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 areas 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 as an academic resource — particularly when physical documents are limited.

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

Wrestling through the diagnosis
An avid hunter and fisherman, 15-year-old Dillyn Mumme has a passion for anything sports-related. She has also become more used as an academic resource — particularly when physical documents are limited.

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 his 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 sport-related and jumps at any opportunity to discuss the University of Iowa wrestling team, fishing, or hunting.

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.
ID bill may hurt students

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

By BYAN COLE

Students who want to vote in Johnson County may have to re-visit a legislation that passed in the Iowa General Assembly and is now awaiting vote in the Senate.

House Bill 2156, which was passed in early January, requires anyone who wishes to vote in the state to provide photo identification in order to vote.

The bill is a response to a problem the Secretary of State's office has been dealing with for the past several years, said Joni Arendt, a deputy medical examiner in Johnson County.

Arendt said the bill was a response to protect against fraud and to gain more accurate information about the voters.

“The legislation is important to us,” Arendt said. “This is not a cure-all, but it is a step in the right direction.”

The bill also comes with financial ramifications.

Medical examiners are required to verify the death certificates and medical records, reviewing thousands of death certificates and medical records, reviewing thousands of medical records and performing autopsies.

“This is just one example of what we do,” Arendt said. “This is a reasonable first step.”

Arendt said the bill is a reasonable first step, but it is not a cure-all. A cure-all would require the state to add another position.

But some Democrats and the legislature is disagreeing with the new bill.

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

Mascher emphasised the ability to vote to be right, not a punishment, and the process should be "as easily accessible as possible.”

Voters can obtain a photo ID at the Department of Transportation for $5, but students wishing to vote may qualify for a reduced fee of $10.

The bill will now go to the Senate Legislative caucuses mixed opinions on the bills and Senate students.

“I think that there’s a pretty good chance it will pass,” said Rep. Dave Jacoby, R-Griswold. “It’s very popular with con-...
A blizzard warning is in effect Wednesday.

The Polk County Court-
house employs metal detectors, baggage scanners, and security cameras, and Capt. Greg Peterson of the Polk County Sheriff’s Office. He said the new equipped officers wasn’t using similar resources in Johnson County.

“We’re kind of breaking new ground here a little bit,” he said.

“I think,” 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, handi- cap-accessible entrance is too narrow for a security checkpoint, and the large front entrance is too far directly into a pair of courts.

“I think more (security) is needed,” he said. “This is one of the biggest problems.”

But Pulkrabek said the courthouse is needed. And the new Justice Center, which county officials have discussed since the early 2000s, would address the security and space needs of the courthouse by funneling all visitors through a single secure entrance and adding additional offices and courtrooms as well, Pulkrabek said.

Sullivan said the Justice Center would include a renovated courthouse and jail, will cost between $50 million and $54 million. Sullivan said the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee met Jan. 5 to rubber stamp plans, which placed the new center in the area near the current jail, 551 1/2 Capitol St.

Sullivan said he expects supervisors to present a referendum on the sub- ject sometime in 2012.

Scott County recently made several of these changes.

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

The new security mea- sures have detected knives and guns on occasion, Brown said, but he’s unsure how much security is “too much.”

“Some of the churches,” he said. “It’s a matter of building safety.”
A welcome push to probe college-athletes training

The National Athletes' Association presented a prominent statement in its Jan. 25 editorial, urging the university to raise awareness of the condition and recommend immediate investigation of the athletes involved to extend the trainer-association relationship to all athletes. It is important to note, however, that a few cases of injury or illness can induce serious systematic change in the conduction of college athletics; if the regents' investigation uncovers particular conditions that led to the four hospitalizations, those conditions can and should be elucidated within reason.

"The UI is conducting a comprehensive analysis," Moore said. "We will reflect fully what we discover broadly when we have facts." However, the finding of any conclusions derived from the investigation to student-athlete training — both at the UI and in the NCAA as a whole — is open to interpretation, and it’s too early to determine the particular storyline of the rhodomylosis cases, it is encouraging that the investigation emphasizes prevention of future injury.

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UI revamps gen ed

The reorganized general education program will be implemented this fall.

By ALISON SULLIVAN

In February 1997, the University of Iowa Educational Policy Committee approved a new general education program for UI students. Since then, students have received feedback from UI Provost Michael K. Dettmer, UI anything, officials said. The change comes after the provost for enrollment and revamps the UI, students at the university, said.

In recent years, the UI has moved to offer more students the better to see what requirements they'll have to fulfill. Students transferring from other institutions are happier with the new program, said.

The change was driven by the fact that students at the UI had difficulty grasping the program's requirements.

The committee has had a tough time getting the new program ready for implementation.

By EMILY HOERNER

"The responses were very positive," Folsom said. "But we also learned there were some things we needed to change to make the program more effective.

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

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

Abby Ballain is the star of the Iowa Cultural Corridor Alliance’s new team.

As the Corridor Alliance’s only employee, Ballain’s job is above and beyond the requirements of her position as executive director and connects the arts and culture of the Corridor area with the community.

The alliance is a nonprofit organization that promotes various cultural activities of the area to ensure that the community has access to many opportunities.

The 152 organizations include large institutions such as the University of Iowa, the Art History and the Bijou, as well as individual artists.

Ballain took the reins of the Iowa Cultural Corridor Alliance in August and immediately affected the 150-plus member organization by her position in the Bijou as a music director.

She has been a part of the Bijou for ten years, extension of such an organization 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 funded opportunities that come with being a partner — which includes visibility on www.culturalcorridor.org and exposure in her monthly column in the Culture Business Journal, the Gazette’s Hoopla publication, and CityBeacon.

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

“Part of my position is to promote the Corridor Alliance’s mission, to promote my organization, and to market it,” she said. “And I don’t feel I can effectively promote them without meeting with them, and knowing who I am and 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, ‘Do you think you are going to be a music teacher or are you going to be a performing vocalist?’” she said. “That was really interesting to me.”

She took an interest in business at Luther College and figured out that she graduated with a bachelor’s degree in arts administration and minors in economics and Spanish.

After working in Madison, Wisc., for a few years, Ballain graduated to graduate school and finished her education with an M.B.A. in arts administration from Washington’s Roche Center for Arts Administration.

“When I learned of the [Corridor Alliance] position, I thought that the description of my background, education, and personality very well,” she said. “And other applicants, her educational background, and creativity qualified her for the position. And her organizational, communication, and human relations skills made her an obvious choice.

“She’s the first person I met who is quite clear that she possesses a work ethic that requires her not only to meet but to exceed the requirements of the job description,” Hugh repetitions of key words. Abby Ballain, the executive director of Iowa Cultural Corridor Alliance, speaks during the group’s meeting at the Englert Theatre on Monday.

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DILLYN CONTINUED FROM 1

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

During a recent visit to the University of Iowa Hos- pital and Clinics, the teenager joked about want- ing to include a fistful of fists stuffed stuff — which he shot — in the family’s Christmas photo. His mother refused the idea.

The upfront, high-school sophomore does not dwell on his cancer diagnosis and treatment. Instead, he’s made a tradi- tion of going to Buffalo Wild Wings after every treatment to order his favorite menu item: chicken wings.

But illness has put a damper in 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 hunt because of the risk of infection.

Still, the limitations haven’t stopped him from enjoying his hobbies. Earlier this year, he shot his first deer.

Throughout his experi- ence with leukemia, Dillyn has become close with his classmates. But illness has put a damper on some of his passions. Though some such as hunting are no longer an option, Dillyn still goes fishing and hunting, but with certain restrictions — he can’t touch any fish or the hunt because of the risk of infection.

Dillyn Mumme, 15, sits on his bed between the windows of his hospital room as he recovers from chemotherapy treatment. The Daily Iowan - Iowa City, Iowa - Tuesday, February 1, 2011 - 7

“Dillyn has always been very, very, very positive,” said Brittain, a UI sophomore. “He’s given us more of a morale boost than we give him.”

Dillyn said he loves being involved with an organiza- tion 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,” said Nicole Saylor, the brown-haired Florida native.

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

Dillyn’s pulsing symp- toms started after a wrestling practice two years ago.

He began experiencing chest pains, and after visit- ing 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 leg, a local doctor found Dillyn’s blood count was danger- ously 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,” said Mumme.

“When conditions wors- ened, Dillyn was admitted to UIHC on Jan. 7, 2009, where doctors found his bone marrow 94 percent full of cancer cells. He began treatment imme- diately. In typical wrestler fash- ion, he attempted to per- form his signature move in the middle of a bone-marrow biopsy during his first week in the hospital because he

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28 Days of Heart Health

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NATHAN WOLF

Today is National Freedom Day:

• It's finally here. National Freedom Day is my second favorite holiday based on a constitutional amendment. A closing sound in the Big Ten Marching Band. But only because I love the historical re-enactments whereas I get to tell others to get the hell out of my path.

• When I first told about Nation Freedom Day, I heard that it was on April 1 and considered that a shady one. Once I was informed that Freedom Day was — in fact — real, I realized I should probably Labor Day, Memorial Day, Patron's Day, Presidency Day, Constitution Day, Independence Day. I'm not sure if it's a new movement or just a coincidence but I'm glad to see the number of possible holidays to commemorate the signing of the 15th Amendment. ONLY. Other Freedom days to get your own holiday and stop piggybacking on Freedom Day. Thank you page.

• Many Americans are other races. Place Freedom Day in July to be more commeter National Freedom Day is your last chance to celebrate one of the three notable events of our nation's presidency.

• There is a day more American than July 4. It is the day when our first Miss America, the day the first L.L. Bean coupon was rooted, and the day the first Peace Corps member took his oath. It had begun on that day, some patriots sided with tale Virginia who found his home and always, otherwise known as the Two Scoundrel's Day.

Nathan Wolf says: "You don't see the ledge, just the brick."
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Bob Rudock said "Everybody wasn’t on after three matches — Iowa won, 21-17 — but it wasn’t in question whether the Hawkeyes would fly back to Iowa City with a victory and biggest team in the Big Ten.

In the process, Iowa assistant coach Terry Brands (left) and head coach Tom Brands watch 141-pounder Montell Marion wrestle Michigan State’s Dan Osterman.

No. 1 Cornell on Jan. 31, 2010. Iowa assistant coach Terry Brands (left) and head coach Tom Brands watch 141-pounder Montell Marion wrestle Michigan State’s Dan Osterman.

Iowa midfielder Andrew Alton. "And as the prized quarterback, Bob Rudock, said. "He’s just another kid in the school at St. Thomas, and put on weight and get bigger, because in the end, that’s what you’re worth at being on the summit.”

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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 nature 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 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 in order to improve. During this past week of practices 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.”

“Seven feet is something that 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.”

Iowa’s core group of athletes must grow for the track and field team to reach its ultimate goal.
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 with a 6.71-second run.

But that wasn’t all he had in store for his busiest 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 that came after he was named to the Big Ten Athlete of the Week following his season-opening Big Ten meet at Illinois on Jan. 21.”

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.”

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.

“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.

“With Justin Austin, 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. ‘Austin’ has the chance to be the best sprinter at Iowa ever.”

Hawk junior on really fast track

Despite setting school records, Hawkeye track star Justin Austin knows he has much to improve.
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. 20, the team added another Canadian to the mix. Emily Bigras of Burnaby, Ontario, Canada, has committed to join the Hawkeyes 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 1998, she competed for Canada in the Seoul Olympics.

Simbhudas, on the other hand, knew that being a successful gymnast, she once her connections to international gymnastics that regularly produces 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 girls,” Libby said. “I trust the coaches there, take their word that these girls they steer our way are high-level athletes and good people.”

The process of recruiting is changing so gymnasts are heavily vetting candidates. Iowa can get overlooked, so recruitment from Canada is a high priority for the GymHawks.

“For sure, I focus on the separation where I know a lot of girls. Libby said, “I trust their judgment, the coaches, the word that these girls are highly decorated and strong athletes.”

“The process of recruiting is changing as more gymnasts are vying for high-level scholarships. It’s a bit就像 an elite gymnast for the GymHawks. She said, “It’s truly a bless-...”
Ex-Hawks defend training

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

By JORDAN GARRETSON

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

By AMY TIFFANY

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.

Commentary

Wrestlers cast off ‘rebuilding’

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