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 **Dance Marathon: Families**



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Jason Eckrich dances onstage in the IMU Main Ballroom with a group of morale captains on Feb. 6, 2010, during Dance Marathon. Jason died from complications from leukemia on March 27, 2010.

Five-year-old Jason Eckrich clung to music throughout his 15-month battle with leukemia. But his optimism never wavered,

## BELTING OUT THE SONG OF LIFE

By ALISON SULLIVAN  
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Jacki Eckrich sits nestled on the couch, a laptop perched on her lap and a SpongeBob blanket hugging her legs. She's watching home videos, remembering, as her little boy belts into a microphone. Off-camera, the audience is cheering and clapping.

"He was full of cancer here," Jacki said, as her eyes follow her son's onstage dancing. "But you would never know it."

At the time the video was shot, 5-year-old Jason Eckrich had acute myeloid leukemia, a fast-growing cancer targeting the blood and bone marrow. But for the kid who named his IV pole "Punk" and who, up until his death, never stopped singing, he never showed it.

The bubbly, smiling boy spent 10 months of his 15-month battle with cancer in the hospital. But Jason made a lasting impression on those he encountered before he died on March 27, 2010.

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TOP: Steve Eckrich looks at son Jason Eckrich's grave on Jan. 22. Eckrich makes frequent visits to Memorial Gardens to dust the snow off Jason's and other family members' graves. (KATHLEEN WILLEM/THE DAILY IOWAN)

ABOVE: Sara Stewart and Jason Eckrich smile after playing a 3D SpongeBob game. Jason became close friends with Stewart, a UI freshman. (CONTRIBUTED PHOTO/SARA STEWART)

### DANCE MARATHON 2011

#### MORE TODAY

- One dancer is following in the footsteps of her older sister, now a Dance Marathon executive. **STORY PAGE 5**
- A popular fundraising tactic called canning is raising fewer funds this year. **STORY, ONLINE**
- The annual event is drawing in more dancers and volunteers than ever before. **STORY ONLINE**

#### COMING THIS WEEK

Throughout the week, *The Daily Iowan* will be your primary source for Dance Marathon coverage, including:

- Dance Marathon families sharing their personal stories, including an interactive family profile page
- Profiles on student dancers and local medical staff
- More stories on event logistics and updates on new features

Find it all at:  
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#### FRIDAY-SATURDAY

#### BIG EVENT COVERAGE

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  - Live streaming video
  - Full coverage from Daily Iowan TV

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### BUDGET CUTS

## Cuts worry officials

Iowa has the nation's second largest decrease in state appropriations over the last two fiscal years.

By ARIANA WITT  
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Some University of Iowa officials and regents said they're concerned about Gov. Terry Branstad's proposed cuts to higher education.

The result of the cuts, some said, could be higher tuition or even college consolidation.

On Jan. 27, Branstad

proposed a nearly 6 percent reduction in funding for the state's public universities despite calls from regents for a roughly \$18 million increase in funding.

"I'm not saying that I think the challenges facing the state government are not serious," Regent Robert Downer said. "But I think

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## Fire displaces 12 residents

Firefighters rescued a dog from the second floor shortly after arriving on the scene.

By HAYLEY BRUCE  
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A fire that charred the entire first floor of a six-plex apartment building on the evening of Jan. 29, has displaced 12 Iowa City residents.

Rescuers responded to a call about a structure fire at 421 S. Dodge St. about 10:50 p.m.; upon arrival, officials said smoke was

billowing out of the front of the building.

"As much as could be burning was burning," said Iowa City Fire Battalion Chief Ken Brown.

Residents of the complex



**Brown**  
battalion chief

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Check out a photo slide show of the aftermath of this weekend's fire.



we were able to return Sunday afternoon to retrieve their belongings, but they don't know when they could move back in. Red Cross officials were providing

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### WEB CALENDAR

Let us know about your upcoming event. Submit information to the *DI*'s new online event calendar and we'll publish it there and on the Daily Break page. To submit a listing, visit [dailyiowan.com/pages/calendarsubmit](http://dailyiowan.com/pages/calendarsubmit)

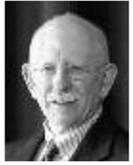


# C'ville gets RAGBRAI

Coralville is chosen as overnight host for RAGBRAI this summer.

By **JADE DONAGHY**  
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On July 29, thousands of bicyclists, vendors, volunteers, and onlookers will crowd the streets of Coralville for the 39th Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa — RAGBRAI XXXIX.



**Gill**  
Coralville city councilor

Ride organizers selected Coralville as one of the eight host communities — which means riders and their support crews will eat, sleep, and party for one night in the city.

Each host city is responsible for creating a theme, and though many details of

## RAGBRAI XXXIX Host Communities

2011 host communities include:

- Glenwood
- Atlantic
- Carroll
- Boone
- Altoona
- Grinnell
- Coralville
- Davenport

Source: Ragbrai.com

the event are still in the works, committee officials are planning a “tailgating” theme to celebrate the Hawkeye community. RAGBRAI riders and spectators alike will be encouraged to wear their college jerseys and show school pride.

“UCLA, Texas, Boise State ... we think that would be a lot of fun and create some good-natured ribbing,” said Josh Schamberger, president of Iowa City-Coralville Area Convention and Visitor's Bureau. “It would make for a cool discussion as you're

riding along the route.” This is Coralville's fourth time to host RAGBRAI. The last time was in 2006, when 20,000 bicycles traveled down Melrose Avenue and ended their trek in Muscatine.

Planning for the event takes a lot of work, divided among about 20 committees and around 350 volunteers, but previous experience has turned the process into “a well-oiled machine,” Schamberger said.

“We're anxious to put on a good show ... we get the opportunity to add some flair to the planning and tailor it towards our community,” he said. “It's a pretty cool way to bring the community together and bond between now and July.”

According to local hotels, booking for July 29 has already begun.

“The [RAGBRAI] dates came out last night, and by this morning, we had sold out half of our rooms for that day,” said Jenna Smalley, a guest service agent for the Coralville Holiday Inn. She said she

has been booking reservations from locations as far away as Maryland, California, and Georgia.

The process RAGBRAI officials go through each year to select the cities from 150 applicants and create a new route is a challenge, said RAGBRAI Director T.J. Juskiewicz.

But Coralville's history with RAGBRAI stood out.

“It's a great town; the riders have had a great time every time they've gone through in the past,” he said. “They have great facilities, and their volunteers and officials always put in a lot of effort. The leadership is wonderful ... and everyone has been so gracious every time we've been.”

Coralville City Councilor Tom Gill said the implications of thousands of people coming through the area are entirely positive.

“I think it's a great opportunity for Coralville,” he said. “It's an income producer. Iowa City and the whole area benefit. It fills hotels, motels, and restaurants. It's about more than just spandex, it's an economy boost.”

# FEMA nixes museum again

The UI plans to appeal the decision to FEMA headquarters.

By **ALISON SULLIVAN**  
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If University of Iowa officials expect to build a new Museum of Art, the Federal Emergency Management Agency says the school needs to look at other options for funding.

Officials with the agency's Region VII denied the UI's appeal for funding replacement costs for the museum damaged in the 2008 floods. FEMA informed the university of the decision in the summer of 2010, but university officials appealed.

Despite announcing the denial from regional offi-

cial Jan. 28, the university intends to push its appeal to FEMA's headquarters in Washington D.C.

In FEMA's denial letter, federal officials pointed out the art collection's west of the river location has been “in a special flood hazard area, and the applicant has been able to maintain insurance on both” since 1974.

FEMA also found the UI museum did not have at least 50 percent in damages — a requirement for funding, said Bob Josephson, external affairs officer for FEMA Region VII.

Within the denial letter, FEMA officials give alternative options for the university including relocation and flood-mitigation methods.

“The key point is that there are activities that they can do that we can help pay for,” Josephson said.

Building floodwalls or moving mechanical equipment from the basement to higher levels in the building are examples of flood-mitigation efforts to which

FEMA could contribute, Josephson said.

“The university feels it has a strong position based on FEMA's own rules,” said UI spokesman Tom Moore.

After the flood, Lloyd's of London, which insures the UI's artwork, stated it would discontinue insurance of the collection if the artwork remained in the current building.

The UI said it is not able to obtain insurance for the building in its current location, and four other insurance companies also said they would not provide insurance.

FEMA said it understood the difficulty of obtaining insurance, but officials said they weren't convinced “insuring the fine art collection is impossible.”

“It would be irresponsible and irrational to put the university's valuable fine art collection in a facility in the revised floodplain, where it would be at risk and not be able to be insured for some reason-

able amount,” said UI General Counsel Carroll Reasoner in a press release Jan. 28.

Regent Robert Downer said he's optimistic the UI will receive funding.

“I think the UI and Lloyd's of London's positions throughout have been sound, and I feel the university will eventually prevail in the situation,” he said.

Josephson encouraged the university to consider other options, such as repairing instead of rebuilding.

“We're not saying they cannot relocate the building outside of their desires, but we're going to cover the repair costs, and it'd be up to the university to fill in that gap,” he said.

Art major Ellen Cyrier said she felt cheated after hearing about a friend who transferred to another school that received a new art and music building.

“Exhibitions come, and they get to see all that stuff,” she said. “We don't have that anymore.”

## METRO

### Ex-bus driver sentenced to second sentence

A former Iowa City school-bus driver was sentenced to an additional 10-year prison term for possession of child pornography, according to federal court records.

John Theodore Grassi, 35, is already serving a 10-year sentence for one count of third-degree sexual abuse. The abuse involved a 13-year-old relative of Grassi's and took place between fall of 2007 and November 2008.

Grassi pleaded not guilty when charged with possession of child pornography on April 13, 2010.

— by **Josh Quinnett**

### Audit finds 'high risk' practices

An audit performed on the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics' Ophthalmology Department revealed some “high risk” practices, according to materials from the state Board of Regents.

Regent officials performed the audit, which showed inconsistencies in the electronic records system used for scheduling appointments and generating fees. The inconsistencies led to errors in documentation, causing billing problems and difficulty maintaining information in compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

The audit lists two examples of missed billing opportunities, which totaled \$1,000 lost. The audit also found 44 percent of a week's worth

of clinic visits did not have diagnoses in specific designated fields.

The results mark the second time an audit uncovered billing problems potentially linked to the records system, implemented in 2009. A previous analysis discussed at an April 2010 regents' meeting showed the UIHC was missing \$11 million in patient billing.

UI spokesman Tom Moore said UIHC officials will be open to discussing the outcome of the audit after the regents' meeting Wednesday in Iowa City.

— by **Nina Earnest**

### Man charged with possession of LSD

Johnson County deputies arrested a Cedar Rapids man Jan. 27 after they allegedly found him with PEZ candy containing drugs.

Rhett Jolliffe, 32, was charged on Sept. 12, 2009, with possession of LSD.

According to a complaint filed with the Johnson County Sheriff's Office, deputies originally stopped Jolliffe for an OWI traffic stop. The complaint said deputies then found a foil-wrapped package inside Jolliffe's cigarette box on the front passenger-seat armrest in his car.

Inside the foil, deputies said they allegedly found 10 pink PEZ candies with LSD drops on each PEZ.

Jolliffe reportedly admitted to deputies he had purchased 12 hits of LSD earlier that evening and had taken two of them the complaint said. Jolliffe also admitted the remaining 10 LSD hits were his, and lab tests confirmed LSD was on the PEZ candies, according to the report.

— by **Hayley Bruce**

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## METRO

### Man charged with 3rd OWI

Police charged an Iowa City man with allegedly driving while intoxicated for the third time.

Randy Chipman, 45, 2801 Highway 6 E. Lot 127, was charged Jan. 29 with third-offense OWI.

Iowa City police said they responded to Creekside Market on a report of an intoxicated driver. An off-duty deputy allegedly saw Chipman get into a 1994 GMC Vandura G3500 and drive away intoxicated.

Officers said they found the car at trailer 127 and noticed beer cans in plain view inside the Vandura. They followed footprints in the snow to another vehicle, police said.

The report said officers found Chipman sleeping in the snow under the rear bumper of the second car. Police said he had extremely poor balance, confused speech, and smelled strongly of alcohol.

Third-offense OWI is a Class D felony punishable by up to five years in prison and a fine of \$9,375.

— by **Hayley Bruce**

### Leak closes 2 UI buildings

The University of Iowa Van Allen Hall and Biology Building East were evacuated Jan. 28 following a gas leak.

A news release said the building was evacuated for around an hour after a private contract worker accidentally pierced a natural-gas line between the buildings.

No one was injured in the incident, and the buildings were reopened shortly after 9 a.m.

Natural-gas service to both buildings — typically used to feed Bunsen burners — is temporarily unavailable until the gas line is repaired and retested, the release said.

— by **Hayley Bruce**

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## BLOTTER

**Lakshay Abbott**, 19, 551 S. Johnson St., was charged Jan. 29 with PAULA. **Mario Aguilar**, 20, 4494 Taft Ave. S.E. Lot 5M, was charged Jan. 27 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

**Eric Bigley**, 22, 101 Hawk Ridge Drive, Apt. 1306, was charged Jan. 29 with OWI.

**Marc Cendana**, 39, 416 S. Linn St., Apt. 1, was charged Jan. 28 with selling alcohol to a minor.

**Brendan Collins**, 20, 313 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 2014, was charged Sunday with keeping a disorderly house.

**Tyler Columbus**, 20, address unknown, was charged Jan. 28 with public intoxication and possession of a fictitious driver's license.

**Andy Chuquimia**, 22, 319 E. Court St. Apt. 43, was charged Jan. 27 with keeping a disorderly house.

**Brett Dennis**, 18, 2118 Quadrangle, was charged Jan. 27 with public intoxication and fifth-degree criminal mischief.

**Kari Feddersen**, 24, Wayland Iowa, was charged Jan. 29 with fifth-

degree theft. **Andrea Frederick**, 20, 335 S. Clinton St. Apt. 2536, was charged Jan. 28 with presence in a bar after hours.

**Matthew Hall**, 23, 521 E. College St., was charged Jan. 29 with public intoxication.

**Vanessa Jimenez**, 26, 2248 Davis St., was charged Sunday with OWI.

**Corey King**, 22, 335 S. Clinton St. Apt. 2532, was charged Jan. 28 with public intoxication.

**Grant Kuhlmann**, 24, Coralville, was charged Jan. 29 with public intoxication.

**Nicole Lovetinsky**, 18, 13 Video Court, was charged Jan. 29 with making a false report to law enforcement.

**Mitchel Loy**, 23, 2614 Triple Crown Lane, Apt. 1, was charged Jan. 28 with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana, and OWI.

**Kurt Lucas**, 22, 806 Benton Drive, Apt. 32, was charged Jan. 27 with possession of marijuana.

**Zaneta Luciano**, 28, 1960 Broadway Apt. 8C, was charged Sunday with assault on emergency personnel,

first-degree burglary, and going armed with intent.

**Patrick McAreavy**, 19, 601 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 618, was charged Jan. 28 with PAULA.

**Mitchel McDermott**, 20, 903 E. Burlington St., was charged Jan. 29 with keeping a disorderly house.

**Cody Mixon**, 22, Galesburg Ill., was charged Aug. 21 with assault.

**Vincent Perry**, 20, 540 Rienow, was charged Jan. 27 with fifth-degree criminal mischief and public intoxication.

**Spencer Porter**, 21, 2515 Bartlett Road Apt. 1B, was charged Jan. 24 with interference with official acts.

**Johnny Potter**, 18, address unknown, was charged Jan. 27 with fifth-degree theft.

**Rockyore Rains**, 29, 4494 Taft Ave. S.E., Apt. C20, was charged Jan. 28 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

**Prince Riley**, 23, 522 E. Burlington St. Apt. B, was charged Jan. 28 with selling alcohol to a minor.

**Kyle Schulte**, 26, Coralville, was

charged Jan. 28 with selling alcohol to a minor.

**Renee Severin**, 20, 619 E. Burlington St. Apt. B, was charged Jan. 27 with presence in a bar after hours.

**David Simoens**, 20, 903 E. Burlington St. was charged Sunday with keeping a disorderly house and PAULA.

**Linsey Thorson**, 19, 353 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 2224, was charged Jan. 27 with selling alcohol to a minor.

**Anna Ulerich**, 47, was charged Jan. 27 with assault.

**Maira Vazquez**, 32, 2132 Taylor Drive, was charged Jan. 29 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

**Shannon Waddell**, 22, 832 Iowa Ave., was charged Dec. 11, 2008, with a controlled-substance violation.

**William Walchak**, 25, Cedar Rapids, was charged Jan. 29 with OWI.

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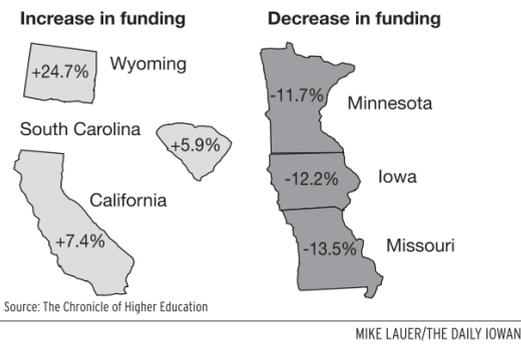
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**Higher-education cuts**

Iowa is among the states with the largest decreases in state funding from fiscal 2010 to fiscal 2011.



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spending on higher education needs to be looked at as an investment, not an expenditure."

But Iowa continues to lose state funding. According to the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, Iowa ranked second in the nation for most funding lost from fiscal 2010 to fiscal 2011, a 12.2 percent decrease.

"I think this dramatic loss of state appropriations speaks to the losses that a lot of states are seeing," said UI Student Government President John Rigby. "It's concerning and disappointing to see this trend continue."

Downer said the possibility of combining programs from at least two of the regent schools — the UI, Iowa State University, and the University of Northern Iowa — is one possibility.

"I think we need to look at some changes we haven't before," he said. "There's been progress with the institutions working together, but I think we need to do more. Consolidation is just one idea."

Under this plan, Downer said, officials might only offer programs, or even whole departments, at just one university. Students at other institutions would receive credits through online programs.

UI Faculty Senate President Ed Dove said he is unsure how the UI will respond to a loss of funds, but he said consolidating the institutions is possible.

"These are things that have been considered, but ultimately, it would mean less student-professor contact hours, and that's something to think about," Dove said.

Regents prepared the institutions for a time when the budget would be tight, Downer said, when \$35.5 million in stimulus funds ran out. UI officials had used the money for salaries and benefits as well as campus improvements.

Once the UI allocated those funds, regents increased student tuition for the 2010-11 school year by 6 percent.

But Rep. Dave Heaton, R-Mount Pleasant, said

**Legislative proposals**

The following are budgetary proposals involving Iowa's public institutions:

- 6 percent reduction in state appropriations
- Maximum 4 percent cap on tuition increases
- Regents request for \$19.1 million increase
- Potential consolidation among universities

Source: Iowa's Legislative branch, state Board of Regents

tuition increases should not be the answer for regents this time around.

"I'd like to see changes made within the institution and not on backs of our students," he said.

Rep. Mary Mascher, D-Iowa City, said House Democrats will likely do whatever they can to not only restore the proposed loss of funds but to increase funding.

"It's crazy to think that on Thursday, we'll have to speak to the board on behalf of UI students either endorsing or opposing something we're still unsure about," Rigby said about the regents' response to cuts.

Spotlight Iowa City

**In a different landscape**

Lily Allen-Duenas, a self-taught painter, explores the use of mixed media in her artwork.

By SAMANTHA GENTRY  
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Lily Allen-Duenas always seems to get paint in her hair. But that doesn't stop the artist from storing brushes in her brown locks while working. "Whenever I paint, I have to wear my hair in a bun, and then I stick my paintbrushes in it," she said. "But sometimes I forget which direction I stick the brushes because I get so into my painting. So paint always ends up in my hair."

The University of Iowa sophomore has taken art classes since she was 6. But it wasn't until last year when she took her first painting class at the university that she was exposed to a new medium.

"[Painting] was a more tangible form of self-expression," Allen-Duenas said. "It's more compatible with my energy."

But being self-taught painter it isn't just the acrylic paint Allen-Duenas uses that makes her art unique — it's the 2D objects she incorporates. Whether its playing cards, puzzle pieces, maps, or objects from nature, she likes to explore the use of mixed media.

"I like to challenge the 'fundamentality' of 2D objects and incorporate that with my paint to create the tension between

the artist's hand and the functionality of the objects themselves," she said.

The art and English major uses this technique in one of her favorite and largest pieces — a reaching hand with a tree of lighting floating above it.

"When I'm lying in bed, I like to think of different things and different objects I can use," Allen-Duenas said. "Sometimes they fly at me in a dream. It's actually very *Alice In Wonderland* like."

She had her first solo art show in November 2010 in the Blank Honors Center. At the end of the show, she was told her exhibit was one of the most successful the center has had.

She was nervous about showing her work because it is unique and personal. But she received positive reactions.

McKenzie Malone, a friend of hers, attended the exhibition and loved all of her pieces because she used different objects, such as keys, a deck of cards, and maps, to enhance her work.

"[Allen-Duenas'] passion is definitely art and the reason she excels at it is because she never gives up. She sets her mind to her goals and achieves them," Malone said. "Her artwork definitely sets her apart from the other students because you can see the passion she draws



ALEX CRIDER/THE DAILY IOWAN  
Lily Allen-Duenas makes adjustments to one of her paintings in her sorority house on Jan. 27. In addition to painting, Allen-Duenas makes two-dimensional sculptures out of everyday objects such as playing cards and keys.

**Lily Allen-Duenas**

- Age: 20
- Hometown: Santa Rosa, Calif.
- Volunteer work: Went to Romania to work at a children's hospital clinic/orphanage last year
- Other interests: Won second place in a Java House poetry slam
- Past work: Apprenticed as a glass blower at Bogenrief Studios

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through her pieces."

Allen-Duenas is also passionate about the English language. She likes to call herself a painter and a poet.

"English is also an act of creative expression for me," she said. "Words for me transcend the letter themselves, just like the paint

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transcends the canvas."

Linda Bolton, a UI associate professor of English who had Allen-Duenas as a student, had her use her skills as a painter to fulfill some of the course requirements of the class.

"She brings vitality, insight, creativity, and joy to her work, and I look forward to working with her as she continues to pursue her academic and artistic journey," Bolton said.

For Allen-Duenas, art is always something that has been a passion for her, and she plans on never letting it slip out of her life.

"It's a process of self-actualization," she said. "And I really want to expand my artistic knowledge and experience other forms of art to incorporate them in my own."



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

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Interventional Cardiology  
**Ellen Gordon, MD**  
Cardiology

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## Editorial

## Point/Counterpoint: Should Iowa require voters to present photo IDs?

## Yes

Soon, there might be a new place you'll need to show some identification: the voting booth.

While many are staunchly opposed to the Iowa House's recently approved bill, which requires intended voters to show photo identification at the polling place, this change is neither a means of discrimination nor an infringement on voters' 15th Amendment rights.

Instead, I see this change as a safety and security precaution; while voter fraud is a rarity, requiring photo IDs would make it nearly impossible.

Nowadays, a photo ID is required almost everywhere. I get carded upon making a deposit or withdrawal at my bank, at the hospital or clinic, prior to entering the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center to work out, and even upon completion of my final exam at the UI. All of these aim to verify my identity, not discriminate against me.

Voting should be no different.

I'm sure other young voters will agree. Voter Aaron Olson told KIMT, "It could help just because we're getting into a different age where people are coming all around from America and Iowa is kind of a melting pot right now" when asked about the switch.

However, the young are not necessarily the population most people opposed to this bill are worried about. Rather, they're concerned about those who don't have a strong need for a driver's license — the elderly and people with disabilities.

This bill would force people to obtain photo IDs, but that document does not have to be a driver's license; it could be something as simple as a state ID card or passport, which are already required for everyday activities. This is not some new phenomenon. People always have and always will be carded.

So while this small gesture is being accused of alienation and discrimination, opponents need to look at the facts. Iowa representatives are not talking away citizens' suffrage or discriminating against them, they merely ensuring people can prove that they are who they say they are.

—Taylor Casey

## No

To put it simply: There is no reason to require photo identification prior to voting.

According to studies by New York University's Brennan Center for Justice, the only fraud that photo ID would prevent, in-person impersonation fraud, has never been proven to be a serious problem in the United States (and Iowa is no exception). Even worse, voting restrictions based on possession of identification tend to disproportionately disenfranchise people of color and those of lower socioeconomic status.

Despite this, the last decade has seen pushes by numerous states to require photo IDs at the polls, including Georgia, Texas, and Indiana; proponents cite the specter of widespread fallacious ballot-stuffing as sufficient for legislation.

Those proponents include those behind simultaneous efforts in Minnesota and Iowa to turn away voters without proper identification — according to the Brennan Center's 2006 survey, approximately 11 percent of voting-age citizens. The percentage increases when the field narrows to count only minorities: Fifteen percent of adult citizens making under \$35,000 a year possess no current photo IDs; the same with 18 percent of citizens over 65 years old and 25 percent of African Americans.

The same study found that many of those adults lack the proof of citizenship necessary to obtain government-issued IDs; for these citizens, reacquisition of voting rights would cost a lot more than a trip to the Department of Motor Vehicles and \$5.

Given the unequal distribution of government-issued IDs and citizenship documents, any legislation requiring possession of these documents should only be a response to a serious voting fraud crisis — the kind that does not at present exist. Mere supposition is not enough grounds to disenfranchise minority voters.

Hopefully, the Iowa Senate understands the complete superfluosity of the photo-ID bill; otherwise, Iowa may constrain democratic involvement in the name of combating an imaginary foe.

— Shay O'Reilly

Your turn. Should Iowa require voters to present photo IDs?  
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## Think about MopedU before zipping around towns

First of all, I would like to compliment the individuals behind MopedU for their creativity and ingenuity. But after reading the article in the Jan. 27 *Daily Iowan*, I have some serious reservations with this business venture.

According to the state of Iowa, there is no additional education or training required for new moped users beyond what is completed for a regular driver's license. If people rent a moped from MopedU, they are going to be far more vulnerable to serious injuries from poor driving decisions made by them or other drivers on the roads around them. Is MopedU going

to provide tutorials on how to avoid these dangerous driving situations? Like many others, I drive across campus and downtown on a daily basis, and I see far too many poor decisions by people running late for class and business professionals trying to make it to work on time. If these poor, and sometimes selfish, driving decisions are combined with roughly 250

inexperienced moped users, that's a recipe for some disastrous situations.

I am by no means saying that this is inevitable or that it is the fault of the new moped users, but without proper education and enforcement of moped regulations, the opportunity for accidents that involve serious injuries will go up exponentially.

Josh Nichols

Iowa City resident

## Relearning inclusiveness

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When someone mentions the words diversity or minority in class, I am the first person to raise my hand.

I have a sort of instinct that warns me of imminent attacks on blacks and Latinos. I prepare myself to discuss the inequalities in Iowa City, the hardships that our impoverished students from Chicago face, and the inequity plaguing my close friends on campus.

I have always advocated for the reception of black and Latino presence in Iowa City and on campus. I lament to students and professors alike about the ignorance of the majority.

Sometimes I let the problem eat at me while I try to wrap my little hands around the bigger picture. However, after some very enlightening interactions and experiences last week, my view of the quandary has grown to encompass a new meaning of diversity.

I have a homeless friend who lives on the Pedestrian Mall. We have been friends since this past summer, but I never really thought about what that friendship meant until late last week, when I brought him with me to the Coral Ridge Mall. I thought that my good deeds would enrich his life.

While window shopping, I made a comment about the looks of a passing person. My friend stopped and said to me, "I don't judge." He then explained the fundamental principles of morality that I had learned as a child: Do not be judgmental, love others as you love yourself, be respectful, and give back to the world. Somehow along the way, I must have forgotten these.

I was guilty of the same ignorant and shameful behaviors that I so easily accuse white people of committing against blacks and Latinos. I stood high and mighty on my soapbox proclaiming the injustices that occur in our community, even pointing my finger at people who don't realize the prejudice in their own backyards, when I could not recognize it in my own.

Another event occurred last week that con-

tributed to the realization of my hypocritical view on injustice. I attended a small diversity event at the Women's Resource and Action Center. I went into the event expecting to discuss the ethnic inequalities in Iowa City, specifically prejudice against blacks and Latinos. However, to my surprise, the group was made up of women from varying ethnic backgrounds and countries.

When I saw a few white women at the event, I immediately formed my own assumptions about them. I wondered what they were doing at a diversity event. What did they know about what it meant to be diverse or to be a minority?

Then, we had to do an exercise where we shared something about ourselves that other people would not know just by our looks. I learned that one of these women was actually of Native American descent — something I never would have thought. A few of the other women were born and raised in different parts of Asia. Of course, I know that Asians are American minorities, but that fact never penetrated my consciousness.

Lesbians and bisexuals were also a part of the group. Before last week, I would have never thought of them to be part of a minority. As I had been pondering and exploring the enlightenment from my homeless friend, I took note of these women and my prejudices. I observed their social, cultural, and personal contributions to the community. An understanding of the meaning of diversity manifested within me.

Again, since childhood, I learned the fundamental principles of morality and the special meaning that had for my life as a minority. But I let passion for the advancement of my own people blur the vision of equality for all bestowed upon me by my parents. Over the past few days, I learned that diversity isn't my close knit community of friends who share common complaints. Diversity is the inclusion, understanding, mindfulness, and openness to acquire new truths.

We should be passionate about all issues that plague the benevolent people of our community, not just ones that affect ourselves. ■

## Guest opinion

## The sanctity of marriage means sanctity for all

Today, members of the Iowa House of Representatives are expected to vote on the Iowa Marriage Amendment, which would force a public referendum on the legality of same-sex marriage.

It is incredibly insulting to have civil rights put up to a popular vote. This measure is just as absurd as voting on the legality of interracial or interfaith marriages.

Marriage, in the context of our government, is a civil contract separate from any religious institution serving to ensure a couple's ability to file joint tax returns, obtain inheritance rights, adopt chil-

dren, acquire discounted insurance, visit each other in the hospital, and reap Social Security benefits. Just as importantly, marriage is perceived to embrace stability and societal respect with its focus residing in a couple's love and commitment.

Some consider marriage to be an immutable institution that has remained static for centuries. In fact, this is far from the truth: Marriage has changed throughout history to better reflect the ideals of society.

In America, the land of liberty and justice for all, the change has been rapid as society distances itself

from a Biblical interpretation. We have embraced the acceptance of interfaith and non-religious marriages as well as the establishment of divorce to allow the unhappily wed to part ways.

Even in recent times, marriage has been revised for the better. In 1967, the US Supreme Court, in *\*Loving v. Virginia\**, ruled in favor of eliminating all forms of race-based legal restrictions on marriage. No longer does race serve as a barrier to marriage. In 1993, North Carolina became the last state to criminalize marital rape. No longer can one have sex with her or his spouse

against the spouse's will.

While these changes are explicitly prohibited by some religions, our society has grown to support these attributes as ways to better foster happiness for all. Did changes result in the upheaval and destruction of marriage? No; they improved it.

It's been argued that protecting families and children is best accomplished by upholding "traditional" marriage — restricting its definition to one man and one woman. But in a relationship of love and commitment (the foundation of marriage), a couple's gender should not serve as a barrier.

There is no better way to protect families than to encourage committed and loving couples, regardless of sex, to enter into marriage. Same-sex marriages protect children by providing an option for orphanages across the country seeking a stable, supportive family to raise children.

Conservatives often balk at the notion of pride parades with gay people brazenly flaunting their sexuality. This is exactly why conservatives should be thrilled to know there are gay people who want to marry and change the gay stereotype. Conservatives should be pleased that gay people are embracing the

values of family to such a degree that they wish to create one of their own.

Here in Iowa, we're aware that over the past two years the reputation of marriage has not been tarnished by including gay people. Thousands of joyful couples have benefited from the 2009 Iowa Supreme Court ruling prohibiting a ban on same-sex marriage.

Let's be proud that Iowa was leads the way on equality, but we must also understand that the freedom to marry will not be retained without support and awareness.

Ryan Teahen is a student in the UI College of Dentistry.

 Dance Marathon: Volunteers

# A family tradition

After watching their daughters participate in Dance Marathon, the Borhoffs' parents will dance this year.

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Alissa Bornhofs is ready to dance. Actually, she's been ready for a few years now.

Although she is only a freshman at the University of Iowa, she is no stranger to Dance Marathon. Her older sister, Lindsay Bornhofs, a fifth-year senior, has been involved with the organization for five years. But the time has finally come for the 18-year-old.

"I think it's going to be the most exciting and emotional roller coaster of my life," said the first-year dancer.

Alissa Bornhofs caught her first glimpse of Dance Marathon at last year's "Big Event." She and her parents volunteered in the bag room, where all the dancers stash their belongings.

In between organizing backpacks and distributing duffle bags, the Humboldt, Iowa, native was able to sneak a peek inside the Main Ballroom. And that's when she knew the event was something she had to be involved in.

"By the end of the night, I was in tears," she said. After listening to several families' stories and witnessing Power Hour — the final hour of the "Big Event" — it was clear to her why her sister became so dedicated to the organization.

"It's been the most memorable and life-changing event for her," Bornhofs said, later adding, "This is something I'll definitely follow her in."

Following her only sister's lead is not unusual for her.



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**UI freshman Alissa Bornhofs stands in the IMU Main Ballroom on Sunday. Bornhofs' team has raised almost \$1,200 for the Big Event this weekend.**

The two girls were very close growing up. When Lindsay did something new, Alissa wanted to follow. Both participated in dance, track, and drill team in high school.

"She had a pretty big impact on my life," said Alissa Bornhofs. And Dance Marathon is no exception.

After witnessing a small portion of the event, she said, she knew she wanted to be more involved.

"Being there and seeing it, I was just like, 'Yeah, I definitely want to do that,'" she said.

This year, the duo teamed up to raise their money, and so far, they've raised almost \$1,200, which exceeded their expectations. They cosigned fundraising letters, which garnered support from Humboldt.

Lindsay Bornhofs, who is now the family-relations director, joined Dance Marathon during her freshman year. She said she didn't know about the organization until her

mother discovered it at Orientation and told her she had to participate.

Five years later, she said she can't imagine her life without it.

"It totally puts your priorities in check," she said.

She is in charge of contacting more than 500 families whom Dance Marathon supports. And those families have had an effect on her own.

"It's kind of become a family thing," said Lindsay Bornhofs, whose parents, Kevin and Sherri Bornhofs, plan to volunteer at the "Big Event" again this year.

As parents, the Bornhofs said they were proud of their daughters for taking time out of their busy schedules to contribute.

Dance Marathon has become an important aspect of the parents' lives, too. That's why the two will be part of spirit dancing for the first time this weekend.

"It'll be neat with both of them out there together this year," Sherri Bornhofs said.

# Old Brick party a hit

After a good turnout, the party's organizers are looking to create a more permanent venue.

By **ALLIE JOHNSON**  
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Corey Collins and Evan Ivory consider 2,000 people a success. And now, they're trying to persuade business-owners and investors that kind of success can be repeated.

After 10 months of planning a nonalcoholic dance party, the UI students said they were thrilled about the outcome.

"If you [think about] it, some bars don't even get these kind of numbers ... So if someone's smart enough, they definitely should check out something like this," said Collins, a UI freshman.

On Jan. 28, lines of students stretched out the door and around Old Brick, 26 E. Market St. Inside, two DJs spun music and hundreds danced under flashing lights.

UI freshman Ross Dudek said he went to the dance party expecting to have a good time, but he didn't expect approximately 2,000 people to show up.

"To be honest, I didn't think there would be nearly as many people because of sorority rush. The girls couldn't come out, but it seems like everyone who could, came to this," Dudek said. "Especially everyone under 21."

Following the successful outcome, the two organizers said they feel optimistic about getting a business owner to open a more permanent nonalcoholic establishment downtown.

Collins said their next step would be to hold another party and start talking with business owners and investors.

"We don't have an exact



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**People dance at nonalcoholic dance party in Old Brick on Jan. 28. The event was created by Corey Collins and Evan Ivory in an attempt to provide an alternative to the bars, which are now 21-only.**

date, but we're going to plan for another [event]," Collins said. "Right now, we are going to talk underground with a lot of people to make this an actual business."

UI sophomore Ivory said he was excited about the outcome.

"It's successful," he said. "It's everything we wanted it to be. Everybody came out, and honestly, they were having a good time."

UI Vice President for Student Services Tom Rocklin wrote in an e-mail he was pleased with the success.

"[I] hope we can see more events like it in the future," he said. "The success is a credit to the organizers and evidence that UI students know how to have a good time in a nonalcoholic setting."

Laurie Camp, the manager of Karma, a nonalcoholic dance club in Myrtle Beach, S.C., said these types of establishments can make money. But being in a college town, where students have easy access to alcohol, could complicate profitability, she said.

Karma, Camp said,

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Check out a photo slide show from the Party at the Old Brick.

makes money from its \$10 cover.

"It is a touristy town, so there are always teens," Camp said. "When we are open, we are packed."

Iowa City property developer Marc Moen, who also applauded the party's outcome, said he would support creating a similar permanent establishment.

"I think it is exactly what everyone hoped would happen," he said. "That people would become a little more creative and less reliable on alcohol."

Moen said he briefly spoke with Collins about the plan and loved the idea. When Collins told him 2,000 people said they would attend, Moen thought it was a typo.

"When he told me 2,000, I said you mean 200? And he said, 'No, we are expecting 2,000 people,'" Moen said. "And I thought that was just incredible."

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### Signs You've Been a Bus Driver Way Too Long:

- If a friend gets into the back of your car, you shout, “We’re not moving until you get out and come back through in the front.”
- Every time you get in your car, you tell the radio, “Clock out last driver, please.”
- You don’t let friends ride shotgun; they have to be behind the yellow line.
- You point out everything you believe to be impossible in the movie *Speed*; everything else you vow to attempt.
- Whenever you stop at a friend’s house to pick her or him up, you often pull out and drive off as they’re frantically running toward your car.
- You charge all of your passengers, and if they don’t have exact change, you kick them off, even if it is your little sister.
- You often forget to stop at your destination because no one pulled the “stop requested” cords you have duct-taped to your car’s windows.
- You exceed the legal number of passengers your car can hold on a semi-regular basis.
- You have two mottos: “Excessive braking” and “No seat belts.”
- Your favorite joke begins, “You are a bus driver. At your first stop, eight people get on your bus. At the next stop four people get on and three people get off. At the next stop ...”
- You’ve rear-ended four different vehicles in the last six months because you keep forgetting that your car has a front end.
- You only turn up the radio when driving at night with a full carload of drunk freshmen.

- Trisha Spence refuses to drive anything bigger than her dorm room.

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**UI sophomore Maura Schweitz and freshman Sarah Noser share a short chat before rotating life-guard positions at the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center on Sunday. Sundays are typically busier for the facility, with many families in attendance.**

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- by Eugenia Last

**ARIES** March 21-April 19 Not everyone is in your corner, so decide who can be trusted. Don’t be afraid to change your mind or your direction if you feel it will help the outcome of a situation you face. Consistency is important.

**TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Keep things out in the open. Communication and sharing with others should be tantamount. There is plenty to look forward to as long as you finish what you start and honor your promises.

**GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Listen to background chatter, and you’ll pick up valuable information. An opportunity that can help you change your professional status is apparent. Ask someone you’ve worked with in the past to put in a good word for you.

**CANCER** June 21-July 22 You’ll be more accepting and adaptable, so make a point of changing what isn’t working in your life. No one else will do it for you, so gather up your thoughts, and move forward with your plans. Work from home or put extra effort into your environment.

**LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 You’ll be drawn to different cultures, lifestyles, or ways of doing things. It will be vital that you aren’t a chameleon, copying someone you look up to or believe in. If what you’re getting doesn’t measure up to what you want, move on.

**VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Step up and take responsibility. Your actions will create greater respect and the opportunity to be given interesting projects to work on in the future. Networking and pulling people together will enable you to position yourself well.

**LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Just because someone wants something right away doesn’t mean you have to succumb to the demand. Pace yourself. Emotional concern regarding home and family will be difficult to deal with. Don’t risk what you’ve worked so hard to accomplish.

**SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 A proposal that will bring you greater security should be considered. Don’t sit idle when interacting with others is what’s required. Thinking too small or waiting too long will be your downfall.

**SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Consider making a move or changing your living quarters to better suit your needs. Hard work, discipline, and taking action will do the trick. Make your presence felt by the business people who can help you secure your position for some time to come.

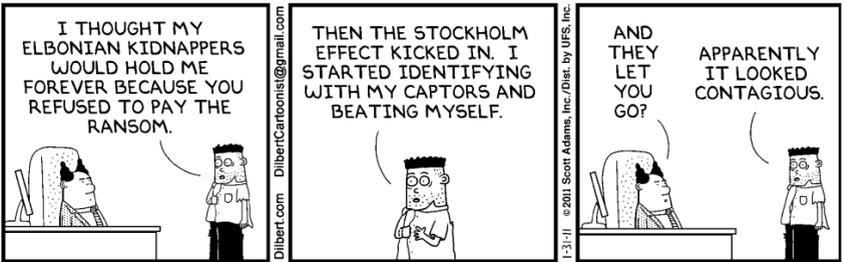
**CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Don’t allow anyone to push you into something you don’t care to do. Added responsibilities will leave you with little time to deal with someone else’s problems. Focus more on your personal life.

**AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Any chance you are given to make positive changes must be used. Stability and advancement can be yours if you are willing to make the effort required. There is nothing holding you back, so rethink your strategy, then get moving.

**PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 Interact with someone you need in your corner in order to get a project or plan off the ground. Don’t let ego or jealousy stand in the way of victory. Sometimes, it’s best to take a back seat in order to get what you want or need.

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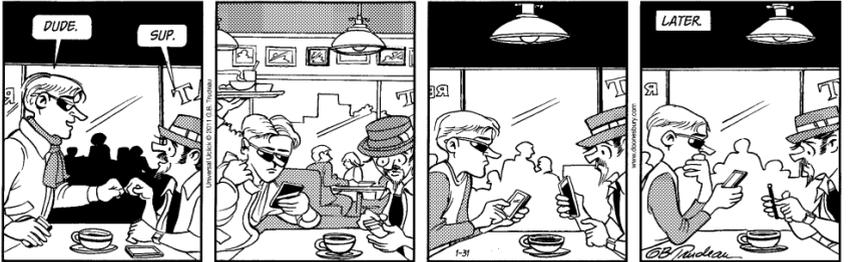
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## today's events

- **USA Diving Winter National Championships**, 9 a.m., Campus Recreation & Wellness Center
- **Toddler Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 Linn
- **Community and Behavioral Health Faculty Candidate Seminar**, 11 a.m., UIHC W256 General Hospital
- **Physical and Environmental Seminar**, “Fe(II), Fe(III) Electron Transfer in Fe Oxides: Implications for Uranium Transformation,” D.E. Latta, Civil and Environmental Engineering, 12:30 p.m., W207 Pappajohn Business Building
- **IC Secular Homeschool Group: Gymnasium Fun**, 1 p.m., Robert A. Lee Recreation Center, 220 S. Gilbert
- **Nuclear and Particle Physics Seminar**, “Topologically Massive Yang-Mills in 3D,” Tuna Yildirim, Physics/Astronomy, 1:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen
- **Beat a Cop, Win a Pop**, 3:15 p.m., Mercer Park Aquatic Center, 2701 Bradford
- **Colloquium**, research presentations by Gregory Howes, Philip Kaaret, Randall McEntaffer, and Mary Hall Reno, Physics/Astronomy, 3:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen
- **Biology Seminar**, “Two genders, one genome: sexual dimorphism and the resolution of intralocus conflict,” Robert Cox, Dartmouth, 4 p.m., 101 Biology Building East
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- **Linguistic Competence in Patient Care**, Ira SenGupta, executive director of Cross Cultural Health-Care Program, 6 p.m., 100B Pharmacy Building
- **Zumba**, 6 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Society, 10 S. Gilbert
- **Ballroom Dancing Beginner's Lessons**, Hawkeye Ballroom Dance Company, 7 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E. Market
- **Tamara Drew**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **Honor Choir**, 7 p.m., IMU Main Lounge
- **“Live from Prairie Lights,”** Joseph Skibell, fiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Open Mike**, J. Knight, 8 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Marwencol**, 9:10 p.m., Bijou

### ONGOING

- **The Photography of Todd Adamson**, Alberhasky Eye Clinic, 2346 Mormon Trek Blvd
- **Chaos and Creation on the Pentacrest**, Old Capitol Museum
- **Iowa City School District Artist Educators**, MidWestOne Bank, 102 S. Clinton
- **Diane Blair Kunzler Paintings**, Herbert Hoover National Site, 104 Parkside Drive, West Branch
- **Memory Series: New Work by Ali Kirsch**, Red Avocado, 521 E. Washington
- **Dena Tollefson: Abstracts**, Project Art, UIHC
- **Nathan Wetherell: Heart Glass and Henry Herrera: Her-rerART**, Bella Joli, 125 S. Dubuque

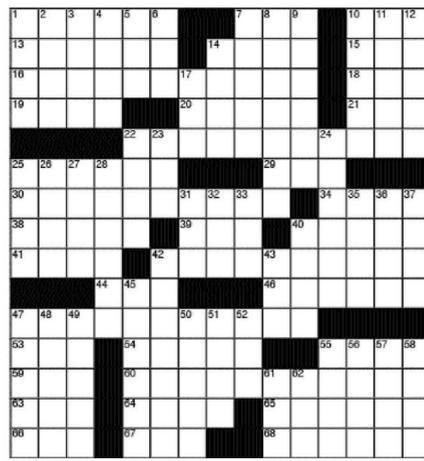
## The New York Times Crossword

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- Half of the Dynamic Duo
  - 331/3, e.g., for a record: Abbr.
  - Envision
  - Stir up
  - Prefix with space
  - Word after sales or income
  - Second-stringer
  - One thing \_\_\_ time
  - Window framework
  - Milan opera house La \_\_\_
  - Rapper \_\_\_
  - Compensation in bills and coins
  - Put a cork in
  - Mao \_\_\_-tung
  - “Great taste ... less filling!” sloganer
  - Still red, as a steak
  - Loosened, as a 57-Down
  - Before, poetically
  - Eskimo boat
  - Miss \_\_\_ USA
  - 1986 Keanu Reeves film
  - Tip of a boot
  - Gets rigid
  - Car in the Playmates’ 1958 hit “Beep Beep”
  - Suffix with rational or civil framework
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  - Church dignitary
  - Some eels
  - Like week-old bread
  - Dine at home
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  - Stupidhead
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  - Fish-tailed males
  - Porn
  - Fork prong
  - Merrill \_\_\_ England
  - Base of a column
  - Hawaiian garland
  - Newspaper columnist Kupcnet
  - Golf peg
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  - Records turning at 331/3 7-Down
  - Capricious desire
  - Hold \_\_\_ your hat!
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# JASON

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"He was kind of a star," said Rolla Abu Arja, a clinical assistant professor of pediatrics at the University of Iowa Children's Hospital and one of Jason's physicians.

Jason had a passion for music — something he became famous for in the hospital and with the many Dance Marathon volunteers who befriended him.

"He had this knowledge of music beyond his age," said Kirsten Nelson, a UIHC music therapist who worked with Jason. She credited the knowledge to Jason's 16-year-old brother, Joe Eckrich, who plays the drums.

Nelson met Jason shortly after doctors diagnosed the then 4-year-old with cancer. In their music-therapy sessions, Jason fell in love with the drums, and to Nelson's surprise, when he played, he threw one hand behind his back — she later found out it was a tribute to the one-armed Def Leppard drummer Rick Allen.

While most of Nelson's patients request children's songs, Jason always had something a little bit different in mind.

One time before surgery, Nelson composed the song "Pour Some Stem Cells in Me," a reference to his favorite song, "Pour Some Sugar on Me."

Jason spent his time in the hospital belting out the lyrics of his favorite artists, which included Miley Cyrus and her TV character, Hannah Montana, Lady Gaga, and Pink. And if he wasn't singing along, Jason listened to their songs on his pink iPod — his favorite color.

"He was pretty shy," said father Steve Eckrich. "But put a mike in his hand, he was just a ham."

His love for Cyrus was



Jason Eckrich's grave is seen on Jan. 22 at Memorial Gardens. Jason's mother, Jacki Eckrich, will share Jason's story with hundreds of dancers at this year's Dance Marathon.

## Jason Eckrich

**The outgoing 5-year-old died from acute myeloid leukemia in March 2010:**

- **Hometown:** North Liberty
- **Favorite color:** Pink
- **Favorite cartoon:** SpongeBob
- **Favorite food:** Bacon
- **Favorite singer:** Miley Cyrus

strong: In one video, Jason wears his Hannah Montana wig, a staple of his musical performances. During a hospital stay, a local radio station let him sing a Cyrus song on air. And at last year's Dance Marathon, he dedicated her song "The Climb" to his mother; the same song played at his funeral.

While Jason was popular among many of the hospital volunteers, he developed a strong bond with UI freshman Sara Stewart, who was a high-school volunteer at the hospital when she met Jason.

"She walked in the door, and there was just instant chemistry between the two of them," Jacki Eckrich said.

The pair became fast friends, Eckrich said, and Jason would whisk Stewart up to his room to perform a concert for her, bouncing around on his bed as she knelt on the floor in devout attention.

"I don't think he knew he was that sick," Stewart said.

Before Jason's diagnosis, he had always been a healthy kid, Jacki Eckrich said. When Jason began suffering from bruises and found it difficult to walk up the stairs, doctors thought it was pneumonia.

They drew some blood, and on Dec. 23, 2008, discovered it wasn't pneumonia. It was leukemia.

"It felt like a death sentence," Steve Eckrich said.

During his time in the hospital, Jason underwent several rounds of chemotherapy and a bone-marrow transplant. Despite undergoing numerous treatments to fight his leukemia, Jason's positivity never faltered.

"I've never been sick," Jacki Eckrich recalls her son saying one night at the

hospital. "I'm just resting."

That optimism, coupled with a strong prognosis from doctors, kept his family hopeful. So when a fever struck a few days after his Make-A-Wish trip to Disney World, it wasn't abnormal.

But that turned into an infection that his body couldn't handle. Not long after, Jason died while in a medically induced coma.

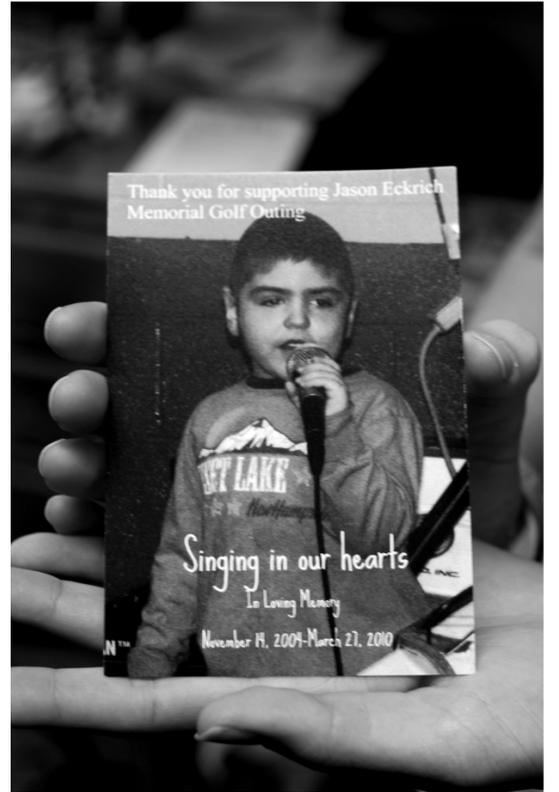
"The minute [the infection] went right to his lungs, he didn't have a chance," Jacki Eckrich said.

For his family, reality didn't set in until after his funeral.

"A month later, everybody's life goes back to normal, and you're just ... you're not normal," Jacki Eckrich said, her voice breaking slightly.

Less than a year since Jason's death, his presence still remains in the Eckrichs' North Liberty home. Over the fireplace sits a black-and-white photo collage of Jason in silly poses taken at Dance Marathon last year.

Scattered along the wall hang old pictures of baby



Sara Stewart holds a photo she received at Jason Eckrich's Memorial Golf Outing. Jason passed away from complications of leukemia on March 27, 2010. Stewart, who had become close friends with him, said he was a "kind, happy kid who always thought of others."

Jason in a Cubs outfit, he and his big brother smiling for the camera. On the floor sits the multicolored rug he picked out himself at Menards. By the front door, his Cat in the Hat baseball cap rests beside the others. The tricycle he rode down the hospital halls rests in the garage.

Looking back, Jacki Eckrich said she's amazed at how much help the Dance Marathon organization provided her family and how much joy the volunteers gave both her family and her son, whether he was in or out of the hospital.

"It's so amazing to see the kids and the families and to see them be kids,"

said Stewart, who will be an assistant morale captain at this year's event.

This weekend's Dance Marathon will be the Eckrichs' second but the first without Jason. While Jacki said it might feel "too soon," she'll take the stage on Saturday before hundreds of dancers to share Jason's story. Jason's brother Joe will be there, too, as an assistant morale captain.

Though Jason won't dance at this year's Big Event, those who knew him said they'll never forget Jason and his love of music.

"Hopefully, he's still singing up there in heaven," Stewart said. "I know he is."



CHRISTY AUMER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa City police and fire officials inspect 421 S. Dodge St. on Sunday. Officials received a fire call around 10:50 p.m. on Jan. 29. Officials estimate that the fire caused around \$120,000 in structural damage.

## FIRE

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housing for anyone who needed it.

University of Iowa junior Lance Iburg lived directly above the front unit, which was completely destroyed.

Iburg's roommate Anthony Davis, 20, said nothing in their apartment was damaged, but their clothes smelled like smoke.

Officials were unable to disclose any details relating to the incident; they are calling on the public to locate a possible male witness.

An investigation regarding the source of the fire is ongoing, and it is expected to conclude today.

No residents were injured during the fire, but one Iowa City firefighter — whose name has not been disclosed — was taken to University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics for burn injuries on his hands. Iowa City Fire Battalion Chief Brian Platz said the firefighter was released Sunday and is "at home resting comfortably."

Several tenants and neighbors of the building reported hearing a loud

## Recent structure fires in Iowa City:

- Nov. 23, 2010, Takanami, 217 Iowa Ave. — \$5,000 damage
- Dec. 15, 2010, 2401 Bartlett Road — \$12,000 damage
- Jan. 29, 2011, 421 S. Dodge St. — estimated \$135,000 in structural and content damage

Source: Daily Iowan archives, Iowa City Fire Battalion Chief Brian Platz

noise shortly before the building went up in flames.

"We heard some sort of a loud bang," Iburg said. "It sounded like someone kicked in a door or something."

A neighbor, Dominique Conway, said he heard "a big old bang like a cannon going off" and didn't think anything of it until he saw the flames several minutes later.

Robert Corry, a civil fire investigator based in Boston, said the loud bangs could be attributed to electrical causes, pockets of fuel gas, a transformer explosion, fireworks, the explosion of aerosol cans, and potential arson.

Iburg said he ran downstairs after he heard the

noise and smoke detectors going off, where he saw smoke coming from the cracks of the door of the unit directly below his. After Iburg knocked on the door several times with no response, he opened the unlocked door and his face was "hit with a cloud of smoke."

Iburg and his two roommates told *The Daily Iowan* they were surprised by the extent of the damage to the building. They will live with friends or return to Williamsburg until their building can be inhabited again.

Platz said the fire caused an estimated \$120,000 in structural damage and \$15,000 in content damage.

Iburg said he and his roommates were relieved he purchased renter's insurance prior to leasing the property.

Iburg's landlord, John Faselt, declined to comment on the incident Sunday evening.

"I'm just really glad our landlord recommended renters insurance," Iburg said. "Especially now."

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# Hawkeye Sports Week in Photos



Freshman diver Lauren Kelba completes a dive during practice on Jan. 25 in the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center. Kelba, who is from Canada, competes in 3-meter springboard and the platform dives.

KATHLEEN WILLEM / THE DAILY IOWAN

*'This is a big win for us. This was a hard-fought battle for both teams. And it's just like it was at their place: It was back and forth, and both teams I thought played pretty well.'*

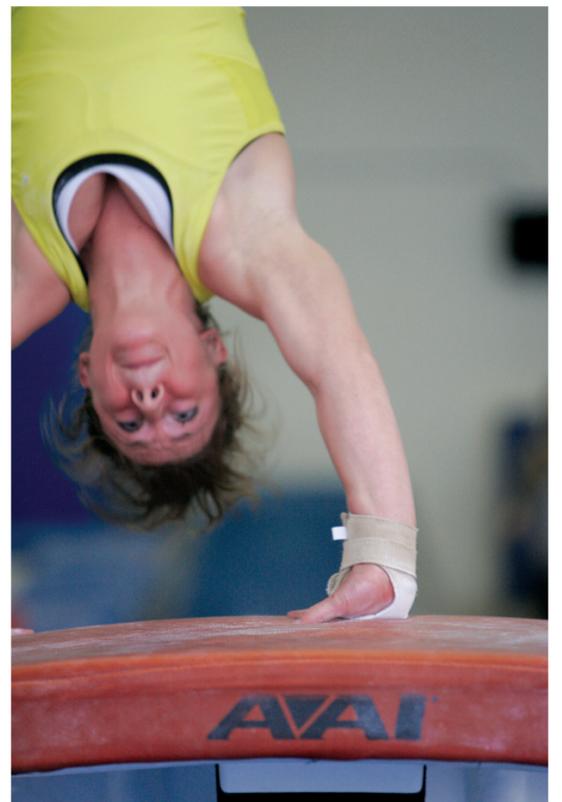
— Iowa women's head basketball coach **Lisa Bluder** on her team's 66-64 win against No. 10 Michigan State Jan 27.

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Iowa women's basketball head coach Lisa Bluder requests an explanation for a seemingly mounting Iowa personal foul count in the second half the matchup against No. 10-ranked Michigan State in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Jan. 27. Six minutes into the second half, Iowa had tallied six fouls; Michigan State had zero.



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Iowa sophomore Emma Stevenson practices on the vault on Jan. 25 in the Field House. Although she is not yet in the vault lineup, she works hard at it. "It's all about the team for me," she said.



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Iowa guard Jaime Printy looks for an open teammate during the Hawks' game against No. 10 Michigan State in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Jan. 27. Printy posted 11 points and six rebounds in 34 minutes of play.



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Iowa senior Nikita Zotov competes against Creighton's J.T. Christian at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex on Sunday. Zotov defeated Christian (6-1, 7-5).



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Iowa guard Kachine Alexander argues her case for a foul call while getting a hand from forward Jade Rogers during Iowa's contest against No. 10 Michigan State in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Jan. 27. Both teams were called often for fouls, with the Spartans tallying 16 to Iowa's 17.

# Men's tennis smokes Creighton

The Hawkeyes look to build on a successful first meet of the spring.

By **BEN ROSS**  
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Fans gathered at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex on Sunday to cheer for the men's tennis team in its season-opener against Creighton. They didn't know what to expect from a young team that contains only two seniors and a handful of players who have never competed in singles before.

What they got was a sensational performance from all players, who won in a fashion that head coach Steve Houghton likes to call "high-percentage tennis."

"I was pleased that we won all our matches," he said. "I get to see these players every day in practice, but today, I got to see their reactions in games. I was pleased with a win, espe-

cially an opening-day win."

Houghton was happy with the way all of his players competed in the 7-0 victory, and he was especially impressed with the play of sophomore Garret Dunn. Listed at 6-8, the Tempe, Ariz., native looks as if he should be playing center on hardwood, not dominating singles and doubles play on a tennis court. Even though this was his first singles match at Iowa, he was able to play at a high level and looked like a confident senior.

Perhaps the most impressive part of Dunn's play was his serve, which helped him cruise to a 6-1, 6-4 victory over Creighton's Gabe Nagy.

"Being tall has its pluses and minuses," the sophomore said. "It helps with my serve, but my speed and footwork need improvement. My serve is something I can fall back on. I have lived off it a lot."

Dunn looked dangerous in doubles as well. He and partner senior Nikita Zotov cruised to a 8-1 win in their match.

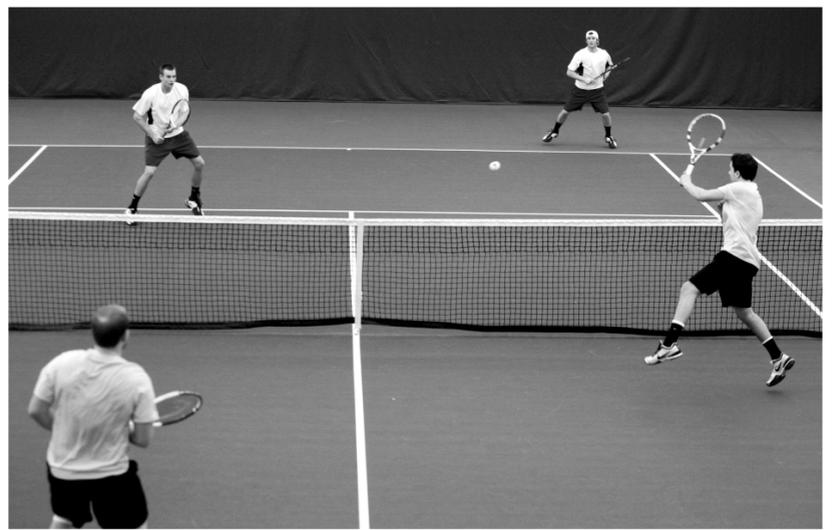
*'I get to see these players every day in practice, but today, I got to see their reactions in games.'*

- Steve Houghton, head coach

Another player who has impressed fans since last season is junior Marc Bruche. Bruche, who hails from Holsbrunn, Germany, played in the No. 1 singles spot on Sunday and beat Billy Paluch in straight sets (7-5, 6-3). The junior sees a lot of improvement in his game since last season, and he credits his increased maturity and comfort.

"I was expecting to win for the first time," he said. "I felt more comfortable. I had a hard time in the first set; my opponent made me play a lot of balls I didn't need to. I have a long way to go."

Bruche certainly looked as if he was more comfortable than his opponent, who voiced displeasure in his game with a series of



Iowa's Marc Bruche (left foreground) and Jonas Dierckx compete in a doubles match against Creighton on Sunday in the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center. Bruche and Dierckx won, 8-7.

grunts and four-letter words that aren't fit for print. But that didn't faze the junior.

"He wasn't winning the long rallies, he was frustrated," Bruche said. "I honestly don't think about it."

Bruche also cited his success to assistant coach

Steve Nash, who provided him words of confidence in-between sets.

"[Nash] reminds me of the stuff we do in practice," Bruche said. "It helped me because he reminded me of my strengths, and that gave me confidence."

Houghton isn't too worried about such a large win affecting the Hawkeyes' attitude.

"They know how our schedule works," he said. "Our guys see this match for what it is, no overconfidence."

# Freeman/Rydze head to finals

Veronica Rydze and Deidre Freeman will go to the final round of the 3-meter synchronized diving event held on Tuesday.

By **MAGGIE CUNNINGHAM**  
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After competing in the 2011 U.S. Diving National's first day of competition, UI seniors Deidre Freeman and Veronica Rydze are pleased with their performance.

The competition kicked off at 10 a.m. Sunday in the Campus Recreation and Wellness Center with the men's synchronized platform diving preliminary and the women's 3-meter synchronized diving preliminary.



Rydze diver

The Freeman-Rydze team got off to a strong start in the synchronized dive. After the event concluded, the two were looking at either a fourth or fifth seed for the finals, which will be held Tuesday evening.

"I think we did really well in the synchro," Rydze said. "We missed a few of our dives, but we still made the finals, so there is a lot of room to improve and move up in our ranking."

In August, the pair fin-

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ished fourth in the 3-meter synchronized dive at the 2010 Summer National Championships. That finish, along with a strong final at this competition, will increase their chances of being invited to the World Championships in July.

The two Hawkeyes are looking forward to the final, but they did not have the same success in the individual 3-meter dive.

Rydze finished in 20th, and she will not advance to the final round after she missed one of her dives.

"Veronica was too straight up on a back two-and-a-half [a diving rotation] and just tipped her feet, so she lost about 15 points there," diving coach Bob Rydze said. "And she only missed [finals] by about seven points. Otherwise, she dove really well, but you can't do that and make it."

Just three places behind her teammate, Freeman will also not advance to the final round.

Freeman was injured in

practice on Jan. 24, and she says the partial biceps tear "definitely" affected her finish in this event.

"We had to change her back and reverse from pike to tuck," Bob Rydze said. "And she hasn't done the tuck in over a year. She went over on both of them, and that's going to happen when you haven't practiced them. "She did a great job for being in pain."

Because of a successful top-12 finish in the outdoor championships, Freeman does not have to compete in the 1-meter preliminary. She has a bye and will automatically go to the semifinal round, which is set for Wednesday, giving her extra time to heal.

"If I were doing the 1-meter tomorrow, I don't know if I'd be able to do it, because my entire list is pikes," Freeman said.

She does not anticipate struggling with the injury in the synchronized finals, because the list of dives includes only tucks.

It has been a challenge for Freeman to compete on an injured shoulder, but she said a positive attitude will only make things better.

"Maybe this will keep my

mind off being nervous and stuff like that," she said. "Maybe it could help me in the long run."

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## MEN'S SWIMMING

### Men's swimming wins Shamrock

The men's swimming team continued its string of strong performances when it won the Shamrock Invitational in South Bend, Ind., for the second year in a row.

Iowa competed against Denver and Notre Dame, two teams they had beaten in the Hawkeye Invitational in December.

They beat host Notre Dame by a score of 194-174 and Denver by 229-129.

The 400 relay remained a strong suit for Iowa; the team of sophomore Jordan Huff and jun-

iors Paul Gordon, Ryan Phelan, and Duncan Partridge surged to a first-place finish in a time of 2:29.18.

Freshman diver Osvel Molina competed in the 3-meter dive. He ended up with a score of 322.90 for fifth place and a new college-best score.

Sophomore Byron Butler had a strong meet, taking first place in the 200 back with a time of 1:47.34 and first in the 200 fly with a college-best time of 1:49.36.

"It was a gutsy, hard racing win for the men's team," head coach Marc Long said in a release.

- by Ben Wolfson

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rebuilding year," he said. "And we're not going to settle for middle of the pack. We want national championships."

Two days earlier, McDonough trailed Precin, 3-0, in the third period. Precin had effectively defended McDonough during the match, and he had done the same when he gave the Marion native his only defeat of the season. But McDonough, the defending national champion at 125 pounds, felt an opening and threw Precin to the mat for a pin.

Iowa went on to beat Northwestern, 31-9.

McDonough again started things off for Iowa with a fall on Sunday — his third consecutive — by pinning Penn State's Nate

Morgan in 4:16.

Next, Tony Ramos, ranked 10th by Intermat, scored a takedown in the second period and an escape in the third for a 3-2 upset of fifth-ranked Iowa State transfer Andrew Long — the runner-up at 125 pounds last year.

Ramos said he watched McDonough beat Long four times last season and learned how to approach the match.

"I've seen him wrestle numerous times," Ramos said. "And I knew that if I picked up the pace, he wasn't going to be able to keep up."

Junior Montell Marion, made his surprise debut at 141 pounds after being reinstated to the team earlier in the month. Penn State's fifth-ranked Andrew Alton threw Marion to his back in the first period, nearly pinning him. Marion fought to avoid the

pin but was stuck in an early 5-0 hole.

Head coach Tom Brands, though, knew Marion could mount a comeback.

"You're always in it, especially when you have offense," Brands said to Flowrestling.com following the meet. "And that's why he was in it, because he has offense."

Marion proved Brands right, ripping off three third-period takedowns to earn an 11-9 victory that had Iowa on its way to the upset.

The Hawkeyes got decisions from Aaron Janssen and Grant Gambrall, and a dual-clinching major decision from Luke Lofthouse on their way to a victory that made a statement to the wrestling world.

"For the fans, it's a confidence booster that we're doing the right things," Ramos said. "But we already knew this about ourselves."

# HOSPITAL

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The players were taken to UIHC when they suffered from extreme muscle soreness and discolored urine after completing NCAA-permitted winter workouts.

"There has been a lot of speculation by those who don't have the facts, and it is unfair and inappropriate for anyone to make wild guesses about what happened," Ferentz said. Iowa Athletics Director

Gary Barta said he was pleased all of the student-athletes could begin to return to their academic, athletics, and personal lives. The focus now will turn to discovering the cause of the situation — which will include reviewing the workouts and talking with everyone involved.

Barta said, "I hope those who follow our program will respect this process moving forward and refrain from any further unproductive rush to judgment."

**UIHC to probe possible violations**  
Officials at the UI Hospitals and Clinics announced on Jan. 28 that they will conduct an investigation into possible inappropriate access to the medical records of the 13 Iowa football players hospitalized because of symptoms of rhabdomyolysis. A proactive screening of the electronic medical records of the student-athletes indicated potential improper access. Players and parents were notified of the possible violations; the investigation is expected to take up to two weeks to complete.  
— by J.T. Bugos

# COMMENTARY

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of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics story. If you believe what you read from some of these people, you'd get the sense that Kirk "Spawn of Satan" Ferentz has been conspiring with the ghost of John Wilkes Booth to methodically slaughter any players he doesn't see fit to sacrifice on the football field.

Relax. The rhabdomyolysis situation is serious — 13 athletes in the hospital is hard to ignore (all have since been released), and I wish them all a speedy recovery — but it isn't the threat to national security that a number of columnists appear to believe it is.

Take ESPN.com senior writer Pat Forde, for example. Forde's Jan. 28 column said Ferentz doesn't care about his players because he didn't make an appearance at the team's press conference on Jan. 26.

Ya gotta be kiddin' me. Ferentz didn't show

because he wasn't in Iowa City. National signing day is this week, and it's kind of a big deal in college football. It's the day you find out what your team's future looks like. It was Ferentz's job to be on the road, and it's not like the Rhabdo 13 would have improved if he had contributed a sound bite at the press conference.

Does this mean he doesn't care about his players? Uh, no — especially not when the players are being watched by some of the best doctors in the country. They're in great hands.

It's hard to find a coach with a better reputation than Ferentz. He routinely takes middle-of-the-road recruits and, through hard work and a little bit of magic, turns them into stars. He might not be a saint, but Captain Kirk's 89-60 record at the Hawkeye helm says a lot about his leadership and dedication to his players. If Ferentz didn't care, he would still be coaching Maine.

Whatever happened in that workout will be revealed eventually. The

state Board of Regents launched an investigation of the events at the end of last week, and the results will be announced within 90 days.

You know, when they've had time to actually figure out what happened.

Until then, the Fordemites should stop the guesswork. For all we know, this was an unfortunate accident — like when USC tailback Stafon Johnson dropped a weight bar on his neck in 2009. Football is a brutal game, and injuries are going to happen when its athletes push themselves to their limits.

Speculation is weak journalism, but thanks to the 24-hour news cycle propagated by ESPN and the Internet, it's become the predominant form of information. You don't need facts anymore to have a job writing columns about evil football coaches. All you need is a computer and a flair for exaggeration.

Maybe Ferentz is at fault, but maybe not. We don't know yet. Stop guessing.

# RECRUITS

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ther chooses to sign with the Hawkeyes, Kakert doesn't believe the hos-

pitalizations will be the reason.

"The fact is [Ferentz] could tell them much of what he said in his statement — he's had two of his sons in this program who have done

this workout," Kakert said. "I think when you can talk to parents about that as a parent and less as a football coach, that reassures them that this isn't a dangerous situation for them."

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# All 13 football players out of hospital

The final eight football players were released from the hospital over the weekend.

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The 13 Iowa football players who were hospitalized last week have been released from the UI Hospitals and Clinics. The athletes, who appeared to suffer from symptoms of rhabdomyolysis — a muscle syndrome — were admitted to UIHC on Jan. 24 and Jan. 25.

Rhabdomyolysis is the release of muscle-fiber contents into the bloodstream, and it can lead to kidney damage. Symptoms can occur with repeated muscle trauma or heavy exercise.

"Getting all 13 student-athletes healthy and out of the hospital has been priority No. 1 all along, so I'm very happy that they all are now back home and resuming their lives," Hawkeye head coach Kirk Ferentz said in a statement. "These young men and their families have been through a difficult and trying time. They are under my supervision and watch, and I am truly sorry for what they've experienced. They trained extremely



**Ferentz**  
head coach

## MORE TODAY

Hawkeye recruits say the latest incident isn't affecting their decision to commit. **BELOW** And inside, hospital officials launch investigation into privacy violations. **PAGE 10**

hard and ended up in the hospital, and there is no indication they did anything wrong.

"So I'm pleased they are progressing well, and I look forward to seeing all of them being back to normal."

Five of the athletes were released on Jan. 28, and six more were discharged the following day. The final two were sent home Sunday.

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## COMMENTARY

# Guesswork is mess work

The rhabdomyolysis situation has been blown way out of proportion. Stop it.



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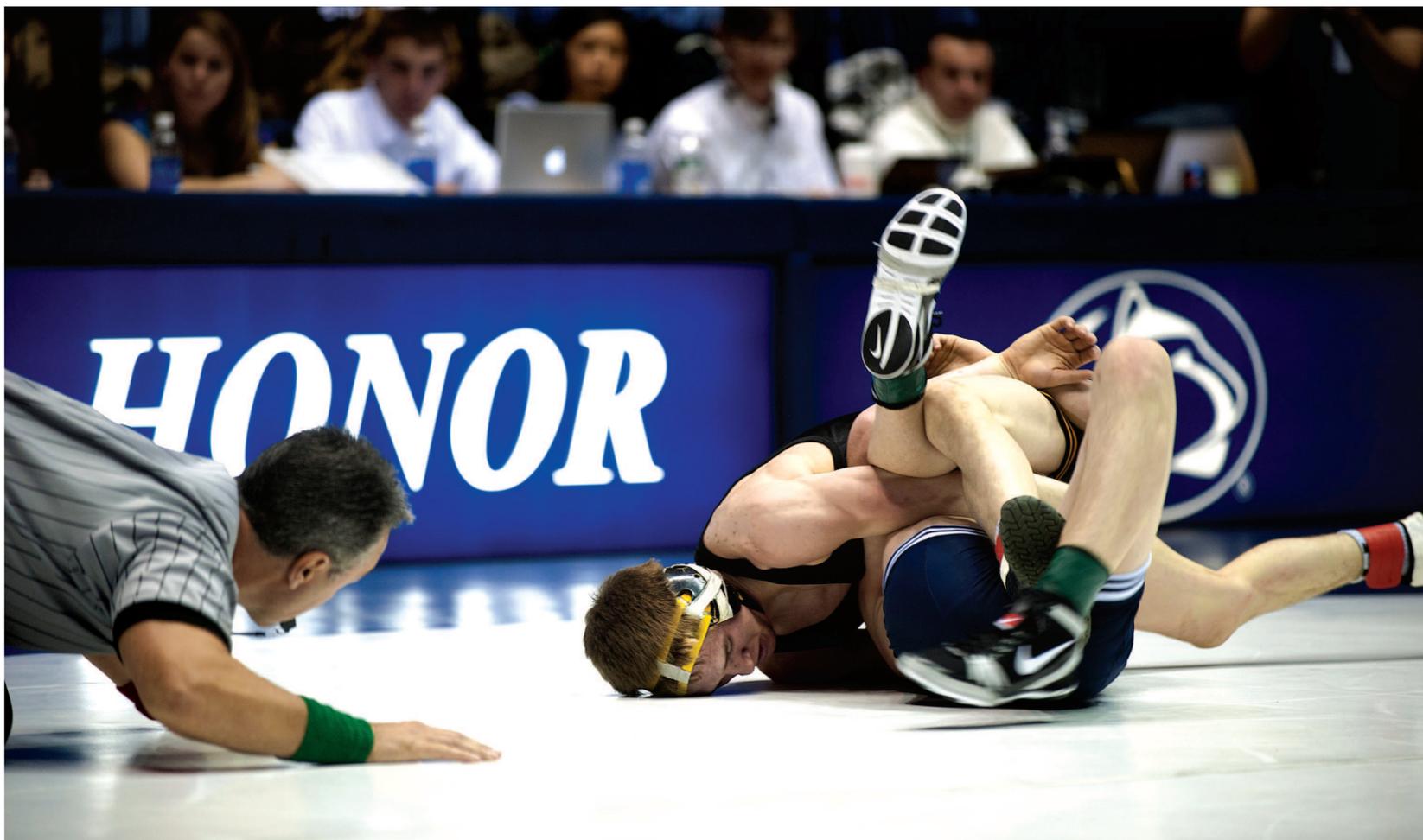
From the DJK fiasco to last week's rhabdomyolysis outbreak, the past few months haven't been great

for the Iowa football team.

You've no doubt heard all about the events — or at least what information the athletics department has made public.

The national media, which under normal circumstances couldn't care less about what happens in Iowa City, have been all over the University

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STEVE MANUEL, CENTRE DAILY TIMES/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Iowa's Matt McDonough (center) pins Penn State's Nate Morgan at 125 pounds during a Big Ten wrestling dual on Sunday in State College, Pa. Iowa won the meet, 22-13.

# Wrestlers stun No. 1 Penn State

The Hawkeyes knocked off No. 1 Penn State on Sunday. Matt McDonough said it proved that "this is not a rebuilding year."

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On Jan. 28 against Northwestern, Matt McDonough used an out-of-nowhere headlock to knock off his top-ranked opponent, Brandon Precin.

On Sunday, the rest of the Hawkeye wrestling team followed his lead.

The eighth-ranked Iowa wrestling team won the first three matches to jump out to a 12-0 lead en route to a 22-13 shocker over No. 1 Penn State in State College, Pa., on Sunday.

After the departure of last year's decorated senior class, the three-time defending champion Hawkeyes moved down a few spots in the preseason rankings.

And an uneven performance at the Midlands Championships on Dec. 29-30 didn't help. But Sunday's win, McDonough said, shows Iowa is still firmly in national-championship contention.

"We showed people this is not a

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## No. 8 Iowa 22, No. 1 Penn State 13

- 125** - Matt McDonough (I) pinned Nate Morgan (Penn St.), 4:16
- 133** - Tony Ramos (I) dec. Andrew Long (Penn St.), 3-2
- 141** - Montell Marion (I) dec. Andrew Alton (Penn St.), 11-9
- 149** - Frank Molinaro (Penn St.) dec. Mark Ballweg (I), 10-3
- 157** - David Taylor (Penn St.) major dec. Derek St. John (I), 12-4
- 165** - Aaron Janssen (I) dec. Jake Kemerer (Penn St.), 6-2
- 174** - Ed Ruth (Penn St.) dec. Ethen Lofthouse (I), 10-3
- 184** - Grant Gambrall (I) dec. Quentin Wright (Penn St.), 8-3
- 197** - Luke Loftouse (I) major dec. Justin Ortega (Penn St.), 17-6
- Heavyweight** - Cameron Wade (Penn St.) dec. Blake Rasing (I), 1-0

# Hawkeye Rhabdo incident not affecting recruits

Incoming recruits aren't second-guessing their decisions despite the hospitalizations of 13 current players.

By **JORDAN GARRETSON**  
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Some said the recent hospitalization of 13 Iowa football players — or the controversy surrounding it — could affect recruiting.

Take ESPN.com's Pat Forde, who blasted head coach Kirk Ferentz in his Jan. 28 column.

"Even if Ferentz is absolved of any responsibility in this matter, his absence and silence during a troubling week at Iowa should tell recruits and their families plenty about how much he cares for his players," Forde wrote.

Apparently incoming recruits haven't received the memo yet.

Of the 20 unsigned players in the 2011 class who have announced their intent to play for Iowa, none have experienced a last-minute change of mind — at least not in the form of a de-commitment.

Williamsburg offensive lineman Austin Blythe — who credited Iowa's strength and conditioning program as one of his reasons for choosing the Hawkeyes — doesn't seem to be having second thoughts.

"[Iowa strength and conditioning] is the best in the

country, no doubt about it, regardless of this hiccup," Blythe said. "It's just a rare occurrence."

[Head strength and conditioning] coach [Chris] Doyle is going to figure it out and fix it."

The time for recruits to make their choices binding has almost arrived — national signing day is Wednesday. Recruiting analyst Tom Kakert of [hawkeyereport.com](http://hawkeyereport.com) said he believes most recruits have



**Blythe**  
lineman

made their decisions. Still, with the nature of modern-day recruiting, Kakert wouldn't be surprised if some Iowa-committed recruits received calls from other coaches in the past week making last-minute sales pitches.

Led by new head coach Al Golden, Miami (Fla.) made a late push for quarterback Jake Rudock of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., last week. Though Miami's last-minute pursuit of the future Hawkeye began before Jan. 24's hospitalizations, the scholarship offer was on the table. Rudock — who said he grew up a fan of the Hurricanes — declined and said the inci-

dent didn't worry him.

Kakert said he thinks most recruits, like Rudock, are virtually done with the process this close to signing day.

"I think most of them are settled into what they're going to do and where they want to go," Kakert said. "I don't think it affects this class."

Kakert is also skeptical that the incident will affect the decisions of prospects Iowa is still pursuing. The Hawkeyes even nabbed a new commitment on Sunday, which was confirmed by recruiting coordinator Eric Johnson on Twitter. The NCAA restricts coaches

from discussing individual recruits until they sign letters of intent, though newscasting.com's Scott Porter reported the commit to be three-star defensive back Jordan Lomax of Hyattsville, Md., who was a high-school teammate of Iowa freshman Marcus Coker.

Iowa is still a possible destination for two more of Coker's former teammates, Cyrus Kouandjio, who is tabbed as the nation's No. 1 offensive tackle in the class of 2011 by Rivals.com, and three-star defensive tackle Darian Cooper. But if nei-

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