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## Accident kills worker

Construction work is the second most dangerous job in the United States.

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A construction worker died on Monday while working on a flood-mitigation

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Watch rescue workers on scene near Art Building West.



site near Art Building West, marking the second construction-related death on campus this academic year.

Iowa City Fire Lt. Brian Rohr said a metal beam holding back water and dirt from a nearby pond collapsed and trapped Kevin

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DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN  
A rescue worker peers down a pit where Kevin Dean Hammons was trapped under a beam outside Art Building West on Monday.

## Hawkeye fan loved outdoors

The 52-year-old was an avid hunter and family man.

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Kevin Dean Hammons loved to hunt. He loved to fish. And he loved his family.

"He was an outdoors person," mother Carol Hammons said. "That's why he was working on construction."

Hammons, 52, of Washington, Iowa, died Monday while working on a

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Hammons died Monday while working on a construction project on the UI arts campus



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UI freshman Annie Christenson studies in her Daum room on Monday. "I applied to Centerstone last December, and I hope to live there," she said.

## Honors students get new digs

Roughly 115 Honors students will live in the UI-leased Centerstone Apartments.

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University of Iowa Honors student Claire Spyropoulos knows firsthand how full the Honors Program has become.

The freshman applied to live in Daum Hall — the UI's all-

Honors dorm — this year, but landed on a waiting list due to the large number of applicants. While Spyropoulos got into Daum about a month after she applied, a growing interest in the UI Honors program and housing has caused officials to explore some new options.

In August, some UI Honors students will move into off-campus housing leased by the university specifically for them. The move is in line with the university's effort to increase community-based housing with living-learning communities.

The UI has signed a two-year, \$760,560 lease with College View LLC for Centerstone Apartments, a complex that will house 114 students at 121/131 E. Davenport St. The building will be open to returning

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### Q&A with Mason

## Mason talks budget and appropriations

The Daily Iowan sat down with University of Iowa President Sally Mason for a monthly interview.

**The Daily Iowan:** Do you feel meeting with legislators about cuts to higher education over the holiday break was effective?

**President Sally Mason:** They were good. We have a lot of work ahead of us as a university, obviously, to help legislators understand what some of our issues are and vice versa. I think Friday night I was able to attend one of the events associated with the new governor; it was good to be there and to talk with him. We really want to help the governor to grow the economy and to help jobs that are really important

to Iowa in a really tough economy.

**DI:** Have you met with legislators more than usual considering the topics of debate surrounding higher education?

**Mason:** Our Board of Regents does a lot of those meetings. It's entirely up to them. We're prepared. I think the university is prepared at any point in time if we're invited to come and testify and talk and when we have opportunities either through the regents or in other ways to have conversations as it seems appropriate. I always start my conversations with any of the legislators with, "I'm available whenever you need me. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to call. Just let us know what you need, and we'll do everything we can."

**DI:** Reflecting on the results from last week's vote in the House, which included the possibility of a \$10 million cut next fiscal year, how is the university preparing?

**Mason:** The real difficulty in our situation is not knowing. What would be most helpful is to know what we may face on the budget front. And we are anxious to see what the governor will propose in his budget and

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# In the thick of poetry

A local poet's work is now bound in a two-foot tall book.

By RYAN COLE

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Eight hundred thirty thousand words. Ten thousand one hundred-nineteen pages. One hundred days.

"It was like breathing poetry," said Dave Morice, the writer responsible for the 100-volume tome in the University of Iowa Main Library.

Morice participated in a marathon poetry event last summer and fall, writing 100 pages of poetry nearly every day from July 4 to Oct. 31. The preservation and conservation department of the University Libraries recently bound the collection, *Poetry City Marathon*, and it plans to feature the 2-foot-thick book on display.

Nancy Kraft, the head of preservation and conservation in the library system, embraced the opportunity for her department to bind Morice's book.

"I thought it was an interesting project," she said. "I like it when staff come with something they'll challenge themselves on."

With little guidance, preservation assistant Bill Voss devised a system of binding that allows for regular perusal of the book while ensuring its endurance for later generations.

"It's not a practical sort of book. It's more like a

## UI Library binds epic poem

Local writer David Morice's *Poetry City Marathon* is housed in the UI Main Library.

- Twice the size of current Guinness World Record for "thickest book published"
- Written in 100 days over 120 days
- Bound text is 2 feet thick
- Between 3/2 and 12 hours a day spent writing

Source: University of Iowa Libraries, David Morice, Guinness World Records

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Log on to check out a video feature on the two-foot tall book.

book sculpture," he said, and he "didn't think it would be possible."

Library officials are unsure of where and how to feature the book, though Kraft believes it will be on display for the annual Iowa City Book Festival, July 15-17.

This type of exposure aligns with Morice's philosophy toward poetry.

"To me, poetry should be brought out in public," he said. "It should be extreme writing."

Morice has brought poetry to the public in more than 60 marathons, many of them occurring in Iowa City.



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**Dave Morice's Poetry City Marathon is pictured on Monday. It took Bill Voss, a preservation assistant at the UI Main Library, about four days to bind the book; it normally takes him two to four hours to bind a regular book.**

In one of his most famous events, Morice wrapped the entire city block around Prairie Lights with a poem, calling the experience "the most wonderful day of my literary life."

Yet, in terms of length, time, scope, and content, the *Poetry City Marathon* process stands unparalleled.

"I wanted this poem to do things no other poem has ever done before," Morice said. He employed a myriad of techniques and forms, vacillating between free, "slice of time" writing and more revised, structured style.

Some expressed doubt about Morice's ability to complete such a Herculean undertaking.

"I tried to dissuade him,"

said Tom Walz, Morice's friend and coworker. "I had doubt all along the way."

Paul Ingram, a Prairie Lights book buyer and a former roommate of Morice, said he was "not in the least surprised."

"He loves extreme poetry," Ingram said. "This is what he does, and this is what he's best at."

Though the exact future of the book is still uncertain, Voss is confident the book will continue to be a part of the Iowa City community and available to the public. Until then, he is satisfied with his involvement in the record-setting project.

"I'm just happy the thing hasn't fallen apart," he said.

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## METRO

### Johnson-Koulianios gets deferred judgment

Former University of Iowa star wide receiver Derrell Johnson-Koulianios received a deferred judgment Monday after pleading guilty to possession of marijuana, according to court documents.

The rest of his charges, including possession of cocaine and prescription drugs, were dropped. Prosecutors had dropped a charge of keeping a drug house on Jan. 20.

The 23-year-old Johnson-Koulianios, commonly known as DJK, must serve one year of unsupervised probation, undergo

a substance-abuse evaluation, and pay a civil penalty of \$315.

The court documents cited Johnson-Koulianios' age, his lack of prior criminal record, the absence of a weapon, and greater rehabilitation opportunities outside incarceration as support for the decision to defer judgment.

A probation review is scheduled for Aug. 1.

Police arrested Johnson-Koulianios on Dec. 7, 2010, after serving a search warrant on his roommate, Brady Cooper Johnson, 21. Inside the 1128 E. Washington St. residence, police reportedly found cocaine, marijuana, prescription drugs, a digital scale, and more than \$3,000 in cash.

- by Josh Quinnell

# UI prof sentenced to probation

Gary Hunninghake pleads guilty to disorderly conduct in Chicago.

By JOSH QUINNELL

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University of Iowa medical research director Gary Hunninghake pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor disorderly conduct charge in Cook County Circuit Court on Monday, according to the county's State Attorney's Office spokesman, Andrew Conklin.

Hunninghake, 64, of Coralville was originally charged with felony disorderly conduct after he allegedly filed a false report with Chicago police.

Hunninghake claimed three men approached him while jogging in Chicago on the morning of April 24, 2010. He told officers the men threatened him, demanded his wallet, and repeatedly stabbed him.

UI police began an investigation into Hunninghake on April 22 for unspecified reasons, and



**Hunninghake**

university officials placed him on paid leave on April 23.

University officials decided not to press charges after concluding their seven-month investigation into Hunninghake, and, per his request, officials did not release a report detailing that investigation.

Rep. Jeff Kaufmann, R-Wilton, is backing legislation that would force UI employees to pay back any salary earned while on administrative leave if they are convicted of the crime that spurred that leave. He said he's unsure if the bill would apply to Hunninghake, because the crime he pleaded guilty to wasn't what put him on leave in the first place.

"Without knowing the details of the university's

investigation, I can't make a judgment on Hunninghake's case," Kaufmann said. "But I'll give the university the benefit of the doubt in this situation."

An internal audit of the UI Institute for Clinical and Translational Science, which Hunninghake formerly directed, found no wrongdoing.

The audit, commissioned by the state Board of Regents, investigated Hunninghake's travel expenses, salary, and purchases between July 2008 and October 2010.

University spokesman Tom Moore said Hunninghake is still on paid administrative leave but refused to comment further.

"Anything further remains confidential," he said.

Hunninghake has an annual salary of \$360,000.

## METRO

### Man charged with 2nd OWI

Iowa City police arrested a local man after he reportedly tried to drive through a parking ramp gate Sunday.

Kevin Butler, 30, 1002 Friendly Ave., was charged with OWI.

According to police, Butler attempted to drive through the gate at the Clock Tower parking ramp after he hit a city vehicle.

Police said Butler's car was stopped in front of the gate and in drive when they arrived, and he had bloodshot eyes and poor balance. Staff at the Tower ramp told officers Butler hit a city vehicle in the ramp prior to trying to drive through the gate.

Butler admitted to officers he had been drinking and had been at two bars earlier in the evening, according to the police report. He also failed a blood-alcohol test, police said.

Second-offense OWI is an

aggravated misdemeanor, punishable by up to two years in prison and a maximum fine of \$6,250.

- by Hayley Bruce

### Snowmobiler charged with OWI

North Liberty police arrested a man they reported was driving a snowmobile while intoxicated.

Eric Holtzman, 32, of Gainsville, Ga., was charged Sunday with OWI.

According to police reports, a police officer saw Holtzman and a passenger crash their snowmobile in a ditch. When the officer approached him, Holtzman, still wearing a mask, had slurred speech and bloodshot eyes, the report said.

Holtzman failed numerous breath tests and officers smelled alcohol when he blew into the tube for the preliminary breath test, according to police. He reportedly

also failed field sobriety tests.

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

### 2 brothers charged with assaulting officers

Iowa City police arrested two University of Iowa students who are brothers Sunday after they allegedly assaulted a police officer.

Mitchell Hruby, 19, and Bret Hruby Jr., 21, 417 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 2322, were charged Sunday with assault on a peace officer.

According to the report, an officer was called to their apartment after receiving a report of loud music and loud voices. The officer told Mitchell Hruby he would be cited with keeping a disorderly house and asked where the smell of marijuana was

coming from. Hruby told the officer it was an incense candle and said the officer needed a warrant to search his apartment.

According to police, the officer said he could lock the apartment down while waiting for a warrant and moved into the doorway, at which point Mitchell Hruby allegedly lunged forward and pushed him.

**CONSTRUCTION**

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Dean Hammons, 52, of Washington, Iowa, 10 to 15 feet underground, where rescue workers tried unsuccessfully to contact him.

Authorities recovered Hammons' body around 12:30 p.m., nearly four hours after he became trapped. The Johnson County medical examiner pronounced Hammons dead at the scene.

"It illustrates how dangerous construction jobs are," said Bill Gerhard, the president of the Iowa State Building & Construction Trades Council. "No matter how safe you are or think you are, something can go wrong."

Hammons worked for the company Iowa Bridge and Culvert. His death marks the second on-site UI construction death in five months. The incident is under investigation from the Iowa Occupational Safety and Health Administration, said agency Executive Officer Jens Nissen.

Nissen said officials will survey the work site for violations as well as conduct interviews with employees present at the time of an accident.

"If we were to find violative conditions, we'd have to issue citations within six months of those find-

**Iowa Occupational Safety and Health Administration**

If any of the following occur, entities must report to the Division of Labor for investigation:

- A death occurs.
- There is an in-patient hospitalization of three or more employees.
- Must be reported within eight hours of the incident occurring.

Source: Iowa Work Force



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN  
Officials surround the area where Kevin Dean Hammons, 52, was trapped under a beam around 12 feet underground outside Art Building West on Monday. Hammons' death marks the second on-site UI construction death in five months.

ident of the Cedar Rapids/Iowa City Building Trades Council.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 4,340 people died in workplace incidents in 2009, with 78 of those occurring in Iowa.

More than 800 construction workers were killed in 2009, including 38 construction workers crushed by or caught in collapsing materials.

Nationally, construction workers were second in terms of fatalities, behind trade, transportation, and utilities. Iowa OSHA investigated six fatalities in Iowa in 2010.

"I'm shocked to hear this," Gerhard said about Hammons' death. "Two deaths in one year is a high number, and one is too many."

The investigation into Fosdick's death will not affect the case involving Hammons. It is unknown if the UI will be involved in the investigation. Gerhard noted that once a construction job is awarded a general contractor, the contractor has control over the job site regardless of location.

Approximately 13 construction projects are active on the UI campus, according to Facilities Management, with three jobs near the site of Hammons' death.

Chuck Green, the assistant vice president for the UI police — who called Hammons' death a "tragic accident" at the scene — said he felt rescue efforts went smoothly overall among officials involved.

The UI released a statement regarding the incident on Monday.

"The university extends its heartfelt condolences to his family, friends and community," the statement read.

On Monday night, Kevin's Facebook page was filled with comments from family members and friends.

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Tom Fosdick, a former employer of Swanson Glass Inc., died on Aug. 30, 2010, after losing his balance on a ladder and falling 24 feet onto a concrete slab. Nissen said Swanson Glass received several violations, which, according to the Associated Press, included a lack of safety using ladders. The company was fined \$8,750.

Having more than one construction-site death in a year on one campus is considered unusual to some local union officials.

"It's rare to have more than one in a single locale such as the Iowa City area, and by no means are they common statewide," said Scott Smith, the pres-

ing — in the winter or in the summer.

"That was basically all he wanted to do was coon hunt," Carol said.

Justin often took hunting and fishing trips with his father. And he was a man who was devoted to his family, Carol said.

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flood-mitigation project near the shore of the pond immediately south of the University of Iowa Art Building West. He was pronounced dead on the scene, according to a UI press release.

Firefighters removed their helmets as the examiner pulled Hammons' body from the construction pit after a four-hour rescue attempt, silently watching as the medical examiner placed the stretcher in the vehicle.

Hammons was one of eight children — six boys and two girls — born to Kenny and Carol Hammons. The Columbus Junction native grew up on a farm where he first cultivated his love of the outdoors, said 23-year-old son Justin Hammons.

Justin said his father went into construction after leaving home. He lived in Wyoming for some time before returning to Iowa. Justin said his father had worked for Iowa Bridge and Culvert construction company for the last couple of years.

But work was just one facet of Kevin's life.

"He loved everything," Justin said. "There wasn't much that he could disagree with."

A loyal Hawkeye fan, Kevin and Justin made the annual trip to the Iowa State-Iowa game.

"It's always been a tradition," Justin said.

If he wasn't at the game,

Kevin loved to tailgate. Even when Justin and his friends attended a disappointing Hawkeye football game, Hammons managed to improve the mood.

He could always make things better, Justin said.

"He was very warm and accepting to everything," Justin said.

He liked to take trips to the casino, Carol said, but nothing compared with his love for raccoon hunt-

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**CENTERSTONE**

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**Centerstone apartment will feature:**

- A kitchen
- A living area
- Their own bedroom
- 2 bathrooms

Source: Von Stange, director of University Housing &amp; Dining

gramming, despite a decrease in funding amid state budget cuts. For the 2008-09 school year, there were 116 programs offered to students. So far this year, the program has held 162 activities.

Some students say they're excited at the prospect.

"You get enough space away from RAs and regulations, but you're still protected by University Housing," UI freshman Annie Christensen said. "You don't have to worry about your heating or electric bill, because it's already covered."

This is the second time the UI has leased an off-campus building to accommodate an influx of students hoping to live in residence halls. This year, roughly 160 students live in the Lodge, located nearly two miles off campus.

With so many involved in the program, officials work to keep interest in activities high.

"We just try to be as creative as possible in order to keep the programs free or low cost," Christensen said.

Christensen also said the new housing arrangement at Centerstone will provide interested students with another viable option.

"In some ways, it's a second choice, but those students are given that choice up-front," she said.

Freshman Nick Hallman, another Daum resident, said he will reapply for Honors housing next year, and he hopes to live in Centerstone. In addition to maintaining an Honors community, he said, he's looking forward to the protection University Housing offers.

"You won't get screwed by some landlord," he said.

**Thursday, Feb. 3****5:30—7:30 p.m.****East Room****UI Hospitals and Clinics****Iowa City****Presenters:****Elaine Demetroulis, MD**

Interventional Cardiology

**Ellen Gordon, MD**

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- ❑ What you need to do to make your heart stronger
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## Editorial

### Expand UI Lifetime program to many more academic topics

Lunch With Medical Students and Why Are Legislatures So Unpopular? are two courses offered this spring semester by the University of Iowa Lifetime Enrichment Adult Program for persons 50 and over. According to the website, the goal of the program is to provide a variety of educational activities for its students. It offers some great courses, such as Introductory Spanish and Forensic Anthropology, but the majority of courses are rudimentary at best. These are class titles normally seen at a community recreation center rather than at a university — and that's not far off base.

The UI program is not designed to offer a postsecondary education or the credit hours needed to complete a degree. Its courses aren't accredited by the university. As Center on Aging program assistant Laura Scheetz eloquently puts it, "It's a neat way for [people over 50] to learn outside their everyday activities." While the program offers people in their twilight years a chance to socialize and learn new basic skills, it also lacks for the sort of real substantive material that is not beyond the comprehension of senior citizens — the sort of material that is becoming a mainstay of lifelong education programs.

An exploratory study in the *International Journal of Lifelong Education* expounds upon some principal goals for adult education: drawing on the abundant experiences of older pupils and centering their educational desires. Continuing education centers in Bologna, Italy, use these goals to provide older citizens with a wealth of academic options, from archaeology to philosophy; they also serve adults who were highly educated in their youth.

The study also found that the primary reasons senior citizens enroll in such classes were socializing opportunity, "personal growth," and a genuine desire to learn. It is not irrational to assume that our Iowa City seniors have the same predilections.

These predilections are underserved by simplistic continuing-education programs. Obviously, such programs — including the one at the UI — should follow basic rules of demand, but it is difficult to believe that there would be no demand for seriously rigorous classes in the senior set. The program does offer a

variety of subjects, but it does not venture into subjects comparable with college-level study, which excludes older individuals from the true pursuit of academic inquiry that is still possible in the later years of life.

Obviously, the UI Lifetime program is not intended to replace the UI Division of Continuing Education, but it could go a long way toward providing further opportunities for those in their autumn years who have demonstrated a clear engagement with more demanding topics.

There are, for instance, people over the age of 50 enrolled in regular course work at the UI.

For the fall 2010 semester, 310 students over the age of 50 were enrolled at the UI, both as undergraduates and graduate students. It is not unheard-of for freshmen to have a classmate who is 40 years older.

"We had someone in his 80s once who completed an online degree," Maureen McCormick, the marketing director of the UI Division of Continuing Education, told the Editorial Board.

She said the UI Lifetime program is more geared toward personal development, field trips, and events, while accredited courses are for degree development.

The distinction is a real one, to be sure, but it does not need to imply a difference in academic rigor. Senior citizens could benefit handily from community classes that center on them, drawing on experiential history to engage them in serious discussion. There is a profound difference in environment between an adult in a Wittgenstein seminar with 35 youths and an adult in a Wittgenstein seminar with 35 of her or his peers; this is the difference that should be highlighted and explored, without sacrificing any of the self-directed academic inquisitiveness exhibited by the UI program patrons.

The program demonstrates an initial understanding of lifelong educational techniques, and it should be expanded to cover more challenging material. As Americans struggle to improve the educational system, we mustn't forget that learning is not confined to our first 30 years.

*Your turn.* Should the UI expand its Lifetime Enrichment Adult Program? Weigh in at [dailiyowan.com](http://dailiyowan.com).

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### The danger of firearms

Guns are a health hazard. The people who were killed and wounded in the Arizona shooting are less healthy than they were before the shooting. Even the people who escaped direct physical injury but experienced the trauma of the event have less vigorous health than they had before.

This is not a difficult concept. Shooting is a hazard to health. We regulate other threats to public health but allow the threat from gunshot trauma to remain in our community. In Iowa, we have actually reduced

the protection citizen health has enjoyed from possible gunshot trauma. We regulate water quality, we require childhood immunizations, we concern ourselves with food safety, and more. All of these actions are important safeguards to our health as a community.

But we do little to protect Iowa citizens from gunshot trauma, even when gunshot health risks are 100 percent preventable. In fact, recent Iowa legislation required county sheriffs, in the vast majority of cases, to issue gun permits regardless of the sheriff's reservations about the applicant's qualifications.

Current conversation in Des Moines suggests that gun restrictions in Iowa will be further reduced.

There is nothing in the Second Amendment to our U.S. Constitution that requires each of us to be exposed to a known, preventable, serious health risk. Being shot by a gun is clearly detrimental to your health.

This is not a difficult concept. Guns are dangerous. Guns bring a threat to community health, and members of our community deserve to have their health safeguarded. The League of Women Voters of Iowa supports the right of citizens to live in an

environment in which known health hazards are recognized and eliminated or, at least, minimized. We look to our legislators to do all they can to eliminate the known, preventable, serious health risks that guns bring to our community. The League urges all citizens to remind their government representatives that each citizen has a right to live in the healthiest reasonable community environment. Guns are a health hazard that can be eliminated; it is time to take action.

**Myrna Loehrlein, Ph.D.**  
president, League of Women Voters of Iowa

## Guest opinion

### Public - employee benefits are not the problem

"In this time of budget crunches and recession, why should my taxes go to fatten the wallets of state and local public employees?"

This is the question that some policymakers and pundits want us to start asking. We're in a deep recession, after all, and it doesn't make sense that some people should be paid more when others are hurting — right?

Unfortunately, it's not that simple. By framing the budget problems as an "Us versus Them" argument, opponents of public-employee benefits are actually hurting our economy by failing to understand the benefits we receive when we pay public workers.

Let's start with a few facts to dispel the myth

that public employees milk extravagant wages and benefits out of the taxpayer. A study conducted by the Center for State and Local Government Excellence and the National Institute on Retirement Security found that, contrary to the suggestion of some, public employees are not excessively compensated. Among the findings:

- State and local employees are twice as likely to hold college degrees than private-sector employees. Only 23 percent of private-sector employees have completed college, as opposed to 48 percent in the public sector; this is likely because of the stringent requirements of public-sector jobs.
- Additionally, wages and

salaries of private-sector employees are higher than those of public-sector employees with comparable education, work experience, and other indicators of earning capability. Typically, state workers earn 11 percent less than privately employed citizens, and local workers earn 12 percent less.

- Earnings of state and local workers have declined relative to those of comparable private sector employees in the last 15 years — in other words, the wage gap is increasing.
- Even after accounting for the value of retirement, health-care, and other benefits, state and local employees earn less than their private sector counterparts.

The picture is clear. In

an apples-to-apples comparison, state and local government employees receive less compensation than their private sector counterparts," said Keith Bender, report coauthor and associate professor of economics at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

So what does this mean? It means that, as far as labor costs go, you often get more bang for your buck in the public sphere.

The government is getting a more qualified, more experienced employee for less than what the private sector pays. This is important, because most services provided by public employees are considered necessary — if society weren't paying a public employee to

do the job, it would have to pay someone else for that work. Advocates of privatization suggest that the government should turn the work over to the private sector, but it is hard to see how privatization would amount to a less-costly alternative, taking into account the demand for higher wages and profitability.

It is important to remember that nearly every dollar paid to public employees goes right back into the state economy, because we both work and live here. We are your fellow Iowans, and we work hard to make the state both economically and civically successful.

The characterization of spending on public salaries and benefits as wasteful or

unjustifiable is off-base and simply uninformed. If a job or service is necessary, public employees are a cost-competitive solution and generate greater returns to the economic activity of the state. Despite being a easy sound bite in discussions and debate, privatization is not always the best solution to our budget woes, and cutting the pay and benefits of our state public employees assails an already ailing working class. During a time of hardship, we must look deeper than the easy-sounding answers to make sure that we don't hurt Iowans more than we help them.

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## Making nice



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So here we all are, ensconced in civility nouveau, living in the Age of the New Nice.

I can live with that; I have no problem with nice. If Republicans and Democrats want to sit with each other for the State of the Union address, that's cool maybe they can exchange salsa recipes or something.

And with civility in mind, I won't mention new Gov. Terry Branstad, who is actually rather difficult to describe as "new." I mean, given that he's now in his fifth term as governor.

Someone most likely legendary newspaper columnist Donald Kaul back in the late-80s or so described Branstad as governor for life. Little did he know.

So in the spirit of the Age of New Nice, we'll wish Branstad good luck in his fifth term. Maybe he could call off some of his Republican compatriots who seem to have the state Board of Regents in their ... um ... surveyors' sights.

Which brings us to Glenn Beck and his obsession with Frances Fox Piven and her leftist plot to take over America.

Who? you say.

Frances Fox Piven is a 78-year-old academic in New York who, in 1966, had a rather intelligent, if different, view of how to deal with poverty. She also, as far as I can tell, does not advocate using violence.

So where does Glenn Beck get off contending she advocates a violent leftist takeover of the America?

Well, OK, Beck might have got off the train of reason a few stops ago.

So where do Glenn Beck's acolytes get off advocating killing her?

Because she wrote (with Richard A. Cloward) on May 2, 1966, an article in *The Nation* about empowering the poor and ending the welfare system as it existed then. And that enrages Beck, who believes the article is a leftist plot to take over America.

Well, Beck has obviously never met any real

leftists. Otherwise (take it from one who has been there), he'd realize that real leftists will never take over America or even the Tobacco Bowl because 90 percent of them fall asleep during the interminable committee meetings that take place to discover who is a real leftist and who is a sleeper.

(Well, OK, in all fairness, sometimes meetings try to determine who is a real Maoist/Leninist versus a real Trotskyite or who is a real Ethiopian almond-mocha supporter versus a true Bolivian deep-dark-chocolate backer. America, you've been warned.)

Piven and her coauthor simply argued that all the poor in America didn't receive the benefits that they could have, and they should get those from federal government through organizing. At the time, for various reasons, a good 15 to 20 percent of the poor were not receiving the benefits they were due, whether they were white or black. Piven contended that through organizing the poor, a more equitable system would result; she argued that a national guaranteed-income system would be preferable and save the country money while delivering more money to the poor, with better outcomes for their lives.

(That's a rather abbreviated summation of what Piven wrote; her article was far more nuanced, far more intelligent, and far more definitive than a paragraph can cover.)

Did you actually read the 1966 *Nation* article? you ask. Yes, unlike Glenn Beck, I read the 1966 article in *The Nation*. It's somewhat dry, in that academic sort of way (no offense, professors — my father is one), and she has little, if any, idea where to place a comma and none whatsoever when it comes to semicolons.

But outside of using the word "impact" around 14 or 15 too many times, I couldn't find any leftist plot.

So, America, in the Age of the New Nice, could we just stop using the word "impact" for a while?

Yeah, I know; it's tough being nice. You should see me at home, trying to be nice when I think of our governor for life. ■

**MASON Q&A**

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what that will mean for higher education. It's a long process. We'll take what the House did last night and what the governor proposes and then ultimately see how those conversations progress from there going forward. It's too early to tell right now exactly what this will mean for us going forward.

A big freshman class has really helped us budgetarily, and it looks to me from just the early sense from this spring semester that our retention continues to be good. That many if not most of those students are back this semester, and that is a good thing for us. We know retention is important as well. So our student-success initiatives — you're going to hear a lot more about student-success initiatives, making sure that you have the best experience we can give you here. The way we have built our budget in our strategic plan going forward and it's the same thing we're going to stay focused on this year as well is to make sure that we continue with the best efforts we can to make sure students can be successful.

**DI:** What are your plans regarding next year's budget, knowing that this year's had a small boost from federal stimulus money?

**Mason:** That money's gone. That money was one-time money, so we never built a budget around that money going forward. Our budget is

balanced, and it doesn't include those stimulus dollars. So we've made the entire budget cuts that we needed to make up for that \$55 million in appropriations that now have been lost.

**DI:** How do you look at utilizing resources in the continual reduction of funds?

**Mason:** That's a very good question because the budget is fairly complicated. The budget for this entire operation has many, many pieces, and if you look at all the various pieces, if you look at the state appropriations, what you see is a 20 percent reduction in appropriations over the last two years. If you look at the other parts of our budget, everything from tuition to auxiliaries to research money and all of the other pieces that make up our budget, all of those have gone up. Fundraising, for example, the money that's coming in from people who care deeply about the University of Iowa is up significantly this year. That's a great thing. Our research money [was] up significantly. That's a great thing. And our enrollment is up, that means more tuition dollars.

So in spite of the fact that we have a decrease in appropriations, we've been able to manage very well during this difficult economic time, because so many other pieces of our budget have been able to compensate for that.

could increase the UI's networking with foreign education institutions as well, Thomas said.

The UI Center for Gifted Education and Talent Development, the UI's organization for international recruitment, is also looking for ways to reach more students in India. The center currently collaborates with centers in Sydney, Australia and Alberta, Canada to identify gifted students.

And though other universities have yet to sign on with Gen Next, similar efforts exist.

"We only develop partnerships with different institutions abroad, but Gen Next sounds like a unique way to become more diverse," said Anne Marie Mountz, assistant director of public information at Pennsylvania State University.

"It's important for people to study in different countries so we can get to know different cultures," said UI freshman Chengxi Yang, who is from China. "Also, some countries like the United States have a better education system."

Joining the program



FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY IOWAN  
Pedestrians board an Iowa City bus on Aug. 30, 2010. Iowa City city councilors will continue discussing methods to deal with budget cuts to public transit in coming weeks.

# Iowa City mulling transit budget woes

Officials have been able to use the new electronic busing system to track efficiency.

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Iowa City city councilors say they will continue to discuss methods for dealing with possible budget cuts for public transit.

Chris O'Brien, the director of the Iowa City Transit Service, pitched ideas and shared public-transit data at a City Council meeting Monday night. O'Brien stressed the need to improve efficiency without raising bus fares.

He said the department has used its new Bus on the Go program, which tracks real-time data of buses' arrivals and predicted arrival times, to look at bus use.

He said the Transit Service has been reluctant to raise bus fares to help with possible state budget cuts. But because some city buses are outdated, he said, the agency will need money from somewhere.

"The funds just aren't there to replace [buses]," O'Brien said.

*'We don't have a pot of gold. But ridership never pays for transit.'*

— City Councilor Connie Champion

The Transit Service doesn't want to increase fares because people depend on the city buses to get to work and school, he said. Transit Services hasn't increased its bus fares in 15 years.

City Councilor Connie Champion said she is also against the agency raising fares because it could decrease ridership, thus increasing pollution.

"We don't have a pot of gold," she said. "But ridership never pays for transit."

Raising fares wasn't the only transportation issue on the agenda.

Champion also noted 18,000 students use the city's free shuttle service.

"We could charge 10 or

15 cents for the shuttle," Councilor Mike Wright suggested at the meeting.

Champion pointed out that a fare would eliminate the point of a free shuttle.

The Transit Service has looked into options for making the city buses more efficient, such as modifying specific routes by combining some of its roughly 600 stops, O'Brien said.

The service may also take routes that are low-performing and tweak them in order to get more service out of low-ridershare buses, he said.

Eliminating stops could increase efficiency of the buses because

## Current bus routes

The Iowa City bus system makes roughly 600 stops in the Iowa City area:

- 20 routes run Monday through Friday
- 8 routes run on Saturdays
- Transit has fleet of 27 buses
- Have attempted Sunday routes with minimal success

Source: Chris O'Brien, Iowa City director of Transportation Services

some stops rarely have passengers, he said.

But Champion said elderly people who take the bus often may not be able to walk another block to reach a bus stop if one closer to them was eliminated.

"I can understand cutting bus stops," said Champion. "But you have to be careful."

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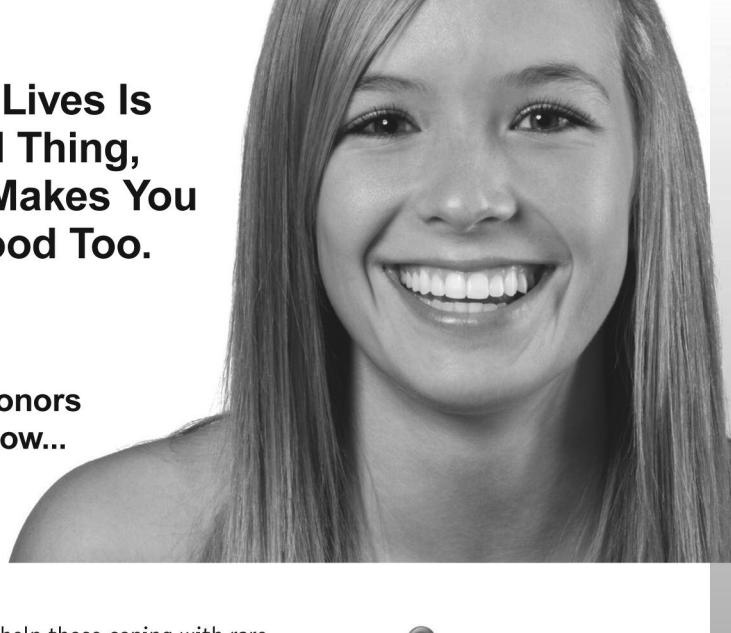


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# Daily Break

In physics, you don't have to go around making trouble for yourself - nature does it for you.

- Frank Wilczek

## the ledge

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### Hights and Lows of My Winter Break:

- High:** Making a new (boy)friend on the plane. I guess being abandoned by my parents for the exit row didn't turn out to be so bad.
- Low:** Mixing up hand signals and flipping off the fan controller during my indoor skydiving lesson. NEVER piss off the fan guy; he can make you fall flat on your face or hit the net ceiling with the touch of a button.
- High:** Being able to say I'm from the 38th drunkest city in America. Cedar Rapids, city of five smells, you make me proud.
- Low:** Seeing so many 80-year-old women sit in Vegas casinos, wearing sequined tank tops and leather miniskirts, gambling their life savings away, and taking shots until 6 in the morning. These old biddies need better support systems (and much better support bras).
- High:** Snoring so loudly on a plane that a flight attendant called me out over the intercom. The Intercom Club is way more awesome than the Mile High Club.
- Low:** Losing my iPhone in Chicago, my glasses in Arizona, and a little of my dignity in Vegas.
- High:** Drinking legally in Arizona, whose alcohol laws are something along the lines of "If your mom says it's OK..."
- Low:** Listening to a TSA agent awkwardly explain where each and every one of his fingers would be during some dude's pat-down. (I guess the dude must have had one-too-many piercings in his private, tender areas.)
- High:** Teaching my dad the Bernie's dance.

- Carly Correll and her dad would love to teach you the Bernie's dance.

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## ART WORK



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UI ceramics graduate student Heidi Casto works in the Studio Arts Building on Monday. Her current piece is a bathroom stool for her 19-month-old daughter. Casto is a third year M.F.A. candidate; she is preparing for a show in March.

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## horoscopes

Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2011

- by Eugenia Last

**ARIES** March 21-April 19 You'll be prone to overreact, overdo, and overindulge. Discipline will be required. Late in the day, find a way to spice up your life or to make improvements that will bring you greater self-confidence.

**TAURUS** April 20-May 20 There is no point becoming angry or losing time or sleep over what someone else is doing. You have too much going for you to stop moving forward. Count on your resilience and diplomacy to see you through.

**GEMINI** May 21-June 20 There is plenty to accomplish that will set you up professionally and personally. Partnerships are apparent, and displaying your talent and ideas will attract positive attention. You may be tired, but the gains you make will be worth it.

**CANCER** June 21-July 22 Children, friends, and relatives will have a tendency to restrict what you can accomplish. You need to focus on making the changes that will enable you to get ahead. Be honest about what you will do and when.

**LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 Someone will expect a lot from you. Declining may not be the answer and could cost you financially and emotionally. Weigh the pros and cons, and you will come up with a solution that will help you avoid an argument that cannot be won.

**VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Share your thoughts and participate in what's going on in your family or community. The decision you make now will mold the way you move forward personally, professionally, and financially.

**LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Creative endeavors will bring the highest return. You have plenty to offer, but charity begins at home and must be used for your own advancement and success. Progressive action will bring positive results.

**SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Look at your old ideas, resurrect whatever you can, and make a go of it. You'll be surprised at what you can accomplish now. With a few changes, you will reach the goals you set.

**SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Emphasis should be on home, family, and your current position. Look at what's being offered in your community. Alter your outlook and goals to suit the times, and you will find the success you need to live life the most suitable way for you.

**CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Don't give in to peer pressure. It's important to follow your dreams if you want to achieve satisfaction and happiness. Stay focused on the end result and the perks that come with it.

**AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 You can make alterations to your life if you pursue goals that will bring you greater stability. You can achieve greater acceptance within important partnerships and can put your attributes to better use. A relationship will help you reach your goals.

**PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 It's what you do for others that will bring you greater recognition. Make a difference - be the one to put the past behind you so that you can make the most of the future. Allow yourself the freedom of being released from extra obligations.

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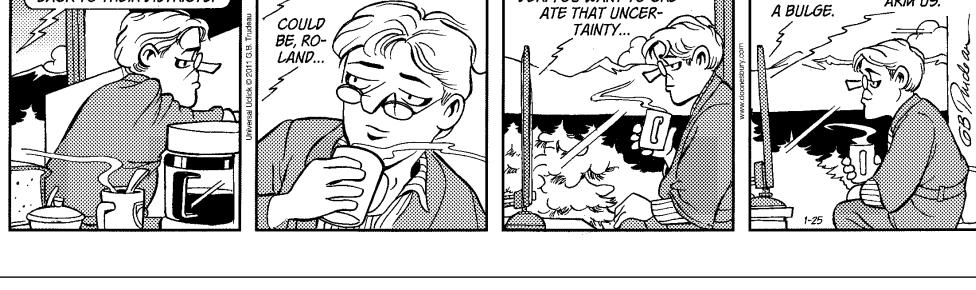


## 'NON SEQUITUR'



by Scott Adams

## Doonesbury



BY GARRY TRUDEAU

## today's events

**Story Time**, 10 a.m., Barnes & Noble, Coral Ridge Mall

**Tot Time**, 10 a.m., North Liberty Community Library, 520 W. Cherry

**Pharmacology Faculty Seminar**, "Ion Channels as Novel Growth Regulators and Potential Therapeutic Targets of Pancreatic Cancer," Nelson Yee, 10:30 a.m., 1117 Medical Education & Research Facility

**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

**Iowa City Foreign Relations Committee Luncheon**, "Stunting Is No Small Matter: Getting It Right For Every Child's First 1,000 Days," Alan Brody, noon, Congregational United Church of Christ, 30 N. Clinton

**Technological Entrepreneurship Certificate Advising**, noon, 3123A Seamans Center

**Biochemistry Workshop**, Kuang Wen and Tiandao Li, 12:30 p.m., 283 Eckstein Medical Research Building

**Microbiology Seminar**, "The role of ECF sigma factors in the cell envelope stress response of *Bacillus subtilis* and *Clostridium difficile*, 3 p.m., Bowen Auditorium 3

**"Getting Things Done in the Midst of Chaos,"** Susan Johnson, 3 p.m., Seeborn Conference Room, 283 Eckstein Medical Research Building

**Faculty Council Meeting**, 3:30 p.m., 2520D University Capitol Centre

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## The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

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Puzzle by Alan Arbesfeld

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

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enced sage on an inexperienced squad, credited the away fans with possibly being the factor in Iowa's worse performances during away games.

"The whole crowd is against you," he said. "The only thing pulling for you is the guys on your bench and the other four working with you on the court."

Iowa is just 2-6 in games away from Carver-Hawkeye; the squad has a respectable 6-5 record at home. This includes the team's only Big Ten win.

Playing better on the road could be Iowa's biggest obstacle in escaping mediocrity in the coming years.

A look at the current conference leader will say as much.

No. 1 Ohio State, a team that Iowa lost to at home by 5 and on the road by 22

and one of two undefeated teams left in the country, statistically plays better outside Value City Arena. The team makes more than half of its shots on the road, currently shooting 50.7 percent and shoots almost 5 percentage points better from long range — 44.5 away as opposed to 39 percent in games in Columbus. Iowa sophomore guard Eric May shooed away any talk about factors outside of the players when it

comes to winning more away contests, however, aside from a possible lack of nonconference road games.

Still, he conceded that there's certain advantages to seeing the Carver bowl in the background when hoisting up a shot.

"Maybe Carver's [rims are] a little softer," he said. "But I'm not complaining about it."

## CURRY

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 Check out a video interview with Rachel Curry and watch her in action at practice.

consistent contender in meets for the shot put.

True freshman Micaela Haight, who attended West High, competed against Curry in high school. Haight was a junior, Curry a senior.

"We even had that year to push each other back and forth," Haight said. "She jumped up really big

throw of 14.08 meters, which landed her first place.

When she talked about her performance at the Jack Johnson Classic (13.86 meters), she was disappointed. Her final throw was good enough to take first place but not far enough to break her personal record.

She wanted better.

"Having someone in front of me like that really pushes me every day to get

better, too," Haight said.

Curry said her goal this weekend when she travels to the Razorback Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark., is to set another personal record. She will try to shoot for 14.30 meters.

Looking even further ahead, she wants to make a difference for the team in the indoor Big Ten meet.

"I think every point counts," she said. "So I think we can definitely make a difference for our

team whether it is just inching out from that eighth to seventh place."

She attributes both her successes this season and improved injury resistance to her summer training, the continuation of her technique work and strength training.

"You have to start at the base and keep improving," Curry said.

Assistant coach Scott Cappos, who works with the throwers, said Curry's

consistently coming to the campus training facilities over the summer was the first big step in her improvement.

Training during the fall was the second step in her progress.

"There's still a lot of things to iron out before she hits the level she and I both want her to hit," Cappos said. "But she's made great improvements since the beginning of the season."

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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to drive because there is no help defense ... I think when Jaime got her hands

on the ball, she really needed to look to penetrate a little bit more because they were on her so tight."

The three-time Big Ten Coach of the Year praised Lavender and Ashley Adams for their ability to score points in the paint and attributed her squad's loss to Ohio State's high shooting percentage and

the 38 points from the two inside players.

Bluder said that Adams' role in the rematch played a large factor in the lopsided defeat.

"She's hard to guard, just with her size," the 11-year Iowa coach said. "She's an accurate field-goal shooter. But I think she and Jantel do a nice

job with the high-low. It looks like they're looking for each other really well."

Adams sat out the majority of the previous matchup, but she played 36 minutes in Monday's contest.

The Buckeyes' drastic height advantage also posed a problem for an undersized Hawkeye team;

Bluder's Bunch was outrebounded 36-31.

"Especially in our zone it was a little bit harder because we weren't really used to that," said senior guard Kachine Alexander, who finished the game with nine points, 11 rebounds, and seven assists. "It gives the team a whole different look."

After being projected to finish second in the conference behind Ohio State, Iowa sits in the bottom half of the Big Ten with a sub-.500 conference record.

"We have Michigan State next," Bluder said. "That's a tough bounce back. We only have one day to prepare for them, because Tuesday's our day off for the week."

## MULLEN

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summer, said they were the most intense workouts he

had ever done.

Both Woody and head coach Larry Wieczorek credit the 20-year-old's hard off-season work for his success this year.

In fact, Wieczorek wasn't shocked when he saw Mullen's record-breaking performance last weekend.

"Coach Woody said to

me before the preliminary race, 'Let's go watch a school record,'" Wieczorek said.

The coaches aren't the only ones taking notice of

Mullen's rededication. His teammates have noticed a new mindset as well.

"He's changing, more focused," said Keaton

Rickels, who was Mullen's roommate during their first year. "He was always serious on the track. Now he is serious off the track."

# Bears blast Cutler critics



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Chicago Bear quarterback Jay Cutler (6) scrambles past Green Bay Packer cornerback Charles Woodson (21) during the first half of the NFC Championship Game on Sunday in Chicago.

By ANDREW SELIGMAN

Associated Press

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — Jay Cutler finally got some protection.

The Chicago Bears rushed to their quarterback's defense on Monday, blasting current and former players who in Twitter posts questioned his toughness for sitting out most of the second half of Sunday's 21-14 NFC Championship Game loss to Green Bay with a knee injury.

"I think it's crap," general manager Jerry Angelo said. "I thought they were a union. If that's the way they unionize themselves, they got bigger issues than the one that they have with the owners. I'm very disappointed. That, to me, is dirty pool."

Jacksonville Jaguars running back Maurice Jones-Drew and Arizona Cardinal defensive lineman Darnell Dockett, along with such former players as Deion Sanders and ESPN analyst Mark Schlereth, were among those criticizing Cutler on Sunday.

To that, coach Lovie Smith said, "Our quarter-

back's a tough guy ... It's pretty simple what happened yesterday. Before the half, Jay hurt his knee. He showed a lot of toughness to continue to play with it."

Smith said Cutler sprained the medial collateral ligament in his left knee late in the first half and would have been questionable for the Feb. 6 Super Bowl had the Bears beaten Green Bay. He also emphasized the team and medical staff made the call to lift the quarterback, who played the first series in the third quarter before standing on the sideline.

Cutler underwent an MRI on Monday and was at Halas Hall. He did not make himself available to the media and declined comment on the criticism after the game.

His coach and teammates had plenty to say, though. They were particularly peeved about a series of Twitter posts by current and former players ripping Cutler.

"I'll just tell you this, the one thing I know about Jay Cutler is he's tough," said third-string quarterback

Caleb Hanie, who led a late comeback bid. "Another thing I know about him is he's going to stand up for his teammates. He didn't want to let his teammates down. So if he could have been on the field and been productive for the team, he would have done it."

Receiver Earl Bennett, Cutler's teammate at Vanderbilt, called the criticism "very unprofessional."

Defensive tackle Anthony Adams labeled it "garbage" and "unfair."

And tight end Greg Olsen said, "I think it's insane. I think anyone who's ever watched us, that would probably be the last thing anyone's ever questioned."

Yet current and former players alike were doing just that.

Jones-Drew, who played the first 14 games with a partially torn meniscus in his right knee before shutting it down, posted two comments about Cutler. He first compared the quarterback to former Florida coach Urban Meyer, who resigned in December, then wrote: "All I'm saying is

that he can finish the game on a hurt knee ... I played the whole season on one."

"I threw out this joke, and the backlash came in," Jones-Drew told the Associated Press in a telephone interview on Monday. "I tried to make it right, but it backfired."

Jones-Drew said he was rooting for Cutler and the Bears on Sunday and acknowledged the knee injury was serious enough to leave the game. He also said he had received death threats from Bear fans.

Dockett posted, "If I'm on Chicago team jay cutler has to wait till me and the team shower get dressed and leave before he comes in the locker room!"

Schlereth wrote, "As a guy how had 20 knee surgeries you'd have to drag me out on a stretcher to leave a championship game!"

And Sanders had this to say, "I'm telling u in the playoffs u must drag me off the field. All the medicine in pro lockerrooms this dude comes out! I apologize bear fans! ... Folks i never question a players injury but i do question a players heart."

The way the Bears see it, Cutler doesn't owe anyone an apology. They think he's owed a few, in fact.

"I can't even believe I'm sitting here talking about Cutler's toughness," Angelo said.

Cutler is often criticized for his demeanor, along with his decisions during games. But his toughness? That's a new one.

No one took a bigger pounding this season.

The league-leading 52 sacks barely reflected the number of hits he absorbed. He was continually under pressure, particularly in the early going, and even when he runs, he'll often take the tackle rather than slide. He did it

again at least once against the Packers.

"We're in a perception business," Angelo said. "I certainly didn't like what was said. I take that personally, too. He's our quarterback. We wouldn't have been where we're at without him, and I want that to be made clear. We stand by him."

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### Tough rims at Purdue?

Both Matt Gatens and Eric May said Purdue's Mackey Arena has some of the toughest rims to play on in the conference. A notoriously rough place to play, the Boilermakers' arena does have a reputation for hard rims — meaning the iron has more spring, and therefore shooters must be more precise because it is harder to rattle home a shot. However, statistics from Purdue's four Big Ten contests so far in the 2010-11 season seem to disprove this theory — with the exception of the Iowa game:

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## Spotlight Iowa City

# Tennis freshman brings a French twist

A UI freshman transitions from life in France to the United States, working to balance school with tennis.

By NICK SZAFRANSKI

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Jessica Cohen isn't able to eat dinner with her family on Friday nights for the first time in 19 years. That is because Cohen is in Iowa City — nearly 4,300 miles away from her home in Paris.

The 19-year-old touched down in the United States on Jan. 5 with just one suitcase and her equipment bag, ready to take on her next challenge: college.

She came to Iowa City to play for the Iowa women's tennis team and to pursue a career in business.

The athletically built brunette first picked up a racket when she was 7. From that point on, she never put it down.

She traveled year-round, all over the world, from North America to Europe to South America. Cohen was home-schooled by her parents from an early age because of the hectic schedule of her tennis life.

"It was intense and at times it got lonely, but it helped me so much for further down the road," Cohen said.

From the time she was little, she wanted to take the same path as her brother's who studied business in college; Frederic and Mickael Cohen studied business in Paris and in Boston, respectively. Along with majoring in



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**Hawkeye freshman Jessica Cohen prepares to return a volley during practice on Monday in the Iowa Tennis Complex. Cohen won her singles match on this past weekend at UNI (6-3, 6-0).**

pre-business, she is also studying finance. Having taken a full year off of school before becoming a Hawkeye, she said she is set to take on anything.

Cohen compared majoring in business to playing in a tennis match.

"It is a challenge," she said. "Everything is strategic; it's a competition of thinking."

Her dorm room is organized and pristine, not a single loose paper anywhere. The walls are as white as a

canvas is blank. She said her desk is where she gets all of her thinking done, and she loves her classes thus far.

"Being home-schooled, I had to know how to be organized and learn how to keep my concentration without getting distracted," she said.

Said Annie Cohen, Jessica's mother, "Jessica was always dedicated to whatever choice she made."

Instead of taking her

career to the professional level this year, she wanted to get an education before she made a long-term decision.

"School is always first," Cohen said. "And besides, after I get my degree, I will still only be 22, and I will have the option to play tennis."

Iowa head coach Katie Dougherty said that Jessica had always "been on their radar" but it just was a matter of getting

her to visit. At 18, she was ranked 1,005 in the world in singles and 677 in doubles.

"We just kept plugging away at her, and then she finally came on a visit when we went up against Wake Forest," Dougherty said.

Cohen was deciding between Iowa and Texas, and she made her decision after touring the Iowa City campus.

The women's tennis

## Jessica Cohen

- Age: 19
- Hometown: Paris
- Favorite TV show: "House"
- Favorite food: Pasta
- Favorite professional tennis player: Kim Clijsters
- Favorite musical artist: Eminem

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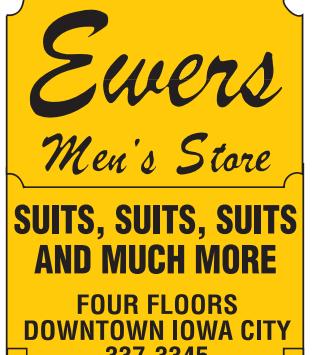
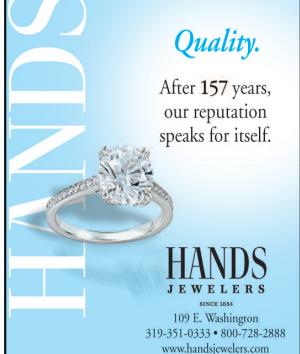
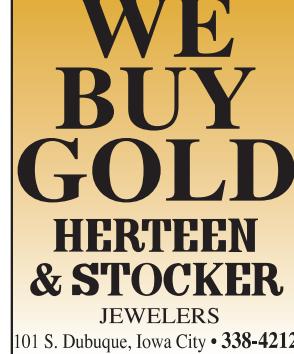
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team has three players who were born outside the United States: Cohen, Sonja Molnar, who is from Guelph, Ontario, Canada, and Cassandra Escobar, who hails from Guatemala City, Guatemala. According to rosters on the Hawkeyes' official website, the athletics department has 676 athletes competing, 33 of whom were born outside the States.

Cohen said other than missing family and friends, the transition has been very easy so far thanks to the women on the tennis team.

"People here are a lot more welcoming and kind than people in France," she said and laughed.





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## SPRING ATHLETE AT A GLANCE

# Basabe shines, most of the time

New York native Melsahn Basabe has made himself at home in Iowa City and is a rising star for the Hawkeyes.

**By SETH ROBERTS**  
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Take a look at the statistics for the Iowa men's basketball team, and one stat jumps off the page.

Junior shooting guard Matt Gatens has three blocks thus far. Forward Andrew Brommer has nine. Eric May, the team's block leader last year, has five.

Melsahn Basabe has 28.

In other words, Basabe's post presence has accounted for 49 percent of the team's rejections. He has more blocks through 20 games than May did all of last year (the guard finished with 26 in 32 games). Basabe has blocked more shots than all but seven Big Ten players, despite being the only underclassman and the second-shortest of the league's top 15 blockers.

Not bad for a freshman.

The 18-year old from Glen Cove, N.Y., has raised eyebrows on both sides of the court. In addition to leading the team in blocks, Basabe averages a squad-best seven rebounds per game and is third in points per contest with 10.2.

"Melsahn is great at reading the game and what it brings to him," Hawkeye center Jarryd Cole said.

"Earlier on in the season, he was pretty flashy, trying to do things, but I think he's mellowed down a little."

### Melsahn Basabe: Tale of the Tape

- Height: 6-7
- Weight: 225 pounds
- Points per game: 10.2
- Rebounds per game: 7.0
- Blocks per game: 1.47
- Signature performance: 22 points, 13 rebounds vs. Ohio State, Jan. 4

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bit. He's found himself. He's going to take whatever the game gives him.

"You can't take too much, and he's learned that. That shows his maturity."

Basabe had to be mature given the nontraditional circumstances in which he arrived in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. After starring at Glen Cove's St. Marks High, Basabe committed to play for Fran McCaffery at Siena. The small private college reached the NCAA Tournament last year, and it is 800 miles closer to Basabe's hometown than is Iowa City.

McCaffery left the Saints and signed with the Hawkeyes in March 2010, and Basabe announced via Twitter that he would follow the coach last May.

*Earlier on in the season, he was pretty flashy, trying to do things, but I think he's mellowed down a little bit. He's found himself. He's going to take whatever the game gives him.*

- Hawkeye center Jarryd Cole

The forward has blossomed in the Midwest, quickly establishing himself as one of the Black and Gold's most dangerous threats. He put up a double-double against Ohio State's Jared Sullinger, the likely No. 1 pick in the NBA draft, and he was more impressive than Minnesota standouts Trevor Mbakwe and Ralph Sampson III when the teams met on Jan. 16. The freshman finished with a 20-13 double-double; the Gopher duo combined for 27 points and 18 boards.

Basabe, who was unavailable for comment, continued his strong play Sunday with what McCaffery called a "workman-like double-double" in Iowa's 91-77 drubbing of Indiana. He wasn't flashy, but he finished with 20 points and 10 rebounds for his fourth double-double of the year.

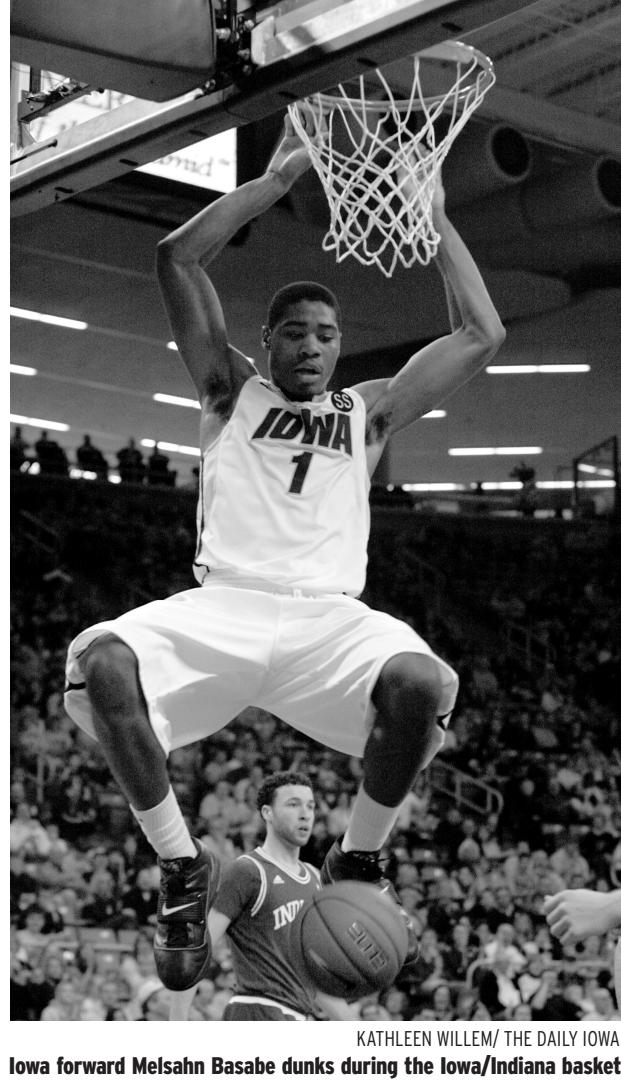
"He didn't get [his numbers] in bunches, but he was a factor," McCaffery said. "He had a few too many [turnovers], but to see him turn and face and read the double team and

make two assists early, really affected their ability to keep doubling."

McCaffery does have one criticism for his star pupil, though. The first-year coach has said on several occasions Basabe needs to find a way to bring the same intensity to every game. While Basabe looked like a veteran against Ohio State and Minnesota, he has also had games in which he was ineffective, particularly against Purdue and Northwestern on Jan. 9 and 12, when he totaled 14 points in the two contests.

Still, Basabe's good outings have his teammates and fans salivating. Freshman Roy Devyn Marble said his close friend and roommate has the potential to be one of the Big Ten's premier players by the time he graduates.

"I told him, 'You could have been playing like Jared Sullinger the entire year,'" Marble said. "You just didn't realize how good you really were."



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Iowa forward Melsahn Basabe dunks during the Iowa/Indiana basketball game on Sunday in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Basabe scored 20 points to lead the Hawkeyes to their first Big Ten win this season. The Hawkeyes beat the Hoosiers, 91-77. The freshman from New York has more blocks than any other player on Fran McCaffery's squad.

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# Hometown kid shines in gym

Iowa City native Lance Alberhasky is a key contributor to the Hawkeye men's gymnastics team as a freshman.

**By RYAN MURPHY**

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Lance Alberhasky is the only Hawkeye gymnast on the men's roster to hail from his state. In fact, he's the only male gymnast in his hometown to compete for Iowa in decades.



**Alberhasky**

The state? Iowa.

The city? Iowa City.

The University of Iowa freshman, who went to

Regina High School, has become a key part of the Iowa men's gymnastics squad. Alberhasky shared first place in the horizontal bar against Illinois-Chicago on Jan. 22 with a 14.100 and placed in the top three in two other events. He was one of the gymnasts head coach JD Reive singled out as having a great meet.

Alberhasky called competing for the school he grew up as a fan of a "thrill." He could often be found at the team's annual intrasquad scrimmage.

"As a kid, I would always go to the Black and Gold

meets," he said. "I was definitely a Hawkeye fan."

He has been coached by Iowa assistant Brad Virkler since he was 7, beginning at the club level at Iowa Gym-Nest. He was named Iowa Gymnast of the Year as a senior, and he won state titles in four individual events as well as the all-around, which consists of all six events (pommel horse, rings, horizontal bar, parallel bar, vault, floor exercise). He was also a three-time Academic All-American.

Reive has been impressed with the work

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Alberhasky.

ethic of Alberhasky in his first year — he immediately accepted the rigor of college gymnastics.

"He's come in, and he's just a workhorse," the first-year head coach said. "He'll do whatever you ask of him."

The Big Ten named Alberhasky as a "Gymnast to Watch" before the season, one of only two Hawkeyes to receive the distinction.

He believes he can compete for all-around championships at the Big Ten and NCAA level. In the first two meets of the season, he has competed in five of the six events, with pommel horse as the one exception. The vault in particular is an event in which Alberhasky feels he can succeed if he hits his routine. Reive said the floor exercise, high bar, and parallel bar would all become strong events for him.

But Alberhasky hasn't only performed well. In a first-year class highly

regarded by Reive, Alberhasky has stood out as a leader — and teammates are taking notice.

"He's a strong worker; he doesn't slack off at all," senior Ben Ketelsen said. "It's great to see someone step up like that."

The Iowa coach believes that a bright future awaits the Iowa City native in competing for his hometown school.

"[Alberhasky has] picked up a ton of skills, and he's gotten a lot stronger," Reive said. "He's going to be a great collegiate gymnast."

## Will the Iowa men's basketball win as many conference games as the football team (four)?

**Yes**

With six ranked teams, including the No. 1 team in the country, the Big Ten is one of the best conferences in the nation.

Luckily for Iowa, though, the talent drops off pretty sharply after those top teams. The Hawkeyes won't defeat Ohio State or Purdue anytime soon, but Sunday's win over Indiana won't be the last Big Ten victory of the year.

The Black and Gold play 11 more games, and you can expect the Hawks will win four of them.

One of those wins will come on the road this week. Penn State is better than it was last year, when the Nittany Lions finished last in the conference, but the Hawkeyes are fresh off their first win of 2011, and they will have all the confidence in the world. Win No. 1 will come Wednesday in University Park, Pa.

Win No. 2 will be Iowa's biggest upset of the year. No. 25 Michigan State has been uncharacteristically shaky this year, losing badly to Syracuse and Texas before being upset by the Nittany Lions on Jan. 8. Carver-Hawkeye Arena should be sold out when Tom Izzo's squad stops by on Feb. 2 (students get in free), and the Spartans will fall harder

than the stock market.

Iowa has won five conference games in the past

two years, and three of them have come against Tom Crean and the Hoosiers. It's no wonder he's so cranky. The Hawkeyes will win again when the teams clash in Bloomington on Feb. 5.

The Black and Gold's last opportunity to win will be Feb. 19 at home against Michigan. This one is tricky, though. The Wolverines lost by only

four to then-No. 2 Ohio State on Jan. 12, and they forced overtime in a loss to then-No. 3 Kansas on Jan. 9. On the other hand, they were murdered by Indiana. Win

No. 4 comes in a tightly contested match in Carver.

— by Seth Roberts

**No**

Take a look at the Hawkeyes' remaining schedule, and it's pretty clear that they won't be able to muster another three wins before the season's end.

I don't like to hate on any Hawkeye team, but it's just so easy with this group. They're slightly less pathetic now that John Lickliter and his coaching impaired

father are gone, but the program still has a long way to go before it's anywhere near where Tom Davis or even Steve Alford had it.

They might beat Penn State on Wednesday. There's a decent chance they will sweep the season series with Indiana when they travel to Bloomington on Feb. 5. And they could definitely beat Michigan at home on Feb. 19.

The problem is that all of these games are far from guaranteed. Based on Iowa's performance over the last few seasons, I'd bet money that they'll pick up one, maybe two, of three.

The Hawkeyes picked a poor year to try to rebuild. It's tough to win games in a conference that has six teams in the top 25, and you don't even have a true center.

Don't get me wrong, I like Fran McCaffery and I like the fast-paced offense he runs. It's refreshing to see an Iowa team that can score more than 50 points in a game.

I'd like to see McCaffery's squad prove me wrong and restore some dignity to this once proud program, but it's just not feasible based on the strength of the conference.

— by Jon Frank

## Puzzling Spartans still struggling

**By LARRY LAGE**

Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Tom Izzo joked that he would be banished back home to Michigan's Upper Peninsula if he disciplined current players such as Durrell Summers as he did when Morris Peterson needed tough love before helping Michigan State win the 2000 national championship.

"I'd be shoveling snow in the U.P.," Izzo said Monday.

The struggling Spartans (12-7, 4-3) have slumped to No. 25 in the latest Associated Press poll after being ranked No. 2 in the preseason.

"I look at our record right now as disturbing," Izzo said.

Michigan State is having trouble meeting expectations in large part because its best players aren't at the top of their games.

Senior guards Kalin Lucas and Summers haven't consistently played well for different reasons.

Lucas, who was the Big Ten's Player of the Year as a sophomore and was picked to win the

award this season, hasn't been able to regain his form after rupturing his left Achilles' tendon in last year's NCAA Tournament.

But Lucas insisted it hasn't been difficult for him to still be a leader.

"My main thing is to lead by example," he said.

Summers can't stay focused long enough to let his talent shine.

Izzo isn't in the mood to passively wait for that to change, recalling what he told him at halftime of the Jan. 22 loss at Purdue.

"I told him, 'If you don't guard better, you're playing might be done here,'" Izzo said.

Summers said that inspired him to slow down E'Twaun Moore after letting him make a lot of uncontested shots before halftime.

"It made me fire back on the other team," Summers said. "In the second half, he put me on Moore. The whole time I was on him, he didn't score. That showed me, if I continue to do that for the whole game, we would be a different team."

Izzo defended Ken-

tucky coach John Calipari, who was caught by cameras swearing at one of his players last week and led to him apologizing for his language.

Izzo, though, doesn't plan to say he's sorry if he's filmed or recorded doing the same to a Summertown.

"If someone catches me swear at him on TV, grin and bear it, because that's what it's going to be," Izzo said.

Peterson heard it all and then some during his career at Michigan State, where he redshirted his first season and led the Spartans along with Mateen Cleaves to the national championship 11 years ago as a fifth-year senior.

The Oklahoma City Thunder guard laughed Monday when he heard about what Izzo said about disciplining him.

He said the hard-driving coach probably wanted to punch him when he was an immature underclassman.

Peterson said he'll never forget one form of discipline that helped him become a better student, person and player.

Izzo didn't let Peter-

son travel with the team to the Maui Invitational after he missed one too many classes as a freshman.

"I was too embarrassed to go home to face my parents in Flint and I couldn't go to my dorm room because of the holiday break," Peterson recalled. "So I slept in the players' lounge the whole time the team was in Hawaii. I slept, showered, and shot every day while the team was gone."

"I learned a valuable lesson, and hopefully, these guys will listen and learn, too, because Coach knows what he's talking about when he gets on them."

Michigan State might have a chance to build some confidence, playing the three teams tied for last place in the Big Ten: Michigan, Indiana, and Iowa.

Izzo has been relatively pleased with some of the progress in his team, which was stunted by several off-season surgeries, but said the results have to change soon.

"Eventually, you've got to win some games," he said.

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# Sports

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## Buckeyes too tough

Hawkeyes fall to 3-4 in conference play after suffering 81-67 setback in Columbus.

By JON FRANK  
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With just under four minutes left in the second half, Ohio State's Brittany Johnson drained a shot from beyond the arc to put the Buckeyes (13-6, 4-3) up 13 points. As time expired, the Hawkeyes failed to mount a comeback, let alone cut the deficit.

Iowa (15-5, 3-4) fell to Ohio State in Columbus on Monday, 81-67, after blowing a one-point halftime lead.

"When they came out and gave us that sucker punch in the first four minutes [of the second half], all of a sudden you could just see everybody was on her heels," assistant coach Jan Jensen said in a radio interview. "We're going to have to work a little bit on that and dissect what happened."

Outscored 49-34 in the second half, the No. 18 Hawkeyes failed to slow a persistent and efficient offensive attack led by three-time Big Ten Player of the year Jantel Lavender, who finished the game with 22 points.

The Buckeyes, who shot 72 percent from the floor in the second half, avenged an 89-76 loss suffered in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Jan. 8.

While she led the Hawks with 28 points during the Jan. 8 matchup in Iowa City, this time around, Hawkeye sophomore guard Jaime Printy was held to 12 points — four points shy of her season average.

"They were really using a chaser on her and really staying on her tight, face-guarding her the whole time," head coach Lisa Bluder said in a radio interview. "When somebody does that to somebody, it opens it up for everybody else. It opens up the lane



Jensen  
assistant coach

SEE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL, 7



Iowa redshirt freshman Rachel Curry practices in the Recreation Building on Monday. She set a personal record at the Iowa Open on Jan. 15 with a throw of 14.08 meters, which landed her first place.



## MEN'S BASKETBALL

Freshman Melsahn Basabe is drawing attention on both sides of the court. 9

## Curry opens some eyes

Iowa redshirt freshman thrower Rachel Curry has made an impression in her first indoor season.

By AMY TIFFANY  
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Rachel Curry was shy as she began speaking, nervously blurting out too much without knowing it. The information was irrelevant, but this speaks for her ability to trust.

Translating it to athletics — in Curry's case, throwing the shot put and discus on the women's track and field team — it speaks to her ability to be confident in her teammates and coaches and to trust the process and time it takes to make improvements.

The redshirt freshman from Homestead, Iowa — around 20 miles up Highway 6 from the Iowa City-Coralville area — commutes to campus every day. The undecided major, who wants to go into medicine, possibly sports training, has emerged in her first indoor track and field season as a

SEE CURRY, 7



Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery talks with guard Matt Gatens during the Iowa/Northwestern game in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Jan. 12. Gatens scored 20 points, but Iowa lost, 90-71.

## No place like home for hoops

Iowa has shot significantly better at Carver-Hawkeye Arena this season.

By IAN MARTIN  
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Carver-Hawkeye Arena isn't exactly synonymous with the idea of a home-court advantage.

But this season's statistics prove that Hawkeye men's basketball just loves being in Iowa City.

The disparity between Iowa's home and away shooting percentages isn't staggering for the difference in the numbers but more so for the low numbers that Iowa is putting up on the road. Really, this margin can be described better as more of an away-court disadvantage.

So far this season, Iowa is shooting almost 8 percent better at home — 46.7 percent to 39.8 — and almost 12 percent better from long range. The

Hawkeyes shoot 38.3 percent from behind the 3-point line in Carver-Hawkeye and hit just 26.5 percent on the road.

Combine those figures with Iowa's disparity of final scores. The Hawkeyes have an average final score of plus 4.3 at home — this number not including the game in which Iowa defeated Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, 111-66 — while the team's average final score on the road is minus 7.25.

In the Big Ten, where Iowa has had some tough early games, the team is averaging a final score of minus 5 at home. On the road, it's minus 18.3.

There's a variety of factors at work when any team takes the floor at an opposing arena. Iowa's best shooter,

junior guard Matt Gatens, said that the background is tough to adjust to, because some arenas have a wall and others put a student section behind the basket.

Even rims tend to be different from place to place — Gatens cited Ohio State as having "soft" rims and Purdue for having "hard" rims — which can affect the precision with which a shooter must fire the ball.

But even more important than the toughness of the road, he said, is just the creature comforts of home.

"You try to say it's the same ball, same distance, same hoop," Gatens said. "But obviously we practice [at Carver-Hawkeye Arena] way more."

Senior Jarryd Cole, the experi-

SEE MEN'S BASKETBALL, 7

## Mullen deals with hurdles

Jordan Mullen has battled adversity to become a key performer for the Iowa track and field team.

By BEN SCHUFF  
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Jordan Mullen's right knee cap is bruised and a light shade of purple, displaying a number of small nicks. Above it and to the inside of his right thigh are two slightly larger cuts. The back of his left thigh is freshly red after practicing three-step, five-step variations over hurdles during practice on Monday.

"I live on ibuprofen," he joked.

The scrapes and bruises are simply part of the life of a hurdler.

A life sophomore

Mullen is

now excelling in.

The sophomore broke the school record in the 60-meter hurdles last weekend at Minnesota with a time of 7.75 seconds. That time ties him for fourth nationally and puts him 0.01 behind Illinois' Andrew Riley for the best time in the Big Ten.

After posting a then-personal best 8.02 at the indoor Big Ten meet last year, Mullen has bested himself in all three meets to start this season.

His previous best mark was 7.88, which he ran at the Iowa Open on Jan. 15.

Yet the times wouldn't have been possible without his rededicating himself to

the sport he loves.

When asked what has been the best part of having such success to start the season, Mullen paused and said, "Just to know that I can still be here."

An injury to his right quadriceps cut short Mullen's first outdoor campaign at Iowa. He referred to it as "the most depressed I've ever been in my life."

To make matters worse, he was suspended from numerous meets as a result of two alcohol-related charges.

But assistant coach Joey Woody didn't give up on the seven-time high-school state champion.

"When these guys are freshmen, they're young and don't quite get the whole feel or handle of what Division-I athletics are about," Woody said. "He's a young guy who needed to be put in the right direction."

Last summer, the Atlantic, Iowa, native moved to Omaha to live with his father. He got a job and started lifting weights six times a week. He started working with a trainer; when while trying to finish a set, the trainer caught the bar before it hit Mullen's chest.

Mullen, who continued to work out with the trainer for the remainder of the

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