13.

Friday: High near 20. Low around 7.

Source: National Weather Service

the ground on Dec. 11.

"We have been really fortunate," said State Patrol Sgt. Sharon Kurt.

She said there were only a couple of cars in the ditch on the evening of Dec. 11

and one minor injury in a rollover accident on Highway 6 over the weekend.

Kurt said she is very surprised there were not more accidents, considering the warnings sent out about harsh weather conditions.

Matt Gregg, of Extreme Towing and Recovery, said his company hadn't been called out for weather-related reasons.

More snow is expected this week, but it likely won't be too severe and without strong winds, Lee said. It's still too early to say how much snow could fall.

"In the next week, it looks cool and quiet for the next couple of days," Lee said.

Today will have a high temperature of 7 degrees, with a low of minus-7 and a windchill of 20 below. Snow is most likely Wednesday during the day and evening.

Lee said there are wind-chill advisories out for

almost all of eastern Iowa, with one going through noon today in Iowa City.

Thursday is expected to be the warmest day of the week, with a high of 27 degrees.

He said the forecast for this week does not appear to be hazardous at this time

Lee said this year's snow storm resulted in less snow than last year, which was about 7 inches during the Dec. 8, 2009 storm, but the wind was much stronger this time around.



ALEX CRIDER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Snow sits on bushes outside the Main Library on Sunday, after two to three inches of snow fell on Iowa City. Today will have a high temperature of 7 degrees with a wind chill of 20 degrees below zero. Iowa City police Sgt. Mike Lord said he wasn't aware of any injuries this weekend, though some streets presented bigger obstacles. "The places we had problems were on the main hills, like Jefferson Street and Market Street," Lord said.

NATION

Payroll tax cut worries Social Security backers

WASHINGTON — President Obama's plan to cut payroll taxes for a year would provide big savings for many workers but makes Social Security advocates nervous that it could jeopardize the retirement program's finances.

The plan is part of a package of tax cuts and extended unemployment benefits that Obama negotiated with Senate Republican leaders. It would cut workers' share of Social Security taxes by nearly one-third for 2011. Workers making \$50,000 in wages would get a \$1,000 tax cut; those making \$100,000 would get a \$2,000 tax cut.

The government would borrow around \$112 billion to make Social Security whole. Advocates and some lawmakers worry that relying on borrowed money to fund Social Security could eventually force it to compete with other federal programs for scarce dollars, leading to cuts.

Social Security is funded by a 6.2 percent payroll tax on the first \$106,800 earned by a worker. The tax is matched by employers. The package negotiated by Obama would reduce the tax paid by workers to 4.2 percent for 2011. Employer rates would stay unchanged.

Holbrooke undergoes surgery

WASHINGTON — Veteran diplomat Richard Holbrooke, who is a special envoy on the Afghanistan war, was in critical condition after undergoing more than 20 hours of surgery to fix a tear in the large artery that moves blood from the heart.

President Obama gave a hint of the seriousness of the situation, saying in a statement that he and first lady Michelle Obama were praying for Holbrooke's recovery. He called Holbrooke "a towering figure in American foreign policy" who has been a critical player in developing the administration's policy on Afghanistan.

The 69-year-old veteran diplomat was meeting with Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton about midmorning Dec. 10 at the

State Department when he suddenly collapsed. He was seen walking to the department's parking garage with the help of a person from State's medical office and taken to George Washington University Hospital a few blocks away.

Doctors worked more than 20 hours through the day Dec. 10

and overnight to repair the tear in Holbrooke's aorta. The surgery was completed on the morning of Dec. 11, said State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley.

By the evening of Dec. 11, Holbrooke was described as being in stable but critical condition.

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Geocaching comes to Iowa City

More Iowa City residents are taking part in "geocaching," a high-tech treasure hunt that allows people to find nearby hidden objects.

By ALISON SULLIVAN
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There's treasure hidden in City Park.

On Sunday afternoon, University of Iowa students Christine Wagner and John Clark braved the frigid weather and huddled over her iPhone, contemplating the coordinates to the hidden item — a geocache — tucked somewhere in the snow-covered park.

After only around 10 minutes, UI junior Wagner walked up to an ice-laden tree nestled on the bank of the Iowa River and reached across the trunk to retrieve a tiny film canister.

"Sometimes, there are little things in it ... weird little trinkets," Wagner said as she unraveled a slip of paper — a record of all those who've come before. The canister was so small, only the paper fit, with the last signature from Nov. 27.

Geocaching is a high-tech treasure hunt that allows people with GPS devices to locate hidden objects placed in a container. When a geocache is found, the object must be left there or replaced with an item of equal or greater value, generally trinkets and toys. A piece of paper is left to sign.

With the developments of devices such as Wagner's smart phone, more are "caching" in on the adventure, said Iowa

Geocaching

Typical tools used when hunting for "caches":

- Backpack
- Tweezers
- Flashlight
- GPS receiver
- Mirrors
- Magnet

Source: Richard Buman, president of Iowa Geocachers

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Check out a video and photo slide show of Iowa City residents geocaching.

Geocachers President Richard Buman.

Buman learned of the activity while planning a camping trip in 2006. Since then, he's found caches in 55 of the 99 counties in Iowa and captured 200 different caches with his family.

"I use \$12 billion of military technology to find Tupperware in the woods," Buman said, joking about their use of GPS systems.

Despite the technology, geocaching is for everyone, Buman said. He said he's seen everyone from families with infants to 93-year-olds involved in the activity.

"I feel like anyone can enjoy it," Wagner said.

Where to locate caches and how to find them are limitless. Some can only be found at night, using reflectors to track the trail. And Morse code, spelunking, and scuba gear are tools



CHRISTY AUMER/THE DAILY IOWAN

UI junior Christine Wagner shows off her discovered hidden treasure, a geocache, in City Park during a chilly afternoon on Sunday. Wagner enjoys geocaching, a high-tech treasure hunt, which involves using coordinates to find hidden objects in a variety of locations. There is an estimated 1,000 geocaches within 25 miles of the university.

"Most [people] probably come within 500 feet [of a cache] and never know it."

- Richard Buman,
Iowa Geocachers President

some used to find hidden treasures.

"Most [people] probably come within 500 feet [of a cache] and never know it," Buman said.

With a few clicks of the mouse, Buman discovered there are 1,000 geocaches within 25 miles of the University of Iowa, 2,000 with-

in 50 miles, and roughly 10,000 caches in the state.

On the official website, seekers can type in the Zip Code of where they'd like to geocache. A list pops up with coordinates, the level of difficulty, and details such as size and descriptions.

The activity began in

2000, when the ability of global satellites to track the position of certain items became much more precise.

One man from Oregon, Dave Ulmer, decided to test the accuracy of the new system by hiding some objects and having his friends try to find them.

Enthusiasts have been hunting for treasure ever since.

The first day 35-year-old Buman went searching with his wife and three kids, they found 14 caches.

"We realized at the end of

the day we hadn't heard a single complaint out of the kids," he said. "We just had a great day."

Iowa City-area resident Mike Fulton found his first geocache in 2007. A trip on his motorcycle with his newly purchased GPS device led him to a geocache on a guardrail near Nichols, Iowa.

Since then, the 50-year-old has found 1,941 geocaches.

"It's taken me places I'd never see normally," Fulton said, listing wooded paths and hidden terrain. "To really see rural Iowa."

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Spotlight Iowa City

Starting an English major rebellion

Graduating senior Dana Judas spearheaded the Pizza with Your Professor program this semester.

By NINA EARNEST
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Dana Judas wants to lead a revolt.

After both studying and working in the English-Philosophy Building, the English major built up a love-hate relationship with the facility.

"I'm going to stage a coup in the name of all English majors and take over a better building," Judas, a former *Daily Iowan* staff member, said and laughed.

Either way, she won't have to deal with the building anymore. Judas has bought her cap and gown, she's finished her 44-page thesis on British multiculturalism, and after three-and-a-half years at the University of Iowa, she is set to graduate this weekend.

"My whole identity is built up in Iowa City, and I don't know what it's going to be like without it," the 22-year-old said.

But she's leaving a legacy behind that will contribute to future students.

As an Honors English major at the UI, Judas spearheaded the Pizza with Your Professor program through the English Society. In a class of more than 800 English majors, she said, it's difficult for

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— Dana Judas, graduating senior

students to meet their professors.

As the academic officer of the English Society, Judas arranged for professors to attend the pizza parties, ordered food, and delegated responsibilities to other members for the six times students and professors met for pizza this semester.

Roughly 20 English majors attended regularly. But the small size fostered better discussion, she said.

"You get to be more personal," Judas added.

Her dynamic personality has not gone unnoticed.

Margaret Mills, a professor of Russian language and linguistics, taught Judas in her course *Russia Today*. Judas described the class as the most interesting she enrolled in at the UI.

Having Judas as a stu-

Dana Judas

- Age: 22
- Hometown: Waterloo
- Favorite City in the United Kingdom: Lancaster
- Favorite TV show: "True Blood"
- Favorite Coffee Drink: Non-fat vanilla lattes
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dent was "never dull," Mills said.

"Dana just stood out as intensely curious and eager to learn about a country she knew nothing about previously," Mills said.

Judas is set to attend law school in the fall of 2011, though she doesn't know which one. Not knowing where she is going to attend causes her the most anxiety, she said.

And she will miss Iowa City.

"I love school," she said. "I love the college feel, the town, all of it."



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Dana Judas sits in the Java House on Dec. 10. Judas began the "Pizza with Your Professor" program this semester; she will begin law school next fall.

In her free time between now and next fall, Judas plans to return to the United Kingdom. She studied abroad in Lancaster the second semester of her sophomore year.

She said she plans to live in England some day, working in intellectual property law.

"My dream is to marry Russell Brand," she said. "Minus the tight pants."

Fellow English major

Lindsey Piper, 23, joined Judas on the couch at the back of the coffee shop, making easy-going and playful conversation. The two women, who describe themselves as "platonic soul mates," have become best friends since meeting two years ago.

Piper joked Judas had forced their friendship — but Piper didn't mind.

"It worked out in my favor in the end," Piper said.

"I knew I was a catch," Judas said.

Only the alphabet is separating them at their graduation at the end of this semester.

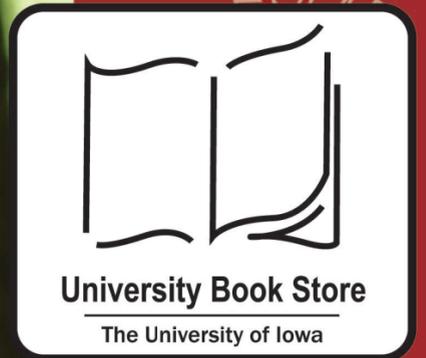
"Dana is sassy, and she works hard," Piper said. "I feel like it's a good balance."

Dana Judas is the first of five December graduates to be featured in

Spotlight Iowa City this week. Check back tomorrow to read about

Courtney Hageman, who plans to work in Africa post-graduation.

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Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery reacts during the second half of the Iowa-Iowa State game in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Dec. 10. Iowa trailed for most of the second half and lost to the Cyclones, 75-72.

Wegher set to transfer

Brandon Wegher left the Iowa football team for personal reasons before the season started, and on Dec. 10, he requested a release from his scholarship, said Fred Mims, the associate athletics director for student services and compliance.

Mims said Iowa granted the release, with the stipulation that the sophomore running back cannot transfer to a Big Ten school on scholarship.



Wegher
running back

Nebraska, which joins the Big Ten next season, is included in that stipulation, Mims said.

Wegher, a 5-10, 210-pound sophomore, rushed for 641 yards and an Iowa freshman-record eight touchdowns in 2009. Going into fall camp, he was believed to be in contention for a major role in the backfield — along with fellow sophomores Jewel Hampton and Adam Robinson. But Wegher left the team on the second day of camp and hasn't been heard from since.

When asked on Nov. 23 if Wegher had a chance to return to the team, head coach Kirk Ferentz said, "That's up to him. I've been trying to coach our team. I've been kind of busy the last however many weeks. We conversed back in August, like I said. Whenever our last conversation was, that's when it was. My thoughts have been on trying to coach the guys who are here working every day, and that's where it's at."

Without Wegher and with Hampton tearing his ACL in Week 3, the Hawkeyes have been shorthanded at running back. Adam Robinson has missed two games with a concussion, but Ferentz said he should be ready for Iowa's Insight Bowl matchup with Missouri on Dec. 28.

True freshman Marcus Coker has filled in nicely as the team's No. 2 back. He has 303 yards over his last four games, 403 yards on the season.

— by Scott Miller

Hawks can't hold lead again

Free-throw shooting and Scott Christopherson's 30 points doomed the Hawkeyes against the Cyclones over the weekend.

By IAN MARTIN
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Iowa jumped out to an early lead, but played from behind for most of the second half on Dec. 10, eventually falling to Iowa State, 75-72.

In what many players dubbed the best atmosphere they've ever played in at Carver-Hawkeye Arena, a raucous crowd of 13,276 witnessed the Cyclones' (8-2) first victory in Iowa City since 2002.

"It was a lot of fun to be out there tonight, although my pacemaker was working on overtime," Iowa State head coach Fred Hoiberg joked after the game, referring to the life-saving device that ended his NBA career.

In a heated contest that saw plenty of controversial calls and even a technical foul on Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery, the experience and calm of the Iowa State squad conquered the youthful Hawkeyes (5-5).

Junior guard Scott Christopherson dropped 30 points for the Cyclones — 24 in the second

half — to lead all scorers.

Iowa's statsheet was again a mix of many players in double figures, including a surprising 12 points from oft-maligned center Andrew Brommer. Freshman Melsahn Basabe also had arguably his best game ever, with 12 points, 14 rebounds, and seven blocks. The swats especially were key for Iowa's quick start — all seven came in the first half.

Yet after a toughly fought game, the Hawkeye players were somber, knowing they had missed an opportunity.

This because, amid the atmosphere and the positives, the loss highlighted two major issues the team has suffered from all season — a pair of faults that make it tough to win when the team lets both occur on the same night.

The first is giving up second-half runs. Much like a similar loss this year against Wake Forest, in which the Hawkeyes gave up a 19-4 run at the beginning of the second half to let the Demon Deacons back into the game, the

Cyclones were able to erase a nine-point halftime deficit almost instantly with an 8-0 run to begin the second period.

"It was a little bit of inexperience, a little bit of nerves, I think, and the situation," McCaffery said of the team's penchant for allowing an early run in the second half. "We were trying to get it all back at once, which is what you try to guard against."

While Iowa had 18 turnovers in the game, players said there were also some unquantifiable factors that led to Iowa State's fast-break chances and Christopherson's big night.

"For a team such as [Iowa State], which runs off of makes and misses like we do, a bad shot is just as bad as a turnover," senior forward Jarryd Cole said.

The other major hole in the Hawkeyes' game right now is free-throw shooting. Especially

SEE IOWA STATE, 4B

Stanzi, Klug highlight Iowa football awards

Seniors Ricky Stanzi (quarterback) and Karl Klug (defensive lineman) were named co-winners of the Iowa football team's Roy J. Carver Most Valuable Player Award at the team's awards banquet on Dec. 11, according to UI Sports Information.

Klug and Stanzi

were also co-winners of the Hayden Fry "Extra Heartbeat" award, sharing the honor with senior defensive lineman Adrian Clayborn.



Stanzi
quarterback

The award is given "to a player who gives that little bit extra at all times."

Klug also took home the Iron Hawk Award, which is presented to a player "who has given his all every play, for the entire season, and has represented his team and school in an exemplary fashion."

Offensive lineman Josh Koeppel took home the offensive Next Man In Award, and freshman linebacker James Morris was honored on defense. Kicker Mike Meyer and linebacker Ross Petersen shared the honor for special teams.

Garnering the Forest Evashevski Scholastic Achievement Award were seniors Jeff Tarpinian, Julian Vanderveelde, and Josh Koeppel.

— by Jordan Garretson

A different Brommer shows up

Andrew Brommer finished with 12 points in 16 minutes — one week after scoring two points in 14 minutes — and dominated Iowa State in the paint.

By SETH ROBERTS
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In more ways than one, Iowa's loss to Iowa State on Dec. 10 was a game out of Bizarro World.

Obvious traveling violations went uncalled. Cyclone star Diante Garrett, averaging 17 points on the season, shot 1-of-14 in the first half and 5-of-24 for the game. Neither team could have made a free throw if the fate of the universe had depended on it.

Strangest of all, though, was the identity of Iowa's best player. It wasn't Matt Gatens, and it wasn't Eric May; it was forward Andrew Brommer.

The junior from Rosemount, Minn., went off on the Cyclones. He cleaned the offensive glass for thunderous dunks that received more fan appreciation than any other play in the game. He fed off the energy in Carver-Hawkeye Arena, pounding his chest after baskets. One game after scoring two points in 14 minutes, Brommer finished tied for third on the team with 12 points in 16 minutes.

All of this came from a player who entered the season averaging 1.5 points and whose primary purpose before Dec. 10 was to eat minutes when other Hawkeye big men were in foul trouble. Brommer was an honorable men-

tion All-American by SuperPrep magazine as a high-school senior, and ESPN.com rated him 86 out of 100 coming out of high school, but he struggled to find a productive niche in the first two years of his Iowa career.

That could have changed after his performance against Iowa State, and at least one of his teammates said he wasn't surprised to see Brommer finally live up to the hype.

"Brommer's been showing a lot in practice, so it was only a matter of time before he did something in a game," freshman forward Melsahn Basabe said. "He has practices where nobody can stop him."

What one does in practice normally isn't relevant, though, and Brommer tended to disappear in head coach Fran McCaffery's fast-break offense. At 6-9 and 235 pounds, the 21-year-old is hardly the quickest player on the floor at any given point, and he struggled to make a positive impact as a consequence.

The 13,276 fans who came out to Carver-Hawkeye for the Hy-Vee Cy-Hawk series saw a different Brommer — a Brommer who hadn't really manifested



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Iowa forward Andrew Brommer reacts to the Hawkeyes' play in the second half of their game against Iowa State game in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Dec. 10. The junior scored 12 points.

SEE BROMMER, 4B



Hawks swamp ISU

The women's swimming and diving team walked away with an impressive win against rival Iowa State.

By **MAGGIE CUNNINGHAM**
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The Iowa women's swimming and diving team dominated Iowa State, 173-108, in the Cy-Hawk dual meet on Dec. 10 in the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center.



Carty
captain

The Hawkeyes earned two points towards the overall score of the Hy-Vee Cy-Hawk series for their effort.

Captains Katarina Tour, Daniela Cubelic, Danielle Carty, and freshman Karolina Wartalowicz kicked off the competition in the 200 medley relay, winning the meet's first event with a time of 1:42.74.

"The 200 medley relay started the dual meet off on

a really strong note," said Carty, who contributed to both winning relays. "Winning the first relay is important to us because it gets the ball rolling. We were able to carry off that first win and continue to win races."

Iowa started strong in the meet's first event and didn't let up after that, winning all but four of the competition's 16 events.

Sophomore Lauren Eytalis collected wins in both of the distance swims. She finished the 1,000 freestyle in first place with her college-best time of 10:08.54 — five seconds faster than Iowa State's Meredith Doran, who took second. Eytalis also won the 500 freestyle, posting a time of 4:59.48.

Tour was another Hawkeye to record more than one win. She won the 100 breaststroke and 100 butterfly, finishing in 1:03.00 and 55.56.

Other impressive per-

formances came in the 100 and 200 freestyle and the 200 butterfly — the Hawkeyes swept all three. Freshman Emily Hovren touched the wall first in both freestyle events. Freshman Haley Gordon posted the 2:03.35 winning time in the 200 butterfly.

"I can't say enough about the freshman class," Cubelic said. "We warned the freshmen how fast Iowa State swims against us every year, and they really stepped up and took charge from the start of the meet."

"They've had a huge impact this year, and their ability to step up and race well in high-pressure situations shows how bright the future of Hawkeye swimming is."

Freshman Elise Borja also had a first-place finish in the 50 freestyle with a time of 23.74, and fellow first-year Abbey Tuschcherer took second in both the 100 and 200 butterfly.

Although Iowa was in control for most of the dual meet, Iowa State put up some fast times. The Cyclones' Danielle Harris won the 100 and 200 backstrokes as well as the 200 individual medley.

"Iowa State swam really well," Cubelic said. "They always come in ready to swim fast, but we were prepared for them. We knew what we had to do to win the meet, and we executed that exactly as planned."

The meet concluded on the same high note that it started. Tour, Cubelic, and Carty, along with Hovren, posted a time of 3:28.61 to win the 400 freestyle relay.

"This meet really showed us where we are as a team," Tour said. "This was, in my opinion, the best dual meet we have had this season. Not just times, but the confidence we saw in our performances, our attitudes, and our excitement to swim."



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Hawkeye junior Patrick Richards (left), junior D'Juan Richardson, senior Zeke Sayon, and senior Stephen Bee get set during a practice at the Cretzmeier Track on April 27.

Men's track faces time off

The men's track and field team has one week of official practice before the squad's opening meet Jan. 8.

By **BEN SCHUFF**
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Patrick Richards described his team's current situation as a time of "self-discipline."

Without scheduled practices for the next three weeks, the Iowa men's track and field team finds itself in what may be one of the more unusually demanding stretches of the indoor season.

After competing in the annual intrasquad meet on Dec. 4, the Hawkeye men won't officially start their indoor season until Jan. 8 at the Illinois Open.

Because of final exams, the Hawkeyes have the week off from practice. Next week starts a two-week winter break before the squad returns to Iowa City on Jan. 2. At that point, only five days will separate the athletes from their first meet of the season.

Head coach Larry Wiecezorek said sustaining his team's physical conditioning is a main concern at this point in the season. Coming back from break ready to compete is a small part of his high expectations.

"We were in great shape at the intrasquad meet and were real happy with that," he said. "A lot of times, you don't have facilities or other people around you [during break]. You have to be prepared to do something and then get back to Iowa City and get back after it."

Staying in competitive shape will be much easier for some than it will be for other members of the team.

The distance runners will be able to run outside during the break. Sprinters, on the other hand, will need indoor facilities and blocks. Even then, some

facilities won't allow spikes on the track.

The coaches will instruct their individual event areas on what workouts need to be done over break.

Assistant coach Joey Woody said the maturity of this year's group should help with staying active over the next couple weeks. Still, the coach in him is a bit concerned.

"You do worry a little bit how they are going to come back," he said. "They put this much effort into it up to this point; [now] they got to connect the dots and realize they can't just stop doing what they're doing."

Richards is a prime example of what the coaches are hoping for. Despite heading home to Colorado for break, the junior sprinter plans on working out with a few friends who run track at other colleges.

"Just because the coach

isn't here doesn't mean we ease up on our workouts," Richards said. "If you want to go out and run your best in January, you can't just skip practice."

Wiecezorek on DJK

Derrell Johnson-Koulianos' drug-related arrest last week is affecting more than just the football team. Wiecezorek said the star wide receiver's recent incident is the kind of example he uses to stress to his team to put themselves in good situations.

He also noted that it affects recruiting for the track team as well.

"I'm talking to kids about coming to Iowa myself and it's 'What about your football? What's going on in your football program?'" Wiecezorek said. "I don't want to send my son to that kind of environment." It affects a lot of people."

SPORTS

Field hockey announces awards

The Iowa field-hockey team announced its team award recipients for the 2010 season, which were voted on by both players and coaches.

Jessica Barnett was honored as the team's Most Valuable Player. The sophomore from North Vancouver, British Columbia, has started every game in her career thus far. She was named second team All-Big Ten this year after she led

Iowa in goals (seven) and points (14). Her two game-winning goals also led all Hawkeyes.



Barnett
mvp

The Christine Grant Leadership Award was given to sophomore goaltender Kathleen McGraw. The honor is given to the player "who demonstrates leadership on a daily basis." McGraw made 73 saves

and recorded three shutouts while starting all 17 of Iowa's games. The Atherton, Calif., native was also an academic All-Big Ten honoree.

Sarah Drake claimed the Practice Player of the Year Award, which is given to the player who maintains the "highest level of intensity in practice throughout the year." Like Barnett, the sophomore has started every game in her Hawkeye career. The Ann Arbor, Mich., native was named academic All-Big Ten in 2010 while also

scoring two goals and adding one assist.

Junior Becca Spengler won the Nancy McLinden Carr Award for the second-straight season. The award is presented to the player who "consistently exudes enthusiasm, energy, and a positive attitude in the Iowa field-hockey program."

Spengler scored two goals this season; she has started in 36 of her 47 career games.

- by Jordan Garretson

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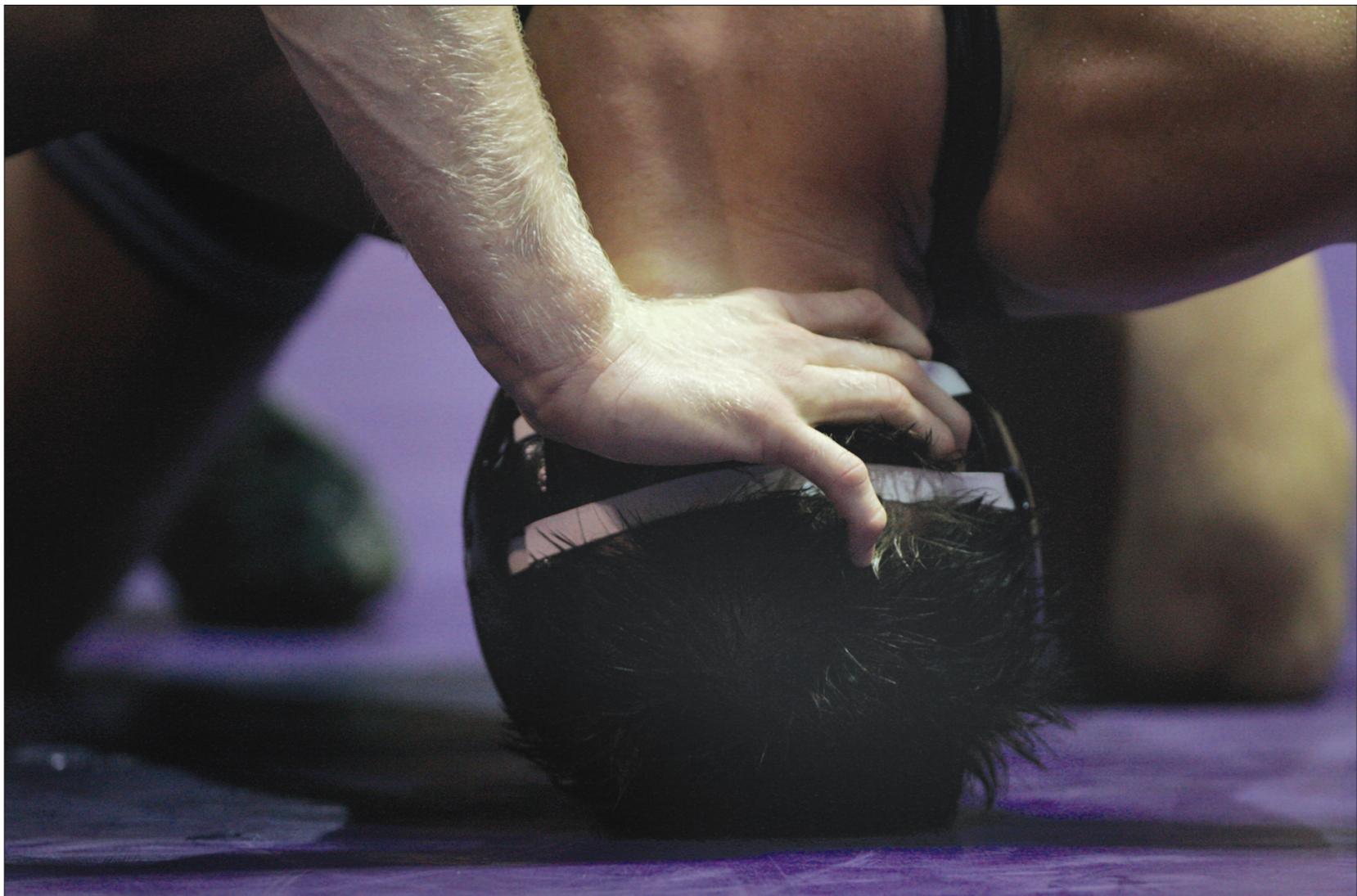
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Iowa 197-pounder Luke Lofthouse forces down Northern Iowa's Joe Johnson during their match in the West Gym in Cedar Falls on Dec. 9. Lofthouse won by major decision, 19-7.



CHRISTY AUMER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa State forward Melvin Ejim fights to keep possession during the first half of the Iowa-Iowa State basketball game at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Dec. 10. The Cyclones defeated the Hawkeyes, 75-72.

'It was a lot of fun to be out there tonight, although my pacemaker was working on overtime.'

– **Fred Hoiberg**, Iowa State head men's basketball coach, on his team's 75-72 win against Iowa on Dec. 10.

'I think it's a signature win for us in the fact it's the 15th-ranked team [ESPN/USA Today Coaches poll] in the country. Getting that, I think it will make an impact on the [NCAA] selection Committee.'

– **Lisa Bluder**, Iowa head women's basketball coach, on the Hawkeyes' 62-40 win against Iowa State on Dec. 9.



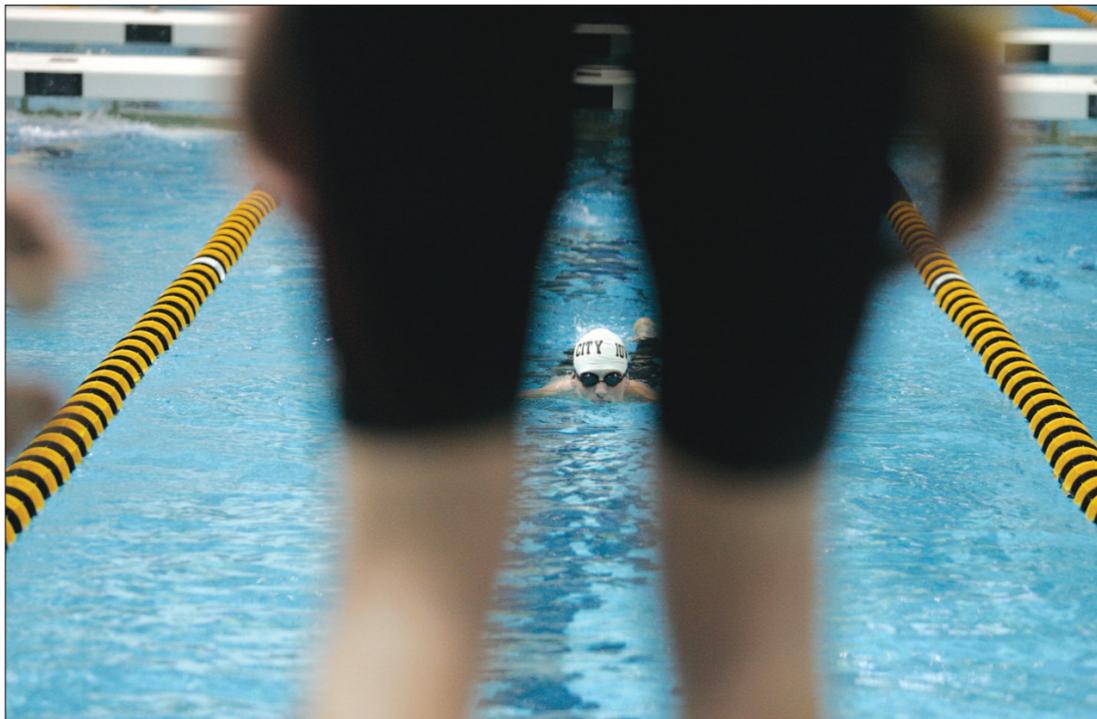
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Iowa freshman forward Melsahn Basabe reaches for a rebound after a fellow Hawkeye missed a shot during Iowa's game against Northern Iowa in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Dec. 7. Basabe posted a team-high 14 points.



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa 149-pounder Jeret Chiri wrestles Northern Iowa's Jamal Lawrence during the meet between the two schools in the Panthers' West Gym in Cedar Falls on Dec. 9. Chiri pinned Lawrence in 5:59.



HAORAN WANG/THE DAILY IOWAN

UI senior Kyle Siefers swims in the main pool at the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center on Dec. 9. There were 37 swimmers in the UI's first-ever intramural swimming meet.



RYAN MILLER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa State cheerleaders perform during a time-out in the Iowa-Iowa State women's basketball game in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Dec. 9. The game marked the first time in history that the two teams met while both were nationally ranked – Iowa (No. 19), Iowa State (No. 16).

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frustrating for most coaches because they seem so simple, Iowa just has not fared well from the charity stripe.

In the last three games, the Hawkeyes have made a combined 36 out of 68 attempts from the free throw line — just 53 percent.

“Well, the ironic thing is they make them in practice,” McCaffery said. “We chart every

free throw from the opening day of practice. We shoot a ton.”

Of course, shooting a free throw in an empty gym and shooting a free throw in front of 13,000 plus is a much different task. But listening to the team’s only senior,

there’s no excuse for missing a shot so often practiced.

“I blame it on concentration if anything,” Cole said. “We’re young, but I’m not one for mistakes. We just missed them.”

BROMMER

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himself since he averaged 18 points and 11 rebounds his senior year at Rosemount High. This Brommer was aggressive and asserted himself on offense, a stark change from the tentative, jump-hook-shooter of the past.

“I was pumped, and so

was Carver,” Brommer said. “There was a lot of space to do things, where I could use my agility to get to the ball and get to the right positions where my teammates could find me.”

While both Roy Devyn Marble and Bryce Cartwright recorded assists to the big man, he was more effective when finding his own shots. He scored twice on put-back shots, ran the floor well, and there was a noticeable jump in energy when

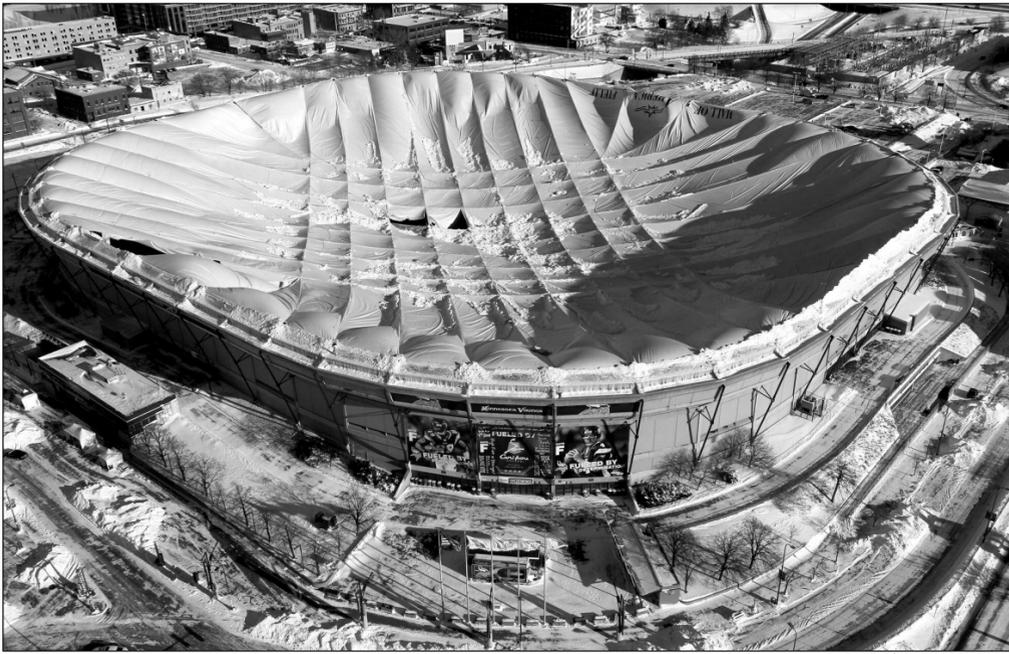
Brommer was on the floor.

Recording a career-high 12 points will contribute to the junior’s confidence, and Basabe said that will only make Brommer a more consistent threat.

“[He’s] a really talented player, and he’s starting to realize it,” Basabe said after the game. “I don’t think he realizes how good he is. I give [credit] to him. It’s no secret that I think he’s an effective player, and tonight the public was able to see [too].”

The 12-point performance naturally caught McCaffery’s eye, and the first-year head coach glowed about the steps he’s seen Brommer take in his limited minutes.

“Brommer was great tonight,” McCaffery said in his postgame press conference. “I’ve been really impressed with him — his work ethic, his determination. It was good to see him have some fun tonight, it really was.”



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The collapsed roof of the Metrodome is shown in this aerial view in Minneapolis on Sunday. The inflatable roof of the Metrodome collapsed Sunday after a snowstorm dumped 17 inches on Minneapolis. No one was hurt, but the roof failure sent the NFL scrambling to find a new venue for the Vikings’ game against the New York Giants, which will now be played in Detroit tonight.

Metrodome roof fails

Dome disaster: Snow wrecks Vikings’ home, relocates game.

By **DAVE CAMPBELL**

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Vikings’ long push for a new stadium has been stuck in neutral for more than a decade, but scary images of the Metrodome’s wrecked roof might accelerate the process.

While stadium workers started the cleanup and repair Sunday after a storm that brought 17 inches of snow and wind gusts up to 30 mph the day before, the Vikings left for Detroit, where their game against the New York Giants was moved by the NFL to this evening.

Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission Chairman Roy Terwilliger said he’s optimistic the roof can be repaired in time for the Vikings to host the Chicago Bears in their next scheduled home game, Dec. 20, giving workers eight days to replace three damaged panels and re-raise the Teflon roof.

Lester Bagley, the Vikings’ vice president for public affairs and stadium development, declined to comment on how the collapse could affect the team’s push for a new facility. Their lease at the Metrodome runs through the 2011 season, and they’ve said they won’t renew it.

“We’ve worked particularly close with the Vikings over the last two or three years on plans and designs and steps, and, obviously, it can’t help but call attention to the fact that the facility is 28 years old,” Terwilliger said. “It’s one of the oldest facilities in the NFL. There’s a problem when we run this risk of not being able to play a game, because it’s a huge economic hit to the team. But the policymakers will handle these issues.”

Giant chief executive and co-owner John Mara said he believes this “bolsters their argument why they need a new stadium. For this to happen nowadays is pretty incredible.”

State leaders have said there’s little they can do for the team until they solve a \$6 billion plus deficit. The Vikings are working on a new proposal to present to the Legislature after the session begins in January. They’ve been contacted

by two Los Angeles-based groups interested in bringing an NFL team to the nation’s second-largest market, but so far they’ve said they remain “committed to finding a solution in Minnesota.”

The Vikings previously pledged roughly one-third of the cost for a new stadium, estimated at \$700 million or far more depending on the model and the site, but they’ve had difficulty getting traction on public funding to pay for the rest.

Gov.-elect Mark Dayton stopped by the Metrodome on Sunday morning to “make a quick assessment for future decisions,” spokeswoman Katie Tinucci said without elaborating. She said Dayton wanted to thank the workers for their cleanup efforts, and he described the scene inside as “eerie.”

Tinucci said it was too early for Dayton to comment on how the collapse could affect the team’s desire for a new stadium, but Dayton supported the concept during his campaign. He has said he’d support a stadium proposal if the public benefits outweigh the public’s cost, without being specific.

There’s a lot of work to be done at the dome before the next scheduled game, considering the scene inside the cold, darkened stadium following the 5 a.m. collapse.

Snow plopped onto the artificial turf through a gaping hole above the 30-yard-line, as a piece of the Teflon-coated fiberglass roof roughly 10 yards long flapped in the wind. It glowed eerily in the sunlight dangling not far above the field. Speakers that hang from the roof were still safely above the seats and the field.

The seats sit low enough that it appears people would have been out of harm’s way had the roof fallen during a game

“I don’t see any real impact on the seating,” said Steve Maki, the Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission director of facilities and engineering.

He said he was coordinating with the original manufacturer and installer of the material, Birdair Inc. of Amherst, N.Y., on a plan to fix the roof. It has now fallen four times, all due to heavy snow, since the stadium opened

nearly 30 years ago. But the last time was 27 years ago — when a collapse in April 1983 forced postponement of a Minnesota Twin baseball game. Terwilliger said this was the worst of the collapses.

“This just came very fast. It was heavily loaded, and the wind was just unbelievable,” said Maki, who halted the snowmelt process and called his crew down from the roof on the night of Dec. 11 because of concern for their safety. “It almost knocked me on my rear end.”

The heat inside was turned up, and hot air was pumped between the roof’s layers, but that wasn’t enough to keep it from giving out.

“There were no injuries, which we’re thankful for,” said Bill Lester, the facility commission’s executive director.

The game between the Vikings and Giants had already been postponed by 31 hours, after the Dec. 11 blizzard kept the Giants from getting to Minneapolis on time. They stayed the night in Kansas City instead.

The city got 17.1 inches of snow during the storm that started on the night of Dec. 10 and ended around 10 p.m. Dec. 11, said James McQuirter, a National Weather Service meteorologist. He said the storm was one of the five largest to hit the Twin Cities. Some surrounding communities got more than 21 inches of snow, McQuirter said.

The Metrodome roof is 10 acres of Teflon-coated fiberglass that is supported by 20 90-horsepower fans. It weighs roughly 580,000 pounds. Maki said they keep some replacement fabric in stock with Birdair, and that the facility commission has received offers of extra material from officials in Syracuse, N.Y., and Detroit.

Maki said he didn’t anticipate any problem with the cleanup of the turf or the rest of the stadium. It’ll just be a matter of getting that white, puffy roof up again to cover the field and frame the eastern side of the city’s skyline.

“I remain optimistic, but we’ll have to wait and see,” Maki said.

AP writer Tom Canavan in Newark, N.J., contributed to this report.

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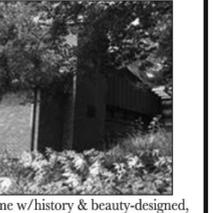
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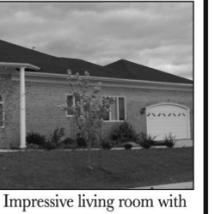


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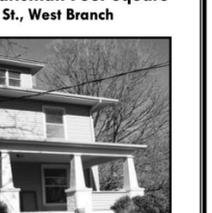


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Why finals shouldn't be scheduled so close to the holidays:

- All this studying makes you more depressed than when you learned the truth about Santa in eighth grade.
- Instead of getting lost in the wonder and magic of the holiday season, you get lost trying to properly set up a stoichiometry equation.
- Your studies begin to influence your holiday thoughts, and you begin asking such questions as, "Could Santa's elves perhaps be the presumed-extinct *Homo floresiensis* we learned about in *Human Origins*?"
- Your diversions become holiday-tinged, like attempting to disprove Santa's existence by using rate and distance formulae from your Calculus for Business notes.
- Instead of wearing festive red and green and listening to Christmas ditties, you feel like dressing in all black, putting on mascara, and pumping up the scream.
- You end up thinking about the rhetoric behind and the ulterior motives of Christmas commercials, instead of just enjoying how truly cheesy they are.
- How is one supposed to focus when the eggnog is so cheap and plentiful?
- Instead of drinking with friends in celebration and memories of good times past, you are drinking alone in your room, trying to forget as much of the last few months as possible.
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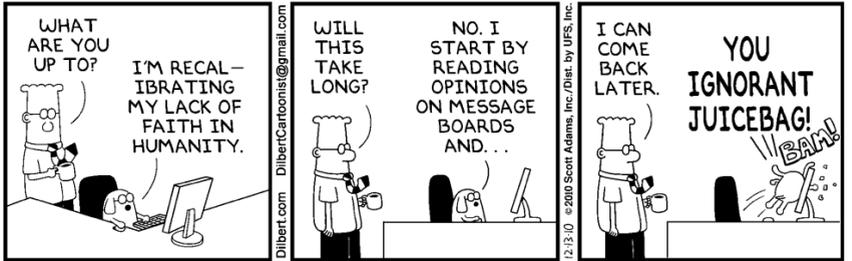
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- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Discipline will be required to finish incomplete projects. You can come up with a lucrative plan if you look at what you have to offer. A service that will help people just like you will bring in additional cash.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22 Get into high gear, and complete jobs that need to be finished before the year comes to a close. A little research will make your job that much easier, allowing you more time to spend with family or your lover.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 Take on a new project or look for an unusual interest. Focusing on learning a skill that can help you get ahead professionally will motivate you to strive for more. Don't let a lover or family member take over.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 You will attract business partners if you talk about an idea you want to put into motion in the new year. A challenge will interest you and bring you in contact with people you find inspiring and motivational.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Watch your step, especially when dealing with touchy friends, relatives, or neighbors. Stick close to home. A change in your current job or position may come about quickly. Discipline and hard work will pay off.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 You can talk your way in or out of any situation by putting a little friendly pressure on anyone giving you a hard time. Getting involved in social networking will pay off. Don't make any promises before you know what you are getting in return.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You may want to sit back and relax. Someone will take advantage of you or cause an emotional ruckus based on something you say or do. Stick close to home, and protect your assets.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Your ability to take care of both personal and professional business will be impressive and will help you control a situation you face with a friend or neighbor. A short jaunt to a place that interests you will pay off. Love is on the rise.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Stop to help someone, and you will forget about your own worries. A disciplined attitude regarding money should be encouraged if you don't want to fall behind in your bill payments. A problem with an old friend or lover will set you back if you are too glib.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 You can make headway if you listen, observe, and prepare to make your personal or professional moves. Romance is in the stars. A promise made will be kept. Experience will pay off.

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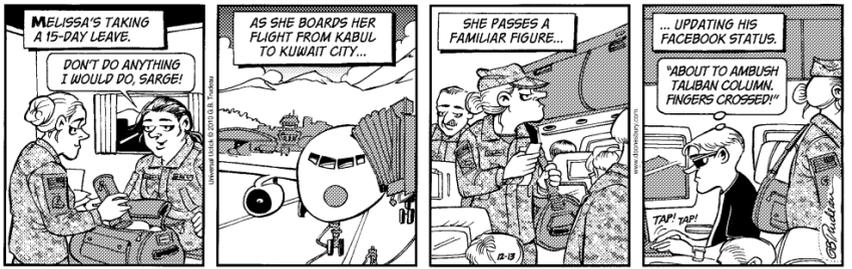
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today's events

- **Tot Time**, 9 a.m., Scanlon Gymnasium, 2701 Bradford
- **Three-Month Seminar: "Theoretical Studies on Structure and Dynamics of Room-Temperature Ionic Liquids,"** Harsha Annapureddy, 9:30 a.m., Iowa Advanced Technology Laboratories Conference Room
- **Sociable Seniors**, 10 a.m., North Liberty Community Library, 520 W. Cherry
- **Toddler Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Special Seminar: "Metalloproteins: From Models to de novo Designed Function,"** Ivan Korendovych, University of Pennsylvania, noon, C125 Pappajohn Business Building
- **IC Secular Homeschool Group: Gymnasium Fun**, 1 p.m., Robert A. Lee Recreation Center, 220 S. Gilbert
- **Minus the Bear**, 5 p.m., Blue Moose, 211 Iowa
- **End of Semester Special, Chekhov for Children**, a film by UI Associate Professor Sasha Waters Freyer, 6 p.m., Bijou
- **Peyote Beading Techniques**, 6 p.m., Beadology Iowa 220 E. Washington
- **Zumba**, 6:10 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Society, 10 S. Gilbert
- **Open Mike**, with J. Knight, 8 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Campus Activities Board Massage Chairs**, 9-11 p.m., IMU Hubbard Commons

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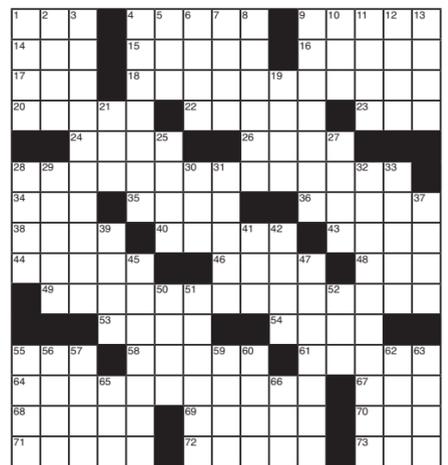
- **Bench Art: A Work in Progress**, M.C. Ginsberg, 110 E. Washington
- **Tony Brown Paintings, Un-Stretched, Mixed Media Paintings by Jamie Elizabeth Hudrlik**, Chait Galleries Downtown, 218 E. Washington
- **Chaos and Creation on the Pentacrest**, Old Capitol Museum
- **City of Literature: Literary Life in Iowa City**, Main Library
- **Ere Ibeji: Yoruba Twin Figures from the Collection of J. Richard Simon**, IMU Black Box Theater
- **Exploring Hoover's Attic: Treasures, Keepsakes, Surprises**, Herbert Hoover Presidential Library & Museum
- **Fiber and Flight**, Patti Zwick and Alex Lippisch Zwick, Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Dawn Frary: Tattoo Portraits, Photographs**, Revival, 117 E. College
- **Julia Galloway with Ron Meyers**, AKAR, 257 Iowa
- **Laurie Haag: Digital Art & Photography**, Senior Center
- **Images of the Southwest**, Alicia Brown, Michael Johnson, and Marcia Wegman, MidWestOne Ban, 102 S. Clinton
- **Diane Blair Kunzler Paintings**, Herbert Hoover National Site, 104 Parkside Drive, West Branch
- **Local Color: Plein Air Landscapes by Beppie Weiss**, Englert, 221 W. Washington

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- Across**
- Path of a Hail Mary pass
 - "Remember the ___" (cry of 1836)
 - Wranglers, e.g.
 - ___ de Janeiro
 - Pine exudation
 - Baby hooter
 - The Braves, on scoreboards
 - "Carpe diem"
 - Officer's identification
 - Family car
 - Imitate
 - Poverty
 - Burst of wind
 - Quickly satisfy one's hunger
 - "___ the land of the free ..."
 - Spike, as the punch
 - Birth-related
 - Large number
 - Harvests
 - Owner of the bed that was too soft in "Goldilocks and the Three Bears"
 - Takes on, as workers
 - Diploma feature
 - Hosp. employee
 - Rough-and-tumble outdoor kids' game
 - London art gallery
 - Secular
 - Where you might get into hot water?
 - Passover feast
 - Motored
 - Commonplace utterance ... or a description of 18-, 28- and 49-Across?
 - Half a dozen
 - Shake hands (on)
 - Schindler of "Schindler's List"
 - Touch on the shoulder, say
 - Breakfast, lunch and dinner
 - First-time drivers, often
 - ___-mo
- Down**
- The "A" in U.A.E.
 - Hayworth of "Cover Girl"
 - Late 1940s to about 1990
 - Weapons depot
 - Actor ___ J. Cobb
 - Sale tag words
 - 1987 Masters winner Larry
 - Fidgety
 - First impeached U.S. president
 - Mother in a flock
 - Alan of "Crimes and Misdemeanors"
 - Certain tide
 - Openly grieved
 - Caress
 - Comic Mort
 - Squirrels away
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



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