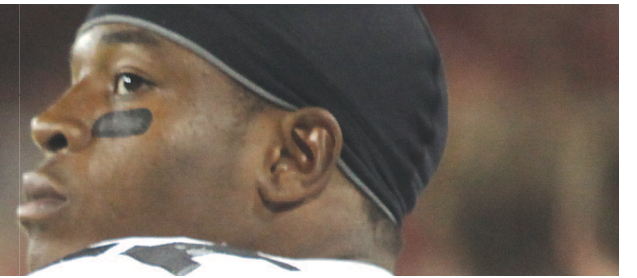


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## UI feels finals crunch

Next year, officials will use new classroom planning software to help with finals.



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University of Iowa students prepare their Scantron forms before lecturer Paul Rudolph's Human Biology final in the Chemistry Building on Monday. UI officials plan to implement new software next year to help better prepare for finals with more students. This year's incoming class had 500 more students than last year and officials said it could keep growing.

By **ALICIA KRAMME**  
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The influx of freshmen at the University of Iowa this semester has contributed to more finals being split into different rooms, more proctors needed, and a more expensive finals week.

UI Registrar Larry Lockwood said the changes were needed to accommodate seating students in every other seat.

Exact numbers for proctors hired or dollars spent won't be available until the end of the week, Lockwood said.

While the UI was able to accommodate all testing this semester, he said, the trend could continue if more freshmen are accepted again next year.

"If we're going to have an increase in freshmen again next year, and we keep doing well with retention like we have been, then it could be a problem," Lockwood said. "I think it is going to be difficult to handle every other seating."

But Lockwood said the problem could be taken care of by the new classroom planning software the university will implement next year.

"Made At the University of Iowa" is a program that organizes classrooms, including requiring instructors to indicate whether they will need a room for testing when they first set their course up, providing better communication between the registrar and teachers.

Lockwood said the increased communication will help the Registrar's Office ensure that instructors get their ideal testing situation.

"They may not need to use their rooms, so we'll have that information and will be able to use it for a different final," Lockwood said.

The entire program will be in place by the fall of 2011, though parts will be used next semester.

UI freshman Shelby Wiese, who had two finals Monday, said sitting every other seat was a luxury she didn't experience in her first final. Splitting up classes for finals helped make it possible for teachers to seat students farther apart.

"I felt like the person next to me was looking at my paper," Wiese said. "I was very conscious of my answers. On top that, they kept muttering the whole time."

SEE TESTING, 3

## Regent open to sabbatical meetings

Some legislators have said the professional development assignments could be cut to save money.

By **SAM LANE**  
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One member of the state Board of Regents plans to meet with elected officials later this week to discuss a legislative backlash following the regents' decision to approve all 95 requested sabbaticals for the three state universities.

Republican legislators have been outspoken about wanting to cut professional development assignments at Iowa's regent universities to save money. After the regents approved the requested sabbaticals at their meeting last week, some legislators were upset.

Now, Regent Robert Downer said he plans to meet with legislators this week to discuss this issue.

Downer said he was unable to divulge the location of the meeting or which legislators will be involved, but he said it is an effort to better communicate with lawmakers and the public on the importance of sabbaticals. He also said he thought other regents will take a similar approach.

"It seems to me that we have a communication problem here," he said. "In my opinion, we have done a substantially less-than-satisfactory job explaining the importance of [professional development assignments]. That's something I think we need to work on."

Downer had previously stressed this communication during the Dec. 9 telephonic regents meeting, when they approved 58 sabbaticals for UI faculty — slightly more than 4 percent of eligible professors.

The total budgeted replacement costs for the approved assignments is a combined \$422,283 for the three regent universities.

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## A 'Thanks' not quickly forgotten

Organizers expect to receive around 550 thank-you letters from students to teachers this semester.

By **MAX FREUND**  
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Diana Dang took a moment out of her busy finals schedule to say thank-you. And while her note took only a few minutes to write, it meant the world to her teacher.

"I did not know that she appreciated [my teaching] that much, that is also why I treasure it," said English Professor Peter Nazareth, remembering Dang's letter. "I got through to her, and it showed me the power and importance of teaching."

The University of Iowa junior wrote the letter to Nazareth after taking his class on transnational literature. While the note was short, thanking him for providing an opportunity to learn from him, Dang said Nazareth was instrumental in

her realizing that English was the right major for her.

"He was really caring about his students," she said. "It really showed when I came to his office hours, I was really able to connect to him."

Dang's letter was sent through the Thank a Teacher program, an initiative that has been at the University of Iowa for more than 10 years. Put on by the Center for Teaching, the program allows students a chance to e-mail comments to a professor that center employees then type out, print, and deliver.

For the first few years of the program, the center averaged 45 responses each semester from students. But Center for

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## HANDCRAFTED ORNAMENTATION



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Theresa Berger and Danielle Berger look at some of the hand-blown ornaments on display at the Iowa Artisans Gallery on Monday. The sisters, both students at the University of Iowa, were shopping for a "unique" Christmas gift for their mother. The Iowa Artisans Gallery has been in Iowa City for almost 27 years and represents more than 250 artists from across the United States. Staff member Patrick Carney said everything sold at the gallery is handcrafted.

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# TAs push for paid tuition

A tuition scholarship is offered to any UI graduate teaching or research assistant.

By **ARIANA WITT**  
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University of Iowa graduate student Jeremy Reed said he was “caught off guard” by the amount of tuition he was expected to pay in the College of Education even with the graduate tuition scholarship offered to him.

The first-year Ph.D. student said he is using savings he accumulated while working in Illinois to cover the cost, but knows he will soon have to look to other funding options to make up for the difference of almost \$700.

“As students, every penny counts towards our education, but it’s tough,” Reed said.

The UI is one of two Big Ten universities to set dollar amounts for the scholarships graduate teaching assistants receive to cover their tuition. The majority of universities cover 100 percent of tuition, based on credit hours and teaching hours.

At the UI, the scholarship covers up to \$3,612 of tuition for graduate assistants, also based on credit and teaching

hours. While that covers around 99 percent of tuition for students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, it falls short for those in other schools, including the College of Education, where in-state tuition is \$4,300.

The University of Minnesota also states its scholarships in dollar terms, but it follows any tuition increases, said Susan Cable Morrison, an human-resources manager for the graduate assistant services.

At a Nov. 1 meeting, the UI Campaign to Organize Graduate Students proposed its contract clearly state 100 percent of tuition will be paid for those in assistantship positions. Their proposal came before UI officials and the state Board of Regents.

“We would like to offer 100 percent tuition coverage because attracting students in the Big Ten is a goal,” said John Keller, the dean of the Graduate College. “But without the knowledge of state appropriations, we feel it’s best to just state a dollar amount.”

Regent representatives

and UI Graduate College officials included a \$3,625 scholarship amount for the 2011-12 academic in their Nov. 15 proposal to COGS. But that increase isn’t enough, said COGS President Kari Thompson.

“The problem is [the scholarship] would only cover those in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences,” Thompson said. “But other colleges still need funding.”

At the University of Michigan, graduate students with assistantships are covered for the complete cost of tuition. Ronald Dick, the associate director of academic human resources for Graduate Studies, said the tuition waiver came as a result of the university’s graduate student union.

“This would apply to anyone who is a graduate instructor regardless of the school they’re enrolled in, but as a practical matter, most are in the literature college,” Dick said.

While the UI doesn’t track the number of graduate assistants in each college, many of the roughly 2,500 are in the

## Graduate tuition UI teaching and research assistants are eligible for a tuition scholarship that covers approximately 99 percent of total tuition costs.

- 986 research assistants covered
- 1,470 teaching assistants
- 44 College of Law students covered under COGS
- \$3,625 proposed tuition coverage for the 2011-12 year

Source: John Keller, dean of the Graduate College

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Keller said. Other colleges could move money around to cover those students, and some UI departments are doing so to make up the difference left by the scholarship, he said.

James Pilkey, a first year Ph.D. student in the education school, said he didn’t consider the tuition scholarship when he chose the UI. But now he would like the school to pay 100 percent.

“As of now, I haven’t had to take out any loans to help pay for school,” he said. “But if something doesn’t change, I’m sure I’ll have to.”

# Alcohol partnership re-evaluating

Leah Cohen says anywhere from five to 10 bars could close by Jan. 15.

By **HAYLEY BRUCE**  
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The night Iowa City voters upheld the 21-ordinance, city officials, university administrators, and bar owners had a similar message: They would continue to work together.

Although University of Iowa officials said they are acting alone in regards to the recently released Alcohol Harm Reduction plan, Tom Rocklin, the UI vice president for Students Services, and city officials said any collaboration will continue through the Partnership for Alcohol Safety.



**Rocklin**  
VP Student Services

“We’re working very hard at trying to get everyone together to cooperate,” said partnership member Marc Moen. “Like with everything else, when there is a change, it makes everyone re-evaluate, and there are a lot of positives that could come out of it.”

The group — ranging from Iowa public health,

city, and university officials to local bar owners — will meet Friday to discuss moving forward as a community, said Sarah Hansen, who serves on the partnership and works in the Office of the Vice President for Student Services.

Stephen Larson, the administrator of the Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division, will also attend the meeting to discuss potential collaborations between the Alcoholic Beverages Division and a campus-community partnership.

But while UI and city officials said they are open to working with business owners, Leah Cohen, the owner of Bo-James, 118 E. Washington St., said she no longer feels binge drinking is a bar issue.

“The bars are out of it now; students are out of the bars,” she said. “So it’s up to everyone else to see what further things are going to do.”

Moen said the Partnership for Alcohol Safety is evaluating what to do next, including whether there are other people in the community who should be represented on the board. Although no specific plans are in

place, he said, several people from the community have approached him with new ideas of how to fill downtown vacancies left from closing bars.

“It’s a tough issue, but I’ve been working in the area for 30 years, and a lot more progress can be made by sitting down and working it out than fighting,” Moen said.

Champion said the 21-ordinance could have been avoided if bar owners were cooperative to begin with, and, she noted, the council would be open to trying again if they were approached.

“I think there are things that can be done, and I think [bar owners] need to come up with some good ideas of how they can use their property to bring kids in there,” she said. “We’re always willing to talk with them. I don’t want anyone to go out of business. It’s sad.”

But Cohen said the bars did try to work with city councilors and made several suggestions through the Alcohol Advisory Board prior to the ordinance. She said those ideas — including a cap on container sizes of

## The life of the 21-ordinance

- **June 1:** 21-ordinance takes effect
- **July 12:** Council votes to make 21-ordinance a ballot measure
- **Sept. 23:** Early voting begins
- **Nov. 2:** Community votes to keep 21-ordinance in place
- **Friday:** Partnership for Alcohol Safety will meet to discuss potential collaborations between the Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division and campus-community partnerships

alcoholic beverages and increased police presence — were ignored.

Since the vote, Champion said, no bar owners have approached the City Council and she does not think any more ordinances will be passed.

While Cohen said she can’t represent other bars, she doesn’t think they plan to speak up.

“From what I’ve heard from other bars, I don’t think they even want to talk to the City Council,” she said. “I’ve talked to a lot of angry bar owners, and they feel the city should be stepping forward with some other measures to help downtown.”

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## METRO

**3 face drug-related charges**  
Authorities have arrested three Iowa City residents on drug-related charges.

Robin Svec, 25, and Eric Conrad, 26, both of 727 E. Washington St., were charged Sunday with keeping a drug house and possession of a controlled substance. Svec, a former *Daily Iowan* staffer, was also charged with unlawful possession

of a prescription drug. Jessica Farrell, 29, 802 E. Washington St., was charged with two counts of possession of a controlled substance after police reportedly found psilocybin mushrooms, marijuana, and marijuana paraphernalia in the room at 727 E. Washington St. she occupied.

According to Iowa City police, officers responded to Svec’s residence from a report of a marijuana smell coming from the building. Officers

reportedly saw a pipe in plain view after being invited into the house.

Svec allegedly denied owning the pipe and denied police permission to search the residence without a warrant. Officers said they obtained a warrant after finding more marijuana and marijuana paraphernalia. Police found a bottle of pills — identified as the prescription drug Biaxin — without a label, police reports show.

Conrad came home during the search, police said. Conrad reportedly

told officers he knew his roommate smoked marijuana but denied knowledge of the paraphernalia.

Officers also found some residents were dealing and consuming controlled substances in the house.

Officers arrested Farrell after reportedly finding psilocybin mushrooms, marijuana, and marijuana paraphernalia in her room. She denied living there, despite the presence of clothing and backpacks.

— by **Nina Earnest**

## POLICE BLOTTER

**Ronald Downs**, 49, 2551 Nevada Ave., was charged Sunday with domestic assault.

**Steven Forbes**, 55, Lone Tree, was charged Dec. 10 with fifth-degree theft.

**Ben Harrison**, 36, Davenport,

was charged Aug. 8 with violating a protective order.

**Willie Hilson**, 53, address unknown, was charged Nov. 10 with fraudulent criminal acts with a credit card.

**Terrence Martin**, 32, 273 Paddock


Circle, was charged Sunday with domestic assault.

**Mary Schrock**, 30, 2713 Wayne Ave., was charged Sunday with providing tobacco products to a minor.

**Stephania Tsevas**, 44, 937 Cottonwood Ave., was charged


Dec. 9 with fourth-degree theft, simple assault, and making false reports to law enforcement.

**Bradley Weber**, 27, Boone, Iowa, was charged Sunday with third-degree theft and public intoxication.



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Teaching officials decided to reach students through a mass e-mail three years ago. They sent the e-mail, went to lunch, and had 93 responses waiting for them when they returned an hour later.

They are expecting somewhere around 550 letters this semester, said Jean Florman, the director of the center.

Florman personally compiles all the messages before sending them out, and she said while students have the option to post messages anonymously, rude letters are few and far between.

"It has been extremely heartening and stunning that last year, out of 535, there was one nasty message," she said.

Some students write letters to express how fun a class was and many professors said hearing why can not only be uplifting, but integral to future success.

"It is a great way for me to hear directly from the students about what they have appreciated about my teaching in a more informal setting than course evaluations," said graduate TA Bridget Draxler.

Draxler said she's received around five letters from the center; the most recent was from last semester from junior Aleena Becker.

She wrote, "You have inspired me to explore liter-

Quotes from students' thank-yous

"Thanks for making a subject that I am horrible at enjoyable. Even though math is definitely not my best subject, I always enjoyed your class and enthusiasm. You actually act like you care."

"You are truly an inspirational teacher, and your enthusiasm and energy made me want to go to class each week. You are a role model to all students and are so open to helping each and every one of us."

"Again, you have done for me what no other teacher has been able to do for in 17 years of education: You have made me want to learn, want to write, and desire to go to class. The amount I have learned from you about both writing and myself as a writer/person is almost incomprehensible. You will always be an inspiration to me in both writing and life in general for the rest of my post-grad life. Thank you for everything."

"The class was the greatest learning experience I have ever had. I came into it not knowing a single true thing about poetry, but thinking I knew them all. You managed to not only teach me things that I didn't know, you taught me that much of what I knew was wrong, why it was wrong, and how to comprehend the truth."

ature in ways I never imagined," a message that hit home with Draxler's teaching style.

She had her students participate in literary walks, re-enact scenes from Hamlet, and undertake a large project with the Iowa archives at the Main Library.

"I decided to write a thank-you letter to her because she really captivated the classroom with a unique teaching style," Becker said.

And while the messages between students and

teachers can be a quick thank you, an inside joke, or a passionate rant, Assistant Professor of chemistry Christopher Cheatum said it is just nice to know he made a difference.

"Particularly when you have a class of 500 students, it can be hard to know you have connected with them," he said. "So it is a tremendous boost to a professor to have a student take the time to write a message like that."

TESTING

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Sitting every other seat during her chemistry exam made the testing situation "more fair," she said.

But some teachers said this semester isn't a huge change from previous semesters.

Chemistry lecturer Russell Larsen said splitting 900 to 1,000 students into different rooms to take the chemistry exam is not unusual — it happens every semester.

His General Chemistry course was split into five rooms Monday.

"That's inevitable given the size of the courses and the way we run them," he said.



BRENNAN NORMAN/THE DAILY IOWAN

UI students prepare their Scantron Forms before lecturer Paul Rudolph's Human Biology final in the Chemistry Building on Monday.

Robert Thunhorst, a UI adjunct assistant psychology professor, said it is the same case with his 1,100-student Elementary Psychology class.

Both Thunhorst and Larsen emphasized the

importance of keeping students in every other seat.

"I prefer it that way," Thunhorst said. "It's less likely they're even tempted to cheat. It makes it easier for the TAs to keep tabs on them."



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

The public listens to the state Board of Regents during a meeting in Northern Iowa's Mauker Union on Sept. 16.

SABBATICALS

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For the last few months, Republican lawmakers have recommended halting such as assignments as a cost-cutting measure.

Rep. Ron Jorgensen, R-Sioux City, incoming vice chairman of the House education appropriation subcommittee, said the intent is to look at the items from a budgetary standpoint.

"I wouldn't say that [the assignments are] something that are definitely on the chopping block," Jorgensen said. If sabbaticals are "just used to take a break ... their value has to be questioned," he said.

Downer said he was "very, very disturbed" when some legislators publicly denounced the regents' action as "arrogant," or insinuated

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— Rep. Ron Jorgensen, R-Sioux City

that the regents could be "punished" for their vote.

But he denied the idea that the issue of professional development assignments has chilled the relationship between regents and Republican legislators.

"I've talked with a number of them," Downer said. "I think they're seeking information. I think we have a duty to provide it to them."

He plans to provide copies of regents' agenda items to the legislators with whom he meets. The documents from last week's meeting lay out all the faculty members' plans for their assignments and provide a brief report on the accomplishments of those who took a sabbatical last year.

"We need to make certain that it's clear this is not a disguised vacation," he said.

Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville, said some Republican lawmakers — in particular, Rep. Jeff Kaufmann, R-Wilton — are using criticisms of the assignments as "smoke and mirrors" in an attempt to reduce funding to the regents and privatize the state's universities.

"A couple of people who have a vendetta are trying to flex their muscles," Jacoby said. "I think they need to go back to the gym and work out."

Kaufmann did not return calls on Monday.

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## Editorial

## Research funding shouldn't supplant mental-health services

Research doesn't mean relief for the millions of Americans suffering from mental illness.

Scientific discovery, though valuable, translates only roughly into enhanced services, which are more important than ever in our rough economic times. While increased funding for research on stigmatized and poorly understood conditions is laudable, we mustn't conflate it with adequate assistance for those in need. It's not enough to support research; the conversation should also emphasize services that are grounded in science and tackle the effects of mental illness in the community.

"Knowing something in the laboratory, even writing about it in journals and presenting that research at professional meetings, doesn't necessarily translate into practice," said Michael Flaum, the director of the Iowa Consortium on Mental Health and a University of Iowa clinical psychiatry professor. Flaum sees the consortium's main goal as facilitating that translation to improve Iowans' access to quality mental-health services.

All things considered, the UI's funding for research is in a fairly secure position. Even in the midst of the worst recession since the Great Depression, the last fiscal year saw a 9 percent growth in external funding for faculty research. And UI graduate Roger L. Koch, in an admirable move, donated \$1 million to a fund for interdisciplinary research into bipolar disorder with the aim of determining treatment and prediction of the illness — a boon for anyone who struggles with the difficult condition.

Americans need funding for services as well, though. According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 45.1 million American adults experienced mental illness in 2009. While this is not a sharp increase from the 2008 number, it still highlights the importance of effective treatment, surveillance, and assistance. In addition, only 37.9 percent of people with a mental illness (60.6 percent of those with a severe mental illness) received any form of treatment.

On the state level, the National Alliance on Mental Illness gave Iowa's mental-health resources a "D" grade in 2009. Iowa Legislature candidates have criticized the state for providing unpredictable funding for mental-health and disability services. And the

Iowa State Association of Counties lists improved mental-health funding first on its human-services agenda, protesting the \$8 million reduction in mental-health funding from fiscal 2010 to fiscal 2011.

"In times of tight funding climates, which we're now very much in, the first thing that gets cut is any kind of education, training, and supervision dollar [for mental-health issues]," Flaum said. "There has been increased utilization of mental- and behavioral-health services over the last few years ... but there has not been a proportional increase in providers and funding."

Here in Johnson County, the Board of Supervisors' strategic mental-health/disability services plan for the coming years contains a distressing analysis. While the plan states that the services in 2009 were adequate, "significant county population growth in the past eight and one-half years, the state's lack of appropriate funding for growth ... and lack of hospital beds are causing severe stress to the Johnson County mental-health/disability budget."

To make matters worse, federal stimulus money expires in the middle of this financial year, leaving mental-health funding in a tenuous position right when dire economic straits have increased their demand. Difficult economic times increase the need for mental-health assistance, Flaum said, because they tend to trigger latent predispositions for mental illness.

This is reflected in the aforementioned Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration data — in 2009, unemployed persons experienced suicidal ideation at nearly twice the rate of those with full-time employment. Economic downturns damage more than just pocketbooks.

So while funding advances in mental illness treatments are commendable, we also need to improve services for those already suffering. It is difficult to argue in times of budgetary crisis for increased funding, but we must facilitate the movement of knowledge from the laboratory to the hospital. Scientific advancement should not overwhelm the use of new information.

Otherwise, while it may help those in 2025, today's research will not help today's sick.

Your turn. Are mental-health services underfunded? Weigh in on [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com).

## Arugula &amp; sausage

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Governing, as we all should have discovered by now, is not nice, fresh, organic arugula — as great as nice, fresh, organic arugula is. Remember that extraordinary pop of pepper you get at that first bite, among all those other tastes?

Me, too.

Governing — as opposed to campaigning and yakking about hope until we all believe we live somewhere near either the Dalai Lama or the political Field of Dreams — is, as the cliché goes, sausage. Specifically, making the damn stuff. Governing is not really for the arugula at heart.

The world at large (not to mention the world not at large) does not have all that much time for those who are arugula at heart, as much as I love those people. And love arugula.

The world is for the sausage at heart.

(Of course, sausage will eventually slay the heart, or at least romance; some would say this proves that the world is still governed by ancient Greek tragedy, though others strenuously contend that ancient Greek comedy is in control. They're probably both right, which is how the world works these days, such as it ever works.)

Which brings us to the President Obama/Republican deal on the Bush-era tax cuts. Talk about your sausage at heart.

The deal has irritated some conservatives, but it has absolutely enraged a lot of people on the left, because the rich get to keep their tax cuts for at least two years. The lefties seem to forget that the deal also extends unemployment benefits for around 2 million people who absolutely need them. Talk about your arugula at heart.

Just for the record, a new Pew Center poll finds that 60 percent of Americans polled support the tax deal, 22 percent oppose it. Not that we need to turn into Poll-Land or anything. Although we probably already have.

Some critics remain unmoved and not just my pals on the left. Take Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La.,

who would not be considered a liberal by any scale except the one developed by Attila the Hun.

"This is beyond politics," she said. "This is about justice and doing what's right." She then went on to condemn "the almost, you know, moral corruptness" of tax cuts for the rich.

Well.

Louisiana politics, for the most part, makes Chicago politics look squeaky clean. Which, you have to admit whatever your political leanings or non-leanings, is something of a spectacular feat. So I guess we'll take Landrieu's word for it that she knows "corruptness" when she sees it. Though I think most of us would say "corruption."

In any case, it's nice to know she's so adamantly against tax cuts for millionaires now. In 2001, you might remember, she was one of the very few Democrats who voted to put those George W. Bush tax cuts for millionaires in place. I guess the tax cuts didn't involve "corruptness" then.

Then there's Felix Rohatyn, now an investment banker, but in the Middle Ages, he was one of the guys who saved New York City when it went bankrupt (or almost bankrupt). And, OK, it was actually the 1970s, which might as well be the Middle Ages, given the strong grasp of history most Americans have.

These days, Rohatyn does not seem intent on saving the tax deal.

"It seems to me that crying wolf is probably a good thing to do at this point," he said. "I don't like to play the scared rabbit, but I just don't see where the end of this is."

"Sobering," writes William D. Cohan in the *New York Times*, who also dislikes the tax deal.

Well, it's always sobering when you mix your metaphors that badly. Not to mention that "to cry wolf" is to raise a false alarm. Surely, Rohatyn did not mean to either raise a false alarm or to propose that raising a false alarm would be a good thing.

So, those of you who love the arugula diet, Landrieu and Rohatyn are your comrades in arms? Not to mention Sarah Palin and Christine O'Donnell?

Nice company you keep. ■

## Letter

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## Support and forgive star athletes

I find the views expressed by JohnPatrick Brown in his Dec. 10 letter shameful and unrepresentative of many Iowa fans. He argued that no one would have cared what Iowa wide receiver Derrell Johnson-Koulianos did after Dec. 29, because he would no longer be an Iowa football player.

However, DJK would nonetheless be a part of the Iowa football family. Iowa fans

have a tradition of supporting alumni through thick and thin, in both time spent at the University of Iowa and beyond. DJK is a young man who got in over his head and made a serious mistake; no one denies this. But however tempted we may be to bristle in self-righteous disgust, our efforts are better suited supporting him and hoping that he may learn and grow from this. We should leave the parenting and mentoring to his family and the Iowa coaching staff.

Brown also believes that DJK has confirmed Iowa's reputation as a school pervaded by drugs and alcohol. Contrarily, I would point to the thousands of non-athlete students who drink themselves into the hospital and the police station on the weekends as evidence of this school's culture.

DJK is evidence for a better lesson Brown fails to note: College athletes are, despite all the television coverage and accolades and fame, still young. They are still growing up. Holding

them to a higher standard is understandable, but we must acknowledge the unique pressures to which star athletes are subjected and try our best to support and forgive.

So much of DJK's life could be changed in the near future. I hope Iowa fans, who have celebrated DJK in his brightest moments, do not run from him during his darkest ones. If we run away, then we should feel ashamed.

Kevin J. O'Neill  
UI graduate student

## Guest opinion

## UI alcohol-reduction plan proactive, based on research

I appreciate this opportunity to reframe *The Daily Iowan* Editorial Board's view that the Alcohol Harm Reduction plan is "naïve." I see it as positive, proactive, and based in sound research on alcohol-harm reduction and student success.

The plan is multipronged (four goals related to ensuring student success) and comprehensive (39 tactics implemented over three years) and addresses the high-risk drinking reported by University of Iowa students. The Alcohol Harm Reduction Advisory Committee was guided by the best data available, which is important because data often disprove our intuitions.

The Editorial Board argues that it is "flawed and naïve" to believe that

sophomores will complete the sophomore health-risk assessment. However, 32.5 percent of sophomores have already completed it. The Editorial Board doubts the effectiveness of AlcoholEdu. The facts refute this doubt: AlcoholEdu participants report that the program helped them develop a plan for responsible alcohol use; in addition, fewer AlcoholEdu students reported blackouts, hangovers, or ETC transports than previous non-AlcoholEdu freshman cohorts. This is one of the reasons AlcoholEdu was expanded to include all incoming students under 21.

The data on alcohol harm at the UI are disturbing: Seven out of 10 college students report having engaged in high-risk

drinking in the previous two weeks. That is more than double the reports (three out of 10) at the national level. We remain optimistic (not Pollyannaish) that the UI and Iowa City community can work together to achieve the relatively modest goal of reducing the binge drinking rates from 70 percent to 55 percent.

How will this happen? The broad-based committee, convened by Vice President for Student Services Tom Rocklin and composed of faculty, staff, and students, takes seriously the vice president's charge to provide an annual update to his office. We have excellent momentum from the involvement of the various committee members —

especially the students who provided important insight into student life. We will translate this momentum into support for the students and offices responsible for implementing the tactics.

This plan is not only workable, it is flexible. There is a strong focus on training and education. For example, tactics for goal two (more students remain low-risk drinkers) include:

- Implement parent-student education at orientation;
- Expand the living-learning communities;
- Increase participation in activities that have lower rates of binge drinking.

For goal three (more high-risk drinkers lower their drinking), one approach is to implement a

media campaign educating students on saving friends from toxic drinking. Another tactic for goal three is to train residence-hall coordinators in the use of Brief Alcohol Screening and Intervention for College Students, a motivationally focused interview technique. If there is evidence that something is not working, we will change our approach. That's the beauty of not having a silver-bullet strategy.

Last month, the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism released a report that captures our optimistic, yet realistic, perspective:

"Student drinking is amenable to a combination of well-chosen, evidence-based universal prevention

strategies ... The greatest reductions [in high-risk drinking] were found at universities with the highest intensity of intervention implementation, achieved through heavy publicity and highly visible enforcement activities."

We appreciate the kind of publicity provided by the well-researched and informative Dec. 7 *DI* Metro article on the unveiling of the plan. UI students deserve inspired dedication to ensuring their safety and success, and we want to work together to achieve these goals.

The debates are over; let's get to work.

Susan Assouline is a UI professor in the College of Education and the chairwoman of the Alcohol Harm Reduction Committee.



## Songs of experience

The Senior Center's Voices of Experience will host its annual holiday concert today.

By ERIC HAWKINSON  
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For one group of senior citizens, it's all about enjoying music and having fun. When Jackie Zwiefel tells her choir to do something during rehearsal, she's often met with a clever joke from one of the singers. She recalls once during a practice when she asked one of her group members to breathe for 12 counts.

"He says, 'Well I can only count to eleven,'" Zwiefel said. "You know, picture a 70-something-year-old man saying something like that."

Sponsored by the Senior Center, the Voices of Experience choir group is again hosting a holiday special, which the members have prepared for weeks of rehearsals. The winter concert will take place at the Senior Center, 28 S. Linn St., at 2:30 p.m. today. Admission is free.

The group's mission statement is "to bring as much joy as possible to the members of the group and to those for whom we perform." With the help of UI students and professors, the group has blossomed into a well-polished performing choir.

UI graduate student Zwiefel has helped conduct the group since last year, and she has temporarily

taken the job as director in place of UI Assistant Professor Mary Cohen, who will return in the spring. Zwiefel said it's been a joy working with the seniors.

"I'll have classes in the morning, then I go to the Senior Center in the afternoon," she said. "It just really changes your mood for the day."

Cohen said she looks forward to returning to the group. She has been working with the choir for a number of years to help teach the seniors as well as music students interested in the art of choral performance and education.

"I really enjoy combining my university teaching with community engagement," she said. "It worked well to offer my students some practical, hands-on learning opportunities and get to direct people who really enjoy singing."

Zwiefel says that the group has a wide range of talent, from expert singers to beginners and rehearsals are a great time.

"[Rehearsals] are great. I have a lot of fond memories of just funny things that they've said," Zwiefel said. "When everything comes together, and we're performing, and they just enjoy the music, then you can see

**CONCERT**  
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the audience enjoying it as well. Performances, that's my one-word answer."

The concerts have a large portion dedicated to sing-alongs with the audience, something the seniors enjoy the most about the shows, Zwiefel said.

"The seniors are very receptive. They're such a welcoming group. They always welcome the students to come watch or sing-along," she said. "If we have students come, they'll talk to the students afterwards or just encourage them in whatever they're doing."

She encourages people to attend the choir both as performers and audience members. She says they're "continually looking to build the group," and they also enjoy it when people come to listen.

"It's such a joy to work with them. It's just very fulfilling and I know that they're having a good time, so that makes it very enjoyable for me as well," Zwiefel said. "It's just really great."

## Spotlight on hip-hop

Iowa City's rap scene tries to find a home with Hip Hop Tuesdays at Gabe's.

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As Eminem stared in the mirror in the film *8 Mile*, his palms sweaty and arms heavy while the crowd waited eagerly to hear him rap battle, he realized this was his one shot and he needed to "lose himself in the moment."

But while Iowa City isn't necessarily Detroit, there are many like B-Rabbit around here who are simply searching for a place to get started, which is something Hip-Hop Tuesdays organizer Lindberg Chambliss has recognized.

"The hip-hop scene in Iowa City is huge," Chambliss said. "Every rap concert that goes through here gets sold out, so it's no secret that people here take their rap seriously. But it seems like the local hip-hop scene in Iowa City doesn't have a place to go, so I figured that by hosting Hip-Hop Tuesdays here, any local artists could call it home."

Hip-Hop Tuesdays occurs every Tuesday at Gabe's, 330 E. Washington St., starting at 9 p.m. with free admission. Chambliss encourages all local rappers to come out and test their skills, and he is also interested in getting different styles and subgenres of hip-hop.

"We're not going to limit Hip-Hop Tuesdays to just rapping," Chambliss said. "Anyone who wishes to perform spoken-word poems,

slam poetry, or any other expression of lyrics is welcome, too. But for any aspiring rappers who want to come in and test their own original material, this is the perfect place to get started."

Anne Ventullo, a resident who works at a family and children therapy center, recently made her openmike debut at Hip-Hop Tuesdays performing some spoken word. She remembers she was a little hesitant at first to face the crowd.

"I haven't had any live performance experience before," Ventullo said. "I was definitely nervous at first, but when I finally got done, it felt like I was on cloud nine. It was a relief getting over the stage fright that I've always had, and it was nice to finally get out and express myself in an artistic form."

Chambliss has noticed many local rappers stepping out of the woodwork to test the waters of hip-hop and acknowledges the hidden talent that lies in Iowa City.

"The first night we held Hip-Hop Tuesdays, we had a few people come in and do their thing," Chambliss said.

But right as things were wrapping up, Chambliss was approached by a man with the stage name Gravity, whose presence was, so to speak, very down to Earth.

"He literally blew me away with his lyrics and delivery," Chambliss said.

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"But the best part was is that he's just some local guy who works at a restaurant in downtown Iowa City, so you never know who will come out."

Tyler James is a 23-year-old student and bartender who started out writing rhymes with his friends for fun. But what began as a hobby has slowly become a passion, and James uses Hip-Hop Tuesdays as an opportunity to polish his craft.

"It started with some guys just living together and free styling to some beats for laughs," James said. "But now I've been learning how to construct hip-hop songs, and I've started a 14-track mix tape, mainly of freestyle rap. Coming in on Tuesday nights to try out some tracks I've written is great, and it's a good place to come out and meet other people who have the same interests in rap as you."

## Spotlight Iowa City

# Her eyes on Africa

After graduation this weekend, senior Courtney Hageman plans to spend time writing in Africa.



Laura Willis/The Daily Iowan

UI senior Courtney Hageman folds clothes in Catherine's on Monday. This spring, the journalism major will work with her father in Africa.

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As a child, Courtney Hageman became used to her father's monthly work trips.

During her freshman year of high school, the eye specialist took Courtney with him to Europe. While her father gave lectures about macular degeneration, a disease that causes blindness, the then 14-year-old explored tiny Italian villages near the Mediterranean Sea.

In Italy, Hageman enjoyed listening to the sounds of an unfamiliar language and tasting exotic foods.

"Nobody spoke English there," she said. "You were able to experience the culture as best as you could."

With positive memories of the trip, Hageman hoped to travel abroad again. When her father asked her to help him eight years later on a work trip to Africa, she didn't hesitate to say "yes."

"Courtney is always up for something new," said friend Dazi Russell. "She is my sushi buddy, and she is always willing to try outlandish things."

The ophthalmology group, which specializes in diseases of the eye, hopes to travel to Ghana or Nigeria to correct vision and conduct research. Though the upcoming trip depends on funding and whether the American government will allow citizens to travel to certain areas of Africa, Hageman hopes to use her knowledge in journalism to write for grants or update websites about her father's research.

"It's one of those places that everyone should see in a lifetime rather than just read about and look at in pic-

tures," Hageman said.

She hadn't ever planned to write about medical issues. The University of Iowa senior had always preferred more creative outlets, particularly photography. In the fall of 2006, she left her Iowa City home and moved to Oregon, where she took contemporary photo classes.

After two years, she decided that she wanted to focus more on writing and transferred back home to the University of Iowa, where she majored in journalism with an emphasis in art history.

Out of curiosity, Hageman took classes about African art. She had never been exposed to the art culture of the continent. Her discovery of Africa soon correlated with her love for photography. She realized that like photographs, African art had a raw quality. The artifacts looked beautiful without being modified.

"Africa seems more pure than any other place," Hageman said. "Everything there is unique."

In order to prepare for the move, Hageman researched the new location. She looked up everyday elements such as the spoken language, types of African food, and climate. She also visited her doctor and asked for the needed vaccinations before traveling.

### Courtney Hageman

- Age: 23
- Hometown: Iowa City
- Favorite City: Paris
- Favorite Food: Blueberry bagels
- Favorite Book: *The Great Gatsby*
- Favorite Photographer: William Eggleston
- Favorite Hobby: Playing soccer

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"She has been really optimistic about the trip," said Rachel Laton, a coworker of Hageman's at Catherine's in Iowa City. "She gets to do what she wants and be in a Third World country."

Yet the possible danger of traveling doesn't scare Hageman; learning about a diverse lifestyle is a risk she is willing to take.

"It's one of those things that you have to put in the back of your mind," Hageman said. "You're going because you want to help people."

Courtney Hageman is the second of five December graduates featured in Spotlight Iowa City this week. Check back tomorrow to read about a senior who has studied sentencing of drug traffickers.

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## the ledge

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### So, this Santa guy ...

- He knows when you've been naughty, but he won't turn you in. He won't really even punish you per se, you just don't get a good present. He's like the best Good Cop ever!
- If the reindeer ever act up, I wonder if Santa rubs his tummy and says, "Mmmm ... haven't had venison in a while," just to keep them in line.
- Santa is not an equal opportunity employer.
- My favorite Christmas movie is *A Christmas Story*, followed by that other movie about the precocious little guy left all alone, who then has to take on those ruthless thieves all by himself with no help from the authorities. What's it called again? Oh, yeah: *Die Hard*.
- Santa likes the rich kids better.
- Santa's workshop must violate numerous customs and copyright laws. Everything he makes is already licensed and/or trademarked by other companies. I'll bet Disney is all up in his bidness. But I guess turnabout is fair play, huh Coca-Cola?
- My sled is a hybrid, so I could never support someone who supports the fossil-fuel industry. Hey Santa, how about leaving gallons of E85 in the naughty kids' stockings for a change, Mr. Bioterrorist?
- It's OK when Santa breaks into your house because he's not taking stuff, he's leaving things. I bet that if people just left milk and cookies out all year long, burglars would leave them TVs, stereos, and jewelry, too.
- I wonder if someday kids will think the true meaning of Christmas is that it's Santa's birthday?

- Brian Tanner will leave extra cookies and milk out this Christmas Eve, Santa. OK?

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## MARQUEE PLAYER



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**UI senior Kristal Terpstra updates the Engler Theatre marquee on Monday. Terpstra has worked at the theater for two years and has never run out of letters for the marquee, although many of the letters are old and broken.**

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PRESENTS...

## horoscopes Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2010

- by Eugenia Last

**ARIES** March 21-April 19 Take a deep breath; refrain from saying something that might cost you. Not everyone will be on your side or want to agree with you. Consider what's being criticized and how you can turn it into a positive for you.

**TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Take your best shot at achieving your goals, and you won't be disappointed. Speak your mind, and you will get the backing you need to move ahead. Love is in the stars. A trip or gathering will be informative.

**GEMINI** May 21-June 20 It's what you do for others that will make the difference. Money matters will cause emotional upset if debts can't be paid on time. A last-minute change of plans will leave you undecided about taking part.

**CANCER** June 21-July 22 Work-related problems are likely to set in if you let your emotions get the better of you. Don't take personally anything that is said. A romantic connection will give you something positive to think about.

**LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 Listen to what's being said or offered, but don't jump in before you have done your research and understand the risks involved. You have to protect your assets and your future from any sort of negative backlash. Avoid a business or financial partnership.

**VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Get your home ready for the end of year festivities. A conversation with someone you love will help to clear up any matters that have been left dangling. Don't allow your emotions to come between you and your money.

**LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Follow through with your original plans. Focus on completing unfinished projects. Refuse to let your anger show. Go about your own business, and ignore anyone being negative or critical. An old friend or lover may cause problems.

**SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 You must take a position if you want to be taken seriously. Make a decision about travel, education, the skills you have, and what you want to add to your résumé. Advancement is attainable.

**SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Overindulgence will be the enemy. A promise made must be kept if you don't want to look bad. Unforeseen changes at home or in your personal relationships may leave you wondering what's going to happen next.

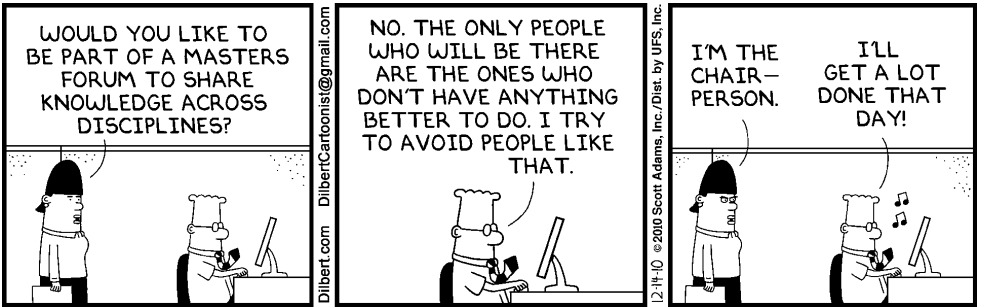
**CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Getting together with friends or colleagues for a little festive cheer will result in a greater interest in someone who shares your concerns and hobbies. Let the friendship grow before you decide to let your emotions take over.

**AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Don't ask for favors or offer donations. Protect what you have. An old acquaintance will put pressure on you to get together. Before you accept, remember why you didn't become lasting friends in the first place.

**PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 Taking on too much will add stress and can make you look bad. You are better off chipping away at what you already have to complete before the year comes to a close, instead of trying to be the super hero. Overdoing, overindulging, and overreacting must all be kept in check.

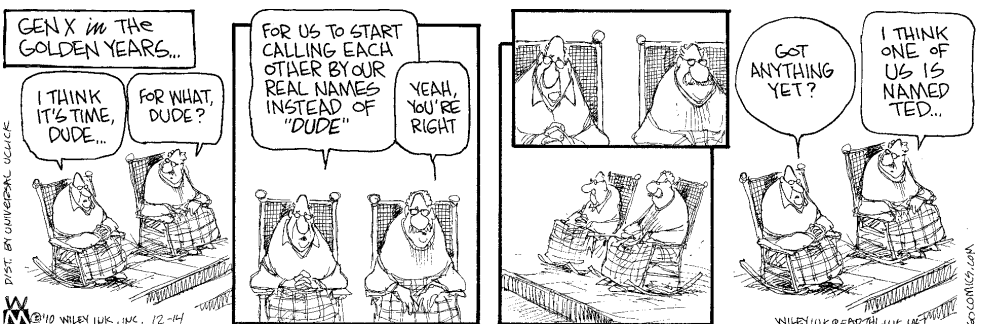
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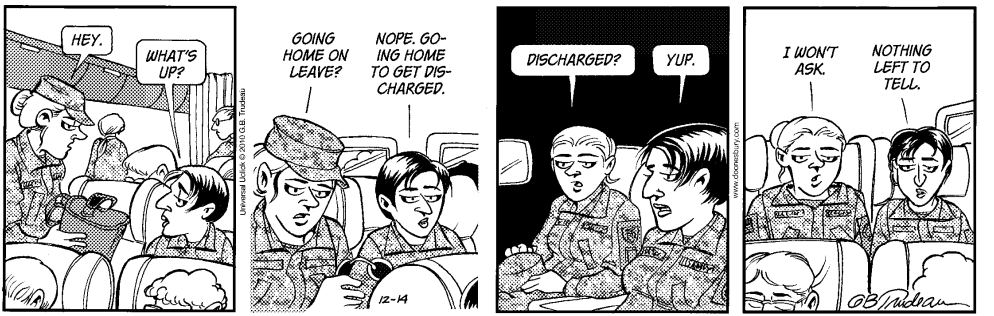
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- **Story Time**, 10 a.m., Barnes & Noble, 1451 Coral Ridge Mall
- **Tot Time**, 10 a.m., North Liberty Community Library, 520 W. Cherry
- **Preschool Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Coralville Public Library, 1401 Fifth St.
- **Toddler Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Computer Help Session**, 11 a.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Technological Entrepreneurship Certificate Advising**, noon, 3123A Seamans Center
- **Voices of Experience Winter Concert**, 2:30 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Carver College of Medicine Distinguished Mentor Award**, 3 p.m., Medical Education and Research Facility Sahai Auditorium
- **Library-Community Writing Center**, 4 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Occupational & Environmental Health Seminar**, 4 p.m., 123/125 Institute for Rural and Environmental Health
- **Zumba**, 4:45 p.m., Senior Center
- **The Sword**, 6 p.m., Blue Moose Tap House, 211 Iowa
- **End of Semester Special Free Movie, Chekhov for Children**, by UI Associate Professor Sasha Waters Freyer, 6 p.m., Bijou
- **Karaoke**, 8 p.m., Wildwood, 4919 B Walleye Drive S.E.
- **Karaoke**, 8 p.m., Studio 13, 13 S. Linn
- **Iowa Friends of Old-Time Music Jam Session**, 8:30 p.m., Hilltop, 1100 N. Dodge
- **Campus Activities Board Message Chairs**, 9 p.m., IMU Hubbard Commons
- **Dance Party**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S Linn
- **Open Mike**, 10 p.m., Firewater, 347 S. Gilbert

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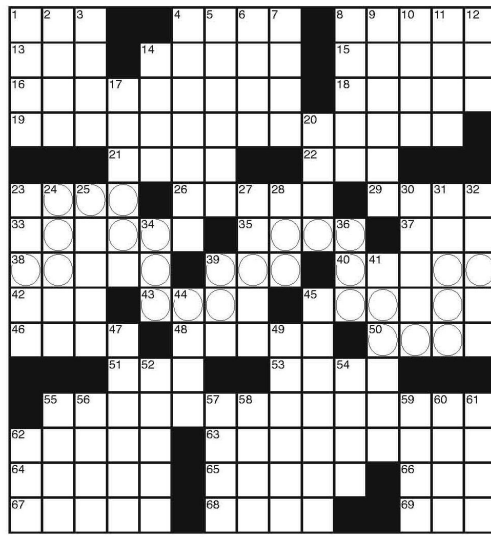
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- **A Little House Christmas**, Herbert Hoover Presidential Library & Museum 104 Parkside Drive, West Branch

## The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 1109

- Across**
- Like a cool cat
  - Not the brightest bulb on the tree
  - U. of Maryland team
  - "... seeing things?"
  - "Hollyoaks" actress
  - Bozo
  - Fuel for some trucks
  - Eating only certain things
  - With 55-Across, source of this puzzle's quote (which starts in box #38)
  - Rick's "Casablanca" love
  - Word after public or private
  - Shopping mecca
  - Danish astronomer
  - Scott in an 1857 Supreme Court case
  - Chest: Prefix
  - Touch down
  - Manning of the gridiron
  - "Au contraire!"
  - "In what way?"
  - Cast out
  - Where cranberries grow
  - In stitches
  - Calls during curtain calls
  - Wooden shoe's sound
  - How nonreading musicians play
  - Lean (on)
  - Yevtushenko's "Babi ..."
  - Abound (with)
  - See 19-Across
  - Jewish holiday in Adar
  - Insect known for conducting raids
  - "Inferno" writer
  - Wind indicators
  - Calendar unit
  - Powerful chess piece
  - Added stipulations
  - Leave slack-jawed
- Down**
- Muslim's pilgrimage
  - Mideast leader
  - Place to fish from
  - Does some business with
  - "Don't worry about me"
  - Year the Department of Homeland Security was created
  - Visibly terrified
  - Slightly drunk
  - Trimmed to fit, say
  - Filthy
  - Pig's container, in a saying
  - Pig's container
  - Earth sci.
  - Some beach house supports
  - Gas in lights
  - "Morning Joe" TV channel
  - "You're such ..." (teen put-down)
  - "Unhand me!"
  - "Jurassic Park" dinosaur
  - "Yee-!"
  - Chaucer pilgrim
  - It shines in España

### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



- Like a space cadet
- Santa syllables
- Spiegel (German magazine)
- Numbered rte.
- Big name in GPS devices
- River of Aragón
- Zephyrs
- It glitters but isn't gold
- Within easy reach
- Madison Avenue workers
- Cupid, to the Greeks
- Party with poi
- Author Sarah ... Jewett
- Broad bean
- Certain Fed
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**FOOTBALL**

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Robinson — a 5-9, 205-pound back from Des Moines — will not play in the Insight Bowl in Arizona on Dec. 28 after “failing to comply with team expectations and policies,” according to a press release.

“While Adam has been cleared medically, he will not be participating in the upcoming Insight Bowl game,” Ferentz said in the release. “Adam will have the option to rejoin the team when classes resume in January.”

Robinson led the Iowa rushing attack this season with 941 yards and 10 touchdowns. He missed the Indiana and Minnesota game because of a pair of concussions he suffered in the Michigan State and Ohio State games on Oct. 30 and Nov. 20. Robinson also didn't start in the Ohio State game because of what Ferentz described as “academic indigestion.”

News of Hampton



Iowa running back Adam Robinson dives toward the end zone in Kinnick Stadium on Sept. 4 against Eastern Illinois.

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*‘While Adam has been cleared medically, he will not be participating in the upcoming Insight Bowl game. Adam will have the option to rejoin the team when classes resume in January.’*

— Kirk Ferentz, head coach, in a press release

transferring comes just a day after Associate Athletics Director Fred Mims told *The Daily Iowan* that running back Brandon Wegher asked for and was

granted a release from his scholarship. Mims said the only stipulation in Wegher's release is that he cannot transfer to a Big Ten school.

Wegher didn't play at all during the 2010 season, after leaving the team two days into fall camp for “personal reasons.” He rushed for 641

**BIG TEN**

CONTINUED FROM 10

member institutions,” Gericke said in a release.

Eighteen new trophies were also announced. They will each be awarded annually, beginning with the 2011 season. Among them is a postgraduate honor — the Ford-Kinnick Leadership Award — named for Iowa Heisman Trophy winner Nile Kinnick and the 38th President of the United States, Gerald Ford, who played for Michigan's national championship

teams in 1932 and 1933. Indianapolis Colt tight end Dallas Clark is the former Hawkeye paid homage to in the other form of a trophy. The Kwalick-Clark Tight End of the Year Award — named for Clark and former Penn State tight end Ted Kwalick — will be given to the conference's best tight end.

Additionally, the winner of the Big Ten championship game will be awarded the Stagg-Paterno Championship Trophy, named for former University of Chicago head coach Amos Alonzo Stagg and the Nittany Lions' current head coach Joe Paterno.

Many were quick to voice their opinions about the new logo and division names via social networking sites such as Twitter and Facebook following the announcement Monday morning.

ESPN.com's Big Ten blogger, Adam Rittenberg, was one of many critics of the new names. “Legends and Leaders is too generic, a little too arrogant, and too Little League for me,” he wrote in a blog post.

The *Chicago Tribune's* Teddy Greenstein Tweeted, “Lots of ‘Ls’ there. Wouldn't [Big Ten] rather be associated with ‘Ws’?”

The addition of Nebraska in the 2011-12 academic year will see the Big Ten play its first season as a 12-team league. The teams who finish in first place in each division will meet in the first Big Ten football championship game in prime time on Dec. 3 at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis; the game will be televised by Fox Sports. The winner will earn a chance to play in the Rose Bowl or the BCS national championship game.

**GEBESHIAN**

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Head coach Larissa Libby knows otherwise.

“To be able to return to the elite gymnastics after collegiate gymnastics is rare, and it's a remarkable statement,” Libby said. “She has an incredible opportunity for herself, and we all know she's going to succeed.”

It's also uncommon for college athletes to balance their training schedules with a major as intensive as athletics training.

“I have absolutely no free time,” said Gebeshian, who begins her day with strength and cardio conditioning, then goes to her team practice, then attends a full day of classes before going to the wrestling room and athletics-training room for the rest of the evening.

“The schedule that this young lady submits herself to is absolutely insane,” Libby said. “But she's learned to balance her life. She's learned that once you figure out all of the things that you want to do with life, you have to figure out how to manage the work it takes to make them happen.”

Gebeshian has lofty goals, and these goals, paired with a strong work ethic, have molded her into a successful student, athlete, and leader.

“Houry is probably one of



Senior gymnast Houry Gebeshian works on the beam during a practice on Dec. 9.

KATHLEEN WILLEM/THE DAILY IOWAN

the most tenacious, hard-working people I have ever met,” assistant coach Caleb Phillips said. “She's goal-oriented, determined, and she's relentless in everything she does.”

Although not usually vocal, she leads by setting an example in the gym in the way she trains and competes. Her ability to set goals for herself and her unremitting pursuit of them sets a high standard for the rest of the team to follow.

Being a leader of the GymHawks has further motivated Gebeshian to chase down the goals she has set for herself in college gymnastics, elite gymnastics, and in the

rest of her life. “Because I encourage everyone to set goals and work hard, it has made me really work hard and come into the gym every day thinking about these huge aspirations and huge goals I have with the [NCAA] national championships, world championships, and my career,” Gebeshian said. “There are bigger things out there for me.”

When Gebeshian travels to Armenia over winter break, there will be no doubt that she's on track to achieve all of her goals. She'll work on getting Armenian citizenship and meeting with the Armenian gymnastics team, but she'll also set up the initial stages

of her next great success. Gebeshian plans to graduate in May. Following the World Championships in October, she will begin her career as an athletics trainer. Her goals are in front of her — ones she started nursing when she was 7, competing in club gymnastics with a tenacious work ethic and an unrelenting determination.

“I think Houry will be successful at whatever she wants to do, because she doesn't know any other way but to be a winner,” Libby said.

**HOOPS**

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Everyone is getting in on the action. Guards Eric May and Matt Gatens pull down 4.4 and 3.3 rebounds per contest, respectively.

It's still a forward who is leading the team, though: Freshman Mel-sahn Basabe averages 6.8 boards.

He said he takes pride in cleaning the glass.

“It's my job,” the freshman said. “I feel I'm athletic, and that's basically how I started my game: Getting rebounds before I really developed my offensive game.”

“Rebounding is the key to success at every level of basketball. Rebounding is controlling the game. You're controlling the possession, and offensively,

you get extra shots.”

The extra shots created by crashing the boards have been especially important for a Hawkeye team that hasn't been spectacular at sharing the ball. The squad makes 25.8 field goals per game but only averages 13.9 assists; the rest of the points have to come from somewhere, and a considerable chunk have come from offensive rebounds.

As paramount as rebounding has been, though, there's still room for improvement.

“This year, my rebounding hasn't been as consistent as it has in the past,” Basabe admitted after grabbing 14 rebounds in Iowa's Dec. 10 loss to Iowa State. “I need to grab 10-plus boards every night. I know I can do it, so I have to go out there and do it.”

yards and an Iowa freshman-record eight touchdown in 2009.

This leaves true freshman Marcus Coker as the Hawkeyes' lone option in the backfield for the Insight Bowl. Coker has 403 yards on the season, 303 yards over his last three games.

Iowa will also be without senior wide receiver Derrell Johnson-Koulianos for the bowl game. Johnson-Koulianos was dismissed from the team following his arrest on Dec. 7 on seven drug-related charges. The Campbell, Ohio, native is Iowa's all-time leader in both receiving yards and

receptions.

Johnson-Koulianos posted a status on Facebook regarding the situation late Monday night.

“Hawkeyenation, I love you and can't thank you enough for your love and support. You created DJK, and I will at some point, when circumstances allow, express my sincere gratitude for the opportunity this institution has given me. Godspeed & God bless,” he wrote.

DJ reporter Mitch Smith and sports editor Jordan Garretson contributed to this report.

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# Hampton, Robinson out

Running back Jewel Hampton is set to transfer, and Adam Robinson is suspended for the bowl game.

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Sophomore running back Jewel Hampton will leave the University of Iowa, and fellow sophomore Adam Robinson will not travel with the team to the Insight Bowl, head coach Kirk Ferentz announced Monday evening.

"Jewel Hampton has decided to leave the team and plans to transfer to another school to complete his degree and finish his career," Ferentz said in a release. "We wish him the best of success in the future."

The release said Ferentz and Hawkeye Athletics Director Gary Barta would have no further comment on the issue Monday evening. Ferentz and Barta plan

to hold a press conference at 10 a.m. today in the Hayden Fry Football Complex.

Hampton, a 5-9, 210-pounder from Indianapolis, burst onto the scene as a true freshman at Iowa in 2008. Backing up running back Shonn Greene, Hampton ran for 463 yards and scored seven touchdowns.

In the summer of 2009, Hampton suffered a torn right ACL that kept him out the entire season.

The Indianapolis native was arrested June 5 and charged with public intoxication and with being in a bar after 10 p.m. He pleaded guilty to the public-intoxication



**Hampton**  
Running back

charge on June 7. After being suspended for the team's first game of this season, Hampton tore his right ACL against Arizona on Sept. 18.

He had 114 rushing yards and one touchdown in two games this season.

Sunday night, Hampton posted a Facebook status that read "Former Hawkeye!!! wats next???" Robinson was the first to comment on Hampton's Facebook status: "hmm.... first and for most... LIVE IT UP!" Robinson's post has since been removed.



**Robinson**  
Running back

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# Big Ten releases division names

Say hello to your new Big Ten divisions: Legends and Leaders.

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The Big Ten announced Monday names for its two new football divisions and 18 trophies that will be awarded annually beginning next season. The conference also unveiled its new logo.

The league's two divisions — whose teams were previously announced in September — will be dubbed "Legends" and "Leaders."

The Legends division includes Iowa, Michigan, Michigan State, Minnesota, Nebraska, and Northwestern, while the Leaders division consists of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio State, Penn State, Purdue, and Wisconsin.

Big Ten Commissioner Jim Delany said the league's choice of division names honor the conference's history while also emphasizing the future.

"Legends is a nod to our history and to the people associated with our schools who are widely recognized as legends — student-athletes, coaches, alumni, and faculty," Delany said in a release. "Leaders looks to the future as we remain committed to fostering leaders, the student-athletes who are encouraged to lead in their own way for the rest of their lives, in their families, in their communities and in their chosen professions."

Michael Bierut and Michael Gericke of Pentagram — an international design firm — developed the new logo. Delaney called it "fun," saying it "has something for everyone." Gericke said the logo is meant to symbolize the future, tradition, and academic leadership of the conference.

"The new logo evolved from the previous logo's use of negative space and is built on the conference's iconic name, without reference to the number of

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Senior gymnast Houry Gebeshian talks to assistant coach Linas Gaveika during a practice on Dec. 9. Gebeshian, who won the 2010 Big Ten beam championship, will attempt to compete for Armenia in the 2011 World Gymnastics Championship.

# Challenges don't daunt Gebeshian

Senior gymnast Houry Gebeshian plans to travel to Armenia over winter break to chase down her dreams of participating in the 2011 World Championships.

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Houry Gebeshian will travel 6,153 miles from Iowa City to Armenia over winter break.

But that's not the only place the senior Iowa gymnast is going. With a possible opportunity to compete for Armenia in the 2011 World Gymnastics Championships in October, the senior has an incredible future ahead of her.

Gymnastics is reputed to be a sport meant only for the young, but Gebeshian is breaking the mold by entering the elite gymnastics circuit after her collegiate career. By visiting Armenia, the birthplace of her parents, during winter break, the athletics-training major will begin the next phase of a gymnastics career she's followed since she was 7 years old.

Gymnasts are usually small and

extremely thin, with tiny arms and legs, but Gebeshian is a muscular and broad-shouldered athlete without the "beautiful body type of a typical gymnast," she said. Her childhood gymnastics coach never predicted her to compete at the level she's at now, to win the 2010 Big Ten beam championship, or to appear at the world-championship level.

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# Hawks aim to be chairmen of boards

The 2010-11 season could be a rebound year in more ways than one — Iowa is averaging 40.6 rebounds a game.

By **SETH ROBERTS**  
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The Iowa men's basketball team is in a good spot right now.

The Hawkeyes are sitting on a respectable 5-5 record. Considering Iowa's defensive lockdown of Northern Iowa and pair of 3-point losses, the team is arguably enjoying more success in its first 10 games under Fran McCaffery than it did in the entire Todd Lickliter era.

Ask McCaffery about the strong season thus far, and he has one explanation.

"Everything is always, somehow, related to rebounding," the first-year head coach said on Dec. 4.

And his team has been racking up the boards.

Iowa has outrebounded its opponent in nine of its 10 games, despite having only two players taller than 6-7. The team's plus-6.9 rebounding margin is ranked No. 43 out of 336 in the country and is the second-best margin in the Big Ten. Only Wisconsin has a better mark in the conference,

and the Badgers have the benefit of four players on the roster who are 6-10 or taller.

Reserve forward Andrew Brommer is one of two Hawkeyes listed at 6-9 and he snatched a pair of offensive boards as part of his 12-point performance against Iowa State on Dec. 10. He said the Hawkeyes make up for their lack of height with determination and plenty of repetition.

"We have a mindset right now that that ball is going to be ours when it's up in the air, and we're going to go get it," he said. "We do that in practice, and I feel like it transfers over to the games."

It certainly has.

The Hawkeyes are averaging 40.6 rebounds per game, a significant jump from the team's 29.7 average through the first 10 games last season. Iowa finished the 2009-10 season with 1,023 total rebounds through 32 games, and the Black and Gold are on pace to finish with 1,299 this year — assuming they also play 32 times.

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New Iowa head men's basketball coach Fran McCaffery completes his remarks after being introduced to the media on March 29 in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.