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Twelve Iowa football players were admitted to the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics on Monday. **SPORTS, 12**

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'Higher education must be within reach of every American'



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President Obama delivers his State of the Union address on Capitol Hill on Tuesday. He called for increased emphasis on education and innovation.

Locals cheer college tax credits

Obama asks Congress to extend the \$10,000 college tax credit introduced in the stimulus bill passed in 2009 and invest more in education overall.

By **ALLIE WRIGHT**
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President Obama asked Congress during his State of the Union speech Tuesday night to help make college more affordable for Americans so the United States can rely on a more educated and innovative population.

Obama asked Democratic and Republican lawmakers to extend the tuition tax credit, which was introduced in the economic stimulus bill passed in 2009. The credit allows students or their families to deduct up to \$2,500 per year per student from their federal taxes.

Locally, the decision to cement the credit program was met with support from both Republican and Democratic students at the University of Iowa. But Republicans said the Obama administration needs to handle the decision responsibly.

University of Iowa political-science Associate Professor Cary Covington said tax credits will probably help increase students' access to higher education.

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ON INNOVATION

'This is our generation's Sputnik moment. Two years ago, I said that we needed to reach a level of research and development we haven't seen since the height of the Space Race. And in a few weeks, I will be sending a budget to Congress that helps us meet that goal. We'll invest in biomedical research, information technology and especially clean energy technology an investment that will strengthen our security, protect our planet and create countless new jobs for our people.'

ON EDUCATION

'If we take these steps — if we raise expectations for every child, and give them the best possible chance at an education, from the day they're born until the last job they take — we will reach the goal I set two years ago: by the end of the decade, America will once again have the highest proportion of college graduates in the world.'

UI may seek other sabbatical funding

The move is intended to supplement, not replace, state funding for the awards.

By **ALISON SULLIVAN**
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As a bill freezing sabbaticals for faculty at state universities continues to climb the legislative ladder, University of Iowa officials are examining alternative methods of funding the development leaves.

Over the weekend, some UI faculty members gathered at the Olberman Center to look for "cost neutral," or external methods to support the professional-development awards.

At Tuesday's Faculty Council meeting, Faculty Senate President Ed Dove told members about the discussion.

The state Board of Regents approved 58 sabbaticals at its December meeting. But if the Senate and Gov. Terry Branstad approve the House-passed 18-month freeze on the development awards, UI officials may rely more heavily on external funding for the leaves, commonly used to fund research.

Dove said the state has an obligation to fund the awards and other funding options would be supplementary.

Faculty members continue to back the awards.

"I think it's always a difficult choice for funders of the state," said Faculty Council member Jody Murph. "I think [the cuts] would be incredibly short-sighted. Our universities are an investment for the state. Our children are an investment for the state."

Cost-neutral methods that have been discussed include shifting a professor's class schedule, which would place more of a burden on her or him during a semester but would save the university from paying someone else to teach when the usual instructor is on sabbatical.



Murph
faculty council member

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Piano Lounge loses license

The City Council voted to approve Slippery Pete's liquor-license.

By **EMILY HOERNER**
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The Piano Lounge has joined the growing list of bars whose liquor-license renewals have been denied, but for a different reason from the rest.

Iowa City City Councilors voted unanimously at their meeting Tuesday

night to deny the bar its license renewal. Iowa City police Chief Sam Hargadine had requested the license not be renewed.

Iowa City police Sgt. Denise Brotherton, who represented the police at the meeting, contended that one of the Piano

SEE **LICENSE**, 3

Everson verdict renews consent debate

Cedric Everson's attorney said the victim may have experienced a 'functional blackout' at the time of the reported incident.

By **HAYLEY BRUCE**
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One local rape-victim advocate said the recent sexual-assault trial of former Hawkeye football player Cedric Everson sheds light on societal double standards and the common practice of "victim-blaming" when alcohol is involved.

Cedric Everson, 21, and former teammate Abe Satterfield, 22, were charged with sexually

assaulting a female student athlete more than three years ago in a vacant Hillcrest dorm room. Everson was convicted last week of simple assault, the least severe charge presented to the jury. Satterfield pleaded guilty in April 2010 to assault with intent to inflict serious injury.

Karla Miller, the executive director of the Rape Victim Advocacy Program, has said the ver-

dict doesn't mean that what the victim testified isn't true. Instead, she believes the jury didn't think there was enough evidence to convict him.

Both the prosecution and defense argued that the accuser was intoxicated at the time of the incident. In these cases, Miller said, people often blame the victim for placing herself in a bad situation.

Who cannot give consent under Iowa law:

- Persons who are asleep or unconscious
- Persons who are incapacitated because of the influence of drugs, alcohol, or medication
- Persons who are unable to communicate consent because of a mental or physical condition

Source: University of Iowa Dean of Students website

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Board changes feeder system

Matriculation won't split up families, officials said.

By GRACE GATHUA
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Sixth-graders preparing to graduate from Hills Elementary School will now be forced to register for next year's classes at Southeast Junior High, and they will ultimately attend City High.



Murley
superintendent

The change comes after the Iowa City School Board voted Tuesday night to change aspects of the district's feeder system. Previously, Hills students attended Northwest Junior High and went to West High.

The new system will start with current sixth-graders and will take effect this fall. Superintendent Steve Murley said parents from the Hills attendance

boundaries had requested their children attend Southeast Junior High and move to City High so they make the transition with the same classmates.

The first phase of the movement will begin next fall, when the eighth-graders at Northwest Junior High will start attending City, a decision board members made last May.

The board had also considered switching Lincoln Elementary students but decided to discuss it at a future meeting.

Tuesday's vote was required to combat congestion at West, officials said.

Both Hills and Lincoln serve students from kindergarten to sixth grade. The schools graduate a combined 51 students per year.

Lincoln is one of the lower-populated elementary schools in the district. Hills' enrollment figures are so low — 98 students attend the school, according to the most recent figures — that some people worry officials may close the school following a viability review of all the elementary schools.

But for now, the shift in students is the main issue. "West High is overcrowded," Murley said. "Moving the students from West High to City will help slow down this congestion."

Enrollment

Current enrollment figures:

- West High: 1,862
- City High: 1,409
- Southeast: 674
- Northwest: 638
- Lincoln: 244
- Hills: 98

Source: Iowa City School District

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"We'll prepare them like any other sixth-grader coming in the fall," Wretman said.

Joan Burns, a parent of students at both Northwest and Lincoln, said her main concern is making sure the students get an excellent education, regardless of where they are. But she said she hopes the board will have a plan in place for four to five years from now when she predicts the issue will shift and Southeast will experience congestion.

"There needs to be a discussion about the three junior highs feeding into two high schools," she said.

Council backs multi-use facility

The parking facility will include commercial spaces, parking, and housing.

By EMILY HOERNER
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Iowa City's workforce may soon have a new space to call home that includes a solution to one of the most frustrating issues downtown: parking.

The Iowa City City Council voted Tuesday night to hire Neumann Monson PC Architects of Iowa City to design the first phase of the future Near Southside Multi-Use Parking Facility on the former site of St. Patrick's School, which was destroyed in the 2006 tornado.

The firm will receive \$447,800 plus expenses less than \$15,000, all of which will come from the parking-operations budget.

The total cost for the project will likely be \$20 million to \$30 million, said Jeff Davidson, the director of planning and community development for Iowa City. The large range is due to the infancy of the plan.

"There's no doubt about it, it's a big project," Davidson said.

The building, which will be directly south of the Telluride Apartments and take up half a block, will include retail space on the first floor, and parking and residential housing above, said Iowa City City Councilor Mike Wright.

"Including residential is something we haven't done before," Councilor Regenia Bailey said.

Iowa City already has some multi-use parking facilities that have proven successful, including the Tower Place Ramp near Van Allen Hall, Davidson said. The city considered adding residential space to the property but decided to move forward with 27,000 square feet of commercial space.

There have also been successful examples of mixed parking facilities in Madison, Wis., that include residential units, Wright said.

Officials first thought about adding housing to

Parking complex

Although the design is in early stages, the initial plans include:

- 100 housing units
- 35,000 square feet of commercial space
- Several parking spots
- Project is estimated to take 18 to 24 months to complete

Source: City Councilor Regenia Bailey

the complex around four years ago, when the city conducted a housing analysis, Wright said.

"There was a crying need for workforce housing," he said.

The new housing units will be aimed at teachers, junior police officers, and other members of the workforce, but the complex won't exclude students, he said. It will be affordable for those working downtown, he said.

"Much of that housing is available outside of Iowa City; we need it in Iowa City," Wright said.

METRO

Woman charged with assault

Iowa City police arrested a female University of Iowa student after she allegedly assaulted her roommates and a police officer.

Sarah Kirts, 19, 353 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 2224, was charged Tuesday with assault on peace officers and others.

According to police reports, officers responded to the apartment because Kirts was allegedly assaulting her roommates. Kirts tried to block the door when officers arrived, and after her roommates let officers enter the house, she ran to her room and shut the door, the report said.

When police entered Kirts' room and tried to put handcuffs on her, the woman allegedly fought with officers and kicked one, the report said.

While police were walking Kirts to the car, she screamed profanity at her roommates, police said.

Police also said Kirts admitted to drinking and refused blood alcohol tests and medical care.

Assault on a peace officer and

others is a serious misdemeanor, punishable by a maximum of one year in jail and a fine of up to \$1,875.

— by Hayley Bruce

Construction firm fined in 2009

The employer of a construction worker who died at a University of Iowa site Monday had received a citation from the Iowa Occupational Safety and Health Administration for numerous safety violations in March 2009.

Iowa Bridge and Culvert Inc. was fined \$5,450 for the violations, according to documents.

Iowa Bridge & Culvert employee Kevin Dean Hammons, 52, of Washington, Iowa, died Monday after a metal beam holding back water and dirt from a nearby pond collapsed and trapped him 10 to 15 feet underground.

Hammons' death marks the second fatal construction incident at the University of Iowa in five months.

— by Josh Quinnett

Batcheller top officer

The Iowa City police named Officer Paul Batcheller as 2010 Officer of the Year on Monday, according to a press release.

Batcheller has been with the department for 15 years, working on patrol as a field-training officer, crime-scene technician, and a member of the Special Response Team; he is also a drug-recognition expert, the release said.

Batcheller "performed at an exceptional level" throughout his career and performed well in many of Iowa City's highest-profile cases, aided by his "extraordinary" interviewing and interrogation skills that have led to confessions and incriminating statements, the release said.

The award is typically given to an officer who exemplifies behavioral ethics that comply with the oath of honor and reflect the department positively, the release said.

— by Hayley Bruce

Council OKs Rocky Shore work

The Iowa City City Council voted 6-0 to provide engineering services for the Rocky Shore Lift Station at its Tuesday meeting.

The agreement allows for design and construction services for improving the stormwater pump station, according to the council's agenda packet.

Improvements of floodgates is also included in the proposal. The work will target the gates at the northwest corner of Rocky Shore Drive and its intersection with Highway 6, according to the agenda packet.

The total cost of service will be \$588,750 and will be handled by the H.R. Green Co.

The design and construction will be funded by the CDBG Disaster Recovery Infrastructure Contract for the Iowa Department of Economic Development, according to the official statement.

— by Emily Hoerner

BLOTTER

Adam Altman, 26, 410 N. Scott Blvd., was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Lauren Biestek, 19, 319 E. Court St. Apt. 30, was charged Sunday with presence in a bar after hours.

Joshua Bohnsack, 19, 321 S. Linn St. Apt. 21, was charged Jan. 22 with PAULA.

Justin Brame, 18, 2216 Quadrangle, was charged Jan. 21 with PAULA.

Jeremy Carlson, 19, 1336 Burge, was charged Jan. 21 with PAULA.

Kyle Curtis, 19, N108 Currier, was charged Monday with possession

of drug paraphernalia.

Derek Dozier, 19, 111 Slater, was charged Sunday with possession of drug paraphernalia and public intoxication.

Austin Guthmiller, 21, 3525 Shamrock Plaza, was charged Tuesday with possession of drug paraphernalia and assault.

Kyle Howald, 23, Cedar Rapids, was charged Jan. 22 with OWI.

Gloria Jones, 20, 112 E. Davenport St., was charged Jan. 22 with presence in a bar after hours.

Dylan Kempkes, 19, Des Moines, was charged Jan. 21 with PAULA.

Jordan Konrardy, 22, North Liberty, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Robert Kwiatkowski, 19, Carbondale, Ill., was charged Jan. 22 with presence in a bar after hours.

Michael Lorenz, 19, Schaumburg, Ill., was charged Jan. 22 with PAULA.

Neema Matiyabo, 20, North Liberty, was charged Jan. 21 with OWI.

Brandon Ray, 21, Cornelius, N.C., was charged Jan. 22 with OWI.

Zachary Reames, 18, 4454 Burge, was charged Jan. 22 with

possession of a controlled substance.

Christopher Rickert, 19, 416 S. Governor St., was charged Jan. 22 with PAULA, presence in a bar after hours, and public intoxication.

Colin Shepet, 19, N356 Hillcrest, was charged Jan. 21 with PAULA.

Callan Sorteberg, 18, 419 Slater, was charged Jan. 21 with PAULA.

Darius Thomas, 20, Rock Island, was charged Sunday with OWI.

Zachary Thomas, 19, Algonquin, Ill., was charged Jan. 22 with presence in a bar after hours.

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METRO

Attempted-murder trial rescheduled

The trial of an Iowa City man charged with attempted murder has been reset.

Gregory Phillips, 56, allegedly intended to kill his landlord and then himself after being forced to move from his residence.

On Sept. 4, 2008, Phillips allegedly entered his landlord's office with a pistol, aimed, and pulled the trigger, but the weapon did not fire.

According to court documents, a Johnson County judge originally scheduled Phillips' trial for Dec. 12, 2008, but that date has been reset numerous times; his trial is now scheduled for April 11.

A pretrial conference is scheduled for March 31.

— by Josh Quinnett

New school to be named after Borlaug

The Iowa City School Board voted to name the new elementary school Norman Borlaug Elementary.

The school will be located at the Crossings and will replace Roosevelt Elementary.

Board members said they were looking for an inspirational person with a significant contribution and a connection to Iowa.

Borlaug, an Iowa native, won the Nobel Peace Prize; he was a scientist, agronomist, and a humanitarian who worked to end world hunger.

His work earned him the nickname "father of the green revolution."

— by Grace Gathua

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FUNDING

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Faculty also considered external funding options, grants and proposals written to external funding agencies, such as the National Endowment for Humanities.

Dove said officials are drafting a report, which will include a synopsis of the discussions as well as a full review of other universities in the Association of American Universities to see how they are handling the development awards.

Iowa is the only state that has issued cuts for sabbaticals. If legislation passes the Senate and is signed by the governor, the UI would be the only university in the Association of American Universities

Sabbatical requests

Ninety-five sabbatical requests were approved for the fiscal 2012 from all three regent universities:

- UI: 58
- UNI: 15
- ISU: 22

Source: Board of Regents

to have the state government freeze sabbatical funding, Dove said.

On top of freezing sabbaticals and cutting library funding, the House has approved a measure that would cut funding to the state Board of Regents by \$15 million for this fiscal year.

There has been no formal discussion yet about any external funding, said Regent Michael Gartner, who said he wished to see

the governor's budget proposals before speculating further.

Rep. Mary Mascher, D-Iowa City, said she's extremely supportive of sabbaticals and she sees the benefits they bring to universities.

"It may not matter [to sabbatical opponents] where it comes from," she said.

UI President Sally Mason has also been outspoken about keeping the leaves and has met with legislators to convey her support.

"I would encourage our legislators, in particular, to begin to understand ... how important it is to a university to be entrepreneurial as it thinks about cutting budgets and as it thinks about what we need to be in the future."

LICENSE

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Lounge's three owners, Chad Freeman, violated the "good moral character" provision in liquor-license renewal.

"Good moral character" requires that bar owners not be a convicted felon, be financially stable, and be able to comply with the law.

Freeman, who owns 30 percent of the Piano Lounge — formerly a 19 and up bar — owes the city substantial amounts of money, Brotherton said.

He was also recently arrested on theft charges in Linn County for "not making good on a bad check," Brotherton said.

"He is unwilling or unable to pay for his debts to the city," she said.

His lack of payments reaches more than \$46,000 in city fees, which

Downtown bars out of business

Many bars have closed recently:

- Vito's
- 808
- One-Eyed Jakes
- Firewater

Source: Daily Iowan archives

shows his lack of good moral character, Brotherton said. The debt stems from his construction business, Freeman Construction.

The council had previously pushed the issue to a later date in order to allow Freeman to find a solution, said City Councilor Susan Mims.

"One reason I wanted to defer this is because there are two other owners to address the situation," said Councilor Connie Champion.

No one from the Piano Lounge was present at the meeting.

"What underscores it for me is not only financial issues," said Councilor Regina Bailey. "But the financial issues with the city."

Mayor Matt Hayek said that the City Council hasn't made much contact with the bar, but the owners could appeal and possibly stay open.

"I don't see any choice but to deny," Councilor Mike Wright said.

The motion carried unopposed.

The liquor license of Slippery Pete's — now home to the new Field House — was also on the line on Tuesday because of an outdated sprinkler system. But the business updated its facilities after the council deferred action last week.

The Fire Department recommended the City Council approve the license.

CONSENT

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She believes it's important to send a clear and consistent message on violence against anyone, as well as educate people that the best way to receive consent is to explicitly ask.

"This idea that it's so confusing men can't possibly know what's going on in a woman's mind is crap," Miller said. "If you talk to guys who aren't abusive or who aren't aggressive sexually, they don't have any confusion — they know."

The Women's Resource & Action Center received a \$200,000 federal grant in 2006 for its "Consent is Sexy" campaign. The Affirmative Consent Program states consent must be communicated by both partners through "clear, unambiguous actions."

It also notes that consent cannot be obtained if a person is silent, asleep, or unconscious, or incapacitated because of drugs, alcohol or medication.

Despite good intentions, Miller said, the system has not worked as well as she had hoped.

"I don't think it's an education issue," she said. "I think it's an issue of people intentionally taking their hatred and their anger out toward women, or toward the world, or on victims."

While the Iowa Code states a person who is passed out cannot give consent, a person who is awake and intoxicated poses a more complicated problem.

But experts agreed consent can be difficult to discern when one or both of the parties is intoxicated or impaired by other substances at the time of the incident.

"If a person was not passed out, it is a jury question whether the alleged victim had the capacity to give consent," said Peter Berger, a former prosecutor of sex crimes in Polk County.

Robert Rigg, the director of the Criminal Defense Program at Drake University, agreed, noting that intoxication of one or both people involved can confuse a jury.

"It creates a problem for the jurors because it's like, 'OK, they were both drunk; how do we really believe either one of them?'" Rigg said. "It is certainly something the jury can use to weigh the credibility of both parties if they testify."

But with, or without alcohol, Miller said, it

comes down to consent. "It comes down to whether that was something the victim wanted to do or wanted to have done," she said.

STATE

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"Anything that helps defray the cost of college education is going to make it easier to stay in college," he said.

During his hour-long speech, Obama said accessibility is of the utmost importance.

"The education race doesn't end with a high school diploma," he said. "To compete, higher education must be within reach of every American."

Covington said the question is whether the tax credits are the best way to use the country's resources, but in the short run, they would help.

In addition to education, Obama said he supports the expansion of high-speed rails throughout the country, increased access to high-speed Internet, and allowing military recruiters back on school campuses after the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell."

The president also backed his controversial health-care reform and aimed to cut spending, agreeing to look into substantial budget cuts with lawmakers.

But political science professor Tim Hagle said Obama may not have addressed the economy

specifically enough.

"One of the criticisms I've seen is that the President didn't get to real core issues that seem to be at the heart of the anxiety people have," Hagle said. "What to do with deficit and spending."

Amid applause, fist pumping, and cheers, a crowd of around 65 people watched the speech on a large projection screen at the Mill, 120 E. Burlington St., on Tuesday. Members of the UI University Democrats attended the party.

Though Dane Hudson, the president of the student group, said he believes direct financial aid would be the best choice, he said, tax credits for college students are a great incentive.

"A tax credit is the only way it's going to work," he said.

Natalie Ginty, the chairwoman of the UI College Republicans, said she agrees the credits can be valuable assistance for students, but the government has to be cautious.

"The issue for us is not revenue whatsoever, it's how we spend the money," she said. "It's about being responsible with spending."

While the credits are aimed toward college students, community members support the president's goal as well.

"I would love to see that

happen, anything that helps students," said Rosanne Cook, an Iowa City resident and community organizer with Organizing for America.

Midway through the speech, Hudson said he thought tax credits for college students is especially relevant today.

"It's going to be essential to earn a college degree," he said in between applause, adding it is important to make college accessible to people who normally would try to find a job without a degree.

The president also addressed elementary- and secondary-education issues. As the baby boom generation begins to retire, Obama said, the country needs 100,000 new teachers in several different areas.

"If you want to make a difference in the life of a child, become a teacher," he said. "Your country needs you."

Obama also said the "hundreds of thousands of students excelling in our schools who are not American citizens," shouldn't be worried daily about deportation.

"As soon as they obtain advanced degrees, we send them back home to compete against us," he said. "It makes no sense."

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Editorial

Legislature shouldn't cut smoking-cessation programs

"Snatching disaster from the jaws of success." That's how the director of the global health studies at the University of Iowa, Christopher Squier, describes Republican lawmakers' proposal to cut funding for smoking-cessation programs in Iowa.

Squier contends that smoking is the most preventable cause of death and disease in Iowa. According to a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study, roughly 4,400 Iowans will die from tobacco-related causes this year; this surpasses the number of road accidents, drunk-driving deaths, other alcohol-related deaths, and deaths from AIDS combined. While smoking is a personal choice, it is also a public-health issue, and those who desire to quit deserve access to tested cessation programs. Lawmakers should consider quitting resources an investment and find ways of cutting the state budget that do not damage the health of our state.

Antismoking campaigns, such as Quitline Iowa, an over-the-phone counseling service, and Just Eliminate Lies, which educates youth on the dangers of tobacco use, are two smoking programs with jeopardized funds. While one would typically assume such cuts must be necessary because they are not effective, the opposite is actually true.

An Iowa Department of Public Health study found that smokers who use Quitline Iowa have a 30 percent chance of being smoke-free a year later; of those who quit cold turkey, only a meager 7 percent stay smoke-free a year out.

Trisha Schiltz, a health educator at Health Iowa, verified that free student cessation programs have successfully aided the decline in smoking rates at the UI. The university also offers discount nicotine-replacement therapy, which includes items such as the gum, patch, and lozenge, at any tobacco-cessation appointment — all of which are at greatly reduced prices for students.

"I just think if students want to quit, it would be good to seek out resources," Schiltz said.

These efforts appear to be working. In 2006, the smoking rate was around 30 percent among students at Iowa; by 2009, it dropped to 23 percent.

While Health Iowa is not a recipient of the state funding, slashing such programs would largely diminish the progress public health has made statewide.

"I think smoking rates won't be able to maintain that key production that we have had in the past years," Schiltz said.

So if cessation measures were working, why would Iowa lawmakers want to defund them?

Schiltz and Squier believe senators have one obsession — cutting government and cutting short-term costs. The current political zeitgeist of reduced spending and austerity has come to Des Moines, and with it comes an attempt to rid government expenditures of weight perceived as unnecessary.

However, such budget-minimizing measures ignore possible long-term consequences. A report from 1993 found that Medicare spends more than \$300 million on smoking-related health-care measures; while more up-to-date information is not immediately available, such drastic numbers demand an investigation. The returns on smoking cessation may outweigh the immediate expenditures.

It's understandable that Iowa needs to make cuts, but it must slash bloated budgets, not programs that have been proven successful at curbing one of the leading causes of death.

It may be tempting now, but to avoid disaster, Iowa lawmakers must carefully consider cutting the budget of public-health measures.

Your turn. Should the Iowa Legislature cut funding for smoking-cessation programs? Weigh in at dailyiowan.com.

Higher ed Armageddon?

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The bad news:

According to a new study, 36 percent of us are going to graduate from the University of Iowa having made zero academic progress over the last four years. The good news: Said study has a number of flaws, and even though Chicken Little might be running through the halls of academia screaming bloody murder, everything is going to be just fine.

That statistic is one of many seemingly alarming facts provided in a *Chronicle of Higher Education* report, just as newly elected GOP state legislators across the country were getting down to work slashing state budgets. Here in Iowa, Republicans are looking to cut state funding for our three public universities, even though state appropriations only made up 38 percent of the University of Iowa's fiscal 2011 revenues. By contrast, state appropriations compose some 48 percent of Ohio State's revenues.

So, taking the results of this study combined with a re-empowered GOP eager to cut public-education budgets and the ongoing rise of India and China, American education has to be on the verge of tapping out, right?

Well, I don't think it's quite so cut-and-dried.

Despite incessant warnings that America now scores worse than Latvia on international math-proficiency exams, according to those same rankings, we graduate more "highest-proficiency" students in science and reading than any other country on Earth.

Furthermore, only Japan graduates more "highest-proficiency" math students. Besides, as University of California-Berkeley Professor Vivek Wadhwa points out, "Do high [Programme for International Student Assessment] rankings make students more likely to invent the next iPad? Google? I don't think so."

Likewise, not showing improvement on the Collegiate Learning Assessment, the exam upon which the aforementioned study was based, is hardly synonymous with "didn't learn anything." Proving my point, the researchers found "significant differ-

ences by field of study," with students in the hard and social sciences, humanities and math outperforming their peers studying business, education, and social work. Let's break that down.

According to the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, the assessment focuses primarily on reasoning and writing skills. It makes sense that liberal-arts students improved in these areas and scored significantly higher than their non-liberal arts peers. After all, as any professional educator will tell you, "reasoning and writing skills" are the foundation of a liberal-arts education.

What about social work? While reasoning is an important part of just about everything, it's not particularly pertinent to social work specifically — same for writing skills — so it makes sense that it isn't a huge part of the curriculum.

The same goes for education and business. They're not as focused on liberal-arts principles because they're looking for specific skill sets that usually don't require unusually advanced reasoning or writing skills. It's a given that students who are admitted to college have at least some proficiency in writing and reasoning. For professions such as social work, business, and education in which "proficient" skills are adequate, no further development is needed, and these students spend their time developing and building separate skill sets altogether.

And when, in "the real world," people in those professions reach positions where advanced skills are required, they go back to school and get higher degrees.

Finally, there's the question of cuts in public funding. Iowa Republicans are pushing for cuts of \$18 million to the budgets of Iowa's public universities, a mere 3 percent of UI's education-related revenue. Sure, I don't think the cuts are a good idea, but they're not a crushing blow.

This isn't to say, however, that everything is in tip-top shape. Last spring, I was shocked when the TA in one of my humanities GEs had to explain to the class what a thesis is and the role it plays in academic writing. But the class learned, and that's the point. Though American education has shortcomings, and plenty of them, it's still the best in the world. For now. ■

Letter

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Protecting our community and the University of Iowa

I look forward to working with incoming Gov. Terry Branstad and Speaker Kraig Paulsen in the 84th General Assembly, which began on Jan. 10. There is a new balance in the state Legislature and in Johnson County.

Two Republican representatives now serve our area, and the entire Johnson County delegation will be deeply involved in the direction our state takes for the next decade. It is critical that we all start from the same "starting blocks" for discussion and debate.

There is no budget gap. The budget left by Democrats in 2010 (for 2011) is strong and

responsible, with \$1 billion in reserves and increased revenues. This is due to the legislative direction we led through the tough recession years and through the worst natural disasters we have ever faced. There is no budget gap.

There is a distinct priority gap. The revenue picture allows for both significant tax relief for middle-class Iowans in the form of income tax, residential property tax, and commercial property tax relief. On the Republican docket for this session are proposals to reduce funding to the University of Iowa and move our Hawkeye institution toward privatization. This move would reduce all university salaries by 33 percent, reduce the workforce by up to 25 percent, and eliminate the

current retirement system. Just as alarming, it would severely limit Iowa students' access to our public university and quality postsecondary education. There are many smart cuts yet to be made, but privatizing the college and hospitals is backwards thinking at best.

Budget challenges are a matter of priority. We need to continue our massive steps toward government downsizing and consolidation (\$265 million in state reductions and savings this year) but also maintain the mission of our public universities. Revenue growth and smart budgeting allow us to listen to the voters and provide much needed tax relief while responsibly funding the state Board of Regents. Hearing from all con-

stituents in Johnson County is a huge step toward eliminating political posturing and working toward common goals.

Ideas for limiting government spending and thoughts on priorities for government investments are key to legislative decision making. For instance — do you support residential and/or commercial property-tax relief? Do you support backfilling commercial relief with your hard earned state income tax (as proposed by the incoming administration)? What social issues (if any) are in your top three priorities for the State of Iowa?

I pledge to listen to you, and I also pledge to fight for our University of Iowa.

Dave Jacoby
State Representative,
District 30, Coralville

Guest opinion

Between Twitter and revolution

In the past two weeks, I have joined many Twitter users in paying close attention to the abrupt end of a 23-year-long autocracy in Tunisia, following such hashtags as #Tunisia, #OpTunisia, and #SidiBouid.

Tunisians, seething after revelations from WikiLeaks last month about the opulence and corruption in the ruling elite, erupted after a college graduate's desperate act. In a country where the average unemployment rate for college graduates is 23 percent, Mohamed Bouazizi had to sell fruits and vegetables on the street of Sidi Bouid. After the police confiscated his wheelbarrow and publicly humiliated him, he left a final letter to

his mother before setting himself on fire in protest of Sidi Bouid city officials and widespread unemployment.

As the news of his death was quickly disseminated through Facebook and Twitter, North Africa's most wired country was swept by fierce street protests that were broadcast on social media, eventually leading to the exile of President Ben Ali on Jan. 14.

Some are already calling the protests a "Jasmine Revolution," after the national flower of Tunisia. Other frequently-used terms describe it as a "Twitter Revolution" or a "Wikileaks Revolution," coined by enthusiastic global Internet users and journalists who closely followed

the events on social media.

Twitter and Facebook still clamor with calls for a similar popular effort to be repeated in other Arab nations, and on Tuesday, Egyptian demonstrators followed Tunisia's lead with a series of countrywide protests broadcast through Facebook and Twitter. The Egyptian government allegedly responded by asking ISPs to block Twitter — an attempt circumvented by proxies, mobile providers, and onion routers.

Indeed, the Tunisian case could make authoritarian leaders across North Africa and the wider Arab world nervous: They have learned that government censorship and complete media control are no longer enough to secure power. Citizens will

seek alternative routes of communication on social media and will exchange tips to break through government-installed firewalls.

There is no question that social media were a valuable tool for protesters, accelerating the spread of news and crystallizing scattered grievances into forceful protests.

However, as I see it, the space between Twitter and Revolution in the "Twitter Revolution" may indicate a long road ahead.

If revolution means the forcible overthrow of an existing system and subsequent substitution of a new one, social media have proven their power regarding the first part. However, we have yet to see the effec-

tiveness of the other half: building a new system.

The 2009 popular revolts in Moldova and Iran, both against what the public viewed as vote fraud by the ruling parties, were also called "Twitter Revolutions." The turmoil afflicting the countries was broadcast worldwide almost entirely by social media. However, the once-fierce protests did not lead to political changes, and citizens of Moldova and Iran are realizing that democratization is not a sprint but a marathon.

Social networks are optimal for expressing instant responses or uninhibited emotions, particularly when they resonate with those of other users. This

may be the reason that social networks often induce and amplify sensational news, and even unsubstantiated rumors.

Nevertheless, social media have yet to prove that they can be a locus for the calm and patient deliberation that building a new system would demand.

A "Twitter Revolution" will be complete only when strangers on social networks forge alliances and commit with patience to the long conversation to come, so that they can envision what should happen after the uprising.

Jiyeon Kang is a UI assistant professor of communication studies and Korean studies.

Spotlight Iowa City

Local woman's dream helps teens

A local woman reaches out to kids with parents in the corrections system to provide a positive influence.

By ERIC HAWKINSON
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Kiesha Spearman used to get detentions and phone calls home from school. But now, the 16-year-old doesn't get in trouble thanks to her mentor through Children of Promise.

"She gives me good advice and keeps me out of trouble," she said, and the two often go to Steak & Shake and the mall. "She's honest and comes to my school to check on me."

Iowa City native Angie Jordan created Children of Promise — a mentor program for kids who have a parent on parole, on probation, or in prison — in 2008, when she was only 22. She had a dream of having an effect on kids who may not have many positive role models.

"I'm always impressed when a family or a kid can open up," said Jordan, now 25. "I like to think that is because they see something positive that they can have through the program."

While studying anthropology and psychology at the University of Iowa, she said, she had many experiences in social work that gave her a passion for kids with difficult family lives.

This led to her interest in helping children who grow up with parents in the corrections system, who are

Angela Jordan

- **Age:** 25
- **Hometown:** Iowa City
- **Favorite Musician:** Tracy Chapman
- **Favorite Meal:** Grandmother's enchiladas
- **Dream Destination:** Berkshire Mountains in October

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more likely to have problems with the law themselves. Children who have a parent in prison are five times more likely to be incarcerated than their peers, according to Women's Prison & Home Association Inc.

Because many of the kids deal with adults leaving their lives, Jordan chooses mentors who plan on staying in the community and can commit to at least four hours a week. The program currently has 35 matches, but it needs more mentors for unmatched children.

"You spend four hours a week with a kid, doing anything from playing Scrabble to shooting hoops, whatever your interests and the kid's interests are," Jordan said.



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Children of Promise founder Angie Jordan talks with children at a benefit dinner for her foundation on Jan. 20 in Old Brick. Children of Promise is a mentoring program for children who have a parent who is incarcerated or on probation.

Dana Johnson, an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer for Children of Promise, said Jordan is a key part to the leadership of the organization.

"I would describe [Jordan] as dedicated and involved," Johnson said. "You can tell that she loves

Children of Promise and all of the people who work together to make the organization a success."

Children of Promise would like to expand the program to other communities neighboring Iowa City. Jordan views the Children of Promise program as a

positive preventative measure in keeping kids out of trouble as they go through life.

With hopes of getting more grant money from the state to last the next three years, Jordan and her team of mentors aim to continue helping children in their

communities.

"What's cool about mentoring is you get to create a relationship based on reciprocity," Jordan said. "So whatever you put into it, the kid just gives back. I've learned so much where sometimes I feel like I'm the protégé."

METRO

Official: Methane caused Coralville explosion

Coralville Fire Chief Dave Stannard said a natural build up of methane gas caused an explosion at the Coralville wastewater treatment plant on Dec. 27.

The methane ignited when a

worker attempted to melt ice around a hatch on the roof of the facility using a blowtorch.

Coralville wastewater superintendent Brian Lamansky was injured in the explosion.

Stannard said he expects the explosion will result in a change of policy.

— by Josh Quinnett

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Night in Tunisia

One UI teaching assistant discussed recent political events in her home country of Tunisia.

By **JADE DONAGHY**

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Facebook is doing more than letting people connect with old friends these days. It's facilitating a revolution. And it's allowing one Tunisian woman living in Iowa City to keep up with the tumultuous politics at home.

On Tuesday, Asma Ben Romdhane, who teaches Arabic at the University of Iowa through the yearlong Fulbright Language Teaching Assistant's exchange program, spoke to more than 80 people about the events of the last month in the northern African nation.

The event was part of an ongoing series titled "Images of the Muslim World," presented by the University's Middle East and Muslim World Studies Program.

Protesters overturned former Tunisian President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali's oppressive political regime in less than a month as they filled the streets and clashed with Ben Ali's forces.

The drastic political changes in Tunisia, sparked by one man's self-immolation and the aid of interconnected online groups, had empowering implications for a campus full of social networkers, many said. And though Ben Romdhane was thousands of miles away from Tunisia, she said she knew what was happening.

"I was up-to-date from the very beginning of the revolution through Facebook, Skype, and phone as if I were in Tunisia," she said.

Though Ben Romdhane's presentation encompassed current political topics, she began with a slide show of photos from Tunisia and details about the country itself. She laughed as she



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UI teaching assistant Asma Ben Romdhane prepares before speaking in the University Capitol Centre on Tuesday.

Tunisia

Facts about the country:

- Location: Northern Africa, between Algeria and Libya on the Mediterranean Sea
- Capital: Tunis
- Population: 10.48 million
- Official language: Arabic
- Primary religion: Muslim

Source: CIA World Factbook

explained most people are confused when they hear she is from Tunisia, but lately people have been asking her about her home country.

"I am really impressed because people in Iowa are really interested," she said before the lecture. "They are really nice, so this is the least I can do. It's a good opportunity to tell people more."

As for the revolution, she said her friends and family in Tunisia are excited by the changes within the country and by how quickly they occurred.

"It's a very small country, but it has a great population and they were able to change a whole regime ... and they were able to do it by themselves and didn't need any external help. I'm really proud — proud to be Tunisian," Ben Romdhane said.

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Watch a video of Asma Ben Romdhane's lecture.



And she isn't the only one excited by the changes in Tunisia. Denise Filios, an associate professor in Spanish & Portuguese, who lived and taught in Tunisia in the spring of 2000, spoke animatedly about the "exceptional" events that occurred.

Filios said the role social networks played in the Tunisian revolution also intrigued her.

"College students especially should be interested in hearing what their compatriots' lives are like in other countries, in terms of the power they have and how they can connect with other social groups," she said. "It shows us generational aspects. This revolution really did start as a young person's movement."

Some UI students are indeed interested in the political changes in Tunisia.

"Anytime someone [who] has been in power for 23 years is kicked out of a country in a matter of weeks ... that's an accomplishment," said UI sophomore Blake Iverson at the lecture. "That's a huge event, wherever it takes place."

River Landing moves ahead

The Iowa River Landing Project will include a new hotel, a UIHC facility, and retail stores.

By **MICHELLE MCCONNAUGHEY**

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Coralville city officials believe they are one step closer to the completion of the Iowa River Landing project.

At Tuesday night's meeting, Coralville city councilors voted to unanimously approve two plans to move the project forward.

The River Landing will include the Antique Car Museum of Iowa, the Coralville Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, the Johnson County Historical Society, and the River Bend; a new luxury commercial and residential complex.

The area will also include a new hotel and a \$72 million, 167,000-square-foot University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics outpatient facility.

"It's a great opportunity," said Alison Ames Galstad, the director of the Coralville Public Library, who attended the meeting. "The city is really taking advantage of the geography, and it's productive property."

The plans approved Tuesday include five commercial building lots, two outlots, and the platting for Iowa River Landing Place.

The location of the River Landing is near the junction of First Avenue and Interstate 80, which Galstad said, is a great location to bring in travelers for retail sales and entertainment.

Tuesday's meeting included a public comment period, though few took advantage of it.

Property owner Daryl Thompson described her frustration to the city councilors

"I've been hearing from my renters that there is action happening on my property," she said.

Thompson owns property that will be apart of the future site of the Iowa River Landing. She said she has been uninformed with any updated information regarding her property and the project.

"I feel like there should be more communication between the council and the property owners of Coralville," she said.

Aside from her frustration, she said, she couldn't deny she was excited about Coralville and the progress it has made.

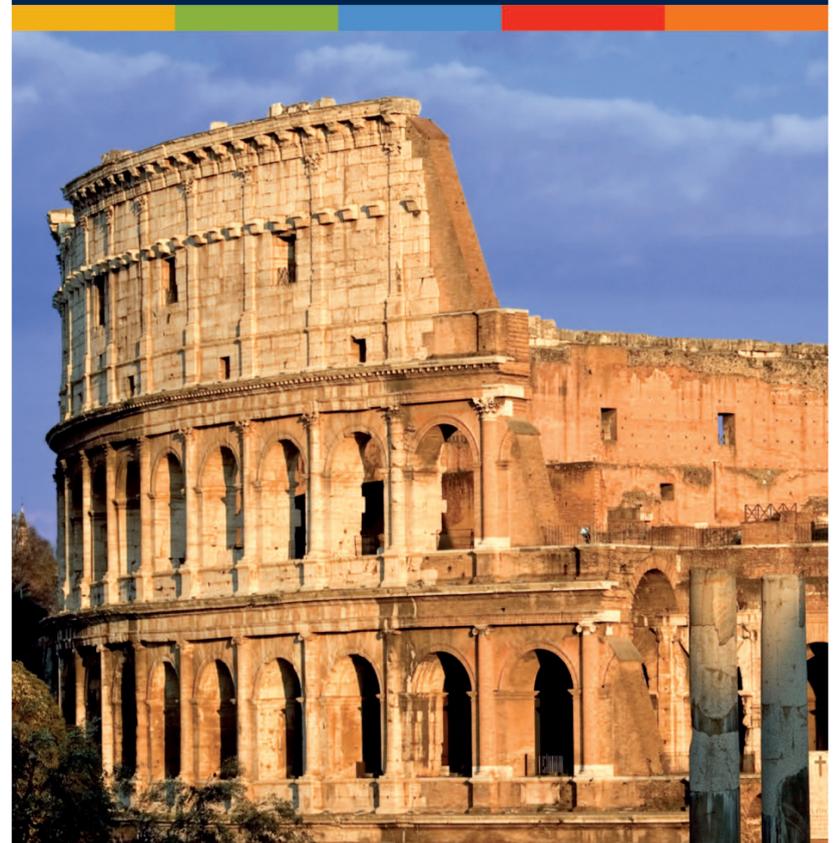
"I think they're really trying to deal with the negative aspects head-on," said Galstad. "Flooding is the obvious problem, but they're really doing a lot to help avoid that."

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Today's Australia Day!

- Australia Day commemorates the arrival of the British First Fleet and their proclamation of sovereignty on the Australian continent. The Aboriginal population also celebrates this anniversary, though they refer to it as "WTF? Day."
- Australia is home to platypuses, kangaroos, and Tasmanian devils. The platypus has been important to developments in the field of evolutionary biology, while the kangaroo and Tasmanian devil were essential to the development of Looney Tunes.
- The platypus is one of only a few venomous mammals — just the platypus, the shrew, and my ex. But perhaps I am being redundant.
- Contrary to popular belief, Australian men rarely plunder. Also, the Australian government is currently spending significant resources toward the goal reducing the phosphorous content of their glowing female population.
- Australia is the world's 13th largest economy, putting it just behind Spain, India, and porn.
- The unofficial national food of Australia is Vegemite, their version of the British condiment Marmite. It's basically a sticky black goop made from the leftover yeast extract used in the beer brewing process. Yep, that's right: the Australians somehow took British cuisine and made it even more disgusting.
- Australia is home to the largest single-structure a living organism: Mel Gibson's ego.
- Originally a penal colony, Australia's first inhabitants were criminals and madmen. In our enlightened age, we no longer send such people to remote, uninhabited locations. Instead, we have Congress.

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UI junior Isaac Rockafellow (left) and junior Peige Zhou juggle during the Student Organization Fair in the IMU Main Ballroom on Tuesday. Rockafellow and Zhou both are members of the UI juggling club. The UI Juggalos have met for the past four years and have performed in other student organization's events.

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 Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2011
— by Eugenia Last

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TAURUS April 20-May 20 You may face a letdown that seems to be insurmountable, but if you learn from the experience, you will pick up the knowledge and expertise you require to move in a new direction. Travel, communication, and redirection will help you find your way.

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CANCER June 21-July 22 It's all about how you handle people. Using diplomacy will be required, and with a couple of promises, you can also ensure that you get the support you need to successfully reach your own goals.

LEO July 23-Aug. 22 Go over what you have done in the past, and make sure you haven't damaged a relationship. Doing your backtracking now will allow you to move forward with projects or personal pursuits later this year. Be the one who is mature and insightful.

VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Don't keep your plans to yourself when sharing is what you need to do to excel. You can iron out problems and make any necessary adjustments that will ensure success. Don't let a personal problem slow you down.

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Home may be where the heart should be, but it will be difficult for that to happen if you feel unappreciated. Do something that you find exhilarating, and you will be motivated to incorporate new interests and people into your life.

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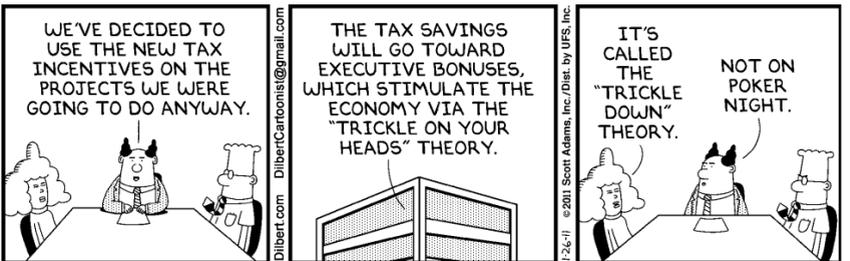
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CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Point yourself in the direction you feel is most suitable, and don't look back. Determination and rethinking your approach will help you gain ground and enhance your chance of getting the support required to move forward.

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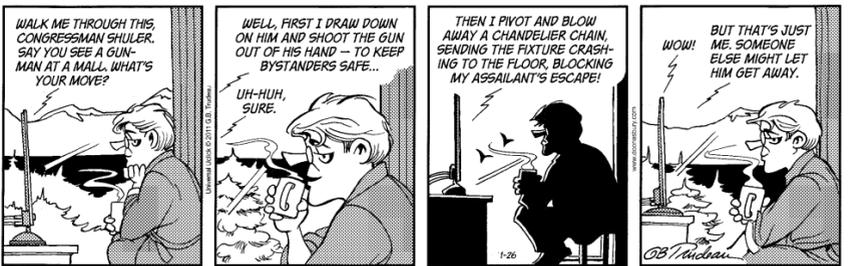
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- **Open Studio with Mary Wall**, 1:30 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Beat a Cop, Win a Pop**, 3:15 p.m., Mercer Park Aquatic Center, 2701 Bradford
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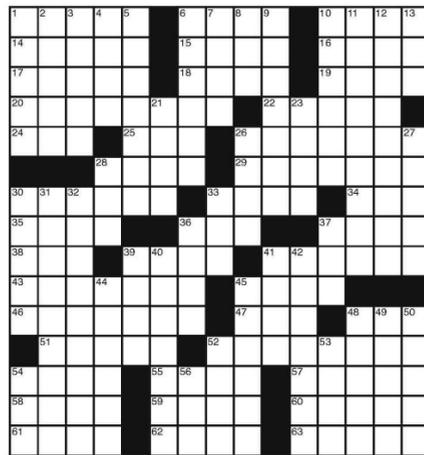
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 - 15 Land west of the Pacific
 - 16 "This is terrible!"
 - 17 Greased
 - 18 "Believe" singer, 1999
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 - 22 Big mess
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 - 26 French theologian who wrote "Sic et Non"
 - 28 Jean Sibelius, for one
 - 29 Seat of Albany County, Wyo.
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 - 33 Bennett of "What's My Line?"
 - 34 "Am ___ risk?"
 - 35 Women's rights pioneer Elizabeth Stanton
 - 36 As a package
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 - 38 Here, in Juárez
 - 39 Bomber type
 - 41 More agile
 - 43 Relinquish, as arms
 - 45 Move from site to site?
 - 46 Hall of TV fame
 - 47 Oslo Accords party, for short
 - 48 One way to sway
 - 51 Many a Justin Bieber fan
 - 52 Completely imagined
 - 54 Restaurateur Tools
 - 55 Kirk's foe in a "Star Trek" sequel
 - 57 Lofty dwelling
 - 58 Unadulterated
 - 59 Alveoli site
 - 60 "I love you," in a telenovela
 - 61 Sacred chests
 - 62 Tense
 - 63 Poker phrase ... or what's needed to complete the answers to the six italicized clues
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 - 2 Alphabetic pentad
 - 3 Bravery
 - 4 Took too much
 - 5 Common North American hawk
 - 6 Iconic chomper
 - 7 New York stadium eponym
 - 8 Taradiddle
 - 9 Classic candy with nougat
 - 10 "How lu-u-uxurious!"
 - 11 Top-rated TV series of 1971-76
 - 12 Madden
 - 13 Lush
 - 21 Quaint lodgings
 - 23 Brand of 45-Down balls
 - 26 Direction at sea
 - 27 Block
 - 28 Pass muster
 - 30 Where "Otello" premiered, with "La"
 - 40 Glimmer
 - 41 U.S.S. Enterprise helmsman
 - 42 How some wages are calculated
 - 44 Popular tractors
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Puzzle by Michael Sharp

- 31 General played by Fonda (in 1976), Peck (1977) and Olivier (1982)
- 32 To be expected
- 33 MSNBC competitor
- 36 Vintner's prefix
- 37 Terrier's sound
- 39 Exemplar of dryness
- 40 Glimmer
- 41 U.S.S. Enterprise helmsman
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Tracksters cut times

The men's track team continues to improve based on personal and school records.

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Train hard. Believe. Train hard. Believe. Train hard. Believe.

That is the approach Iowa head men's track and field coach Larry Wiczorek and his squad took heading into and during the first few weeks of the indoor season.

And that approach that is working. The Hawkeyes are buying into themselves.

At this point a year ago, 16 athletes had set 26 personal records in the first few weeks of competition.

This year, after three meets, 18 Hawkeyes have set 31 personal records.

What's more, three school records fell last weekend in Minneapolis. Steven Willey ran the 600 meters in 1:17.94, Justin Austin finished the 60-meter dash in 6.72 seconds, and Jordan Mullen crushed the previous school record with a time of 7.75 in the 60-meter hurdles.

Six weeks passed last season before Erik Sowinski broke the first school record of the 2010 indoor season with a time of 1:48.90 in the 800.

"[Personal records] are our measuring stick, and it is how individuals measure success," Wiczorek said. "The more you do, the more you believe."

Sowinski and fellow captain Zeke Sayon agreed that a more intense training schedule before the season started has set the team up for its progression through the indoor schedule.

An All-American last season, Sowinski feels he is at a better place now than he was at the same point last season.

Last weekend at the Jack Johnson Classic, the junior finished the 600 in 1:18.50. At the Iowa Open a



Wiczorek
coach

year ago, which was a week before last year's Jack Johnson Classic, Sowinski posted a time of 1:19.63 in the same event.

For Sayon, smarter training over winter break has helped him out on the track. The senior said he trained more efficiently, giving his body more time to rest and recover while working out.

While Sayon hasn't set a new personal record yet — he ran a college-best 6.82 60-meter dash at the 2010 Last Chance Qualifier — he feels it is within reach after posting a 6.86 last weekend. The sprinter hopes to be in the 6.7 range by the end of the season.

A little extra work at the end of workouts may be the reason for some runners' success.

Assistant coach Joey Woody said at the end of a 500, 400, and 300 workout in the fall, the Hawkeyes added on three 150s with two minutes rest in

between. The end result was increased endurance.

"People are believing more in themselves," Woody said. "We believe and expect to do well not only at the Big Ten but national level as well. The way that we train is set up to progress throughout not only the year but also throughout their career."

But there is a long list of Hawkeyes who aren't waiting for those results to show up a year from now.

The team's top sprinter, Justin Austin, shed 0.01 off his 200 meter from his first to second meet of the year. Junior All-American Patrick Richards cut off nearly 0.5 of his 400-meter time after his first two indoor performances.

Should times keep falling, Iowa may very well find itself in a special place at season's end.

"We're not No. 1," Austin said. "And until we're No. 1, we can't rest."

FOOTBALL

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"Our No. 1 concern is the safety of our student-athletes, so we are pleased with the positive feedback," Barta said in a release. "Our next step is to find out

what happened so we can avoid this happening in the future."

The UI said no identities or individual medical conditions of the student-athletes will be released. Hospitals cannot release information about patients without their written consent under the Health Insurance Portability and

Accountability Act of 1996, unless a serious risk of injury to themselves or others is present, or the release is court-mandated.

"The University of Iowa football program is committed to providing the ultimate training experience for each student-athlete," reads the UI's official ath-

letics website. "Our focus is to build the total athlete while reducing the risk of injury through individual evaluation and program design. Developing strong relationships with each athlete is a fundamental building block essential to the success of Iowa football."

STEVENSON

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lenge with a sense of confidence can be attributed to Stevenson's role as a leader.

"When someone falls, everyone kind of goes scatterbrained, but [Emma] just pulls us all back together," sophomore Maya Wickus said. "She's always willing to step up for someone else and help her relax again. The whole team is ready to go because Emma is so confident — not just in herself, but in everyone else, too."

Stevenson's confidence stems from her work ethic. In practice, she maintains a constant positive "I can do it" attitude and is continually ready and willing to work hard.

She is the tallest gymnast on the team — about 5-8 — and as a result, she has extra challenges during her workouts. With a taller body, she has more muscle mass to manipulate on the apparatuses. Her body hurts more because there's more of it, she said, but she doesn't let it stop her.

"I just want to always

work hard, even if it hurts, because I want my team to do well," she said. "I want to work hard in practice so I can earn the respect of my teammates. When we all work hard, we all fit together better."

While gymnastics is often regarded as an individual sport because the athletes compete separately, Stevenson emphasizes the importance of having strong teamwork and trust between the athletes.

"There's 24 routines to be hit, and we've got to do one at a time," Gaveika said. "Everyone has to take care

of her part on her own, but once everyone takes care of her part, it becomes like a puzzle with the pieces fitting together. It becomes a team."

For Stevenson, ensuring her own success is just as important as supporting her teammates. She is always ready to step up, whether it's in an event or helping a teammate focus and be confident. She contributes her piece of the puzzle every day, in practice and in meets.

"It's all about the team for me," she said.

BACKES

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State, along with his coaches at Blair Academy High School, as role models for him to follow as a coach. His experience under those coaches, and a desire to pass it on to young wrestlers, he said, drew him to a career in coaching.

"Wrestling's been in my blood for so long that it'd be kind of hard to walk away,"

he said. "This is what I want to do. I want to coach at the highest level and teach these kids what I've learned. And I want to see them achieve what I couldn't and some of what I did [achieve]."

Backes was the strength and conditioning coach for Missouri's wrestling team in 2008 and a volunteer assistant at Virginia Tech in 2009. Now at his third coaching stop, he said he is still developing his coaching style.

Head coach Tom Brands said Backes brings an

"even, steady approach" to Iowa that complements the intensity on the rest of the coaching staff. Rasing agreed, noting that it's not always steady and even with Backes.

"Yeah, he's level-headed, and he's someone you can talk to," Rasing said. "But when he needs to put his foot down, he can put his foot down and get his point across — just like Brands."

When the Hawkeyes go to "live" wrestling in practice, Backes works out mainly with Rasing, 184-pounder Grant Gambrall,

and 197-pounder Luke Lofthouse. He said he enjoys the chance to help those wrestlers improve and he learns something every day from the rest of Iowa's coaching staff.

"It's almost addicting coaching at a place like this because it's such a high level," Backes said. "The fans are great, the coaches are great, the athletes are awesome. [Iowa] is where you want to be if you want to coach and learn and grow."

now. Now that I'm being more aggressive, I will take more of those shots."

It's unrealistic to expect Iowa to be within striking distance of 100 points every night, but that doesn't mean the team can't expect distributed scoring from people besides Matt Gatens and Melsahn Basabe.

Perhaps less importantly, the scoring burst will begin to elicit respect in a conference in which there aren't many teams known for scoring. At least that's what Penn State head coach Ed DeChellis conveyed when asked about Iowa during the Big Ten teleconference.

He called the scoring effort of Iowa "impressive" and added, "We'll have our hands full Wednesday night."

Whether Iowa can re-create the scoring for two-straight games is unknown, but there will be

at least one thing guaranteed to come together tonight: This game will serve as a reunion of sorts for McCaffery and DeChellis.

The longtime friends met during various assistant jobs, then coached against each other in the Southern Conference in the early part of the decade. McCaffery was the coach at North Carolina-Greensboro from 1999-2005, and DeChellis coached East Tennessee State from 1996-2003.

But the head of the Nitany Lion pride laughed when asked if he was getting any flashbacks checking out film of the Hawkeyes in preparation for tonight's game.

"That's a long time ago," he said during the same teleconference. "I have a hard time remembering last week."

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Kelba to miss Diving Nationals

Freshman Lauren Kelba came to Iowa City from Canada, and she brought experience as a platform diver with her.

By **MAGGIE CUNNINGHAM**
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The University of Iowa will host the U.S. Diving Nationals beginning Thursday, but freshman Lauren Kelba will not dive in a single event.

This is not because she lacks the talent. It's because she is not a U.S. citizen.

The journalism and sports-studies major is from Calgary, Alberta, and as a Canadian citizen, she is involved in a whole other diving scene at home.

"I'm a little disappointed I am not able to compete at USA Nationals here, but I do understand where they're coming from," Kelba said. "It definitely would have been interesting though to see how I ranked in America compared with Canada."

Kelba said she was always an "athletic kid," but not until she watched a diving competition on TV at age 13 did she have any exposure to the sport. A year and a half after she began her diving career, she had qualified for her first Junior Nationals competition.

Like many other international athletes, Kelba decided to come to the United States for the



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Freshman diver Lauren Kelba stands on the three-meter springboard before diving during practice on Tuesday. She is from Alberta, Canada.

unique combination of athletics and college education.

"I was e-mailing a couple NCAA coaches along with [Iowa diving coach Bob Rydze] when he called me," she said. "I had a very good first impression."

"We talked a couple more times before he invited me down for a visit, and almost as soon as I got home from my trip, I knew I wanted to be a Hawkeye."

Now, instead of competing in the 11-day U.S. National competition this week like some of her teammates, Kelba will prepare for the Summer Senior Nationals in Canada, where she will have a home-pool advantage. The

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Watch a video interview with freshman diver Lauren Kelba.

Summer Senior Nationals will be held in June in Edmonton — where Kelba regularly trains and competes. Kelba is ranked 12th at the Canadian national level. Though her rank is impressive, she said, she has a lot of work to do to reach the level of the top four competitors who make up the Canadian national team.

"Lauren is hard working," senior diver Veronica Rydze said. "She is a great diver who keeps improving

each week, and she is a wonderful tower diver.

While Kelba has had success competing in the 1- and 3-meter dives this season, tower diving is her specialty. Tower diving is done off 5-, 7½-, and 10-meter platforms.

"I find I'm a little more consistent when it comes to tower dives," Kelba said. "The only thing with tower is that I get very few chances to compete [in] it."

She competed in platform diving once this season at the Hawkeye Invitational. She took second with a score of 221.35 out of around 25 divers in the competition. The Big Ten championships will be her last opportunity.

As the only Hawkeye to compete in platform events, Kelba is described by her teammates as a fearless diver that is always willing to try new dives.

"Lauren's the kind of athlete who will do anything to improve," senior diver Deidre Freeman said. "If [Coach Rydze] doesn't give her feedback on even

one dive during a practice, she's not satisfied and will seek it out.

"She competes against herself and is determined to be better than perfect."

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Frosh steps up for swimmers

Meeks led off the winning 'A' team relay against Northwestern on Jan. 22.

BY **BEN WOLFSON**
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Devon Meeks admits he had an adjustment period early in the season when the freshman was still getting used to college-level practices.

"I come from a smaller club [in South Dakota], and if I had an off-day, I was still the best guy. But here if I have an off-day, I'm getting lapped," Meeks said. "Once I got over the hump, I started swimming better, and the coaches gave me a spot on some of the relays."

Ever since early December, when the Iowa men's swimming

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Check out a video interview with Devon Meeks and watch him practice.

and diving team hosted the Hawkeye Invitational, Meeks has come into his own and put together a string of strong performances.

"As a freshman in any sport, there's an adapting period, and he's doing things in strength training that he's never done before," head coach Marc Long said. "It's a long season, and he's making a great adapting grade, and now we're getting to the point of the season where he's getting an opportunity to step up and race against great competition."

Meeks' big opportunity came for him Jan. 22, when Iowa hosted Northwestern in a dual meet. With the Hawkeyes up one point and only the 400-free relay left, Meeks was informed he would lead off for the "A" squad.

The freshman said he was "ecstatic" to hear the news, but that feeling quickly turned to anxiety when he looked over at the Northwestern relay

team and saw them pumping each other up.

"We just told him to approach it like any other race," relay anchor and junior Duncan Partridge said. "When [Meeks] swims his own race, he can match up against anybody."

As the relay began, Meeks did just that and swam well enough for sophomore teammate Jordan Huff to get a great jump on the next part of the race.

The Hawkeyes "A" and "B" teams finished first and second, Iowa won the meet, and afterwards, Meeks' older teammates were impressed with his performance.

"With any freshman, he has to assimilate into the program," Partridge said. "[Meeks] has definitely made a pretty strong impact out of most of the freshmen."

"Really, with any of his events I'm confident in Devon Meeks that he'd swim very well."

Meeks is listed on the Iowa depth chart as a backstroke, butterfly, and freestyle swimmer — something of a rarity on the team.

The Iowa coaches have

played around with his versatility this season and have used him in different events, including the 200-medley relay, 200-free relay, 400-free relay, 50 free, and the 100 back and 100 fly.

He said he is interested in competing in the 200 free, as well as the 200 back and 200 individual medley.

With championship season just on the horizon, Meeks is confident in his abilities to help the Hawkeyes out as he prepares to swim in sprint freestyle races as well as a backstroke race. He also will try to crack the lineup in the 200-free and the 400-free relays.

"There are not a lot of guys who can do three strokes really well," Meeks said. "[Ryan] Phelan and Duncan [Partridge] are the top sprinters on the team right now, along with Jordan [Huff] and Paul [Gordon], so it's nice to have tutors."

"I think my [freshman season] has gone really well, but it's nice not having to step into that role where the team needs me to win every event."



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WOMEN'S DIVING

Though she won't compete in this week's U.S. Diving Nationals, Iowa freshman Lauren Kelba isn't short on talent. 10

12 football players hospitalized

The dozen hospitalizations were likely related to winter workouts, which are permitted by the NCAA.

By **JORDAN GARRETSON**
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Twelve Iowa football players are in stable condition after being admitted to the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Monday, Iowa Sports Information confirmed Tuesday afternoon.

A second university release said the symptoms the student-athletes are

being treated for were likely related to winter workouts — which are permitted by the NCAA.

Former Iowa defensive end Adrian Clayborn and current defensive end Broderick Binns and defen-



Barta
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sive back Jordan Bernstine recently made comments on Facebook regarding workouts.

"Them boys have 100 squads [sic] and sled pushes!" Clayborn wrote in a status update. "I'm throwing up thinking about it."

Bernstine wrote that it was "hands down the hardest workout I've ever had in my life."

"The hardest thing I've

ever done," wrote Bernstine, a junior. "This is crazy. There was just bodies everywhere after."

"My back ain't never felt like this ..." Binns' comment read. "It hurts to even sit up, let alone move ..."

There is no confirmation that Binns nor Bernstine were among those hospitalized.

Both a UIHC staff physician and a team

physician said the 12 hospitalized student-athletes were responding well to treatment as of Tuesday morning.

"All are in safe and stable condition," the UIHC physician said. "At this time, we are not sure when any of the individuals will be discharged. Hospital discharges will be on a case-by-case basis."

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Barta said head football coach Kirk Ferentz is out of the area recruiting — national signing day is Feb. 2, and Iowa can claim 19 oral and one written commitment in its 2011 recruiting class.

Still, Ferentz "is aware of the situation and is being kept abreast of the progress being made."

SEE FOOTBALL, 9

Gymnast Stevenson calms roiling waters

Sophomore Emma Stevenson's confidence and consistency settles the GymHawks' nerves during stressful meets.

By **MOLLY IRENE OLMSTEAD**
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Emma Stevenson isn't an all-rounder, nor does she frequently score in the top three of her events, but the Iowa women's gymnastics team would be less consistent and far more frenzied without her.

Stevenson competes in uneven bars and floor exercise, and her consistency in these events is her strength. At the first three meets of this season, she has scored 9.775 on bars each time.

"When [Emma] competes, and I watch her compete, there are no worries at all," assistant coach Linas Gaveika said. "I can just sit back and think 'OK, we've got this one.'"

Her ability to remain calm and confident — an emotional consistency that is present even in stressful competition — is also crucial to the GymHawks' team dynamic. The rest of GymHawks look to Stevenson to remain constant with her scores as well as her emotions.

Although she is only a sophomore, she plays a crucial role as a leader for her teammates because she keeps everyone else's emotions in check, too.

"I like to do well so I can help other people do well and focus and get into the right mindset," she said. "Every routine counts, so as



Iowa sophomore Emma Stevenson practices vault on Tuesday in the Fieldhouse. Although Stevenson is not yet in the vault line up, she works hard at it. "It's all about the team for me," she said.

much as I can be consistent and helpful to my teammates, it's easier for them to relax and focus more on

themselves."

At the home-opener against Michigan on Jan. 22, the GymHawks were

challenged when sophomore Kaitlyn Urano suffered a concussion during warm-ups. Alternates had

to suddenly fill Urano's spots on beam and floor.

While the injury was stressful, it didn't faze the

GymHawks. The gymnasts' ability to meet the chal-

SEE STEVENSON, 9

Hawks hope good times roll

The Hawkeyes hope to continue scoring and start a winning streak.

By **IAN MARTIN**
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Fresh off its first Big Ten win in more than nine months, Iowa will now try to accomplish something it hasn't done since the Steve Alford era: a conference win streak.

On Feb. 7, 2007, the Hawkeyes posted a 91-78 victory at Minnesota — oddly reminiscent of the 91-77 score Iowa had in the win against Indiana on Sunday — to push the team's winning streak to three. But since that day, stringing together consecutive Big Ten wins hasn't been tasted in Iowa City.

And if ever there was a time for a run, it's now.

At least for a while, Iowa (8-11, 1-6) is out of the tall trees of the conference after playing five of its first six league games against

Iowa (8-11, 1-6) at Penn State (10-8, 3-4)

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ranked opponents. Now the Hawkeyes face Penn State, led by one of the Big Ten's best guards in Talor Battle. While the game against the Nittany Lions (10-8, 3-4) isn't a Southern Illinois-Edwardsville type of affair, Iowa should play better after gaining confidence in this past weekend's victory.

"[The Indiana] win was important for us," Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery said during the Big Ten's weekly teleconference. "We had so many different players score. We've had our scoring droughts and didn't have any."

McCaffery is referring to the team having an unusu-

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Backes lights wrestlers' fires

First-year volunteer assistant coach Kurt Backes has helped Iowa's heavyweights gain confidence this season

By **SAM LOUWAGIE**
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When Hawkeye heavyweight wrestler Blake Rasing manhandled his Ohio State opponent in a 12-1 major decision Jan. 22, it came as a surprise.

After all, the 12 points were a season-high for Rasing, and he's scored three points or fewer in over half his matches. The offensive explosion seemed, to an outside observer, to come from nowhere.

It didn't seem that way to Kurt Backes. To him, it was the result of a season's worth of practice and gaining confidence.

The first-year volunteer assistant coach is primarily responsible for working with the Hawkeyes' heavier weights, and he has spent much of the season working with Rasing on building the confidence to use his previously hidden offensive capabilities.

Rasing said Backes has supplied plenty of knowledge on how to attack an opponent.

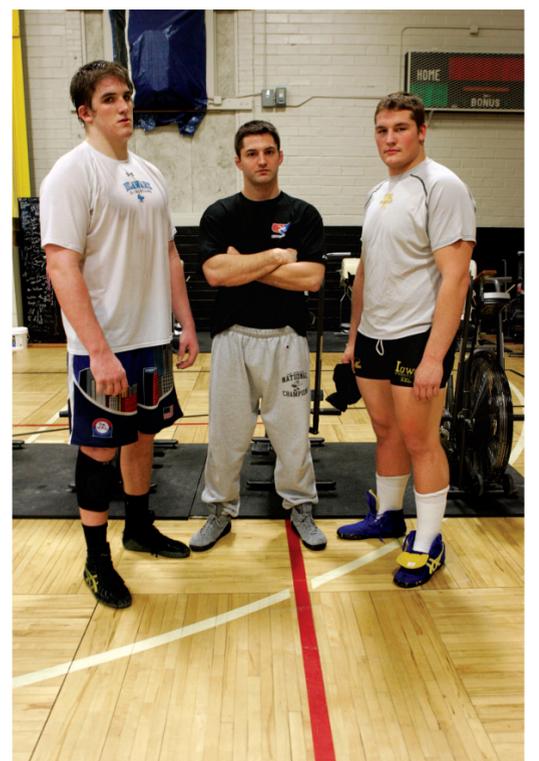
"He talks a lot about

Terry Brands to appear on KRUI

Iowa associate head wrestling coach Terry Brands will appear on KRUI 89.7 FM at noon Wednesday to talk with members of the station's sports staff. Brands, the twin brother of head coach Tom Brands, is a two-time World Champion, and he claimed a bronze medal at the 2000 Olympics.

pressure," Rasing said. "Pressure, and circling, and really staying on the guy's head. Even if you're not shooting, always having pressure on the guy and making him tired. And then you can get to your shots later on."

Backes said he took pride in seeing Rasing's improvement, calling it "an awesome feeling." The Neshanic Station, N.J., native was a two-time All-American and Big 12 champion wrestler at 184 and 197 pounds for Iowa State. He cited Bobby Douglas, his coach at Iowa



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Iowa heavyweights Bobby Telford (left), Blake Rasing (right) and assistant coach Kurt Backes (center) practice in the Field House on Monday. The team is scheduled to compete at Northwestern on Friday.

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