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Greg Prickman holds a diary from the Civil War era. This specific entry is from April 14, 1865, the day President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated. Librarians at the UI Main Library have digitized more than 400,000 pieces and are now working to upload the Civil War collection.

## Library swoops into digital

In the next year, library officials expect to digitize twice as many archival materials.

By ALLISON KELLY

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Greg Prickman, a University of Iowa Special Collections librarian, took an 800-year-old book out of a large box and placed it on a table.

Prior to now, students had to make a special trip to the Main Library to see the tome's animal-skin pages,

but with more than 400,000 pieces of the library's archives digitized, students can access them online.

Now, library officials are pushing digitizing further, working on all of the 20,000 items in the Civil War collection in time for its sesquicentennial.

"We try to aim what we

digitize to the users as much as we can," said Prickman, an assistant head of Special Collections and University Archives. "[With digitizing] we provide people another way of accessing collections."

Originally, digitizing projects weren't nearly as functional on a scholastic level

and were primarily used to support online exhibits of materials, highlighting the physical collection. However, as digitized archives become more comprehensive, they have also become more used academic resource — particularly when physical documents are limited.

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## Council eyes housing plan

The council is using models to more evenly spread affordable housing.

By EMILY HOERNER

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Iowa City's Southeast Side may soon be unavailable for affordable-housing funding.

If Iowa City city councilors don't alter the models presented at a special work session Monday night, southeastern Iowa City — along with pockets near Roosevelt, Hoover, and Lemme Elementary Schools — likely won't receive funding for affordable-housing anytime soon.

The council is set to decide on the models at its Feb. 15 meeting.

Representatives from the city's planning and community-development department unveiled a new computer map program Monday, which will allow city officials to use a number of variables in determining affordable housing locations.

SEE HOUSING, 3

## Officials bemoan courthouse security

Officials likely won't upgrade security until a new justice center is built.

By JOSH QUINNETT

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A loud crack from the courthouse doors set Johnson County Sheriff's Deputy Sue Henderson in motion. She leapt from her desk, dashed around the corner, and gazed down the stairs to the main entrance of the Johnson County Courthouse.

Nothing suspicious.

Henderson is one of two deputies assigned to the courthouse who act as daily security guards. Aside from a system of cameras, the deputies' presence is the extent of security throughout the building, she said.

"We do the best we can for what we have to work with," Henderson said, returning to her desk.

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DAVID SCRIVNER  
THE DAILY IOWAN  
After an afternoon of sledding, Dillyn Mumme sits in his home in Mount Pleasant and adds beads to his string from the UIHC on Monday. The 15-year-old receives a bead for visits and various treatments at the hospital. The string stretches more than 9 feet, and it still needs dozens more beads to represent his trips to the hospital.



Dance Marathon: Families

## Wrestling through the diagnosis

An avid hunter and fisherman, 15-year-old Dillyn Mumme has a passion for anything sports-related.

By ALLIE WRIGHT

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Dillyn Mumme was set to be the first freshman in his weight class to wrestle varsity at Mount Pleasant Community High School. In both his seventh- and eighth-grade seasons, Dillyn was never pinned.

But before the rising star had the chance to take the mat, a cancer diagnosis two years ago put his athletics plans on hold.

After two years of treatment for lymphoblastic leukemia, the 15-year-old Dance Marathon patient maintains a passion for anything sports-related and jumps at any opportunity to discuss the University of Iowa wrestling team, fishing, or hunting.

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**MORE DANCE MARATHON**

- UI Children's Hospital child life specialist Kathy Whiteside makes cancer treatment a little easier on **PAGE 5**.
- Learn more about where Dance Marathon profits go on **PAGE 6**.
- Read about the history of the UI's Dance Marathon on **DAILYIOWAN.COM**.

"They've just kind of kept me going," Dillyn said about several Hawkeye wrestlers and coaches who visit him often at the hospital. "And I know some of the coaches use my story to inspire some of the wrestlers to try harder."

SEE DILLYN, 7

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# ID bill may hurt students

Some students say they would be less likely to vote if the new rule passes.

**By RYAN COLE**

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Students who want to vote in Johnson County may have to get new photo IDs under legislation that passed in the Iowa House and is awaiting vote in the Senate.

The House of Representatives passed the bill Jan. 28, which requires specific types of state representative photo identification for anyone who wishes to vote in the state.

The bill, proposed by Rep. Renee Schulte, R-Cedar Rapids, requires possession of a photo identification that in this county must include a Johnson County address. This means non-resident University of Iowa students wishing to vote would have to acquire photo identification from the Department of Transporta-



**Schulte**

state representative

tion in Johnson County.

Some students are concerned the measure could discourage their peers from voting.

"I don't really agree with [the bill], especially in a college town, where people come from different areas," said UI junior Jeremy Keffer.

And several students from outside Johnson County said they would be less likely to vote if the bill ultimately became law.

House Republicans said the bill was a precautionary move to protect against voter fraud.

"[Critics] say we're trying to solve a problem that isn't there," said Rep. Jack Drake, R-Griswold.

And though he said fraud hasn't been a problem in most elections, representatives said it could sway results unfairly when the tallies are close.

"I look at it [the bill] as a way of protecting the voting process," said Rep. Lance Horbach, R-Tama.

But some Democrats said the legislation is discriminatory against Iowans without proper ID.

Rep. Mary Mascher, D-Iowa City, said students, the elderly, and the disabled are among those who would be affected by the change.

Mascher emphasized the ability to vote is a right, not a privilege, and said the process should be "as easily accessible to voters as possible."

Voters can obtain a photo ID at the Department of Transportation for \$5, but county auditors said they believe this measure would create a burden on taxpayers.

Johnson County Auditor Tom Slockett estimated the program would cost Iowa \$1 million annually.

Slockett said auditors feel they were "misled" by House Republicans. County auditors plan to talk this week with experts from other states, and they will discuss their findings on Feb. 11. Slockett said the

they were led to believe Republicans would wait until after this meeting to enact legislation.

Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Iowa City, said his primary disagreement was also with the swiftness of action.

"I don't have a problem with people using photo IDs to make the process go better," he said, but moving forward "without due diligence is just plain goofy."

The bill will next go to the Senate. Legislators had mixed opinions on the bill's prospects in the Senate.

"I think that there's a pretty good chance [it will pass]," Drake said. "I think it's very popular with constituents."

But Mascher said she was so confident of the bill's failure in the Senate she didn't attempt to improve the bill through amendments.

"I don't believe any of this will become law," she said.

# New deputy examiners a boon

The total number of deaths investigated in Johnson County has increased by between 3 and 5 percent each of the last three years.

**By KATIE HEINE**

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The hiring of two additional deputy medical examiners is a win-win situation for Johnson County, said Medical Examiner Administrator Mike Hensch.

And taxpayers can take solace in knowing these positions will not create any added expense.

"This is a huge bargain for the county," he said.

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors approved the hiring of the two medical examiners Jan. 27. That both of the newly hired examiners are forensic pathologists is unique to the state, Hensch said.

"It's a natural fit," said Dennis Firchau, a clinical assistant professor of anatomic pathology at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, one of the newly hired deputy medical examiners.

In states with more populated counties, most med-

## Johnson County Medical Department

### The role of deputy medical examiners:

- "Determine truthful, logical and scientifically unbiased cause and manner of death"
- "Function as medical examiner in absence of the chief medical examiner"

Source: Johnson County Medical Examiner website

ical examiners are forensic pathologists, Firchau added.

"I see it as a sign of progress," he said.

The other recently hired on-call deputy medical examiner, Marcus Nashelsky, also the director of Autopsy Services at the UIHC, said he was glad to have an opportunity to contribute to the "quality" death investigation performed in Johnson County.

Johnson County's population increased more than

13 percent from 2000 to 2007, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The higher population equates to more deaths, Hensch said, and the rising number of cremations — which his office must verify — also add to the workload.

But Hensch said the hirings did not stem from a shortage of medical examiners.

The two new deputies will be paid a flat rate — approximately \$150 per day — when on call.

Although the total number of cases investigated in Johnson County has increased by between 3 and 5 percent each of the last three years, Hensch maintained the spike was not the reasoning behind the added positions. Rather, he said they will act as extra support for the chief medical examiner, Stephen Scheckel.

"They will play a consultative role," Hensch said.

When needed, the deputy medical examiners will

work together with the investigators to conduct tasks such as accessing medical records, reviewing the scene, determining the cause of death, and signing death certificates.

The supervisors said they saw no concerns in the additions and confirmed they would be financially beneficial.

Supervisor Terrence Neuzil said Johnson County is fortunate to have the UIHC in the area.

"This is just one example in which we took advantage of it in a positive way to utilize its resources and capitalize on them on a need we have," Neuzil said of the hospital.

In 2010, Johnson County medical examiners investigated 576 cases, Hensch said. And as of Jan. 28, 50 cases have been examined in Johnson County so far this year.

"We're already ahead of schedule," Hensch said.

## METRO

### Woman faces many charges

Iowa City police arrested a local woman Sunday after she allegedly assaulted a family member with a tire iron and raised a shovel to hit an officer.

Zaneta Luciano, 28, 1960 Broadway Apt. 8C, was charged Sunday with first-degree burglary, going armed with intent, assault on emergency personnel, and intoxication.

According to police reports, officers responded to a burglary call at 2401 Highway 6 E. The reported victim told police Luciano arrived at her apartment with several other people, and the group punched the woman's boyfriend in the lip and kicked

him in the groin when he answered the door. Luciano then reportedly came toward the accuser with a crowbar.

Several hours later, officers were towing Luciano's vehicle as part of an assault investigation when she began running and shouting, demonstrating signs of intoxication, according to police reports.

Luciano later admitted consuming alcohol, and police found a tire iron in the vehicle matching the reported victim's description, police report.

After officers arrested Luciano and placed her in an interview room at the police station, she reportedly began throwing items around the room, including a snow shovel and windshield fluid. When the officer re-entered the

room, the complaint said, Luciano raised a shovel to hit him with it.

The report said the defendant kicked at the officer and scratched his forearm while he tried to detain her on the ground.

Iowa City police Sgt. Denise Brotherton said the snow shovel, windshield fluid, and other items were in the room, which is more of a multipurpose room, due to lack of space elsewhere; they have since been moved.

"We're not any other business, and that's just one of those reminders that we're not," Brotherton said. "And that's why it's so important to have the facilities we need — obviously, they won't be there anymore."

— by Hayley Bruce

The trial for a University of Iowa assistant professor charged with third-degree sexual abuse has been continued, according to court documents.

Toshiki Itoh, 47, was found guilty of two counts of assault with intent to cause bodily injury on Oct. 26, 2010, after he injured a research assistant.

He had also been charged with third-degree sexual abuse, but the jury did not reach a verdict on that charge.

Itoh's trial has been rescheduled for April 11. A pretrial conference is scheduled for March 31.

— by Josh Quinnell

## POLICE BLOTTER

Haden Allison, 18, Cedar Rapids, was charged Jan. 29 with OWI. Anthony Basile, 21, 322 S. Linn St. Apt. 408, was charged Sunday with OWI.

Belle Burkhardt, 46, Kalona, was charged Jan. 28 with fifth-degree theft.

Thomas Carmody, 19, 603A Mayflower, was charged Jan. 28 with PAULA.

Christine Carlson, 19, 353 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 2233, was charged Jan. 29 with PAULA.

Mario Corcuera, 31, Coralville, was charged Monday with driving while revoked.

Natalie Davis, 19, 906 E. College St., was charged Jan. 29 with PAULA and unlawful use of another's driver's license/ID.

Baudilio Garay, 20, 900 N. Dodge St., was charged Jan. 28 with being a habitual offender.

Melinda Gravel, 20, 119 Myrtle Ave. Apt. 21, was charged Jan. 28 with PAULA.

Krystal Halter, 31, 718 Rundell St., was charged Sunday with fifth-degree theft.

Canden Johnson, 21, Red Oak, Iowa, was charged Sunday with public intoxication and simple assault.

Edo Krivdic, 18, 4254 Burge, was charged Jan. 28 with PAULA.

Eric Levetzow, 25, 622 Orchard Court Apt. A, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Katelyn Schany, 20, 601 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 627, was charged Jan. 28 with PAULA.

Margo Lyons, 19, 201 Hawk Ridge Drive Apt. 2305D, was charged Jan. 28 with public intoxication.

Hannah Smith, 19, 119 Myrtle Ave. Apt. 21, was charged Jan. 28 with PAULA.

Mitchell McElman, 20, 355 S. Clinton St. Apt. 2535, was charged Jan. 28 with PAULA.

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Amanda Stockstell, 35, 1146 Hotz Ave., was charged Sunday with child endangerment.

Robert Strube, 23, Lemont, Ill., was charged Sunday with possession of an open container and public intoxication.

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#### BREAKING NEWS

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**HOUSING**

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The department began work on the project in November, said Jeff Davidson, the city's director of planning and community development, and it has been given a lot of "tender, loving care."

"We've been building up for this," said Steve Long, Iowa City's community-development coordinator.

The program's purpose is to scatter affordable housing more evenly throughout Iowa City, said Councilor Regena Bailey.

Councilor Mike Wright said affordable housing is something the council has talked about for a long time.

"One thing we didn't have was data," he said.

The computer program gives the most weight to whether an area already has affordable housing, Davidson said. It also looks at elementary-school locations, crime density, income levels, and home-price changes.

Long said he based deci-

**Affordable housing****Variable weights for new program:**

- 40 percent: Proximity to other affordable housing locations
- 30 percent: Elementary-school focus (mobility 20 percent, Basic Skills scores 5 percent, free/reduced income lunch 5 percent)
- 10 percent: Crime density
- 10 percent: Median income levels
- 10 percent: Change in average home sale price

Source: Jeff Davidson, Iowa City director of planning and community development

of the program accounts for turnover rates, Iowa Test of Basic Skills scores, and the percentage of free and reduced lunches at each elementary school.

"We do not want to further burden elementary schools and neighborhoods," Davidson said.

Each layer adds to the whole final map of where affordable housing should be located, he said.

"Projects will still have to go through the old scrutiny they always do," Davidson said.

While most councilors applauded the program, Councilor Connie Champion said she still had some doubts. She noted previously rehabilitated buildings — another element of the affordable housing plan — have been left vacant.

"I'm not sold," she said, "But I will support it for a year."

The computer program seems to be a unique idea to the region, Davidson said.

"We're kind of breaking new ground here a little bit I think," he said.

**SECURITY**

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A number of local officials, including Henderson and Johnson County Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek, said increased security at the courthouse is needed. But Pulkrabek said the current set-up will have to do until a new justice center is built.

Henderson said the existing measures are insufficient, and she'd like to see metal detectors and additional security staff deployed at the courthouse.

The Polk County Courthouse employs metal detectors, baggage screens, and security cameras, said Capt. Greg Peterman of the Polk County Sheriff's Office. He said he was surprised officials weren't using similar measures in Johnson County.

"For a county of that size, I think that they should have more security," he said. "I'm surprised that they don't."

But while local officials said they want more security, Pulkrabek acknowledged the future Justice Center would alleviate many of the concerns. And for now, they must contend with the current building's layout.

The rear, handicap-accessible entrance is too narrow for a security checkpoint, and the larger front entrance leads directly into a pair of stairways.

"I think more [security] is needed," Pulkrabek said. "But there has to be some significant structural changes before that can come about."

During high-profile cases, a metal detector can be placed at a single entrance,



RACHEL JESSEN/THE DAILY IOWAN

The desk at which two deputies monitor the security of the Johnson County Courthouse is seen on Jan. 28. Aside from a system of cameras, the two deputies are the extent of security for the courthouse, something that a handful of officials consider insufficient.

**Scott County****Security measures employed:**

- Metal detectors
- Baggage scanners
- Security cameras
- Uniformed bailiffs

Source: Maj. Michael Brown, Scott County Sheriff's Office

cost between \$50 million and \$54 million. Sullivan said the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee met Jan. 5 to reaffirm past plans, which placed the new center in the area near the current jail, 511 S. Capitol St.

Sullivan said he expects the supervisors to present a referendum on the subject sometime in 2012.

Scott County recently made several of these changes.

Maj. Michael Brown of the Scott County Sheriff's Office said his county's new courthouse — built three years ago — funnels visitors through one main entrance, complete with metal detectors, baggage scanners, security cameras, and uniformed bailiffs. Officials have disallowed cell-phone use inside the building.

The new security measures have detected knives and guns on occasion, Brown said, but he's unsure just how much security is "too much."

"It's hard to say," he said. "What is it that makes a building unsafe?"

**METRO****Winter storm to hit Iowa City**

Iowa City could receive up to 14 inches of snow in the next two days, according to officials with the National Weather Service in Davenport.

A blizzard warning is in effect from 3 p.m. today until noon Wednesday.

Meteorologist Chris Legro said travel is not advised, because Iowa City could face northeasterly winds of up to 20 to 30 mph, with gusts up to 45 mph.

Tom Rocklin, the UI vice president for Student Services, reminded the university community in an e-mail that the UI functions whenever possible in the event of severe weather, but people should use their best judg-

ment when determining if it is safe to travel to campus.

— by Audrey Smith

**Illinois man charged with theft**

Iowa City police arrested an Illinois man Jan. 29, after he allegedly defrauded three local businesses.

Tony Phiathep, 33, Silvis, Ill., was charged with three counts of second-degree theft for incidents allegedly occurring between October 2008 and December 2009.

According to police reports, the defendant allegedly approached several businesses offering to sell advertising on products to be handed out at

local high-school sporting events.

Police said Phiathep allegedly collected money from businesses and gave them an invoice documenting the alleged product and advertising sold.

Reports said the defendant had no affiliation with the local high schools, no authorization to sell the products through any local high school, and no permission to sell the advertising on school grounds.

The four victims affected during this time had a total loss of approximately \$1,750, and Phiathep was identified by several witnesses, according to police.

Second-degree theft is a Class D felony punishable by up to five years in prison and a maximum fine of \$7,500.

— by Hayley Bruce

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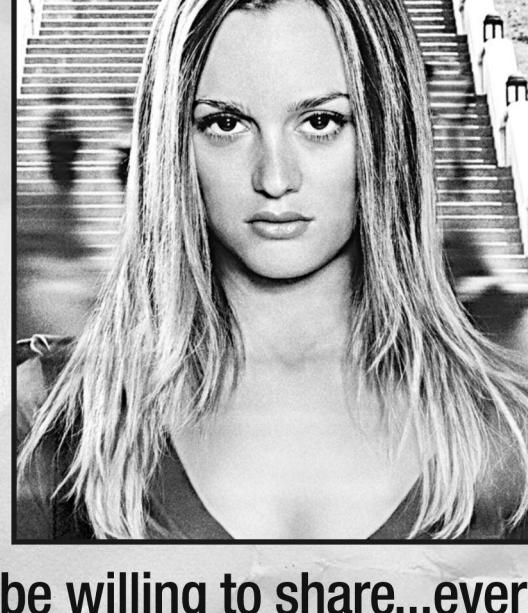
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## Editorial

# A welcome push to probe college-athletics training

Last week's nearly simultaneous hospitalization of 13 University of Iowa football players drew national attention.

And for good reason: It is improbable that so many athletes came down with rhabdomyolysis (in which damaged muscular tissue leaks into the blood) by sheer chance, particularly when that condition is known to be a possible side effect of exertional trauma. The state Board of Regents' Jan. 27 announcement that it will look into the incident is, therefore, laudable; equally important is the application of any conclusions derived from the investigation to student-athlete training both at the UI and in the NCAA as a whole.

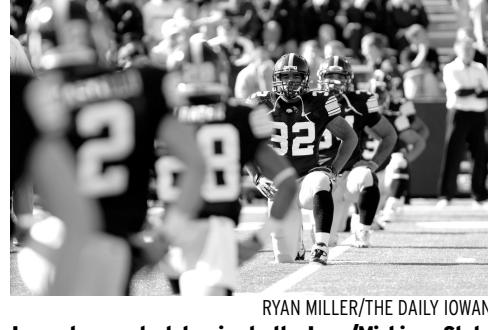
While it is too early to determine the particular etiology of the rhabdomyolysis cases, it is encouraging that the investigation emphasizes prevention of future injury.

"Our focus is bringing our student-athletes back to health and finding out what happened to ensure it doesn't happen again," UI spokesman Tom Moore told the *DI* Editorial Board by e-mail. "We will report fully what we discover broadly when we have facts."

Whatever the findings of the regents' inquiry, future measures must resonate throughout the college-athletics milieu. Mass rhabdomyolysis cases are relatively rare, but they're not unprecedented; Moore pointed out that seven members of the University of South Carolina swimming team were similarly treated for rhabdomyolysis in 2008.

There is a precedent for nationwide initiatives to reform college-athletics training — a precedent that also involves rhabdomyolysis.

Following the deaths of two football players during extreme off-season training in 2006 and 2010, the NCAA instituted mandatory testing for sickle-cell anemia and the sickle-cell trait last August. The genotype, which in this country is disproportionately present in those of African descent, codes for a phenotypical alteration in blood cell shape that causes people to be particularly vulnerable to exertional rhabdomyolysis.



RYAN MILLER/THE DAILY IOWAN  
Iowa players stretch prior to the Iowa/Michigan State football game in Kinnick Stadium on Oct. 30, 2010.

The National Athletics Trainers Association published a consensus statement in 2007 that aimed to raise awareness of the condition and recommended some simple precautions to reduce the risk of sickle-trait-related fatalities. They include paying careful attention to certain symptoms, including muscle cramping and fatigue and discouraging coaches and trainers from pressuring athletes to continue working through the pain.

Because it is unlikely that sickle-cell disease is the underlying catalyst in the 13 Hawkeye cases, it is important at this point to extend the trainer-association recommendation to all athletes. It is important to note, however, that a few cases of injury or illness can induce serious systematic change in the conduct of college athletics; if the regents' investigation uncovers particular conditions that led to the Iowa hospitalizations, those conditions can and should be eradicated within reason.

"The UI is conducting a root-cause analysis," Moore said. "We will draw upon resources from across the campus as needed to complete the analysis in a thorough and timely manner."

This analysis may, counterintuitively, discover that the outbreak of injury was a freak occurrence. It may also determine specific factors that led to the prevalence of the condition and thus lead to reforms in particular combinations of exercises, off-season training time regulations, or workout standards.

Whatever measures are taken to prevent these misfortunes from recurring can have an effect far beyond our own university. Possible national implications highlight the importance of a comprehensive investigation and subsequent reasonable initiatives; we hope the regents will not disappoint us.

Your turn. Does the regents' investigation hold greater significance?

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## Letter

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## Athlete injuries are unacceptable

Thirteen athletes hospitalized to "prevent further kidney damage" from the breakdown products of muscle after a brutal single workout and there is any question that they were "over-worked"? It appears Dr. John Stokes is more interested in

running damage control for the university than he is in advocating for his patients.

The *Daily Iowan* has repeated like a mantra that this was an "NCAA-permitted off-season workout," so are we to presume that all the other colleges are hospitalizing their boys? It's telling that there were no coaches among the

hospitalized; they weren't testing whether this was excessive or not by their own participation.

These boys were not body-building; they were injuring their muscles, and more importantly, their kidneys. They pay a personal cost, and who pays for their hospitalizations? Iowa taxpayers?

Their next game is half a year away. Was this retribution for a lackluster season? Ostensibly, these are students who, in addition to these "workouts," are required to study. There must be consequences and changes at the administrative level.

Daniel Phillips, M.D.  
Iowa City resident

## Guest opinion

# DI was off-base in its analysis of UI LEAP

A Jan. 25 editorial provided an interesting review of the University of Iowa's nontraditional Lifetime Enrichment Adult Program (UI LEAP) — except for a significant flaw.

The flaw is that the *DI* Editorial Board apparently misunderstands the program and its mission. If UI LEAP operated as the *DI* editorial suggests, it would be redundant, duplicating the university's undergraduate and graduate schools as well as online degrees through the Division of Continuing Education.

UI LEAP's concept, as the name indicates, is to

provide a variety of offerings to enrich experiences and expand understanding for people seeking fulfillment over the second half of their lives.

Some of the program's courses involve rigorous academic learning, and many others focus on a broad range of life-enriching and enhancing courses, sessions, and activities. Course offerings are marketed yearly for the fall, spring, and summer semesters to our more than 500 members who work full- or part-time or are retired.

The editorial highlighted two of LEAP's new spring

courses and events — Lunch with Medical Students and Why are Legislatures So Unpopular? — as examples of offerings termed too "rudimentary."

Actually, they're representative of LEAP's programming designed to explore contemporary issues, discover new interests, and find pathways to civic engagement, as well as providing intellectual stimulation and growth.

By intention, UI LEAP doesn't duplicate the academic rigor and objectives of the UI's course work in degree-granting programs.

In addition to what we

view as a misunderstanding of LEAP's objective, we express at least modest concerns that the editorial misrepresents people participating in the program by describing them as being in their "twilight" years. To the contrary, they're a diverse group of vigorous people ranging from their 50s to much older. Many are in the process of looking forward to the next 30 or 40 years of their lives.

As Virginia Jorstad, the director and educational coordinator in the UI Center on Aging, explains it, "Individuals of retirement age fair better when they

participate in intellectual engagement and social networking, both objectives of UI LEAP." She noted that courses and trips are developed with input from our Curriculum Committee, program members, and requests from the community at large.

Our spring semester offers 25 courses and activities. This course guide, mailed out earlier this month, has resulted in 75 percent of our courses and activities reaching maximum enrollment with the need to add a second class session to several activities to meet our

enrollment demand.

As the Editorial Board of one of the nation's premier college and university student newspapers, and an outstanding daily newspaper on its own, we're disappointed that the Jan. 25 editorial failed to provide a more informed and reasoned review of the increasingly popular UI LEAP.

**Sam Becker** is the president of UI LEAP and a professor emeritus of communication studies.

**Bonnie Slatton** is the vice president of UI LEAP and a professor of health and sport studies.

**Bob Elliott** is a past president of UI LEAP.

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# Bachmann overdrive



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You'd think — yeah, I know; thinking takes a damn lot of energy, if not energy drinks and a bit of the X-Games, and then you wind up with Michele Bachmann anyway. So what's the point?

Speaking of Bachmann, if not the X-Games (though both seem to involve snow), listening to new — well, semi-new — Gov. for Life Terry "Two Books" Branstad lately, you'd think that the state of Iowa was broke and thus, he needed to haul out the budget cleaver and make like Sweeney Todd.

Especially when it comes to higher education and K through 12 education (which we do not ever call lower education).

Curious. Especially when you consider that ex-Gov. Chet Culver, as much as we all love to dislike him, left office with a surplus of more than \$300 million.

So you are excused for wondering why we should slice the budget to ribbons when we're running a surplus.

Because, Branstad says, we will run into a deficit down the road (that infamous down the road) — he says \$600 million to \$700 million, a state government agency says more like \$200 million, so you can see that projecting deficits is a bit like predicting the weather — and because we're going to run into that deficit, we need the surplus to cut taxes.

Clear?

Why are we going to cut taxes when we're facing a deficit? you ask. Because that's the way conservatives work — they want to shrink the government until it resembles a dried prune

(and you know how much people adore dried prunes).

Apparently, Iowa conservatives want to shrink the government so much that we'll go from having three public universities to having something like 1 1/2 public universities. Thus demonstrating Iowa's historic commitment to education.

See where curiosity gets you?

Curiosity is deadly for cats, according to ancient lore. But then, ancient lore also had everything in the universe revolving around the Earth, and we know how well that worked out. (See Michele Bachmann.)

Events in Tunisia and Egypt have driven Bachmann pretty much off the news cycle, and I suspect she's still wondering what's going on. (Actually, I suspect she's still trying to find Tunisia and Egypt on the map. Well, even more actually, I suspect she's still trying to find a map.)

Bachmann visited our fair state recently, setting off speculation that she might run for president among the speculators who do that sort of thing (behind closed doors, we would hope). Being in Iowa, naturally, she had to give a speech (you ever notice that when politicians come to our state, the first thing they do is bless us with a speech?), and she enlightened us by describing how the Founding Fathers "worked tirelessly" to end slavery in this country. She then, according to Gail Collins of the *New York Times*, pointed to John Quincy Adams as one of the Founding Fathers who did that tireless work. (Well, of course it was tireless — they didn't have Goodyear back then.)

Yeah, I know — your average Iowa fifth-grader could probably correct Bachmann's "sense" of history. The Founding Fathers, of course, famously included some slave owners, perhaps most notoriously Thomas Jefferson. The Fathers, as I like to call them, did not work tirelessly to end slavery; they compromised on slavery in order to ensure the Southern states joined the union.

And, of course, Quincy Adams was not a Founding Father; he was the sixth president of the U.S. (1825-29). Afterwards, he served in the House of Representatives (1831-48), in which he did work on antislavery measures.

I'm just speculating, of course, but you would be excused for believing that Bachmann is an example of what happens when you cut education spending.

Bachmann for president? What? Charlie Brown isn't available? ■

# UI revamps gen ed

The reorganized general education program will be implemented this fall.

**By ALISON SULLIVAN**

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Instead of searching through a laundry list of requirements this fall, incoming undergraduates will see a more orderly display of what they need to graduate from the University of Iowa.

The UI College of Liberal Arts and Sciences will unveil a reorganized general-education program in an effort to better communicate graduation requirements to incoming students.

"It will make the requirements easier to understand," said Helena Dettmer, an associate dean of liberal arts.

The current requirements — which include rhetoric, humanities, natural science, distributed general education, and five other electives — will all still be a part of the reorganized program, just grouped differently, she said.

Students transferring credits to the UI will be better able to see what required category their credits will count toward.

In recent years, the UI has made a push to make transferring to the university more available through such programs as Transfer in Iowa and the 2 Plus 2 program. The programs give students options to start at local community colleges while transferring later on, status and credits intact.

The change comes after former UI Provost Michael Hogan gave Dettmer, along with other faculty, staff, and students at the university, the task to reorganize course requirements in the liberal-arts school as part of a 10-year review.

One of the biggest issues administrators faced, said Beth Ingram, the associate provost for undergraduate education, was maintaining good communication between the local community colleges to ensure the general-education requirements would transfer to the UI.

After UI officials administered a student survey, they received feedback from students who mentioned the confusing format of the requirements. But now, Pat Folsom, the associate provost for enrollment and management, said the new program has been "put in a language that speaks to students."

"The responses were very heartening," Folsom said. "Both faculty and students felt the [general education] program wasn't cohesive."

The committee's result is a grouping of all the courses into three main categories, a shift from what committee members called a "lengthy checklist."

The three categories are communication and literacy, natural, mathematical, and social science, and culture, society, and the arts.

The committee has had the new program ready for the past three years, and it has been approved by the Educational Policy Committee, the Faculty Assembly, and the provost.

The change won't cost the UI anything, officials said.

Folsom said the new format creates a new visual display of the breadth of the program to better prepare students for post-graduation jobs.

Despite the new format, no course was added or dropped, Dettmer said.

"At the end of the day, what liberal arts ended up with is a nice ... coherent program for its students," Ingram said.

Dance Marathon: Health Care

# Aiding kids be who they are

The child life specialist said she enjoys working with teenage cancer patients the most.

**By EMILY HOERNER**  
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Khane Neagle's eyes lit up as Kathy Whiteside, the University of Iowa Children's Hospital senior child-life specialist, carried in "magic noodles" to entertain the 3-year-old cancer patient. The rest of the visit was filled with laughter and playtime.

Whiteside is an escape for children such as Khane, who are used to doctors and nurses coming in and out of their rooms.

As a child-life specialist, her job is to help families and patients cope with the stress that follows a cancer diagnosis. Whiteside, 49, said her job could be compared to Lamaze for a pregnant woman, but instead of pregnancy, she deals with cancer.

She teaches children and their families coping techniques while providing fun activities so they kids can live normally.

"You know that their lives will be completely turned over forever," she said.

Originally, Whiteside said she planned on being a teacher because she had always wanted to work with children. But in college, she discovered the newly formed position of child-life specialist and changed her mind.

Since then, she has worked at the Children's Hospital for almost 27 years.



**Senior child life specialist Kathy Whiteside plays with 3-year-old cancer patient Khane Neagle on Jan. 29 in the University of Iowa Children's Hospital. Whiteside has helped pediatric inpatients adapt to the hospital for 27 years.**

## Kathy Whiteside

- **Job:** UIHC senior child life specialist
- **Current home:** West Branch
- **Family:** husband and two daughters
- **Favorite movies:** foreign films
- **Favorite book:** foreign films
- **Favorite pastime:** distance running

"A lot of what we do is build trusting relationships," she said.

She said it takes time for children to get used to someone new, so she slowly makes her way into the

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cancer patients' lives by offering coloring books and activities for the children to do, she said.

Whiteside said she and others in her department don't wear uniforms in an attempt to get away from "white-coat syndrome" — or when young kids are afraid of uniformed medical professionals.

Shannon Schroetter, a nurse at the hospital, said Whiteside has done a great job making the kids feel more comfortable.

"She is a very integral part of everything that

goes on with these kids days," Schroetter said.

Whiteside plans such activities as "Brothers and Sisters," in which children who have siblings with cancer gather and talk with other children in similar situations.

"You see this really awesome level of acceptance here," she said.

Catie Neagle, Khane's mother, said she's thankful for what Whiteside has done.

"The activities that they do with our kids takes our mind off the bad things that happen," she said.

Khane was diagnosed in September 2010.

"It would have been a lot tougher," Catie Neagle said about their first encounter

with Whiteside. "It was easier for Khane to be distracted."

During a visit last week, Whiteside played at Khane's bedside, even holding up a garbage can and having him throw his trash like a basketball into a hoop.

She continued to play with Khane until all of the noodles were used.

"Oh yeah, oh yeah," Khane said from the hospital bed. "I like to do this."

Whiteside said her goal is to make sure the kids don't remember the bad parts of cancer but the fun times.

"I feel happy that I can help them be the person that they are and not the illness," she said.

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## Spotlight Iowa City

# Beating the cultural drum

Abby Ballain works to connect the community to the arts and culture of the Corridor.

By MAGGIE CUNNINGHAM  
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Abby Ballain is the star of the Iowa Cultural Corridor Alliance's one-woman show.

As the Corridor Alliance's only employee, Ballain, 27, has gone above and beyond the requirements of her position as executive director and connected the arts and culture of the Corridor area with the community.

The alliance is a non-profit organization that promotes varied cultural activities of its partners to ensure that the community has access to many opportunities. The 152 organizations include large institutions such as the UI School of Art and Art History and the Bijou, as well as individual artists.

"Abby took the reins of the Iowa Cultural Corridor Alliance on Aug. 1 and immediately affected the 150-plus member organization by her positive energy and prowess," said Marcia Hughes, the president of the Cultural Corridor Board. "She has set our organization and, by extension, each of our

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Check out a photo slide show of Abby Ballain.

partner organizations on an exciting path for future growth."

With 152 partners, Ballain never has a typical day. From morning until late afternoon she ensures each partner is making use of the 10 specifically laid out opportunities that come with being a partner — which includes visibility on [www.culturalcorridor.org](http://www.culturalcorridor.org) and exposure in her monthly column in the *Corridor Business Journal*, the *Gazette's Hoopla* publication, and *City Revealed*.

In addition to ensuring each group benefits from its partnership with the Corridor Alliance, Ballain's responsibilities include fiscal management, marketing, member development, and advocacy.

"Part of my position is to promote the activities of our partner organizations," she said. "And I don't feel I can effectively promote them without meeting one-to-one and letting them know who I am and

## Abby Ballain

- **Age:** 27
- **Hometown:** Iowa City
- **Past work:** Marketing for the Madison Symphony Orchestra and managing the Ancora String Quartet
- **Hobbies:** Singing with the Chamber Singers of Iowa City
- **Outside of the alliance:** On the Board of Directors for Girls on the Run of Johnson County

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what I stand for and learning more about what they do."

Her interest in arts and culture is not something she took on as part of the job description; it is something she has always enjoyed.

Despite having completed 10 years of dance, 11 years of piano, and eight years of the flute, Ballain modestly refers to herself as a vocalist. She has been singing since she was in sixth grade.

"When I was growing up, trying to determine

what I wanted to do, people would always ask me are you going to be a music teacher or are you going to be a performing vocalist?" she said. "Neither of those really interested me."

She took an interest in business to Luther College, in Decorah, where she graduated with a bachelor's degree in arts management and minors in economics and music.

After working in Madison, Wis., for a few years, Ballain went to graduate school and finished her education with an M.B.A. in arts administration from Wisconsin's Bolz Center for Arts Administration.

"When I learned of the [Corridor Alliance] position, I thought that the description fit my professional background, education, and personality very well," she said.

Out of 50 other applicants, her educational background, commitment, and creativity qualified her for the position. And her organizational, communication, and human relation skills made her an obvious choice.

"Based on her first months of work, it is quite clear that she possesses a



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Abby Ballain, the executive director of Iowa Cultural Corridor Alliance, speaks during the group's meeting at the Englert Theatre on Monday.

work ethic that inspires her not only to meet but to exceed the requirements of the job description," Hugh-

es said. "As board president, I could not be prouder of this hiring or this individual."

## Dance Marathon: Finances

# Deciding where the money goes

The Allocation Committee provides hope for Dance Marathon families.

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Toys, pajamas, and new hairstyles are all on the agenda this year. But so are new labs, more equipment, and research dollars.

When the University of Iowa Dance Marathon Allocation Committee meets in April to decide where the funds raised will go, the members will likely consider research just as much as comfort care.

In 2010, the Allocation Committee approved its biggest gift request to date — the \$1 million UI Dance Marathon Pediatric Cancer and Blood Disorder Research Lab. The panel members said they hope the creation of this lab will be home to astounding pediatric cancer research breakthroughs and perhaps even a cure.

"By approving that donation, hopefully, it will allow more new doctors to conduct new research that will one day find a cure for childhood cancers," said Kyle-Dale Walters, the executive director of Dance Marathon.

And that trend may continue this year.

"All [approved requests] are important in different ways," said committee member Kristen Sandberg. "Research is just as important as day-to-day funds such as patient comfort care, it's just more long-term."

The UI Children's Hospital hopes to have the research lab completed sometime in 2011, but the exact date is unknown. The development of the lab depends on the dispersion of the donation — some of the funds were dispersed in 2010 and the rest of the funds will be distributed this year. UI Dance Marathon raised more than \$1 million last year.

The approval by the Allocation Committee represents an increased interest in cancer research, said Bill Nelson, the director of the UI Office of Student Life and

## Where Does the Money Go?

### Breakdown of Dance Marathon's 2010 funding:

- Total staff, research: 68 percent
- Total family emotional support: 17 percent
- Total family financial support: 14 percent
- Total educational resources: 1 percent

Source: Dance Marathon website and Allocations Committee

the Dance Marathon Allocations Committee head.

The committee also approved funding for various recurring projects, including the Pharmacy Co-Pay Program — which gives \$1,000 to families for use toward medicine co-pays insurance may not cover — and summer family trips to Adventureland Theme Park.

"An important question that the students must ask is, how will Dance Marathon be recognized through this contribution?" Nelson said.

While the possibilities for requests are endless, he believes research, services, and emotional support should be the focus of the requests.

UI student dancers are slowly joining on the request for allocations process as well.

"There have been students who have requested mini-fridges be placed in the kids' rooms so they can enjoy food from home," Walters said.

According to its mission statement, Dance Marathon creates and sustains special projects as well as emotional and financial support for pediatric oncology and bone-marrow transplant patients and their families treated at the Children's Hospital.

On Friday, the UI will host its annual Dance Marathon Big Event and the Allocations Committee members hope to receive as much, if not more, money than last year.

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Bill Voss mends tears on a historical document before getting the piece digitized by the preservation and archival industrial scanner on Monday. The Main Library will make more historical materials available to students in digital form.

## LIBRARIES

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Though some such as Prickman see digitizing as an alternative method, a report from the Association of College and Research Libraries' Research and Planning and Review Committee said technological advancements have, in fact, required libraries to push past their conventional conceptions of shelves and books.

And apart from benefits to students, having the archives online helps preserve the materials. Though professors still bring classes in to view the artifacts, they can go online for day-to-day work.

"Curation, conservation, access, and preservation are what libraries and archives have always done," said Nicole Saylor, the head of digital library services. "As we bring new technology to those functions, we gain the added benefit of widening access to a global audience and allowing people to use and reuse these source materials without causing wear and tear."

No cost estimates for the projects are available, but officials said they hope to double the number of pieces available

online in the next several years.

"My section was created through reallocating positions in the library," said Saylor. "So obviously, this is a library priority."

Officials used private donations to purchase equipment and scale up the projects. They said one goal is to figure out a way to add digitizing as part of the everyday operations of library archives.

Though Saylor said that there was already "momentum" to push digitizing to the forefront, the donations helped officials to purchase a new scanner, allowing many fragile materials such as hand-bound books or handwritten diaries to be scanned into the system.

And though the Iowa City Public Library does not digitize literary material, officials said it's something they'll soon discuss.

UI junior Geniya Chikovani said the accessibility of digitizing also allows students to become more informed.

"In general, because the world is moving into a technology age, history, along with everything else, has to keep up as well," she said.

## DILLYN

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Dillyn can easily rattle off the names of numerous Iowa wrestlers — who he calls "close friends" — and speaks fondly of the times when Hawkeye grapplers and staff brought him signed memorabilia or let him watch a practice, but he defers most questions about cancer to his mother, Tammy Mumme.

During a recent visit to the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics, the teenager joked about wanting to include a 6-foot-by-6-foot stuffed elk — which he shot — in the family's Christmas photo.

His mother vetoed the idea.

The upbeat high-school sophomore does not dwell on his cancer diagnosis and these visits to doctors. Instead, he's made a tradition of going to Buffalo Wild Wings after every treatment to order his favorite menu item: chicken strips.

But illness has put a damper on some of his passions. While contact sports are no longer an option, Dillyn still goes fishing and hunting, but with certain restrictions — he can't touch any fish or the bait because of the risk of infection.

Still, the limitations haven't stopped him from enjoying his hobbies. Earlier this year, he shot his first two bucks.

Throughout his experience with leukemia, Dillyn has become close with morale captain Andrew Brittain and found his place in the organization. During last year's 24-hour Big Event, Dillyn spoke on the main stage, addressing the group of morale captains.

"I told them that they rocked, and without them, it would be a lot harder for us kids to go through this," he said, thanking them for



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

**Dillyn Mumme, 15, tries on his letter jacket at his home in Mount Pleasant on Monday. Dillyn participated in wrestling, track and cross-country in school.**

### Dillyn Mumme

- Age: 15
- Hometown: Mount Pleasant
- Year in school: high-school sophomore
- Favorite sport: wrestling
- Favorite book: *Hatchet*, by Gary Paulsen

being "right there beside us all the way."

Brittain said he tries to spend as much time as possible with Dillyn, often going to treatments with him and hanging out with him at the hospital. The two are "inseparable," Mumme said.

"[Dillyn] has always been very, very positive," said Brittain, a UI sophomore. "He gives us more of a morale boost than we give him."

Dillyn said he loves being involved with an organization that has done so much for him and other cancer patients. He'll speak at this year's Big Event, too, taking the stage to the same song he did last year: Kevin Rudolf's "Let It Rock."

"It's a great program," the brown-haired Dillyn

said. "I think more kids should be involved in it. It does a lot for the kids at the hospital."

Dillyn's puzzling symptoms started after a wrestling practice two years ago.

He began experiencing chest pains, and after visiting several chiropractors with no answers, he told his parents about another problem he noticed: tiny red spots all over his legs.

After seeing Dillyn's legs, a local doctor found Dillyn's platelet count was dangerously low. Mumme said the doctor told them anything below 75,000 is unsafe — Dillyn was at a life-threatening 34,000.

"That freaked the crap out of me," she said.

When conditions worsened, Dillyn was admitted to UIHC on Jan. 7, 2009, where doctors found his bone marrow 94 percent full of cancer cells. He began treatment immediately.

In typical wrestler fashion, he attempted to perform an escape move in the middle of a bone-marrow biopsy during his first week in the hospital because he

was not fully sedated.

In the first year after his diagnosis, Dillyn spent 79 days in the hospital, and he has missed around 110 days of school. But he's kept his grade-point average above 3.5, is a year advanced in math, and is enrolled in a college-level engineering class.

By the time he graduates from high school, his cancer treatment should be complete, Mumme said.

Throughout his treatment, Dillyn has kept a positive outlook.

"I've never seen the kid be down about something, even when he's going through surgeries that aren't pleasant," Brittain said.

Mumme does her best to keep things positive, too. Such as when the day after his diagnosis, Dillyn asked if the doctors knew how he got cancer.

"No," his mother told him. "You know how you like to help people and put everyone else before you and how you like to help kids and stuff?"

"There will be somebody that cures cancer, and maybe it can be you."

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# Daily Break

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NATHAN WULF

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### Today is National Freedom Day:

• It's finally here. National Freedom Day is my second-favorite holiday based on a constitutional amendment. A close second is

March's "Keep Marching Day," but only because I love historical re-enactments wherein I get to tell soldiers to get the hell off my porch.

• When I was first told about Freedom Day, I misheard that it was on April 1 and considered that a dandy of a ruse. Once I was informed that Freedom Day was — in fact — real, I thought that perhaps Labor Day, Memorial Day, Patriots' Day, Presidents' Day, Constitution Day, or Independence Day might have undergone new management.

• Freedom Day exists to commemorate the signing of the 13th Amendment. ONLY.

Other freedoms need to get their own holidays and stop piggybacking on Freedom Day's Facebook page.

• Many Americans are either unaware of Freedom Day or call it by its more common name: Groundhog Eve.

• Establishing National Freedom Day is widely listed as one of the three notable events of Harry Truman's presidency.

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## horoscopes

Tuesday, February 1, 2011

— by Eugenia Last

**ARIES** March 21-April 19 It will be difficult to persuade others to see your side of a situation right now. Work alone, perfecting whatever it is you want to present to the future. Overreaching will result in additional obstacles.

**TAURUS** April 20-May 20 With a little effort, you can make changes to your status that should help you out financially. Speaking from the heart and letting others know how you feel about a situation may lead to controversy, but it will also help to solve issues that are holding you back.

**GEMINI** May 21-June 20 You have a lot more going for you than you realize. With a little discipline and hard work, you can make your dreams come true. An opportunity will arise if you network, go for an interview, or apply for a new position.

**CANCER** June 21-July 22 You have to live in the present. Dwelling on the past or dreaming about the future is a waste of time. Blowing situations out of proportion will not help you persuade others that you are a valuable contributor. Focus on the moment.

**LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 Partnerships may twist your way of thinking. Be careful not to make a poor business decision based on what someone else wants you to do. You stand to gain if you make the right choice. Making personal changes will boost your confidence.

**VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Make choices that will improve your surroundings or the relationships you have with the people you are close to. Taking a greater interest in children, friends, or your partner will help you bring balance and harmony to your environment.

**LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Stop procrastinating. You need to make your voice heard, even if it brings opposition. You cannot expect to get ahead if you aren't willing to fight for what you want. Being accommodating and keeping the peace are fine but not all the time.

**SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Take into account what you have seen and done. Once you recognize that you have the experience to take on a new challenge, you will not find any task you face too difficult. Don't let someone else's confusion or misdirection hamper your leadership.

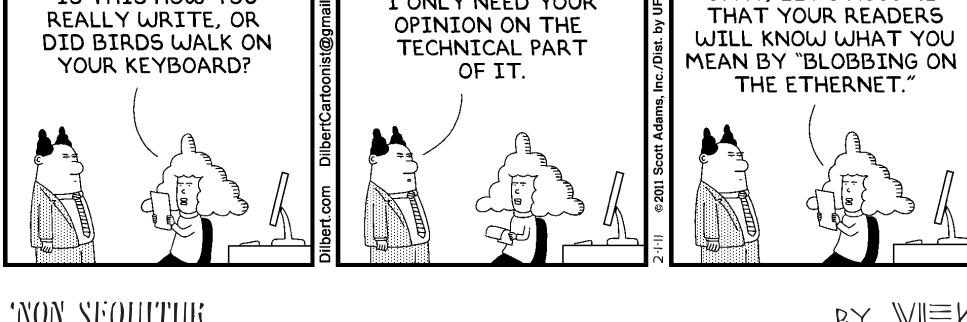
**SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Strive to reach your goals. A change going on in your personal life must not stand in the way of your professional dreams, hopes, and wishes. Don't limit what you can achieve because you don't want to hurt someone's feelings.

**CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Choose your battles wisely. It's important that you see things accurately and take the time to make the right choices. It will not be as easy to keep your thoughts a secret or to avoid hurting someone's feelings.

**AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Don't give anyone information that can be used against you. It's time to face facts and to do the personal work required to make your life better. Don't rely on others to do things for you. It's up to you.

**PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 Talking to others about the way you see things unfolding will lead to a better understanding. A change in a relationship that's important to you should not be allowed to ruin your chance of getting ahead professionally.

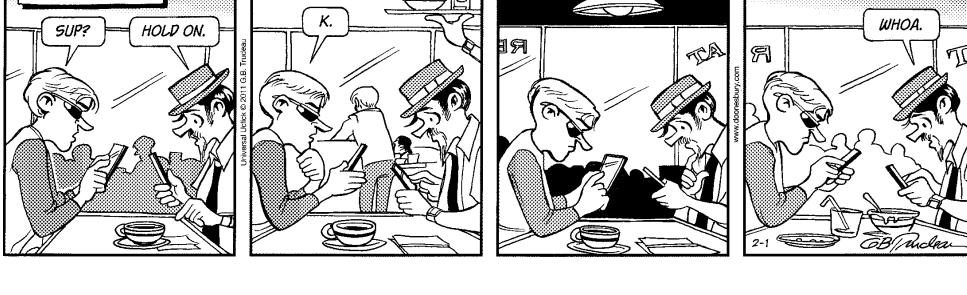
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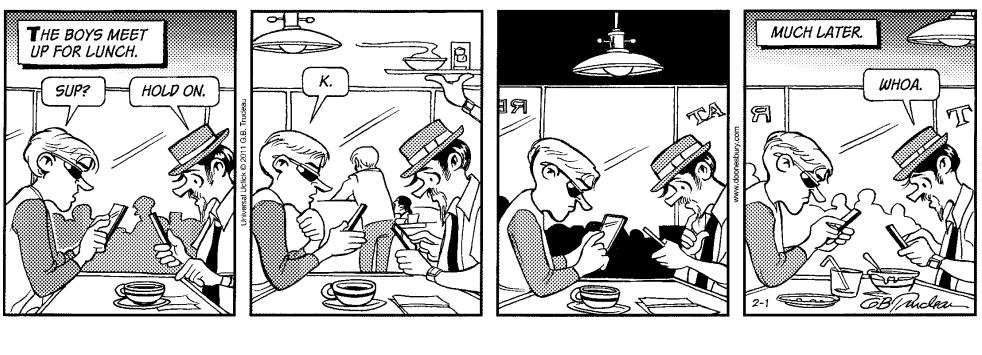
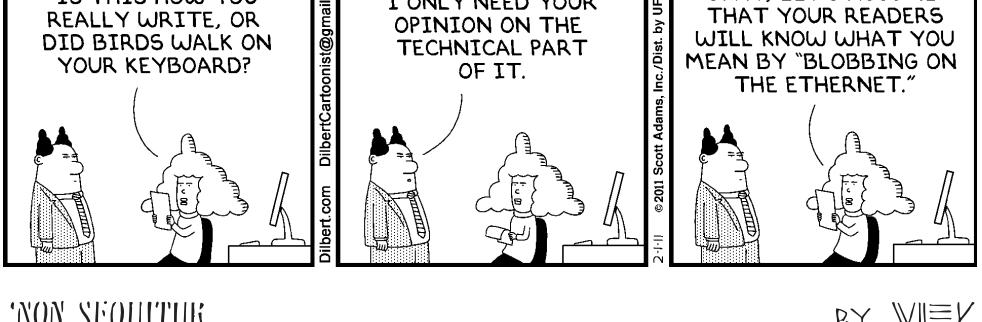
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Iowa assistant coach Terry Brands (left) and head coach Tom Brands watch 141-pounder Montell Marion wrestle Michigan State's Dan Osterman in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Jan. 31, 2010.

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## WRESTLING

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Cael Sanderson's squad looked like Iowa teams of the past couple years, albeit without the experience. The Nittany Lions featured seven wrestlers ranked in the top six in their weight class.

Iowa certainly had a chance — any Brands-coached team does — but the general consensus was that Penn State had too much firepower and the Hawkeyes would fall just short.

That wasn't unfair to think. The Nittany Lion's closest victory to that date was a 21-17 victory over Lehigh — a squad that beat then-No. 1 Cornell on Jan. 20. Other than that, Sanderson and Company had been demolishing all who stepped on the mat with them.

But then Iowa arrived in State College, Pa.,

and showed why the program has won the past three national championships.

One hundred twenty-five-pounder Matt McDonough set the tone with a pin, and Tony Ramos followed with an upset over No. 5 Andrew Long — last year's runner-up to McDonough at 125. Montell Marion scored another upset in his return to the mat, an 11-9 comeback triumph over No. 5 Andrew Alton.

The rout wasn't on after three matches — Iowa won, 22-13 — but it wasn't in question whether the Hawkeyes would fly back to Iowa City with a victory over the top-ranked and hottest team in the country.

In the process, Iowa made a statement.

"We showed people this is not a rebuilding year," McDonough said after the Penn State dual. "And we're not going to settle for middle

of the pack. We want national championships."

Last year, it was about staying on top of the college wrestling world for the Hawkeyes. Could they three-peat?

This year, it was about proving whether they could make it to the peak after sustaining key personnel losses. Could they be anywhere as good?

Well, Iowa is the last unbeaten team in the country.

The Hawkeyes have been bolstered by the return of Marion — last year's runner-up at 141 pounds — and the surge of McDonough, who has three-straight pins, including one over Northwestern's top-ranked Brandon Precin, who had bested McDonough at Midlands.

Iowa hasn't reached the peak yet, but the Hawkeyes showed they are worthy of being at the summit.

### Marion named Wrestler of the Week

Iowa's Montell Marion has been named TheMat.com Wrestler of the Week for Jan. 25-31.

The Hawkeye 141-pounder returned to the Iowa lineup on Sunday against Penn State and helped spark the Hawkeyes to a win over the top-ranked Nittany Lions.

The junior, who was the 141-pound NCAA runner-up in 2010, bested No. 5 Andrew Alton after falling in a 5-0 deficit late in the first period. Alton took Marion down and put him on his back for three nearfall points. But Marion ripped off three takedowns in the third period and fought back to win, 11-9.

Marion was dismissed from the team last May after being arrested for drunk driving. He was reinstated on Jan. 4.

Iowa's victory extended its unbeaten streak to 73 duals.

- by J.T. Bugos

## SPRINTERS

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a time of 3:39:15.

"To break that record means something to me," Roberts said. "[It was] significant that we made that."

Roberts said the Razorback Invitational was a simulation of the level of competition that will be at the Big Tens. Jones and Liverpool called this their first big meet and said it was nice to rid themselves of those initial nerves.

"I came in nervous about what I was getting myself into," Jones said. "Now that I've run against the best, I feel really confident going into the Big Tens."

Anderson attributed some of both Jones' and Liverpool's early successes to a more specific and focused environment than high school, which allows Roberts to get more technical with the

athletes he works with.

Jones and Liverpool both said they enjoy the outdoor track season more because the size of the track increases to 400 meters. During the indoor track season, an average track lap is only 200 meters. Roberts said this allows runners to open up their strides.

If the size of the track is an indicator of an athlete's ability to increase speeds, the upcoming outdoor season will only benefit these freshman sprinters.

"Both are already running faster indoor than they did outdoor last year," Anderson said. "[That's] a fantastic indicator of success."

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## DOYLE

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The Glen Ellyn, Ill., native said he spoke with Doyle since last week's hospitalizations of 13 current players, but he declined to comment on their conversation.

A more recent graduate of the program, former offensive lineman Julian Vandervelde (2006-10), agreed. The second-team All-Big Ten left guard — who said he has completed workouts similar to those that led to the hospitalization of 13 current players last week — said players "aren't pushed to do anything they can't do."

## RUDOCK

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attend the University of Iowa to pursue his pre-medicine interests.

And as the prized quarterback of the Hawkeyes' 2011 recruiting class, he'll be on a football scholarship.

Ask Rudock to tell you about his accolades — academic or athletics — and he probably won't talk much. Academically, his success is reflective of a philosophy ingrained in his household. As he said, "Everything comes down to education."

His father is a lawyer. His oldest brother attends medical school at Miami (Fla.). His sister graduated from Florida State with a master's degree. His other brother is currently at Florida.

And perhaps his biggest academic influence — his mother — also received a master's degree and is a second-grade teacher.

"He's just another kid in the school at St. Thomas,"

### Jake Rudock

Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

**High School:** St. Thomas Aquinas

**Height:** 6-3

**Weight:** 190 pounds

**2010 season:**

- Ranked the 29th best quarterback in the 2011 class by Rivals.com
- 160-of-231 passing for 2,784 yards, 36 touchdowns, 3 interceptions

the one who's really "on his butt" about school.

"My mom challenges me and tells me, 'Hey, you have to do these certain things because in the end, that's all you got,'" he said.

Athletically, Rudock has relied on an even-keel approach. Bob Rudock, Jake's father, describes his son as "very unassuming" and said he "takes nothing for granted."

"He's just another kid in the school at St. Thomas,"

Bob Rudock said.

Those qualities might be rare in an 18-year-old who led his high-school team to a national No. 1 ranking this past season, let alone a 15-0 record and a state championship. But for one example, Jake's father points to his traditional unspectacular post-touchdown pass routine. (He recorded 36 of those in 2010.)

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Ricky Stanzi.

Tom Kakert, a recruiting analyst and publisher of hawkeyereport.com, said Jake Rudock's physical build is reminiscent of Stanzi, circa 2006.

Stanzi was listed at 6-4, 193 pounds. Rudock is 6-3, 190.

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# Track trying to expand core

Iowa's core group of athletes must grow for the track and field team to reach its ultimate goal.

By BEN SCHUFF  
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Ask any member of the Iowa men's track and field team about his goals for the season, and odds are it won't take long before a pattern starts to develop.

Although the Hawkeyes are only about halfway through their indoor season, they know what awaits them at the end of their outdoor season.

The 2011 outdoor Big Ten meet will be held in Iowa City on May 13-15.

That is the goal.

This group of Hawkeyes wants to be Big Ten champs. They want to do it at home.

But before that can happen, head coach Larry Wieczorek knows that his squad's core group of guys must grow.

"We have the people there," Wieczorek said. "But it's a question of, Will they catch that fire?"

Heading into the season, Iowa knew who could be counted on from last year's team. All-Americans Erik Sowinski, Patrick Richards, Chris Barton, and Steven Willey all returned.

Justin Austin and Troy Doris transferred to Iowa, and each has had an instant effect. They hold

three school records between the two of them.

"Expanding the core as much as we can is what ultimately will get us to the Big Ten championships," sophomore Ethan Holmes said during practice last week before the Razorback Invitational.

The sophomore was one member of the team Wieczorek hopes would step up, the coaches talked about with him about that before the season started.

Now, he appears to be a part of that nucleus.

The native of Clinton has posted personal best times in the 60-meter hurdles (8.13) and 400-meter dash (47.99).

Holmes also filled in for Barton on the 4x400 relay team that posted the second-fastest time in the country at 3:07.84.

"When coach told me I was running the 'A' 4x4, that was just, oh man," Holmes said. "Nerves started flowing right there."

"This weekend proved it," assistant coach Joey Woody said. "I think he can still improve quite a bit these next four or five weeks over the high hurdles to set himself up for the Big Ten level."

Wieczorek and other

coaches are still looking for more guys to step up.

Matt Banse was one name the 15-year head coach mentioned as someone who the team needs to continue to improve.

During this past week of practice before the Razorback Invitational, Banse backed off his work a bit in the weight room.

The move paid off for the junior, who threw a personal best 55 feet, 9 1/4 inches in the shot put last weekend.

The high jump is one event in which Wieczorek believes no one has made it yet.

Senior Graham Valdes, junior Jeff Herron, and sophomore Brandon Oest have all taken top honors for the Hawkeyes in at least one meet this year. But with all three holding a personal best high jump of 6-11, one of them needs to break 7 feet in order to give Iowa a legitimate contender against Big Ten competition.

Seven feet is something Oest believes is within reach.

"It's certainly been frustrating," he said. "Every week has been a step closer and a step closer. It's just a matter of putting it together on the day."



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Iowa thrower Matt Banse practices putting the shot on April 20, 2010, at the Cretzmeyer Track. Banse is one student-athlete head coach Larry Wieczorek expects to step up.

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# Hawk junior on really fast track

Despite setting school records, Hawkeye track star Justin Austin knows he has much to improve.

By BEN SCHUFF

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Justin Austin had to slow down to become faster.

As technical as short sprints can be, one false step can cost a runner valuable time, maybe one-tenth of a second.

That 0.10 of a second has been exactly what the sprinter has shaved off his 60-meter time each of the past two meets en route to a school record.

And yet Austin isn't satisfied.

"It's never enough," he said. "When you finish and you see the time and your coaches, you're happy. But the next day, you're back trying to improve."

That's an interesting prospect considering what the sophomore has accomplished. In not even a month's time, Austin has etched his name in the Hawkeye record books.

The Milwaukee native needed only two meets to establish himself as one of the most exciting athletes to watch on the track.

At the Jack Johnson Minnesota Classic on Jan. 21-22, the sprinter broke the 12-year-old school record in the 60-meter with a time of 6.72 seconds. That performance, paired with his 200-meter time (21.73), broke meet records as well.

Austin was back at it again this past weekend in Arkansas. For the third-consecutive meet, he

improved his 60-meter time, finishing in 6.71 seconds.

But that wasn't all he had in store for his business trip south. Austin broke the 18-year-old school record in the 200-meter dash with a time of 20.83 seconds.

Those times in the 60 and 200 meters rank fifth and 22nd nationally, and both rank first among Big Ten sprinters.

All this came after he was named the male Big Ten Athlete of the Week following his first-ever Big Ten meet at Illinois on Jan. 8.

If it's tiring to read Austin's long list of accomplishments, realize this: He's only competed in three meets as a Hawkeye.

Further down the road, he is chasing a time of 6.64 in the 60 meters — his goal time for the season.

To get there, improving his form out of the blocks has been Austin's latest concern. While his first step was good, his second step needed work. He needed to slow it down.

Enter assistant coach Joey Woody, who, Austin said, had him making gains after only a few practices.

"He was getting a big push out of the blocks on the first step," Woody said. "But then his second step, he was trying to rush it a little bit. We had to get him to focus on not being at top



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Hawkeye sophomore Justin Austin stands with his spikes in the Recreation Building on Jan. 17. Austin is a transfer from Kentucky.

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speed on his second step."

Woody said he felt the Hawkeye sprinter had the best start of anyone at this past weekend's Razorback Invitational.

Austin also got a little help from the women's sprints coach Clive Roberts. Roberts talked

## Justin Austin

- Year: Sophomore
- Hometown: Milwaukee
- Iowa Records: 60 meter (6.71), 200 meter (20.83)
- Big Ten Men's track Athlete of the Week (Jan. 10)

with the men's top sprinter, comparing his technique to shifting gears in a car.

"The goal for the first part of the race is build momentum," Roberts said. "It just seemed like he wasn't doing that effectively. If you look at shifting gears, he was trying to go fifth gear right in the beginning instead of building up to it."

Head coach Larry Wieczorek, who is in his 24th year at Iowa, said he knows he has something

special on this year's team.

"I stepped back and looked at it this weekend when he broke the record of Anthuan Maybank, who was an Olympian in 1996," Wieczorek said. "[Maybank] was one of the best athletes at the University of Iowa in anything."

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# Libby looks to Canada

Canadian-born head coach Larissa Libby will continue the strong tradition of recruiting from her home country.

By MOLLY IRENE  
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Out of the 14 gymnasts on the Iowa women's gymnastics team, three of them — freshman Nicole Pineau, sophomore Kaitlyn Urano, and senior Rebecca Simbhudas — were recruited from Canada. And on Jan. 28, the team added another Canadian to the mix.

Emily Bigras of Sarnia, Ontario, Canada, has committed to join Iowa next season.

The GymHawks' strong ties to Canada trace to head coach Larissa Libby, who is also Canadian. She started competing for Canada at a national level when she was 11 years old, and, in 1989, led the Canadian world championship team to a sixth-place finish — the country's highest finish to date. In 1988, she competed for Canada in the Seoul Olympics at the age of 14.

Being a successful Canadian gymnast, she uses her connections to international gyms that regularly produce high-level athletes to boost her recruiting for the GymHawks.

"It's easy for me to recruit out of Canada, where I know a lot of gyms," Libby said. "I can trust the coaches there, take their word that the girls they steer our way are quality athletes and quality people."

The process of recruiting is changing as gymnasts are verbally committing earlier. Iowa can



ROB JOHNSON/THE DAILY IOWAN  
Iowa gymnast Rebecca Simbhudas competes on the balance beam on Jan. 30, 2010, in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Simbhudas is one of three gymnasts on this season's roster who hail from Canada. Head coach Larissa Libby, from Canada, will continue to recruit from her home country.

get overlooked, so recruitment from Canada helps bring in more high-caliber gymnasts, Libby said.

"A lot of people don't even know where Iowa is on a map," she said. "But luckily for us, Iowa is like a diamond in the rough. We have a very good [gymnastics] program here. This school just shines for itself."

Urano wasn't aware of Libby's squad until the Canadian national championships in 2009, where she met representatives from Iowa's program and soon after visited campus. After meeting the gymnasts and learning of Libby's accolades, Urano became very interested in becoming a Hawkeye, she said.

Simbhudas, on the other hand, knew about Iowa gymnastics well before the end of her

high-school career. Her sister, Jennifer Simbhudas, was a gymnast for the Hawkeyes from 2006-10.

At first, Rebecca Simbhudas wasn't focused on college gymnastics; instead, she had her sights on being an elite gymnast for the world championships and the Olympics.

"My sister persuaded me to look into college gymnastics," she said. "She's the reason I'm here. I didn't really know about Iowa or Larissa that much until my sister told me. But I'd seen posters of her, so to have her as the head coach got me interested."

The Canadian GymHawks were connected with each other before coming to Iowa — Urano and Pineau were teammates. At some point in time, each

of Pineau's, Urano's, and Simbhudas' coaches also instructed Libby. Libby and Simbhudas even came from the same gym.

"We can all relate to each other because we're from Canada and also because we were all kind of connected beforehand," Pineau said. "It's something that we all have in common to bring us together."

Canada has no college gymnastics programs, and all athletics scholarships are limited, so high-level gymnasts lose the opportunity to be rewarded for their talent.

"I'm getting so much more here than I would get back home," Urano said. "It's truly a blessing to be able to come here, and do my sport, and represent Iowa while getting an education at the same time. I couldn't do both in Canada."

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## GYMNASTICS

Larissa Libby continues to tap into the GymHawks' recruiting pipeline to Canada. 12

# Ex-Hawks defend training

Many ex-Hawkeyes have rave reviews for Iowa football head strength and conditioning coach Chris Doyle.

By JORDAN GARRETSON

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Ask Matt Bowen his first impression of Iowa football head strength and conditioning coach Chris Doyle. Even 12 years after his final season with the Hawkeyes, the former Iowa safety still speaks with a hint of awe in his voice.

"This guy is not only a strength coach, he's also an academic when it comes to the industry of strength and conditioning," said Bowen, who played safety at Iowa from 1995-99 and for seven years in the NFL. He is currently a columnist for the National Football Post and the *Chicago Tribune*.



**Doyle**  
strength coach

"[Doyle] did things that we never saw before, and no disrespect to coach [Hayden] Fry's staff," he said. "He was so dramatically different in his techniques and the way he trained us."

Bowen said he and his teammates didn't need long to see results, which were "eye-opening."

Doyle has served as the Hawkeyes' head strength and conditioning coach since Kirk Ferentz took over the program in 1999. Prior to Iowa, Doyle made stops at Utah (director of

strength and conditioning), Wisconsin (assistant strength coach), Holy Cross (offensive line coach), and both Notre Dame and Syracuse as a graduate assistant. He was an offensive lineman at Boston University (1986-1988), where he received his B.S. in human movement as well as a master's of education.

Bowen said safety was never an issue when he was in the program.

"He never put my teammates in danger," Bowen said. "He knows how to push your limits and push you past that threshold, but he doesn't put you in danger."

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Iowa freshman Erin Jones talks before track and field practice in the Recreation Building on Monday. Jones focuses her training on the 60-meter dash and 200 meter during the indoor season.

# Frosh sprinters opening some eyes

Iowa sprinters Erin Jones and Ashley Liverpool are improving times and contributing to team successes.

By AMY TIFFANY

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Everything the Iowa women's track and field team does leads up to one, main event: the Big Ten meet.

For freshmen, the championships will serve as a place to prove their regular-season success wasn't an aberration.

Two freshmen are

among the Hawkeye track and field athletes who have made big contributions so far this season.

The first is Erin Jones, who focuses her training on the 60-meter dash and 200-meter events in the indoor season.

The second is another sprinter, Ashley Liverpool, who hails from Cincinnati and runs the 400 meters and 4x400 relay events

during the indoor season.

Jones, a native of Highland Village, Texas, and Liverpool have had successful first seasons thus far, improving times and recording personal records from meet to meet.

Head coach Layne Anderson said the first year is usually just getting through the "murky waters" of transitioning to competing at the college

level. Assistant coach Clive Roberts, who trains both Jones and Liverpool, echoed Anderson by saying he thinks they both have adjusted well.

"It's really nice to see these ladies do how well they are doing already," Anderson said.

Jones said her season highlight so far was setting a personal record this past weekend in the 200 meters,

running it in 24.20 seconds.

Liverpool was a part of the 4x400 relay team that broke the Iowa school record at the Razorback Invitational last weekend.

"It felt really good that I could be a part of that because now my name is going to be on the board," Liverpool said.

"So it was special."

The previous school record was 3:40:52, record-

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ed in 2006. On Jan. 29, senior captain Tiffany Hendricks, senior Bethany Praska, junior Nicole Erickson, and Liverpool broke that mark, recording

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## COMMENTARY

# Wrestlers cast off 'rebuilding'

Iowa wrestling makes a statement: The Hawkeyes are contenders.



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This wasn't supposed to be a rebuilding year for Iowa wrestling, but it felt like one. Eight starters were gone —

seven of whom were All-Americans.

Two-time national champion at 149 Brent Metcalf? Buh-bye.

National champion at 174 Jay Borschel?

Sayonara.

National runner-up at 133 Daniel Dennis?

Adiós.

Instead of those experienced seniors, redshirt freshmen and sophomores were plugged into the lineup. The

Hawkeyes still had "fire-power in the stable" as head coach Tom Brands said at the end of last season, but Iowa was no longer a cut above.

Through the Northern Iowa dual on Dec. 9, 2010, though, the Hawkeyes had steamrollered opponents. The only "blip" on the radar was a 22-13 handling of Iowa State, Iowa's closest match to date.

But then the Hawkeye

grapplers finished fourth at the Midlands Championships; they had won the event the past three years. They tied with Oklahoma State on Jan. 16, ending their 69-match winning streak.

Two weeks — and two blowout wins over Ohio State and Northwestern — later, Iowa traveled to top-ranked Penn State.

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## RECRUITS

# Star QB stars at academics, too

Jake Rudock declined Harvard and Princeton to come to the UI.

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Jake Rudock is a senior at St. Thomas Aquinas High in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. He balances a course load that includes advanced-placement courses in macroeconomics and statistics as well as Honors courses in world literature and physics. He turned down offers at Harvard and Princeton. Instead, he will

Rudock  
Future Iowa QB  
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