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Everson guilty of simple assault

Prosecutors said they might re-evaluate the plea deal with former Hawkeye football player Abe Satterfield, who is set to be sentenced today.

By **HAYLEY BRUCE**
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After 10 hours of deliberation, a Johnson County jury found former Hawkeye football player Cedric Everson guilty of simple assault Thursday, the lowest possible charge on the table. The 21-year-old was cleared of all sexual-abuse charges.

Now, Johnson County prosecutors are considering

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re-evaluating their plea deal with Everson's former teammate Abe Satterfield, who agreed to testify against him in exchange for lesser charges, Johnson County prosecutor Janet Lyness said.

The jury of four women

and eight men decided to convict Everson of the simple misdemeanor, which carries a punishment of no more than 30 days in jail. Everson was originally charged with second-degree sexual abuse, which holds a maximum sentence of 25 years in prison. Even after the judge reduced charges to third-degree sexual abuse after the state's case-in-chief, Ever-

son faced up to 10 years in prison.

The verdict comes more than three years after Everson and Satterfield were accused of sexually assaulting a former Iowa athlete in an unoccupied Hillcrest dorm room.

As 6th District Judge Paul Miller read the verdict, defense attorney Leon



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Former Hawkeye football player Cedric Everson hugs a family member after being convicted of assault Thursday in the Johnson County Courthouse.

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'Doing the traditional college thing is going to be a luxury that many people are not going to want to afford.'

— **Michael D'Alessandro**, University of Iowa professor of radiology

THE COLLEGE 'HOMEY' SYNDROME



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(From left to right) Kelsey, Connie, Brittany and Dan Carder sit in their Coralville home. Kelsey and Brittany lived at home while attending the UI.

A poor economy has prompted more students to consider living at home.

By **BRETT JOHNSON** • SPECIAL TO THE DAILY IOWAN

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Lauren Katalinich saved a lot of money by living at home during her freshman year at the University of Iowa.

So much money, she paid living expenses while she was an exchange student at the University of Lancaster, England, during her junior year.

But while the savings were important, sacrificing a freshman year in the dorms was difficult, said Katalinich, now a senior majoring in international studies and French.

"I pretty much blocked out most of my freshman year," she said. "It was a little bit shameful to think, 'Oh, you're still living with your parents.' I wasn't able to make a

group of friends like I did in high school."

Kelsey Carder, a UI sophomore studying health promotions, pays her tuition with loans. So living at home in north Coralville — a 20- to 30-minute commute from campus — reduced her debt. Carder said she likes the savings and talking with her parents about her day, but she admitted getting to know people on campus was sometimes difficult.

At first, telling friends she lived with her parents was embarrassing.

"Then they would say, 'Good idea, save some money,' or, 'Wow, I wish I could have done that,'" she said.

Students living at home represent a trend in American college life. In 2008, they made up 31.5 percent of all U.S. undergraduates, according to U.S. Department of Education reports.

SEE **HOMECOMING**, 3

As bars close, more lose jobs

Dozens of UI students have lost their jobs due to bar closings.

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Dave Zarzynski bartended at One-Eyed Jakes for nearly two-and-a-half years.

But in early December, roughly a month after Iowa City residents voted to uphold the 21-ordinance, the bar closed, and the 21-year-old lost the job he loved.

"I liked the nightlife and the football weekends," Zarzynski recalled. "It was a ton of fun. The atmosphere was the best part."

He said he's found a job at the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center, but the atmosphere is not the same — and neither is the pay.

The University of Iowa senior is one of a growing number of employees who have been laid off by bars that can't afford to pay their salaries. Between One-Eyed Jakes and 808 alone, bar owners have had to let go at least 27 bartenders, bouncers, and cocktail waitresses, most of whom are University of Iowa students. So far, four Iowa City bars have closed and two more face liquor-license denials.



Wright
councilor

And though some Iowa City city councilors said they feel for those who lost their jobs, one noted other jobs do exist.

"I'm sorry people lost their jobs," said Councilor Mike Wright. "It's not an easy economy to get jobs, but I think there are positions out there. It's just a matter of looking for them."

Wright said he doesn't believe the 21-ordinance was what caused the bars to close because, he contends, they were "shaky financially" a year ago and were probably going to close anyway.

Councilor Regenia Bailey said she was not shocked to hear of so many students losing their jobs because the 21-ordinance.

"I assume with the bars closing they did unemploy students, and they will have to find other jobs," she said. "When businesses close, it's going to happen."

UI sophomore Josh Venckus said he started working at Jakes this past year and was let go in early December.

"I worked Thursdays, Fridays, and

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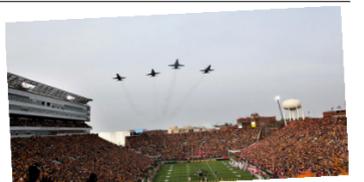
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Bijou attendance jumps

Free tickets for students have likely led to the increase in cinema-goers.

By **AUDREY SMITH**
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Posters for Bijou films hanging in the halls of the IMU may now advertise films more familiar with students than the cinema's past lineups.

But Bijou Executive Director Jesse Damazo insists the theater is still attracting students the way it always has — by screening independent and art-house films.

"If anything, we're just doing more of it," he said.

And the theater's recent initiatives — including partnerships with other organizations and making tickets free for University of Iowa students — seem to be working to attract more people.

Attendance for Bijou film screenings has jumped from 9,574 during the 2009-10 school year to a projected 14,800 this academic year. This comes after Damazo, a UI graduate student in film and video production, and UI senior Zane Umsted, the theater's executive pro-



grammer, started the projects.

Umsted said he believes the free-ticket initiative is largely responsible for the increased attendance because it encourages students to give the sometimes-obscure Bijou films a try.

"Our main goal is for students to give [the Bijou] a chance and keep coming back," he said.

UI freshman Chelsea Hoye, who has worked in the Bijou ticket booth frequently on nights when the Bijou shows its classic films, said she thinks certain changes at the theater have been particularly successful.

"I definitely think the free aspect makes a difference," she said.

Though the theater now offers tickets to students at no cost, Damazo said, the directors didn't change the Bijou's budget, they simply restructured

Bijou attendance

The cinema has seen fluctuating attendance over the last five years, with a large increase this year:

- 2006-07: 8,671
- 2007-08: 7,942
- 2008-09: 4,326
- 2009-10: 9,574
- (Projected) 2010-11: 14,800

Source: Bijou midyear report 2010-11

it. By not charging admission, rental rates for films have reduced significantly, he said, because they don't have to pay as high a royalty fee.

The Office of Student Life has also played a major role in aiding the Bijou. In addition to providing guidance, the office reduced the Bijou's room-rental rate in a pilot agreement including the free-ticket initiative.

Office of Student Life Director Bill Nelson credited the Bijou's recent success to Umsted and Damazo.

"We hope that the Bijou will continue to enjoy a tremendous increase in attendance," Nelson said. "The evi-

dence speaks for itself."

The Bijou has also received support from IMU Marketing & Design, which helped the theater expand its advertising campaign and strategy. A new website will be up before spring break as well, Umsted said.

The new advertising developments have added to the success of the theater's late-night programming, another new initiative this year. Starting last semester, the Bijou began showing classic films at 11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, in addition to independent and art-house films throughout the week.

While the Bijou is not showing current blockbusters, it is showing older classic films — such as *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* — which may be more familiar to students. Umsted said he believes this has encouraged more students to visit the Bijou.

"We aren't changing our philosophy," he said. "Our movies haven't changed — just how we've gone about getting people to see them."

Hungarian official discusses floods

A visiting member of the Hungarian Parliament will now go to Cedar Rapids to discuss efforts there.

By **GIBSON BERGLUND**
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Perhaps one of the few places more prone to regular flooding than Iowa is the northern region of Hungary.

That's why Katalin Csobor, a member of the Hungarian Parliament, came to Iowa City this week. Csobor said she hopes to learn from the community's management and response to floods by talking with local experts about their flood-response resources.

On Thursday night, Csobor met students, professors, and community members in the basement of Atlas, 127 Iowa Ave.

"This is just the first step in establishing a relationship between the two communities," Csobor told *The Daily Iowan*.

Hungary has two major rivers, the Danube and the Tisza, both of which are prone to flooding annually or biannually. The country's most recent flood

came last year.

"For Hungary, flood mitigation is also an issue of cross-country cooperation," said UI graduate student and Hungary native Gyorgy Toth, who served as Csobor's escort.

Danielle Dahl, the executive director of the Iowa City Foreign Relations Council and the Council For International Visitors to Iowa Cities, said Iowa and Hungary have a lot to learn from each other.

"It's an exchange of ideas on what's worked and what hasn't," she said. "It should be a mutual learning experience."

The U.S. Department of State sent Csobor was sent to Iowa as part of the International Visitor Leadership Program.

Csobor said she wants to learn more about flooding because she has to deal with those type of issues on a daily basis.

"I told [the Department of State] I was interested to meet people with similar experience in floods because of the recent floods in Hungary," Csobor said.

She lauded the United States for its advances in many fields, including flood mitigation. The Iowa Flood Center's computer map system, which provides real-time information on flood risks, is an example of



Katalina Csobor (right), a member of the Hungarian Parliament, visited Iowa City to discuss management and responses to floods.

such advances, she said.

Toth explained because Hungary recently took up the rotating presidency of the European Union, the nation plans to engage the European community on such items as water resource management, meaning what Csobor learned in Iowa City could affect not only all of Hungary but possibly the rest of Europe.

"It's really, really a big issue," Toth said, "There is a real need."

Csobor met with flood-mitigation experts, UI professors, and Iowa City officials while on her visit. Today, she will head to Cedar Rapids for discussions with local experts there.

Floods

Flooding is a major issue in Hungary:

- 12 major floods between 1984 and 2007
- Nearly 25,000 people live in flood-risk zones
- \$300 million of nation's GDP at risk to losses from floods
- Average of 0.50 flood disasters per year

Source: Prevention Web

Csobor said she has enjoyed her time in Iowa so far, emphasizing her impression that people here are open and friendly.

"I hope that God will prevent this beautiful state from having floods again," she said. "I wish for Iowans to stay friendly and cheerful — it will help them face issues."

METRO

1 DJK charge dropped

Prosecutors have dropped one of six drug charges filed against former Iowa wide receiver Derrell Johnson-Koulianos.

According to court documents, the 23-year-old, known to fans as "DJK," is no longer charged with keeping a drug house. The remaining charges relate to his alleged possession of cocaine, marijuana, and an assortment of prescription drugs.

Police arrested Johnson-Koulianos on Dec. 7, 2010, after serving a search warrant on his roommate, Brady Cooper Johnson, 21. Police reportedly found cocaine, marijuana, pre-

scription drugs, a digital scale, and more than \$3,000 in cash when they searched the 1128 E. Washington St. residence.

— **Josh Quinnett**

Woman charged with OWI

Iowa City police have arrested a Brighton woman in connection with an accident in March 2010 and charged her with OWI. Police alleged that she drove into a building and later was found with no clothes on.

According to police reports, Amber Dittrich, 21, drove off the road and into a building at 1000 Clinton Street. Police said they

later located her near the intersection of McCollister and Old Highway 218. The report said she was naked.

According to reports, Dittrich had an ankle injury and was taken to the hospital. A urine test was requested, and she reportedly tested positive for marijuana.

First-offense OWI is a serious misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in prison and a maximum fine of \$1,250.

— **by Hayley Bruce**

Another bar has license woes

Another Iowa City bar may find its liquor license in jeopardy.

The Iowa City Fire Department recommended Slippery Pete's, 118 S. Dubuque St., be denied a liquor-license renewal following a failure to comply with the International Fire Code, according to a letter Fire Chief Andrew Rocca sent to city officials.

The letter stated the business owners failed to install an automatic sprinkler system required by fire codes one year after the bar gained alarm and sprinkler permits. Fire officials believe business owners had a significant amount of time to install the system.

The Iowa City City Council will discuss the bar's liquor-license renewal at its Jan. 25 meeting.

— **by Ariana Witt**

BLOTTER

Ryan Calvin, 19, 2209 Quadrangle, was charged Thursday with PAULA.

Kaitlyn Carlson, 18, 440 Rienow, was charged Thursday with PAULA.

Kaitlin Collins, 20, 210 S. Clinton St., was charged Thursday with PAULA and presence in a bar

after hours.

Joseph Evans, 21, 2 N. Governor St., was charged Thursday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

John Friel, 36, 632 S. Dodge St. Apt. 3, was charged Tuesday with OWI.

Aaron Kerkvliet, 21, 333 E.

Burlington St. Apt. 2121, was charged Monday with public intoxication.

Majesta Ochoa, 20, 422 1/2 N. Clinton St., was charged Thursday with presence in a bar after hours.

Renee Olson, 51, 3013 Buchmayer Bend Road N.E., was

charged Thursday with OWI, theft, and driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Zachary Reames, 18, 4454 Burge, was charged Monday with falsifying driver's licenses.

Kaitlin Ruddy, 18, 435 Mayflower, was charged Thursday with PAULA.

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A July 2009 survey by the National Retail Foundation found the number of college students planning to or considering living at home increased from slightly fewer than 50 percent in 2007 to 59.3 percent during the 2009-10 school year.

And the reason was simple: the poor economy.

"I think the cost of a college education has spun out of control," said Michael D'Alessandro, a University of Iowa professor of radiology. He lived at home in a Detroit suburb while attending Wayne State University for both undergraduate and medical school in the 1980s.

"Whatever happens with the economy, I think people will be looking for more and more value," he said. "And doing the traditional college thing is going to be a luxury that many people are not going to want to afford."

Though students such as Katalinich miss the rite of passage of living away from home in college, saving

money trumps that luxury.

Savings can average \$9,000 a year in room and board costs at public or private four-year colleges, according to the College Board. With average debt for a 2009 college graduate hovering at \$24,000, according to the nonprofit research group Project on Student Debt, living at home can lead to significant savings.

Those savings are even more significant at a time of rising unemployment among college graduates under 25. As of April, the Bureau of Labor Statistics put it at 8 percent, more than twice the rate three years ago.

Despite the economic benefits fueling the trend, dorm life remains synonymous with the typical college experience. College is when independence plays a major role in the transition to adulthood, and for most stu-



Katalinich
student



D'Alessandro
UI professor

dents, dorms and resident life are the backbone of that independence. Katalinich said she had an "in" with UI dorm life at the beginning of her freshman year through her then-boyfriend, whom she had dated in high school — but then they broke up.

"After that, I didn't really reach out to people, because for some reason I felt like I couldn't, because I didn't live in the dorms," she said.

College friendships are vital to establishing independence, said Alicia Nordstrom, an assistant professor of psychology at Misericordia University in Pennsylvania, and Lisa Swenson, an associate professor of psychology at Penn State University-Hazleton. Nordstrom and Swenson cowrote a 2009 study that found friendships made in college were more beneficial to students' social transition and academic performance than friendships carried over from high school.

And for some students, not being part of resident life can lead to serious problems with social development, academic performance, and parental relationships, the study found.

While women's relationships with their parents

generally remained stable whether living at home or in a dorm, living with their parents was more likely to cause a decline in male students' relationships with their parents, said Marnie Heister, an associate professor of psychology at Misericordia University.

Katalinich said moving to an apartment with a high-school friend during her sophomore year gave her more confidence in making friends, but studying abroad gave her the chance to feel true independence, and she gained the ability to form a new social life while studying abroad.

"It wasn't until I studied abroad during my junior year that I finally felt that I had 'gone away to college,'" she said, making air quotations with both hands. "In England, I got that dorm-like experience that I always wanted."

Andrew Leventry, who lived at home from 2005 to 2007 during his freshman and sophomore years at the UI, moved into an apartment during his junior year and roomed with friends from high school until leaving to study law at the University of Missouri-Kansas City in August 2010. Now living outside of Iowa City

for the first time, he said crafting a social life different from the one carried over from high school has been difficult.

"I feel anxious, because I'm meeting people and making friendships, and I'm not really sure what they're looking for," Leventry said. "It's the first time I've ever made new friends with anyone in a long time. And it's a little bit scary."

"If I could do it all over again, I would take out loans to pay for the dorms."

A "super close" relationship with their parents led Carder, the UI sophomore health-promotions major from Coralville, and her older sister Brittany Carder to remain at home through college. Brittany Carder graduated in May 2010 with a degree in marketing, and, like her sister, she borrowed for college.

"Living in the dorms would have been nice, but what if I didn't like my roommate?" she said. She said she is grateful for leaving college with much less debt. And, like her sister, she said she was thankful to come home to "people who really care about you."

"Britt and Kels are my life," their mother Connie

Carder said. "They could stay here forever, and I'd let them"

Connie Carder said she even proofreads her daughters' papers.

And D'Alessandro said if given the choice, he would do it all over again.

"I never felt the need to leave," the UI faculty member said. "Why would I want to? I had a loving family. I had three square meals a day. I had someone to do my laundry. It let me focus on what I wanted to do, which was study a lot."

Thanks to scholarships and a part-time job, D'Alessandro finished medical school with no debt. But he acknowledges that college is "a daunting financial thing," and choosing the most economical option for college will make more sense for families in the near future.

Katalinich said living at home gave her the desire to have a job in which she is always working with people. After she graduates in May, she plans to pursue a career in human-rights advocacy.

"You can make it living at home," she said. "It's not going to be the end of the world. But I sort of thought that at the time."

EVERSON

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Spies kept a hand on Everson's back, and 25 spectators watched and listened in anticipation. Everson, wearing a lilac-striped sweater, sat with tense shoulders, a drastic change from his calm demeanor throughout the two-week long trial.

Following the announcement, Everson's family members stood and took turns hugging him. His mother-in-law, Regina Clark, wiped a tear from her eye.

"It's really good news... I'm just glad it's all over with," Everson said. "I'm ready to move on with my life. I'm just happy to go home."

The verdict was the one Everson's family expected, his sister, Reese Everson, said.

"[We] are glad to have him back with us so he can

Lawsuits await

Although the criminal trial of Cedric Everson is now complete, three civil lawsuits are still pending in connection the October 2007 incident.

Wrongful-termination lawsuits are currently pending from former UI General Counsel Marcus Mills and former Vice President for Student Services Phillip Jones.

After the accuser's mother contended the UI had mishandled the case, an external party hired to investigate the university's handling of the allega-

begin the next chapter of his life," she said. "And so we can begin the next chapter of our lives."

Satterfield, 22, was originally charged in connection with the October 2007 incident; he later pleaded guilty to assault with intent to inflict serious injury in exchange for his testimony

tions named them as responsible for numerous missteps.

As a result, UI President Sally Mason terminated them in 2008.

Since, Mills and Jones have filed separate lawsuits naming the UI, Mason, and the state Board of Regents as being responsible for wrongful termination and defamation.

In addition, the *Iowa City Press-Citizen* is suing the UI over its attempted use of federal privacy laws to hold records of the university's internal investigation.

against Everson.

"I acted with the intent to cause serious mental anguish to the protected party, and my actions were insulting or offensive to the protected party," Satterfield stated in a plea agreement obtained by the *Cedar Rapids Gazette*.

But during the trial, Sat-

terfield — who is set to be sentenced today — testified, the woman was indeed the aggressor and, as far as he knew, nothing happened between Everson and the alleged victim the night of the incident. Miller twice referred to Satterfield as Spies' "best witness."

But Spies said Satterfield's testimony was not the only reason for the verdict.

"I don't know about talk of him being our most helpful witness, but I think he was an important ingredient," Spies said.

Mark Osler, professor of criminal law at the University of St. Thomas, said plea agreements typically include a proffer, where an attorney sits down with the potential witness to discuss the terms of the plea.

But Osler said they can also be risky.

"The person that is going to be most dangerous

is the person who says something like he said in the proffer but says something slightly different," he said. "There you can't really say the person was lying, but he can still undermine your case."

All 12 jurors declined to comment on their decision.

Prosecuting attorney Anne Lahey wasn't present Thursday and couldn't be reached for comment.

Karla Miller, the executive director of the Rape Victim Advocacy Program, said just because Everson was not convicted of third-degree sexual abuse doesn't mean the alleged abuse did not occur.

"I think one of the biggest mistakes is that just because the jury didn't find that the case was presented beyond a reasonable doubt does not mean it didn't happen exactly as the victim said," Miller said.

Everson told *The Daily Iowan* he is looking forward to spending time with his wife and 10-month-old at home in Atlanta.

The former Iowa defensive back said he also plans to return to football.

"He has some really good options, so we will carefully look at those options," Reese Everson said. "Much more carefully than last time."

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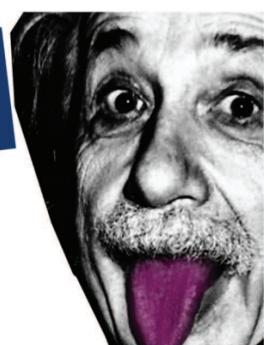
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Editorial

Branstad's worrisome cuts

Gov. Terry Branstad is back, and with his return comes a "new covenant" that promises austerity — and sunshine.

Less than two weeks after taking his fifth inaugural oath and returning to his former Terrace Hill residence, Branstad has outlined a new five-step program to overhaul the "badly mismanaged" economic state of Iowa. Tucked into a typically platitude-laden inaugural speech, the new administration's covenant with Iowa traffics in generalized recession anxiety. It is America's current anti-government zeitgeist writ small, though it comes with welcome homage to government transparency.

While state spending must be subject to scrutiny and control, Branstad's smaller-government grandstanding proves dangerous when it fails to align with political reality. The governor is correct, if hyperbolic: Iowa stands "at the precipice of opportunity." Instead of echoing popular axioms, our political leaders must explore both the immediate relevance and concrete implications of their proposals. As it is now, many of Branstad's blanket statements have concerning implications about social services, educational priorities, and economic policy — particularly with this week's proposed budget cuts in public funding of education.

"We have too much government," Branstad said in last week's speech, pointing at institutions from the federal sphere all the way down to local districts, cities, and schools. As is typical in such emotionally evocative, vision-focused appeals, there was little substance in this proclamation; Branstad did iterate his vow to slash state spending by 15 percent to ostensibly balance the budget once and for all. As during his campaign, however, he did not detail the cuts he would propose.

Iowans received their first taste of Branstad's new administration, and its accompanied reductions in spending, this week. Tuesday, the Iowa House of Representatives voted to cut Board of Regents funding by \$25 million over the next two years; Wednesday, a measure protecting universal preschool funds was removed by the House; and Iowa Area Educational Agencies, which handles special education and teacher-training, is facing a proposed \$10 million cut — this despite Branstad's promise to the *DI* in November that he would not cut education funding.

Strangely, the governor also included in his covenant a call for improving Iowa's educational system. "Providing Iowa's children with a globally competitive education is key to their future," he said in his address. But his elaboration on this particular bullet point seemed to condemn or commend individual teachers, following the "Waiting

for Superman" model that drew so much condemnation from the education community.

No one would debate that Iowa's education system is in dire need of improvements, but cutting funding for public education at the earliest level takes one step back for every two forward.

Tim Albrecht, communications director for the Branstad administration, maintained that the governor's education plans will "fund our K-12 commitment and ensure universal access to preschool." While education accounts for more than 60 percent of the state's budget, he noted in a conversation with the Editorial Board, it bore a large portion of recent budget cuts. This kind of obfuscating doublespeak makes us skeptical that the Branstad administration can maintain its commitments to both education and spending cuts.

Branstad's other axioms seemed fairly straightforward, rife with counter-government populist sentiment that stirs in the American consciousness — even if the governor followed them with typical political equivocating.

"Government must serve the people," Branstad claimed as his second plank, then went on to discuss the importance of volunteering and service. A real desire to help each other is indeed a scintillating quality in the population, but when partnered with discussion of drastic spending cuts, this praise evokes a certain queasiness: Private charity has trouble establishing a social safety net with the kind of coverage necessary for dire economic straits.

To give credit where credit's due: Branstad's third point, a call to restoring "integrity and transparency to our government decision-making processes," is long overdue. Freedom of information appeals, easily accessible government and department records, and planned budgets could all stand to be publicized — a commitment to greater transparency stands out in his inaugural speech as a singularly excellent goal, undiminished by any problematic qualifiers.

All of Branstad's goals are, in theory, laudable. They also line up with typical talking points in the current political climate and face turmoil when they collide with actual policy. With the exception of a greater commitment to transparency, we look on Branstad's latest term in office with some trepidation; Iowans must make sure that our endorsement of general principles does not lead us to harmful actions.

Your turn. Do Branstad's budget cuts make good sense? Weigh in at dailyiowan.com.

Advancing democracy



SHAWN GUDE

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Iowa Democrats don't appear to be in a good position.

They hold a slim Senate majority in the recently reconvened General Assembly (this after controlling the House, Senate, and governorship). Chet Culver was the first incumbent governor in decades to lose his bid for re-election. And this week, the ascendant GOP assailed the state's universal preschool program, one of Democrats' signature accomplishments.

But party leaders and rank-and-file members shouldn't fret; they should see this, oddly enough, as a felicitous opportunity. Rid of the Culver albatross, the party can advance an unalloyed agenda of citizen empowerment (while parrying Republican attempts to erode marriage-equality gains).

While I'm a registered Democrat, I don't have an unwavering allegiance to the party. I adhere to the mantra of John A. Johnson, three-term governor of Minnesota and a steadfast progressive: "I care not for party I choose, so long as it stands for the rights of the people."

Our two-party system doesn't reflect the ideological heterogeneity of the American polity, and party membership too often leads to unthinking devotion.

But as far as party platforms go, the Iowa Democratic Party has a pretty good one (opposition to corporate personhood, support for the Employee Free Choice Act, opposition to NAFTA). One thing is missing, though: a robust commitment to augmenting citizen agency and addressing power disparities.

A few examples: We need an education policy attuned to the demands of 21st-century democratic citizenship, not just the 21st-century workplace. We need labor legislation — such as repealing the Iowa's "right to work" status — that enhances the power of employees in the workplace. We need a criminal-justice system that doesn't incarcerate blacks at such a dispro-

portionately high rate (a phenomenon Michelle Alexander has labeled the "new Jim Crow.")

We need an Iowa party that values citizen power over centralized paternalism. Too often, those on the left are content with constructing a purportedly benevolent government that performs a panoply of social-welfare functions. Liberals should question concentrated power wherever it resides, however — in corporations, government, or any other sphere.

Sure, conservatives and libertarians are wrong to denigrate government as an alien "other" to decapitate. But liberals should be wary of erecting vast bureaucracies. Democracy requires not a cosseted citizenry but an engaged, informed one. Many social-welfare programs go hand in hand with one's capacity for engaged citizenship; if you're lacking basic sustenance, self-government is rather difficult. Above all, though, we need policies that empower the marginalized — not just offer them a handout.

We live in a time of profound powerlessness.

Transnational corporations and undemocratic economic organizations (the WTO, IMF, World Bank) have an immense amount of international sway. Our own democracy is hamstrung by unscrupulous actors (politicians without propriety, self-interested lobbyists, and unseemly interest groups) and fact-free discourse. Everywhere ordinary citizens look, they have little say in the decisions and forces that affect their lives.

Ostensibly, it's an inopportune time to be talking about citizen power and enhancing democracy. The recession is still with us, despite hefty Wall Street bonuses. Shouldn't legislators try to restart the economy rather than espousing a grandiose platform of citizen empowerment? To do so might be appealing, but it would be the wrong response. There are few times when people feel more powerless than in a moribund economy, when halcyon stability is a mere memory.

More concerned with wantonly slashing government spending, Iowa Republicans won't advance an empowerment agenda. It's up to Iowa Democrats — and citizen advocacy groups — to do so. ■

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Guest opinion

Students benefit from expanded open enrollment

Open enrollment is common in Iowa's schools, according to the Iowa Department of Education's Annual Condition of Education Report 2010; it is chosen by almost 25,000 students statewide. The most students choosing open enrollment are in the largest and the smallest districts.

Under open enrollment, state education money follows the student. For the 2010-11 school year, it is \$5,768 per student, plus textbook, special education, and transportation money. For students enrolled in accredited nonpublic schools, textbook and transportation money already follows them. That the money follows the student is a well-established, legal policy.

There are 182 accredited nonpublic schools in Iowa. These schools follow the exact same educational requirements as the public schools, including Iowa Core Curriculum, discrimination, cultural awareness, wellness, bullying, and teacher-certification laws. Accredited nonpublic schools award diplomas. The state has determined that these schools are legally acceptable options.

Student achievement has flat-lined, and only 87 percent graduate from high school. Reading, writing, and math scores for low-income and minority students have increased only slightly, across all grade levels; there is still a tremendous disparity. On the Iowa

Test of Basic Skills, 80 percent of all fourth-grade Iowan students were "proficient" in 2009-10. Only 63 percent of Latino and 55 percent of African-American students were proficient, and only 67 percent of low-income students were proficient. Their educational needs are not being met.

Expanded open enrollment works in Florida. Latino students are scoring higher on standardized tests than the average of all students in Oklahoma. In 1998, Florida Latino students were two grade levels below the Oklahoma average. After expanded open enrollment, by 2009, they were almost a grade ahead.

In comparison Florida, Iowa — which considers

itself an educational leader — is failing minority and low-income students. These students must be allowed to take advantage of every educational option; unfortunately, they are least likely to be able to afford nonpublic-school tuition.

Expanded open enrollment allows the money to follow the student to any accredited school, including nonpublic schools. These schools are fully accredited; we need to use them.

One objection is that losing the money would harm public schools. The solution is to set limits on the amount of the state funding available. For example, 90 percent of the \$5,768 state core funding is \$5,191 for 2010-11. No more than this

amount could be transferred to an accredited nonpublic school, instead of the full \$5,768. And no more than 90 percent of the tuition would be covered. For example, if tuition were \$5,200 per year, 90 percent would be \$4,680. That amount is transferred instead of the \$5,768 that would have been transferred under open enrollment to a public district. The originating district would retain \$1,088. If tuition were higher, a maximum of 90 percent of the state core funding or \$5,191 would be transferred, leaving a minimum of \$577 with the originating district. Low-income parents could use the Iowa Tuition Scholarship program for additional help.

Students already have the right to open enrollment in the public system. The Legislature needs to expand that to any accredited school. Expanded open enrollment would provide real educational opportunity to struggling students. The week of Jan. 23-29 is National School Choice Week. Parents should insist that Gov. Terry Branstad and the Iowa Legislature address the educational needs of our children by making full use of all accredited schools.

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Spotlight Iowa City

Hawk hockey club playing twofer

Twins Phil and Alex Johnson lead Iowa's hockey team in numerous categories.



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Twin brothers Alex (left) and Phil Johnson (right) take a rest at Coral Ridge Mall skating rink on Wednesday. The two are UI juniors who lead the Ice Hawks in points this season.

By IAN MARTIN
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University of Iowa students Alex and Phil Johnson aren't your average twins.

While they often finish each other's sentences like many other genetic duplicates, Alex Johnson also often finishes Phil Johnson's passes for goals.

The Johnsons are juniors near the top of almost every offensive category for the Ice Hawks, Iowa's club hockey team. Through 15 games — the most recent stats available even though the team has played 18 — Alex Johnson is the team leader in goals with 10, and Phil Johnson is the coleader in assists with nine.

And unsurprisingly, the two possess an uncanny

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Check out a photo slide show of twins Alex and Phil Johnson.

presence on the ice, where the two have roles to set up each other for points.

"I'm more of the assist guy, I feel like," Phil Johnson said. "[Alex's] goals come from me."

Playing in high school at Joliet Catholic Academy, the two originally planned to play club hockey at the University of Illinois, and they considered DePaul — where their stepfather is the head coach — but eventually ended up at Iowa after deciding they wanted a more complete college experience.

Hawkeye hockey fans are grateful for that choice.

Alex and Phil Johnson

- **Age:** 21
- **Hometown:** Plainfield, Ill.
- **Majors:** Interdisciplinary business
- **Favorite restaurant:** Sam's Pizza
- **Favorite food:** Sushi
- **Favorite other Iowa team:** Dance team

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The two play and have always played on the same line as left and right wingers, Alex Johnson on the left and Phil Johnson on the right. It has been

this way for 16 of the 17 years they have played hockey — one season when they were 10, Alex moved to defense for a year.

While so much about the two appears similar, there is one major difference. Alex Johnson is a right-hander and Phil Johnson a southpaw, at least in hockey.

This difference has actually been to the benefit of the 5-8 brothers, allowing them to play together at all times. And with time comes skill.

"Seventeen years takes its toll," Alex said. "It definitely does make a difference playing with each other for a long time."

The two then recounted a story from a recent game as an example of the type of play leading to a goal that only they are able to make.

"I got the puck ... and I knew he'd be cutting up the middle," Phil Johnson said. "And sure as hell, he's tearing up the middle of the ice, and I just got [the puck] out there without even looking."

This instinct developed by the Plainfield, Ill., residents hasn't gone unnoticed by others. In fact, it may be the most memorable thing to anyone who has seen them play hockey.

"It seems like they always know where each other is on the ice," said interim hockey head coach Matt Johnson, who is unrelated. "[They make] a lot of passes where you don't think they see a lane, but they know where the other one is."

The only time the two have ever played on oppo-

site sides of a field was when they were 4 on opposing youth soccer teams. Maybe this is why the two have to compete with each other while on the same team — it's the only method of separation.

But of course, the always-together pair would

never let any rivalry between them jeopardize their team.

"Through our entire life, he'll score and I'll say, 'Well, I want to go out and score now,' " Alex Johnson said. "But winning is a big thing, too."

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Saturdays, so I lost a lot of money because I don't have a job now," Venckus said. "It has hurt me financially."

Toward the end of One-Eyed Jakes, it had hardly any employees left.

"We had about four door guys, five bartenders, and four cocktail waitresses," said Venckus.

The 20-year-old has tried looking for a new job at a bar, but it's late in the hiring season.

"A lot weren't hiring when I was looking," Venckus said. "All the jobs got taken up, because it was so late in December and a lot of students had

Shuttered bars

Since the 21-ordinance was upheld, some downtown Iowa City bars have closed:

- 808
- 3rd Base
- One-Eyed Jakes
- Vito's

Source: City officials



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UI senior Dave Zarzynski, a former employee of One-eyed Jakes, on Thursday pulls out a poster he received from the bar. For more than two years, Zarzynski worked at the club, which was the first to shut down after voters upheld the 21-ordinance in November, 2010.

Grant Uding, a former 808 employee, said most of the staff at his bar was surprised about losing their jobs.

"I'm a little more fortu-

nate I have other jobs that pay for what I need, but others are not so fortunate as I," the UI junior said.

already been hired."

Students aren't the only ones feeling the effect.

Tom Leno, a former manager at Jakes, said he also feels the strain.

"I am out of a job, too, but nobody cares about that," he said. "I'm a full-grown adult in Iowa City without a job."

No data on substation

Police said the Southeast substation likely won't be affected by budget cuts.

By NINA EARNEST

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Iowa City police hope to continue to develop programs through the Southeast Side substation, though officers say it's too early to judge the facility's role as a crime deterrent.

Officer Jorey Bailey, the only full-time officer at the facility, said future plans include creating a volunteer corps based in the substation. The new group will be composed of community members working at different hours of the day, he said.

"Hopefully, in the future, people will be here more often than we've had in the beginning," Bailey said.

Jan. 1 marked six months from the start of the substation's lease. The Iowa City Council approved signing the commercial lease for the property in July and the department moved into Pepperwood Plaza — near the Highway 6 and Broadway intersection — in September. Funding for the substation came from a Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, the Iowa City Housing Authority, and the police drug-seizure fund.

Iowa City police Sgt. Denise Brotherton said establishing the substation was in part a reaction to juvenile crime and other neighborhood disputes in the area during 2009.

However, no statistical data are available yet to review the effectiveness of the substation in crime prevention, Bailey said. Officials are expected to examine crime numbers next summer and again before the lease expires in the summer of 2012 to determine the necessity of renting the space.

"It's still so new it's hard to

Southeast substation

Elements of the 6-month-old Southeast Side police station:

- Located in Pepperwood Plaza on the southwestern side of the Highway 6 and Broadway intersection
- One officer in a full-time position
- Space available for community meetings
- Base for officers on foot and bike patrols in the area

Source: Iowa City police

measure," Brotherton said. The substation's real test will come in the summer months when students are out of school and more people are active outdoors, she said.

Bailey said he takes various walk-in reports, which are transferred to patrol officers throughout the day. The station also serves as a base for police officers on foot and bike patrols in the area.

Brotherton said earlier in the week, a Pepperwood Plaza business owner approached the beat officers about troubles he was having with a group of juveniles. The officers' availability resulted in their quick arrest.

"We'll just be more accessible to people living down there," Brotherton said.

The neighborhood response toward the substation has been positive, Bailey said.

Sue Freeman, the director of the Broadway Neighborhood Center, said she has heard little community response about the substation itself. But Freeman said Bailey, who attends local events and knows area teenagers, is a "familiar face" in the neighborhood.

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My reactions to *Esquire's* 1,000 Things I Don't Know about Women:

- **#129:** "When we walk into a room, we notice which women you'd sleep with before you do." No you don't.
- **#264:** "We like manly hands, but no one wants to be touched by hard, calloused paws. Moisturize that shit. We do." Manly, feminine hands. Got it.
- **#54:** "It's OK if you want to watch *Steel Magnolias* with us. But if you cry harder than we do when Shelby dies, you are going to have to start answering some questions." WELL THANKS FOR RUINING *STEEL MAGNOLIAS* FOR EVERYONE WHO HASN'T SEEN IT, YET!
- **#539:** "Have a posh English accent, if at all possible." Lie, and pretend to be someone I'm not. Got it.
- **#952:** "We want to trust you, which is why we hire private detectives." Bribe private detectives. Got it.
- **#130:** "Never start any sentence with 'my last girlfriend really liked it when I...'" Aww, but my last girlfriend really liked it when I started sentences that way.
- **#194:** "Wear 100 percent cashmere sweaters. We can't help but touch you." 100 percent cashmere boxers. Got it.
- **#312:** "There should never be rhinestones on your clothing. Or your belt. Ever. We are the sparkly ones." So I'm not supposed to sparkle. Sounds easy enough.
- **#965:** "We enjoy *Twilight* even though it's a four-volume installment of a fantasy you'll never live up to. It doesn't mean you're not great. It just means you don't sparkle." DAMN IT!!!

- Andrew R. Juhl thanks Matt Gorman for pointing him to this ridiculous *Esquire* article.

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Charlotte Windmill plays Wii tennis in the Iowa City Public Library Story Time Room on Thursday. Two stations were set up to allow the guests play various children's games in the library. Approximately 10 children took turns playing the games.

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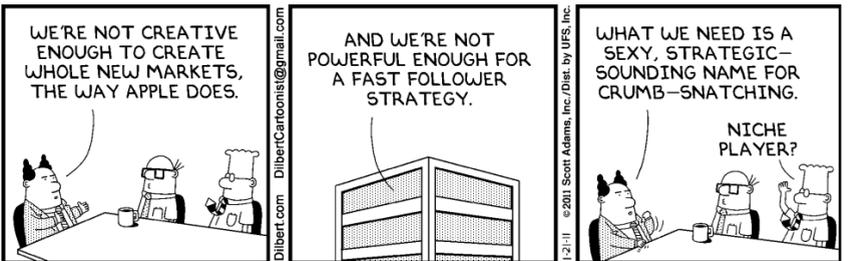
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- by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 Don't stop believing in yourself. You have plenty to offer but will also attract critics. As long as you are happy, nothing else really matters. Love is apparent, so socialize with upbeat people who love you.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Communications will be your strong point and will help you excel and accomplish your goals. Avoid overspending. Emotional deception can be expected from someone you trust. Don't be too upfront about the way you feel.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 A new year has just begun, and starting it out on the right foot will make a difference as time goes by. Focus on how you can make your home more user-friendly. There is plenty to think about, but action is what's required.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22 You cannot trust your emotions. Self-deception may interfere with sound judgment. A change may not be welcome but is probably overdue. Before you fight whatever is coming down the pipeline, consider both sides of the coin.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 Look on the bright side, and you'll attract positive people to help you achieve your goals. The way you present your plans will determine how much you accomplish. Now is the time to motivate and inspire those around you to join in.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Getting involved in social events or challenging activities will result in satisfaction and a sense of being not only valuable but somewhat invincible. Idle time will lead to conflict and emotional upset.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Don't pay too much attention to the people in your life who are whining or being critical and unreasonable. Surround yourself with those interested in accomplishment. Life is a journey, and it's up to you to enjoy it.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 You have lots of opportunities, but if you waste your time listening to those being negative, you will miss out on something that can be fun, encouraging, and will get you all charged up about your future. A past experience will help you make the right choice.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 There is nothing wrong with a day trip or planning a vacation, but before you commit, make sure you can afford to go. There are plenty of ways to alter your surroundings without going into debt. You will upset someone you are indebted to if you don't include her or him in your plans.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 You'll feel the limitations and frustrations brought on by taking care of someone else's responsibilities. Say "no" if you want to spare yourself the aggravation of dealing with someone who is constantly taking advantage of your kind heart and generosity.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Discipline may be required if you want to avoid someone or something that is off limits. Your aggressive behavior will send the wrong impression. It's up to you to act fast but responsibly.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 Revel in your accomplishments but not without laying out the plans for future goals. There are more people counting on you than you realize, so be responsible and reliable. Don't let someone's insincere gestures lead you astray.

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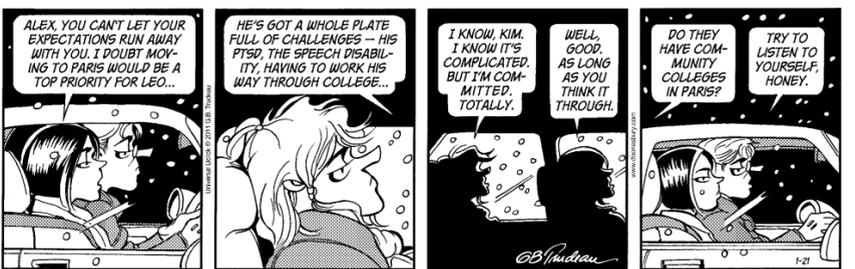
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- **Blood Drive**, 10 a.m., UIHC
- **English Conversation Group**, 10 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Poster Sale**, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., IMU Hubbard Commons
- **Book Babies**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration of Human Rights Week**, Infant Oral Health Program, Karin Weber-Gasparoni, noon, College of Dentistry Oral B Seminar Room
- **Health Sciences Cmiel Intern Forum**, 12:30 p.m., 1117 Medical Education & Research Facility
- **Masterclass with Guest Pianist William Doppmann**, 1:30 p.m., University Capitol Centre Recital Hall
- **Knitting Nurse**, 3 p.m., Home Ec Workshop, 207 N. Linn
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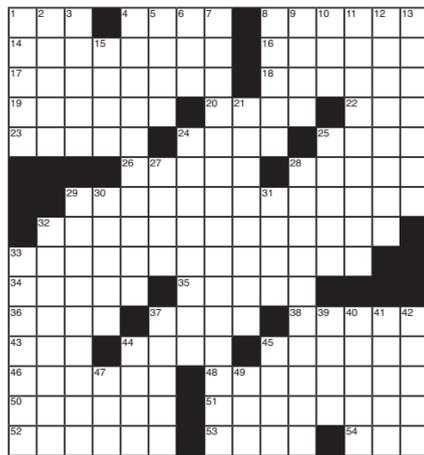
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WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS

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Hurlburt said. Although the GymHawks have set a lofty goal for Saturday, to challenge the unchallengeable team, their training isn't changing. Despite the rivalry, the team hopes to avoid being distracted. "Anytime we go to a meet, we try not to think about our competitors," Hurlburt said. "There's no defense in gymnastics, so we can only do what we can do the best we can do it." Iowa's all-arounders Houry Gebeshian, Rebecca Simbhudas, and Jessa Hansen will go head-to-head with three outstand-

ing Wolverines — Kylee Botterman, Natalie Bielsestein, and Sarah Curtis. Hawkeye sophomore Emma Stevenson will compete against her best friend since preschool, Katie Zurales. "I was never very good, and [Zurales] was always a lot better," Stevenson said. "But she was the person who pushed me to do better because I wanted to stick with her, and now we're both in Division-I Big Ten schools." Stevenson doesn't think that competing against her best friend will influence her performance. If anything, she said, competing against Michigan and Zurales will make her strive to do better. "It's great to compete against rivals who are just a little bit better than us because we get to show them that we are actually

better," she said. To prepare for Saturday, the GymHawks are trying to forget the consequences of either a win or a loss. They're trying to forget that a loss won't change the status quo but that a win — or even just a threat, could prove to the critics that Iowa is a gymnastics program worth being scared of. They're trying to forget the urge to prove themselves. Saturday will be just another day. The GymHawks are squaring up against the most powerful team in the Big Ten, but they're not intimidated. They're excited. "It's gymnastics," Libby said. "Everybody's got to stay on the beam. And that's the beauty of it; anybody can win."

MEN'S BASKETBALL

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McCaffery said in a radio interview after Wednesday's game that May's lack of aggressiveness and lack of penetration was his downfall against Ohio State, and that can't happen again. "That's Eric's game is to

attack the rim," McCaffery said. "He didn't do that, he was playing east and west; he wasn't playing north and south." If the Hawkeyes want to win against Indiana — perhaps their best chance for a conference victory until Iowa travels to Bloomington to play the Hoosiers on Feb. 5 — more than just consistency will be required. Iowa needs to turn in more hustle plays, whether that's defensive intensity or

sprinting after rebounds. "It's all about effort," Brommer said in his postgame radio interview after Ohio State. "If you give effort, you've got a chance. We just need to hit the boards and get those 50-50 balls, and we'll be all right." Maybe more than anything though, Iowa just needs familiarity. The team's chances of winning its first Big Ten game on the road seem much lower than snatching a victory at home,

WRESTLING

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and he said he benefited from the additional mat time and winning experience. "There's a plan behind that, and it's good for both guys," Brands said. "Ramos won the tournament, and Clark gets a big match." For now, Ramos and Clark hope their different strengths will be enough to grab a firm hold of the spot. But Ramos said he doesn't necessarily see his teammate as competition. Ramos started in a majority of dual meets before the Midlands. But on Sunday against Oklahoma State, Clark received the nod. The Iowa State transfer said he was disappointed with the way he was outwrestled from the standing position. But his ability to hold the match to a regular decision — rather than a major — proved significant in the 15-15 tie. Ramos won the Glen Brand Open in Omaha,

especially when looking at the offensive numbers. In its six conference games this year, Iowa is shooting 47.1 percent from the field at home and a solid 41.8 percent from 3-point range. Away, those numbers go down to 37.9 and 24.8. The team's head coach summed up these numbers simply after the Ohio State loss. "We need to get back home," McCaffery said.

Diving with lineage

Iowa freshman diver Arsen Sarkisian is the son of Northwestern head diving coach Alik Sarkisian.

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Hawkeye freshman diver Arsen Sarkisian has diving in his blood. The son of 13-time Armenian national champion Alik Sarkisian, he has been diving since he was a child. His father began coaching him by "tying a rope around [Arsen] and throwing him off the diving boards, then reeling him in." Alik Sarkisian is now the head diving coach at Northwestern, and father and son will be reunited this weekend when the Hawkeyes compete against the Wildcats in a dual meet at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center. When Arsen was 12, his father accepted a job as the director and head coach at the USA Diving Regional Training Center in Oklahoma City. Arsen decided to

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stop diving until his freshman year of high school, when Alik Sarkisian was hired to coach the Northwestern team. "I played tennis for a little bit, I tried swimming, but I never got the same adrenaline rush," Arsen Sarkisian said. "It was more exciting. [My father] got a job in a college town, and it was my freshman year of high school, so I got into diving again." Despite being an All-American diver while at Niles North High School in Skokie, Ill., Arsen Sarkisian never seriously considered diving for his father at Northwestern. "My dad is a really good coach, but every once in a

while, the coach/son [relationship] gets in the way," Arsen Sarkisian said. "I really like the big-college-town atmosphere, and Northwestern is smaller, which didn't appeal to me as much." Alik Sarkisian agreed with his son, saying "coaching your own is always the hardest." This is the dual meet of the year for which Arsen Sarkisian has awaited the most. Besides competing against his father — who judges and scores the dives — Arsen would have competed against Northwestern divers he dove with in high school. Unfortunately for both Sarkisians, there will be no dive-off between them.

Arsen Sarkisian recently sprained a ligament in his right shoulder, and he will miss the first opportunity in his young career to compete against his father's squad. With Arsen Sarkisian out against the Wildcats this weekend, the Hawkeyes will have a tough task to overcome. Iowa will only have one diver available to score for the men's team — fellow freshman Osvel Molina. Fortunately for Arsen Sarkisian, he will most likely have another chance this season to compete against his father during the Big Ten championships. "[Arsen Sarkisian's injury] right now is day-by-day, but the only thing that is going to heal it is rest," Iowa diving coach Bob Rydze said. "I'm not going to let him compete in any meets until he is able to go through practice without any problem."

Women swimmers set for win

The women's swimming and diving team is searching for a victory in its last conference dual meet before the Big Ten championships.

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With the championship season just around the corner, the Iowa women's swimming and diving team wants a big win against Northwestern on Saturday in its last conference dual meet. The competition will kick off with the 200 medley relay at 11 a.m. in the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center's Natatorium. "We'll see Northwestern again at the Big Tens, so this is a chance to race some really good competition and get us prepared for our conference meet," sophomore April Allen said. The team expects its recent training trip to Sarasota, Fla., will give it an edge against Northwestern. Iowa had an impressive finish on its training trip, taking first out of four teams at the Tampa relays.

The Hawkeyes won nine of the 10 relay events they participated in at the competition. Senior Katarina Tour contributed to a team-high five wins, and junior Daniela Cubelic recorded four wins in various relays. "The training trip helps us every year by getting us in the peak physical condition," senior Caitie Polz said. "For this meet, the training trip helps us build endurance to continue to swim fast throughout the meet, even after we have already swum a couple events." The Hawkeyes are coming off a tough loss to Illinois on the road, but they are ready to collect the benefits of the stringent training in Florida. "I definitely think returning home from the training trip fewer than two days before [Illinois] hurt us pretty badly," Cubelic said. "We were all exhausted from everything, and while that really isn't an excuse, it definitely had an impact on our performance." Iowa's second-place fin-

ishes in some crucial events allowed the Fighting Illini to win, 174-126. "We've had a week since our training trip, and with that form of intense training behind us, we're now ready to focus on getting race ready," Allen said. Though Northwestern has yet to experience a conference victory this season, the Hawkeyes do not consider the Wildcats a weaker opponent. A win would give Iowa more confidence as it continues through the season. "They have outstanding depth to their team, which makes them much stronger

in dual meets than in championships meets," Cubelic said. "But considering all the strong teams in the Big Ten, Northwestern is definitely a team we have our sights on." This point in the long season is especially challenging for the Hawkeyes, who are resuming classes and heading into the championship season, and it is important for them to stay focused. "Our team just needs to take one race at a time and keep our momentum going throughout the meet," Polz said. "We need to be excited and ready to race fast."

"I try not to even worry about it and just go out and practice, because I feel the coaches are going to send out the guy who gives them the best shot to win," he said. "I got faith in those guys, so I just go out and do what they tell me to do."

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Men tracksters target Gophers

The Iowa men's track and field team will see how it measures up to last year's Big Ten champs this weekend.

By **BEN SCHUFF**
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While there will be eight other schools competing at this weekend's Jack Johnson Classic, the Iowa men's track and field team will mostly concern itself with only one. Host Minnesota.

The Golden Gophers are the only other Big Ten school in the meet. But more importantly, Minnesota has won four-straight league titles — two indoor and two outdoor.

The meet will serve as a measuring stick for Iowa.

"This is a meet I've been looking forward to," head coach Larry Wiecek said. "They're the defending Big Ten champs, so it will be an excellent test."

All events will be scored by combining both the men's

and women's results into one total score. Wiecek said he'll calculate how his men's team fared against the men from Minnesota for more meaningful results.

And on paper, there should be plenty of opportunities for the Hawkeyes.

Several key runners who were held out of last weekend's Iowa Open, including last year's All-Americans Erik Sowinski and Steven Willey, will be back on the track in Minneapolis.

"Last weekend was meant to rest some guys so we're at peak performance later down the road," Sowinski said.

The Hawkeyes will also have the services of Mark Battista, who will make his season debut.

The cross-country cap-

tain completed his first full track workout on Tuesday following a long cross-country season.

"I'm just excited to run because I've been sidelined for so long," said Battista, who will run the mile. "It's

been kind of a bummer seeing the team have success without me."

Throwers coach Scott Cappos said the Iowa throwers will face good competition.

Minnesota's Trey Davis

placed second in the shot put at the outdoor Big Tens last year. Teammate Micah Hegerle was named the Big Ten Field Event Athlete of the Week after a weight throw of 66 feet and 2 1/4 inches Jan. 15.

"The head-to-head competition will be something that I look forward to and they look forward to," Cappos said. "The winner of these kind of meets might end up being a Big Ten champion at the end of February."

Women to seek personal records

The Jack Johnson Classic hopes to be another step forward for the Hawkeyes.

By **AMY TIFFANY**
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Iowa women's track and field head coach Layne Anderson said the team's meet today and Saturday is the "perfect ramp up" from the competition last weekend at the Iowa Open.

The level of competition from the eight other teams registered at the Jack Johnson Classic in Minneapolis this weekend is tougher and deeper — not the least of which is host Minnesota.

"We cannot only show up and compete against [the Gophers] but also on their home track," senior Bethany Praska said. "And show them what kind of talent we already have on our team early in the season."

Anderson said the team's goals for the classic are to get the younger athletes competing comfortably at the higher level and to continue to improve times.

He does not expect the best results of the season, but he hopes for a steady improvement. Thus, when the Big Ten championships roll around (Feb. 26-27), the Hawkeyes are prepared to run their best times of the season.

In a more straightforward way, Anderson hopes all of the athletes traveling with the team can hit personal records, even if the final time or distance does not land them in first place because of the higher level of competition. A first-place

finish last weekend may not cut it this weekend.

"Some people will run a nice [personal record] and won't finish in the top 10, but we still made progress," Anderson said.

The Hawkeyes' training program is set up in a way, he said, that prepares the athletes to reach their potential at the end of the season.

This weekend will be an early matchup of two Big Ten teams that will see each other again later in the season and again in the outdoor season.

"It's always good to compete against a good team like [Minnesota] early in the season," senior Tiffany Hendricks said.

She said the 200-meter indoor track at the Minnesota Field House, in which the meet will be held, will be packed with a lot of people. Praska noted there is not very much open space, and there are always numerous events going on simultaneously.

But Hendricks also credited the constant action as a motivator and Praska said the energy of an away meet give her a "competitive edge" she sometimes doesn't feel at home meets.

"I think when other teams are there to be competitive, it brings our level up that much more," Praska said. "And we can find different gears and better performances that maybe we didn't know we had."

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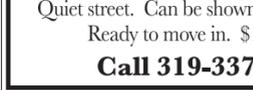
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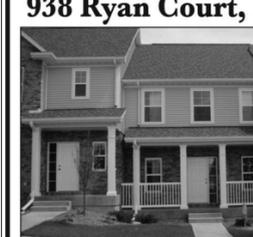
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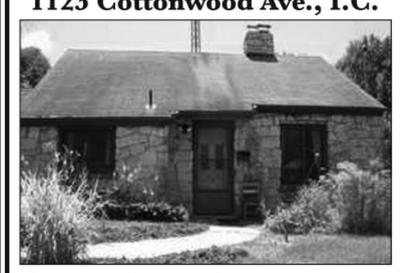


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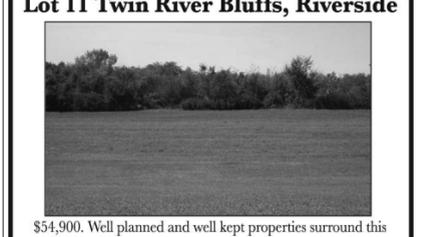


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Iowa 133-pounder Tony Ramos wrestles Northern Iowa's Ryan Jauch in the West Gym in Cedar Falls on Dec. 9, 2010. Ramos won, 12-3.

For wrestlers, 133 up for grabs

As the Hawkeyes enter the Big Ten dual season, 133-pounders Tony Ramos and Tyler Clark will try to take control of a starting spot.

By **SAM LOUWAGIE**
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Their approaches are nearly opposite.

One uses quickness and an aggressive offensive style to routinely pile up large numbers of points, as evidenced by his six take-downs in a major decision against Iowa State's Brandon Jones on Dec. 3. The

No. 8 Iowa (8-0-1, 1-0) vs. Ohio State (2-5, 1-1)

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other is methodical and opportunistic, pouncing on mistakes and keeping matches close, even against

heavily favored opponents. This was apparent on Sunday against Oklahoma State, where preventing No. 1 Jordan Oliver from scoring bonus points prevented a Hawkeye loss.

The contrast in style between redshirt freshman Tony Ramos, the high scorer, and junior Tyler Clark, the tough defender, is at

the center of their competition for the starting job at 133 pounds.

Iowa head coach Tom Brands had long pointed to the Midlands Championship on Dec. 29-30 as the tournament that would settle individual competitions for the rest of the year. But the picture at 133 was muddled, rather than clarified, at the tournament when Ramos and Clark faced off twice, each winning once by two points or fewer.

Clark said the match-

es at Midlands highlighted the differences between the two.

"I'm confident in my ability to ride and to get away," Clark said. "But my intensity and my explosiveness needs to pick up on my feet, and that's a strong point of his. So that's where the gap will be closed or found in our matches."

Brands wouldn't say whether he wanted one of the two to seize a more permanent hold of the job. But Ramos said he expected that was the case.

"I'm pretty sure they have an idea in their head," Ramos said. "I think we're going to find out who the main guy is pretty soon, as we start getting in to these Big Ten matches."

Iowa's final seven duals, starting Saturday against Ohio State, are against Big Ten opponents, which means a winner of the competition may emerge soon.

Whichever wrestler gets the start on Saturday will have an opportunity to

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Still seeking victory No. 1

Consistency is escaping Iowa's lineup.

By **IAN MARTIN**
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The Jan. 23 matchup between Indiana and Iowa will not be nationally hyped.

The game features the Big Ten's ninth-place team in the Hoosiers (10-9, 1-5) and its last-place team in the Hawkeyes (7-11, 0-6).



Brommer
center

Nonetheless, the game — set for a 2 p.m. tip-off in Carver-Hawkeye Arena — is essential for an Iowa team looking for some consistency in its lineup, and the players don't want to remain in the cellar of arguably the nation's toughest conference.

The Big Ten season has begun harshly for Iowa, seeing it open up with five of six games against ranked teams.

After another blowout

Iowa (7-11, 0-6) vs. Indiana (10-9, 1-5)

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loss on Wednesday — granted, it was against No. 1 Ohio State — the Hawkeyes remain searching for the day when all the team's players are on their game at once.

At Ohio State, Iowa got good minutes from junior center Andrew Brommer, a player who can be described generously as inconsistent. But while he and point guard Bryce Cartwright did their respective parts — 12 points from Brommer and seven assists from Cartwright — two Hawkeye starters in Eric May and Jarryd Cole were held scoreless.

Iowa head coach Fran

SEE MEN'S BASKETBALL, 9

GymHawks face Big Ten giant

The Iowa women's gymnastics team will compete against the 16-time Big Ten champion Wolverines on Saturday.

By **MOLLY IRENE OLMSTEAD**
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Members of the Iowa women's gymnastics team are taught not to watch their competitors during a meet — to keep their backs turned toward the competition. This week, a looming monster will be lurking behind the GymHawks' backs: four-time defending Big Ten champion Michigan.

The seventh-ranked Wolverines are the conference's untouchable team. They have won 16 of the league's last 18 championships and have beaten Iowa in every dual meet since 2004. But at 5 p.m. Saturday in the Field House, the GymHawks will face the giant with a chance, finally, to win.

Michigan has set a precedent of winning, and No. 17 Iowa is just starting to build toward that. Michigan regards very few Big Ten schools as a threat, so

No. 17 Iowa vs. No. 7 Michigan

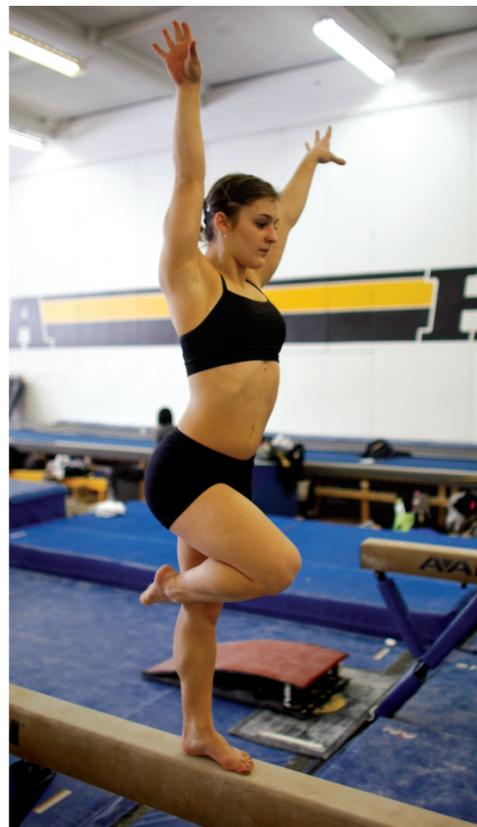
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for the GymHawks, this meet is personal.

"I know that Michigan doesn't see us as competition, and my coach Larissa Libby said, "For us, that is the motivation, that internal push to prove our worth."

Iowa doesn't have to win to make a statement. By merely posing a threat to Michigan, mentally or physically, the GymHawks can prove that they're capable of competing at a higher level, Libby said.

"I think regardless of whether we beat [Michigan] or not, if we scare them, if we're close to them, it's going to be only good for us," senior Andrea



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Iowa gymnast Andrea Hurlburt practices a beam routine in the Field House gymnastics room on Jan. 19, 2009.

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