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UI student opts to stay in Egypt

Roughly 1,600 U.S. citizens have been evacuated from Egypt.

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A University of Iowa student studying in Egypt is safe, and he has decided to stay in the country, even as protests continue, UI officials said Tuesday.

The student, who is enrolled at the

American University in Cairo, has spoken with his parents, who subsequently contacted UI staff, said Downing Thomas, the dean of International Programs.

While Thomas couldn't disclose the student's name or any personal information, he described the student as a male undergraduate in the College of Liberal Arts and Science.

"I trust him and his family to make the decision that's best for him based on the advice that's been given," said Janis Perkins, the director of the UI Office for Study Abroad. Perkins said she believes Tuesday's

peaceful protests are a positive sign.

The wave of protests against President Hosni Mubarak that have escalated over the past week have led to violence and looting and resulted in thousands of injuries and nearly 100 deaths.

The U.S. State Department has placed Egypt under a travel warning. According to the State Department, approximately 1,600 U.S. citizens have been evacuated from Egypt, and more than 3,000 citizens have asked to be evacuated. Officials

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Ex-tenant sues Apts. Downtown

A former tenant said an Iowa City landlord is taking advantage of the student population.

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An Iowa City resident has filed a pending class action lawsuit against Apartments Downtown Inc., alleging various rental-code violations.

Michael Conroy, 53, filed the lawsuit against the company — which owns a large portion of student-housing downtown — on Dec. 22, 2010. The ex-tenant said he believes Apartments Downtown takes advantage of students who may not know their rights.

Attorneys Christopher Warnock and Christine Boyer filed the case and petitioned to make it a class-action lawsuit because they believe a large number of people have similar legal issues with the company.

The lawsuit states Apartments Downtown violates numerous sections of the Iowa Code by creating leases that violate tenants' rights, wrongfully withholds tenants' security deposits, makes tenants responsible for common areas, and establishes rules that were "for an improper purpose, unfair, unreasonable, and evaded the obligations of the landlord."

Conroy said he decided to seek legal advice after Apartments Downtown, which also does business as Apartments Near Campus, bought the South Johnson Street building he was living in 2009, withheld his deposit in 2010, and fined him additional charges for reasons he felt were unfair.

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Lawsuit allegations

A few of the issues highlighted by Michael Conroy's suit:

- Withholding tenants' security deposits
- Making tenants responsible for common areas
- Creating leases that violate tenants' rights

Source: Court documents

Storm crunches IC area

The Iowa City area could see up to 18 inches of snow by today.

By **ALLIE WRIGHT**
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Veronica Jordan is working on four things: staying warm, staying home, stocking up on food, and trying to avoid driving.

The first-year University of Iowa graduate student isn't used to the roughly 5 inches of snow dumped on Iowa City by 6 p.m. Tuesday. After 10 years in Florida, this is her first blizzard.

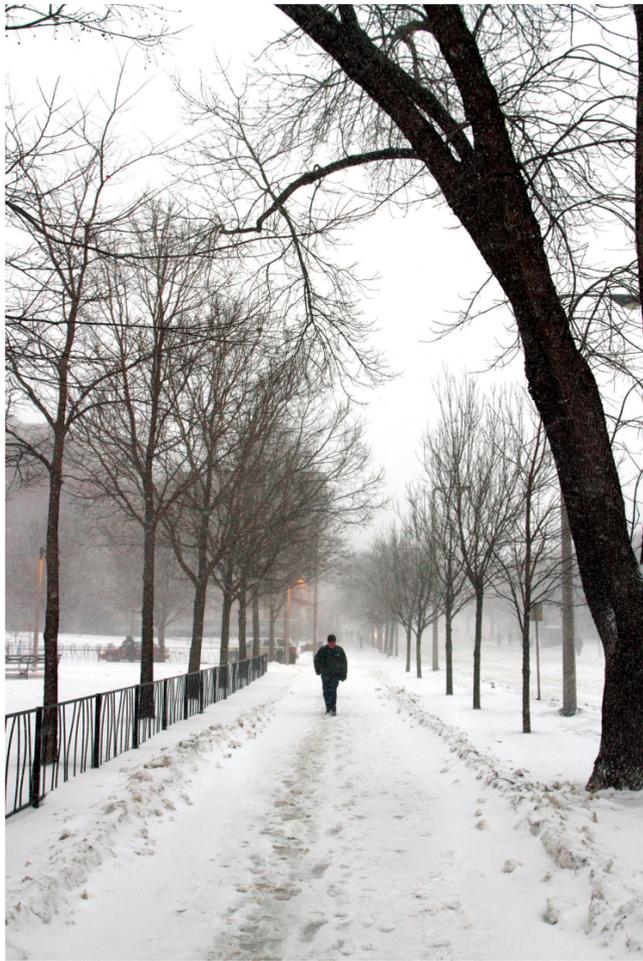
"This is really crazy for me. I'm totally not used to it," she said, huddled in a black coat and lilac scarf as she waited for a ride at the Main Library.

Forecasters at the National Weather Service expect the snow to continue into this morning, accumulating 12 to 18 inches. Wind gusts could reach 35 mph with a wind chill of 20 degrees below zero.

By 10 p.m. Tuesday, around 10 inches had fallen on Johnson County.

UI officials canceled classes through 10 a.m. today; as of 7 p.m. Tuesday, they wouldn't speculate whether

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David Scrivner/The Daily Iowan
Dan Sweeney walks down Madison Street on Tuesday. A blizzard warning was put into effect at 3 p.m. Tuesday to run until noon today.

House-party plan lies dormant

UISG President John Rigby said he would consider pushing the idea forward after completing more research.

By **HAYLEY BRUCE**
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Students at the University of Iowa and local residents aren't going to get courtesy calls before their parties get busted — at least not anytime soon.

Iowa City and UI officials decided jointly to put the prospect of a house-party registration — which would grant students a 20-minute grace period to calm their registered party down — on hold after they said people showed no interest.

Last fall, Iowa City police and UI officials discussed the initiative that would allow students and residents who register their parties with police to receive a phone call prior to officers being dispatched to the location. Officials modeled the

Disorderly house violations in Iowa City:

- 2007: 90
- 2008: 135
- 2009: 165
- 2010: 273
- Since Jan. 1, 2011: 16

Source: Iowa City police statistics

idea on program at Colorado State University in Fort Collins.

"We just haven't gotten any organized interest from the students," said Iowa City Police Chief Sam Hargadine. "We've had a few inquiries, but that was from people who were having a party that night, and then come Saturday morning, they wouldn't care again."

Last fall, Hargadine and Tom Rocklin, the UI vice president for Student Services, participated in a webinar with Colorado State officials on house-party registration. Though they discussed the idea, they never formally advertised it or actually created a system.

At Colorado State, if no neighbors complained after a first call about a registered house, no officers are dispatched to the location. If the party failed to calm down, however, officers were authorized to write tickets to both the party organizers and the parties.

In spring of 2009, Colorado State students — who face a

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Dance Marathon: Dancers



Matt La Luz/The Daily Iowan

Lauren Larson, a West High sophomore and Dance Marathon volunteer, goes in for a pass during basketball practice on Monday. Larson is one of roughly 30 Dance Marathon participants from West High. **STORY, PAGE 2**

MORE DANCE MARATHON: Read about Dance Marathon at other colleges and universities, as well as other UI student groups who help make Dance Marathon a success at DAILYIOWAN.COM

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Very windy, 60% chance of snow, wind chill to minus-20.

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House OKs anti-gay bill

The House voted in favor of a Constitutional amendment by a margin of 63-37.

By ALLISON KELLY
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The Iowa House passed legislation Tuesday that could lead to an eventual vote on gay marriage in the state. Democratic senators have vowed to block the measure, and University of Iowa students spoke out against it.

The bill passed the House on a vote of 63-37.

"I voted no on it, and I spoke on the floor," said Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville. "It's just big government, and before you know it, they'll want to put cameras in people's bedrooms."

More than a decade ago, the Legislature had passed the Defense of Marriage Act of 1998, which limited marriage to one man and one woman.

But gay marriage has

been legal in Iowa since April 2009, when the Iowa Supreme Court ruled in *Varnum v. Brien* that marriage could not be limited. Three of the justices on the unanimous decision were ousted in November's retention election.

This contradiction between the legislative and judicial branches in Iowa is why Rep. Dave Deyoe, R-Nevada, said the proposal is necessary. He said the bill isn't meant to dictate people's actions, but instead to resolve the inconsistencies.

"Really, the key to this vote is that it is to give Iowans the chance to be able to vote on this issue because we have a conflict between the judicial branch and what the legislative branch passed 13 years ago," he said.

UI law student Brad



Jacoby
Democratic representative

Gay-marriage vote Iowa House vote will move gay-marriage bill to the Senate.

- Vote passed by a margin of 63-37
- Three Democrats voted for the bill
- Gay marriage became legal in Iowa 2009 but could be overturned
- Legislation will ban civil unions, domestic partnerships, and any other government recognition of gay and lesbian couples

Biren, an executive member of Outlaws, the law school's gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender group, said he didn't think the legislation would become law, but he believes legislators overstepped their territory by debating the bill.

"They ask, 'Why marriage?'" he said. "Well, the view from the back of the bus is not the best view in the world. It tells you that you're a second-class citizen."

Though his own marriage wouldn't be in jeop-

ardy, Biren said, banning same-sex unions prevents the government from meeting the goals of promoting stable, functional relationships.

The law would ban any civil unions, domestic partnerships, and any other government recognition of gay and lesbian couples, in addition to marriages.

The bill will move to the Senate next, where Majority Leader Michael Gronstal, D-Council Bluffs, has vowed to block the proposal from reaching the floor.

The proposal failed a procedural vote last week.

But Rep. Greg Foristall, R-Macedonia, who sponsored the bill, said Senate Republicans would likely be able to achieve the 25 votes necessary to bring the vote to the floor.

Still, he questioned whether the measure would be passed by Iowa residents.

"It's gonna be interesting," he said. "If it would pass out through the Senate, I think that there is a good chance that Iowans would vote down the Constitutional change."

Dance Marathon: Volunteers

Teen ready to rock for the kids

A West High athlete recruited her friends to join Dance Marathon.

By KENDALL MCCABE
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Lauren Larson is an oddity among University of Iowa Dance Marathon participants. She's not even in college.

Though high-schoolers have participated as spirit dancers or volunteers for other parts of the organization in the past, she is among only roughly 30 Dance Marathon participants from West High who plan to be 24-hour dancers this year.

Sitting in green break-away pants and a matching jacket as she awaited the start of her basketball game, the 15-year-old said she recruited 10 of her friends to join her. While sitting in the West High hallway, a small group of sophomore girls even interrupted to ask her for last-minute fundraising tips.

"It'd be so hard to find out one day that your kid has cancer and to have to come up with the money," Lauren said after telling the girls how to turn in their money.

And Dance Marathon isn't the only way she gives back. She is a member of West High's 1440 Volun-



MATT LA LUZ/THE DAILY IOWAN

West High sophomore and Dance Marathon volunteer Lauren Larson gets ready to shoot during practice Monday at West High. Larson hopes to accumulate 300 or more volunteering hours before she graduates.

teering Club, and, through her school's Silver Cord program, she hopes to accumulate 300 or more volunteering hours before she graduates.

Outside of volunteering, Lauren said, her other true passion is softball, in which she's a center fielder. Her family is also heavily invested in the sport; her father has coached her since she was 5, and her mother played softball in college. The sophomore has also played basketball since second grade and is the point guard for the West High team.

Along with their enthusiasm for athletics, passion for Dance Marathon runs in her family.

Last year, Lauren visited her cousins Ana and Lea Stover for three hours as they powered through the

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Log on to check out a photo slide show on West High student Lauren Larson.

organization's "Big Event." She was moved by the families' stories.

"I bawled," said Lauren, who wore a bright green streak in her hair. "It makes you realize how much of a struggle it is."

The experience inspired Larson to join as a sophomore. Most of the 30 high-school dancers are older, she said.

And her dedication to the organization has inspired others.

"She definitely, definitely knows that she wants to make this the most positive experience for her first Dance Marathon," said Sammantha Marks, a UI freshman who was a 24-hour dancer when she was a senior at West High. "I

Lauren Larson

- Age: 15
- Hometown: Iowa City
- Favorite type of food: Mexican
- Favorite sport: Softball
- Favorite school subject: Math
- Favorite activities: Hanging out with friends, playing sports

idolize her."

This year, Marks is the assistant morale captain for Larson's group.

"It's great that she got her friends involved," Marks said.

UI alumna Lea Stover, who spent three years volunteering for Dance Marathon, said her cousin's contributions to the organization are unique because Larson has years of involvement ahead of her.

"It's awesome that she's so enthusiastic just as a sophomore in high school," Stover said.

Larson, who said she wants to become a kindergarten teacher, said she hopes to attend the UI, and she would like the opportunity to continue with Dance Marathon.

To her, the fundraising and full day of dancing is worth it.

"You can't complain," Larson said after listening to families' stories at the Big Event last year. "That 24 hours is nothing compared to what they go through."

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Party's over: Coralville police ring up 46 PAULAs

Coralville police charged 46 people with possession of alcohol under the legal age last weekend after they busted a party in Coralville, according to a police docket.

Officers busted the party at 2750 First Ave. on Jan. 29 just before midnight, police said.

According to police, two of those charged lived at the listed address.

Carter Luense, 18, was listed with an address matching that of the party. The other possible

resident is under 18. Fourteen of those cited with PAULAs were under 18.

— by Hayley Bruce

Magic Johnson to visit UI

Earvin "Magic" Johnson will visit the University of Iowa on April 28 to discuss entrepreneurship in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

The basketball star, who played for Michigan State and the Los Angeles Lakers, is now the CEO of Magic Johnson Enterprises, which focuses on serving diverse urban communities. He will speak about

his work aimed at revitalizing inner-city economies.

The lecture is free and open to the public; tickets will be available at the IMU box office in the spring.

— by Emily Busse

UIHC doctor suspended

A University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics physician has been suspended from practicing medicine after officials discovered her excessive use of alcohol inhibited her abilities, according to a release from the Iowa Board of

Medicine.

Wendy Smoker, 62, drank alcohol and also had a mental condition, which both contributed to her impaired abilities, the release said. Smoker admitted to suffering from alcoholism, according to the release.

The board first filed formal charges against Smoker on June 21, 2010. The board decided Smoker, who practiced diagnostic radiology at UIHC, should serve five years of probation in addition to undergoing substance-abuse counseling and monitoring by the board, as well as a \$5,000 fine.

— by Alison Sullivan

BLOTTER

Donovan Kimzey, 19, 2100 S. Scott Blvd. Apt. 46, was charged Monday with fifth-degree theft.

William Prior, 26, Fairfield, Iowa, was charged May 25, 2008 with fifth-degree theft.

Mary Bobotaylor, 46, 4494 Taft Ave., was charged Tuesday with OWI.

Jasmen Brown, 23, address unknown, was charged Tuesday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

When all the pain is light

Kevin Brockmeier explores the beauty in pain in his latest novel.

By **ALYSSA MARIE HARN**
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Author Kevin Brockmeier likes to write at his desk and chair in a room filled with wooden bookshelves.

"I'm a creature of habit," he said. "It's hard for me to write anywhere but with my desk and my bookshelves surrounding me."

Not only does Brockmeier's office double as a personal library, he has bookcases scattered throughout his home in Little Rock, Ark.

"Anywhere I can have a bookcase, I do," the author said.

Brockmeier, a graduate of the Writers' Workshop, will read from his latest novel, *The Illumination*, at 7 p.m. today at Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St. Admission is free.

The Illumination explores the idea of a world in which people who are in pain generate light. *The Illumination* is composed of six sections, each focusing on one of six people who suffer from injuries. The characters are loosely connected by a diary that accidentally gets into each of their hands. The diary, which contains letters a man wrote to his wife, helps soothe each of the characters.

"I was hoping that these half dozen perspectives, when put together, would look at these themes and ideas that I was trying to explore from a multitude of angles," Brockmeier said.

He got the idea for the book from a series of meditations he had about the purpose of pain.

"What if our pain was the most beautiful thing about us? What if our pain was the thing that made us beautiful to God, and if that was

Reading

Kevin Brockmeier

- When: 7 p.m. today
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- Admission: Free

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Read an excerpt from Kevin Brockmeier's novel, *The Illumination*.



true, what would that say about us and the world and how we interact with each other?" the 38-year-old said.

During the series of meditations Brockmeier thought of a person who glowed from the pain of his injuries. This image ultimately gave the author the concept for the book.

Paul Ingram, Prairie Lights' book buyer, said *The Illumination* is unlike anything he's read. "I think this may be his best book," Ingram said. "It's about a time in the near future, the speculative present, when pain becomes beautiful."

Brockmeier hopes readers ask themselves questions about pain and the purpose of pain like he did while writing the book.

The Illumination is Brockmeier's third adult novel, his others being *The Truth About Celia* and *The Brief History of the Dead*. Josefina Kals, Brockmeier's publicist, said *The Illumination* rings true to the high quality of the author's previous works.

"The reviews of his previous books speak for themselves regarding his unique talent and innovativeness, and his loyal readers will not be disappointed by this latest novel, already being praised by critics around the country," Kals said.

Spotlight Iowa City

At home in controlled chaos

University of Iowa juggler Isaac Rockafellow has a passion for juggling.

By **ALYSSA MARIE HARN**
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Isaac Rockafellow's passion for juggling extends beyond the typical toss and catch of balls. The University of Iowa junior also juggles clubs and rings, and he has even employed plungers.

"As long as [something is] fun to play around with, you can juggle it," said Rockafellow, president of the UI's juggling club, the UI Juggalos.

UI student Sarah Shires, a UI Juggalo member, appreciates Rockafellow encouraging club members to try new tricks with materials that are outside the box. Shires, for one, just mastered juggling three rings. Other materials used to perform tricks at club meetings include muffin tins, trombones, and 3D glasses.

"Every week, we try new things, and [Rockafellow] always tries to make something different — make a big production with lots of people," Shires said.

Rockafellow joined UI Juggalos as a freshman, recruiting members from his dorm. Rockafellow could be seen juggling in the halls, and after those on his floor witnessed his talent, they wanted to learn the craft, too.

Rockafellow first started juggling at the age of 10, when his grandmother gave him a set of juggling balls. Ten years later, he hasn't stopped.

In high school, Rockafellow made videos of his juggling routines at home. His father, Tim Rockafellow, said he is in the process of

Isaac Rockafellow

- **Age:** 20
- **Hometown:** Williamsburg
- **How he learned to juggle:** Taught himself
- **First juggling performance:** At age 13 in a talent show
- **Other talents:** Knows how to ride a unicycle

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Isaac Rockafellow practices juggling on Tuesday.

replacing the ceiling tiles in his living room because it was so scuffed from juggling.

The microbiology major even attended the International Jugglers Association Festival in Kentucky in 2008.

Though Rockafellow enjoyed performing in front of thousands of people at the festival, he doesn't juggle to compete. Instead, he uses it as a form of meditation and relaxation.

"For me it was like an escape from school as opposed to a club that's mandatory," Shires said.

In addition to the relaxation it provides, Rockafellow sees juggling as an outlet that is creative, fun, and one that proves to be trying.

"It's inherently a challenge," Rockafellow said. "You are trying to control what seems to the average

viewer as a big mess — it's controlled chaos. And there are just infinite possibilities for creativity."

In the future, Rockafellow hopes to perform in more public events with his club, and he plans to showcase the UI Juggalos during Night Games at the UI this spring.

On a personal level, Rockafellow wants to shift his focus from honing his technical abilities to strengthening the quality of his juggling performances.

"I want to create new performances and competitions and find [tricks] that are more interesting

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Check out a photo slide show of juggler Isaac Rockafellow.



than difficult," he said.

Tim Rockafellow said he was proud of his son's juggling accomplishments and his dedication to the practice.

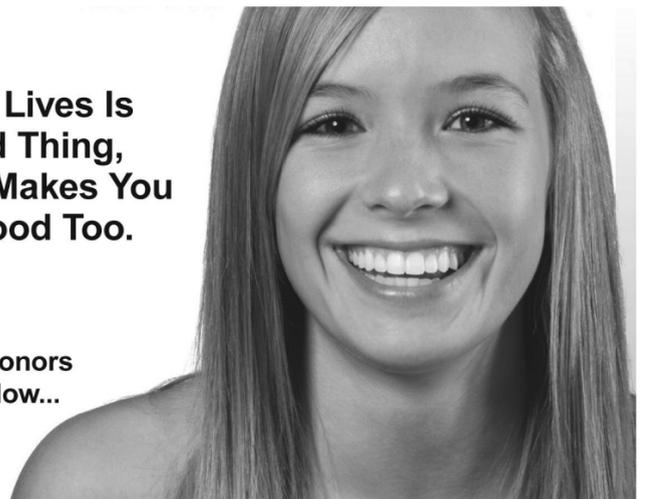
"It's been pretty amazing that [Isaac Rockafellow] can stick with juggling and just keep getting better," Tim Rockafellow said. "He has a tremendous amount of self-discipline, which is really impressive."

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The officers, directors and stockholders of Seller are Jeff Nullmeyer, John Nauhartz, Jeff Medina, Tim Adkisson. The officers and Directors of Buyer are William Gehm, Rupert L. Dowell Jr., Matthew Gasparovich, John Rodger Moore, Tommy Stafford, Robert Wade, Erin Davey.

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Editorial

New study accentuates mental-health needs

Student-loan payments, heavy homework loads, time-management learning curves, frequently difficult roommates, and brand-new social situations — these notorious obstacles exasperate even the best-prepared students. When college newcomers are faced with pre-existing mental illness or disability, however, these tasks seem even more daunting.

While the University of Iowa has put considerable resources and services in place to help students (particularly freshmen) manage the tumultuous adjustment to college, the University Counseling Service acknowledged last semester that it is straining under an increased demand for services.

It's not just the UI, either — a new study across the nation has revealed a surging prevalence of emotional health troubles among incoming college students. These revelations about American undergraduates' mental health highlight the importance of counseling for students, as well as current shortfalls; they should signal to the state and the nation that increased services are necessary, even in a time of budgetary angst.

For the first time this year, a freshman survey by UCLA researchers included questions about pre-existing mental-health disorders. Nearly 12 percent of respondents indicated they had been diagnosed with dyslexia, ADHD, depression, or other ongoing disability; 2.7 percent reported having at least two of these conditions. Almost a third of students who make use of the University Counseling Services at the UI have been previously diagnosed with an anxiety disorder, mood disorder, or both, said Director Sam Cochran.

Even evading serious mental-health diagnoses, the broader UCLA survey of more than 200,000 college freshmen at 279 institutions found that 52 percent of students rated their emotional health "above aver-

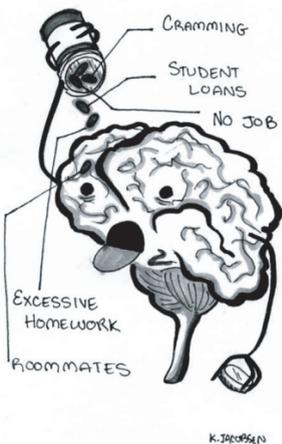
age" or better, a decrease from 63.6 percent in 1985.

"If students are arriving in college already overwhelmed and with lower reserves of emotional health, faculty, deans, and administrators should expect to see more consequences of stress," said John H. Pryor, the director of the Cooperative Institutional Research Program and lead author of the report, in a press release. He also noted that stress increased time-management issues, drinking for relaxation, and lessened academic drive. Aside from motivation loss and decreased academic performance, Elissa Weitzman of the Harvard School of Public Health found in 2004 that students with exceptionally high levels of stress are more likely to partake in "frequent, heavy, and heavy episodic drinking." Sound familiar?

It is imperative that the university community cope with mental illness and emotional health in a non-stigmatizing, non-judgmental manner. In such a rigorous and academically challenging setting, it is only natural that undue amounts of stress affect us all equally but differently. Slight progress has been made in this area, Cochran told the *DI* on Jan. 28, but the ignominy of the past still deters students from seeking help.

Students will hopefully use both UI-provided and community psychiatric and counseling services as needed; the numbers all point to escalating necessity, and the damage to students' performance and physical well-being is real.

Universities have a vital interest in taking care of their students' emotional needs, and we hope that recent funding cuts will in no way affect the mental-health services that the UI does offer. Students don't need another thing to worry about.



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Your turn. Do students require increased mental-health services? Weigh in at dailyiowan.com.

Whose neutrality is it?

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Welcome to 1984. Egyptians were effectively cut off from the Internet around 12:30 a.m. Cairo time on Jan. 27, when the government shut down nine of the country's 10 largest ISPs, blocking Internet access for some 88 percent of Egyptians. The blackout in Egypt — described as "unprecedented in Internet history" by online intelligence analyst James Cowie — is also the most salient example of why Net-neutrality legislation is incredibly dangerous. "Regulation is freedom" holds true only in the most Orwellian of novels.

Let's be clear: We all want an easily accessible, open, and free Internet — and not just so we can illegally download celebrity sex tapes. The Internet has served as an incredibly powerful organizing tool domestically (just ask President Obama, who raised \$500 million online during his campaign) and abroad, with Facebook and Twitter playing key roles in the mobilization of entire countries against undemocratic governments.

Net neutrality poses an existential threat to that openness — it would give government the ability to directly shut down the Internet. Those who advocate for its immediate implementation are, unintentionally, their own worst enemy.

Net neutrality is posited on the idea that ISPs want to control what you can and cannot see online. They could proceed to charge you an additional \$10 a month to use Netflix, \$15 a month to use Hulu, etc. Then, the hypothetical goes, they could start censoring political views by making political blogs pay-to-view.

I think it's important to repeat that scenario is hypothetical. In case you haven't noticed, we already have a neutral Net, and it's, in a word, amazing.

But Net-neutrality advocates want the government to step in and regulate the Internet to prevent ISPs from theoretically charging me an extra \$15 a month to use Hulu. The government agency responsible for this regulation, however, would be our good ol' buds over at the FCC.

The FCC, as I'm sure you know, has a terrible record of promoting open, free, and uncensored communication,

and FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski is thrilled about the possibility of expanding his regulatory authority to the Internet. After all, the FCC has been trying to regulate cable and satellite TV since the Bush administration.

And while Net-neutrality proponents argue that the only thing the FCC would do is prevent ISPs from offering anything but a flat monthly fee for unlimited access, Genachowski's words on an FCC-affiliated website are a little more chilling: "It is vital that illegal conduct be curtailed on the Internet. As I said in my Senate confirmation hearing, open Internet principles apply only to lawful content, services, and applications."

Still sounds all well and good, but think about it for a minute. How much pirated (see: illegal) content do you think is on YouTube? On any peer-to-peer network? WikiLeaks? What if the government decides that porn should be illegal? All of these are under assault by either the government or other major corporations, and giving the government the authority to directly regulate what an ISP can do is incredibly dangerous for one more reason.

The Net will remain neutral as long as we have the ability to choose with which ISP we do business. In the immediate future, this is not a concern.

According to the FCC itself, 95 percent of Americans live in a zip code with access to at least four different ISPs, and there are nearly 1,500 different ISPs nationwide (compared with Egypt's big 10).

Here in Iowa, we have nearly 200 separate Internet providers, and Iowa City is among the aforementioned 95 percent.

Given the highly decentralized nature of American communications, the only way for the Internet's neutrality to be truly threatened — and, in a worst-case scenario, shut off — is if the government is involved with and connected to every single ISP.

If the government has the authority to regulate what I can see on the Internet, it will regulate what I can see on the Internet. Past behavior is the best predictor of future behavior. The FCC started with radio, now regulates broadcast TV, and is trying to expand to cable and the Internet.

If the FCC gets full "Net-neutrality" regulatory powers of the Internet, it won't remain neutral for long. ■

Letter

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Safety concerns about student mopeds

After reading Monday's response to the article about MopedU, I found it absurd that somebody would allow students to ride mopeds around the city without any training.

Last summer, I bought a moped to drive to work every day. My commute was about 30 minutes, and I could fill up my gas tank for \$1.50 versus the \$40 or so it would cost to fill up a car's gas tank. Also, I would be driving to work before rush hour and coming back in the

middle of the day, before the evening rush-hour traffic. The moped seemed perfect, and it was so fun to ride.

On July 22, I was making the same right turn I had made every other day that summer onto Providence Road when I wrecked. I remember signaling and making the turn, then sitting on the pavement with the moped on its side, 3 feet in front of me. I had slid into a lane of oncoming traffic. I shattered a two-inch section of my right fibula, dislocated my ankle, and had road rash that went through both layers of skin, because I had been wearing shorts. I spent the worst

week of my life in a splint, with my leg broken, waiting for the swelling to go down before I had a 6-inch plate and nine screws surgically put into my leg, as well as three elastic bands to hold my ankle back in place after being dislocated. As a result, I was in a cast for three months.

When the police came to talk to me about the incident, they had already examined the area where I crashed. I was going 26 mph, and the speed limit was 35. I had my turn signal on; it was still blinking when my moped was lying on its side on the street. There was nothing in the street that I could have hit

— no pot holes, trash, spots of sand or gravel, or anything else.

You can have all of the training in the world, or none at all. Freak accidents happen. Factor in the traffic of Iowa City, the inexperience of college-age drivers, and the pressures of trying to get to class on time, and I truly think renting mopeds out to college students is a mistake.

I hope students sincerely consider the risks of riding a moped. While mopeds may seem to be cost-effective or "look cool," they're still dangerous. And really, is walking to class that terrible?

Hannah Lachnit
UI freshman

Guest opinion

Students: Take action on budget cuts

Our university is nearing a critical juncture.

Public universities in Iowa receive revenue from two main sources: state appropriations and tuition. During the past two fiscal years, state appropriations have decreased 20 percent, resulting in a nearly \$140 million loss to Iowa's public universities over that time. Since 2001, the state Board of Regents' budget (which funds our public universities) has decreased by 25 percent.

At the same time, Iowa has increased its overall spending 13 percent. Additionally, K-12 education spending increased 30 per-

cent, and community-college education spending also increased over the last 10 years. Meanwhile, funding to Iowa public universities was cut to an outrageous level; in fiscal 2010, only five other states had cut state appropriations for education more than Iowa.

This trend is alarming. To put the depth of these cuts into perspective, consider the following: If the regents desired to meet the deficit that has been absorbed by Iowa's public universities during the past two fiscal years alone, students at Iowa public universities would encounter a disastrous 26

percent tuition increase.

In addition to the budget cuts the state has imposed upon our public universities since 2001, the Iowa House of Representatives recently passed HR45, which decreases the regents' budget for public universities by \$25 million next fiscal year and retroactively decreases this fiscal year's budget by \$10 million. The additional budget cuts proposed in the House, and still in debate in the Senate, would further raise the theoretical "increase" needed to erase the deficit facing our public universities to a 29 percent tuition hike.

Although our state legis-

lators have found public universities a prime target for budget cuts, they could consider that yearly, private universities in Iowa receive approximately \$45 million in state funding to provide scholarship/attendance assistance so that students may attend private universities in Iowa through the Iowa Tuition Grant Program. Somehow, the House has not deemed to cut aid for private universities/schools in its attempt to slash the budget.

Why do we worry or care enough to write about this topic? If state appropriations continue to decrease, tuition will certainly

become the means to fund universities in Iowa, raising costs for all students and placing higher education out of reach for many.

You can take action to help prevent a further decrease in state appropriations for our Iowa public universities. If you are from Iowa, write your hometown legislator and ask your parents, friends, and family members to do so, as well. If you are from out of state, contact a member of the Education Appropriations Committee.

Additionally, contact your student government at the University of Iowa. We are lobbying in Des

Moines for you and would appreciate your presence with us while speaking with legislators about the great things our university has done and continues to do, and why funding higher public education is truly a sound investment for the state and nation.

We must never forget that public education is a public good.

John Rigby and Erika Hayes are the president and vice president of the UI Student Government.

Lyndsay Marshman and Donna Lancianese are the president and vice president of the Executive Council of Graduate & Professional Students.

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Groundhog Day Observations:

- Why are people upset when the groundhog sees its shadow? If it's six more weeks of winter, then big deal; that still beats March 21 by a week.
- Truth be told, Groundhog Day is just preamble to the next big holiday, President's Day.
- Couldn't you just put a series of lights on Phil so that he couldn't cast a shadow no matter which way he looked? Let's get ILM working on this, pronto.
- Maybe I'm just being cynical, but I hate how commercial Groundhog Day has become.
- To be fair, this is the one day each year that the residents of Punsxutawney can actually unload all those "Groundhogs Do It in the Dirt" bumper stickers they loaded up on during the Great Bumper Sticker boon of '88.
- Because it's like any other day, it might seem like you're living the Groundhog Day over and over again.
- Because it's like any other day, it might seem like you're living the Groundhog Day over and over again.
- No, it was NOT possible to not make that last joke.
- Question of etiquette: How long should I wait before taking down my Groundhog Day decorations?
- It's a sad truth that many people don't realize, but every year by St. Patrick's Day, there are tens of thousands of unwanted groundhogs clogging America's animal shelters.
- Punsxutawney Phil: by day, he's an unassuming marmot prognosticator; by night, he's an Avenging Furball of Death. Look for the six-issue series, coming this summer from Marvel Comics.

— Brian Tanner has seen his shadow and predicts six more weeks of Ledges.

Think you're pretty funny? Prove it. *The Daily Iowan* is looking for Ledge writers. You can submit a Ledge at daily-iowan@uiowa.edu. If we think it's good, we'll run it — and maybe contact you for more.

SNOW WAY



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UI sophomore Ching Fang Chuang sits at a Cambus stop outside the Main Library on Tuesday. Chuang is originally from Taiwan; she said she is not used to snow but finds it enjoyable in some ways. "I like walking in the snow," she said.

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PRESENTS...

horoscopes Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2011

— by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 A physical challenge will raise your self-esteem and get you moving in a good direction. Dealing with children and older relatives will be a great learning experience. You can think big, but don't overdo.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Do for yourself if you want something done right. Trust in your own talent and ability, and you will find that you actually do quite well on your own. Insecurity will stand between you and the success you deserve.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Don't leave anything to chance. Location will be a life choice, so don't overlook the things that are important to you before making a move or changing your current situation. Your timing is good and should lead to productivity.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22 Position yourself so that you aren't left in an awkward situation. Your plan must be clearly laid out so there is no mistaking what you want to see happen. Trying to buy affection or loyalty will not pay off.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 You will be able to persuade others to do things that will help you get ahead. Recognition will come from leadership. Others will count on you to make things happen and to lead them into victory. Keep your emotions hidden.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Invest in your own talent, skills, and ability. You have plenty to offer and can make a difference to any project you get involved in. Taking a strong approach will show your dedication and leadership ability.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Network, get involved in events, social gatherings and activities, and you will meet people who support your efforts. A partnership can offer knowledge and experience. You have a lot to offer and will attract a worthy contributor.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Follow your heart, and you will not go wrong. An unexpected option will help turn something you're working on into a lucrative endeavor. You'll get interest in what you are doing but ulterior motives are apparent.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 There will be no rhyme nor reason to the way things turn out today. Some will approve of what you do and say, others will not. What's important, however, is that you not be influenced by others.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Taking on a burden that doesn't belong to you will make it difficult to finish your own projects. You have a tendency not to see things too clearly, especially with money matters. Keep your personal and business lives separate.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Your overly energetic attitude will help you get things going. Participating in what everyone else is doing will help you find a niche of your own. Offer your services, opinions, and solutions, and progress will be made.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 There will be plenty of red tape to deal with, but you will find ways to address every problem that comes up. Determination is the key to putting things behind you. Don't let someone's change of heart or plans disrupt your day.

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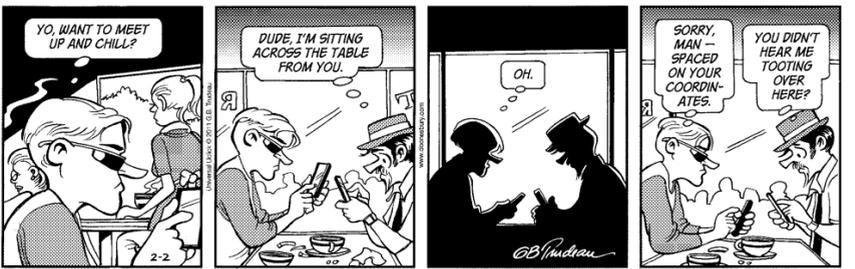
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today's events

- **U.S. Diving National Championships**, 9 a.m., Campus Recreation & Wellness Center
- **Preschool Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **College of Public Health Student Association Meeting**, noon, 2-501 Bowen
- **How to Make the Career Fair Work For You**, 12:30 p.m., C130 Pomerantz Center
- **Open Studio with Mary Wall**, 1:30 p.m., Iowa City/Johnson County Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Beat a Cop, Win a Pop**, 3:15 p.m., Mercer Park Aquatic Center, 2701 Bradford Drive
- **New Venture Challenge Workshop**, 4 p.m., John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center
- **Black History Month, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Discussion Forum**, 6 p.m., Afro American Cultural Center
- **UI DeGowin Blood Center Blood Drive**, 6-10 p.m., Currier
- **Gray Knights Chess Club**, 6:30 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Tamara Drewe**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **Classical Guitar Concert by Tariel Iberi**, 7 p.m., River Community Church, 3001 Muscatine
- **"Live from Prairie Lights," Kevin Brockmeier, fiction**, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Travelogues with Patrick Nefzger**, 7 p.m., Senior Center
- **Peter Wolf Crier and Retribution Gospel Choir**, 9 p.m., Mill, 120

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- E. Burlington
 - **Marwencol**, 9:10 p.m., Bijou
 - **The Jam**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- ONGOING**
- **The Art of the Print**, Larry Welo, Dennis Moore, Carl Homstad, Laurie Wright, Lori Biwer Stewart, and Anna Marie Pavlik, Iowa Artisans Gallery, 207 E. Washington; through Feb. 27
 - **Cedar County, Iowa: A Door to Freedom**, stories of the Underground Railroad, Herbert Hoover National Site, 110 Parkside Drive, West Branch; through April 30
 - **Chaos and Creation on the Pentacrest**, Old Capitol Museum; through May 22
 - **Color, Repetition, Composition, Awakenings**, Nathan Musser, Senior Center Old Post Office Gallery, 28 S. Linn
 - **Inspiration at the Chait Galleries Downtown**, Patricia Hancock and Alexander Vermillion, Chait Galleries, 218 E. Washington;
 - **Iowa City School District Artist Educators**, MidWestOne Bank, 102 S. Clinton; through April 30
 - **Diane Blair Kunzler Paintings**, Herbert Hoover National Site; through Feb. 5
 - **The Love Show**, Arts Iowa City, 114 S. Dubuque; through Feb. 25
 - **Memory Series: New Work by Ali Kirsch**, Red Avocado, 521 E. Washington; through Feb. 28

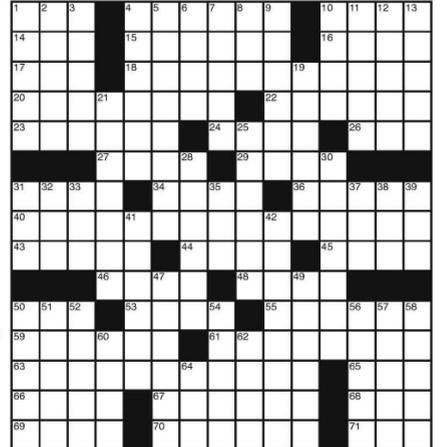
The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 1229

- Across**
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 - Update, in a way
 - Noise in a comic book gunfight
 - Expert
 - Key of "The James Bond Theme"
 - Bathe
 - Big
 - Margarita alternatives
 - Spanish for "the meadows"
 - Mexican bloom
 - Like telemarketing headsets
 - Bit of a climb
 - They're caught in Chicago
 - What a cheeky one's cheek might get
 - Screen role for Skippy the dog
 - Pit
 - Cook Island carving
 - Card game of Spanish origin
 - Salsa verde ingredients
 - Barrio outsider
 - At 30° W 30° N, e.g.
 - Lock part
 - Goals against, e.g.
 - "What ___ be done?"
 - Certain Protestant: Abbr.
 - Golfer Aoki
 - Reason for an evacuation
 - Baja buddies
 - Like traditional Mexican music
 - Procrastinating words south of the border
 - Castor ___ (old comic strip character)
 - Subj. involving cells
 - Be altruistic
 - Mustachioed "Simpsons" character
 - Kournikova of tennis
 - They might be knee-jerk reactions
 - Carbohydrate suffix
- Down**
- "Tortilla Flat" character
 - Jersey Shore county, appropriately
 - None too swift
 - Officially annul
 - Go from home to home?
 - One of a 15th-century trio
 - "With the jawbone of ___"
 - Comfy footwear, briefly
 - Slowly disappears
 - Bor-r-ring
 - Soup kitchen server
 - Use
 - Tijuana tables
 - One turned off for takeoff
 - Virgins of ancient Rome
 - Island capital of 2.6 million
 - It requires one who's blind with a bat
 - Two-handed vase
 - 1977 double-platinum album by Steely Dan
 - White House ceremony site
 - Syrian presidential family
 - Helping for the very hungry, maybe
 - "La ___"
 - At full speed
 - Evergreen with edible nuts
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Puzzle by Patrick Merrell

- Sweeping shot
 - Medit. land
 - Flattens, for short
 - Arthur of "The Golden Girls"
 - \$200 Monopoly properties: Abbr.
 - Gift in "The Gift"
 - Crone's concoction
 - White House ceremony site
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RECRUITS

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that. Listed at 6-3, 230 pounds and clocking in at a time of 4.5 seconds in the 40-yard dash (Rivals), Coe will be one of the team's best athletes as soon as he arrives on campus.

In the future, Coe may have the opportunity to run behind two of the cornerstones of Iowa's class. Four-star offensive guards Austin Blythe (6-3, 280 pounds) and Jordan Walsh (6-3, 275 pounds) will help shore up the O-line, Tom Kakert of hawkkeyereport.com said. Kakert expects both to compete for playing time after most likely redshirting in their first season.

"[They're] really hard-working kids who have a lot of talent for the run game and as pass blockers," Kakert said.

And not surprisingly,

Iowa Recruiting Class Rankings (Rivals.com)

- 2011: 29th
- 2010: 42nd
- 2009: Not listed in top 50
- 2008: Not listed in top 50
- 2007: 28th
- 2006: 39th
- 2005: 11th
- 2004: 38th
- 2003: 43rd
- 2002: Not listed in top 50

Iowa also appears to have landed yet another blue-chip prospect at tight end in Ray Hamilton of Strongsville, Ohio.

Kakert said the 6-5, 230-pound Hamilton is the most refined of the three tight ends committed to Iowa.

"He has the size in terms of height and weight and also very good at catching the football," he said. "He's a kid who potentially, you could see

coming in and getting some limited action as a freshman."

Under the radar

Other recruits may not have received as much national recognition as players such as Coe, but their talent shouldn't be overlooked. Kakert points to Iowa's three commitments at wide receiver as being full of "sleeper" potential.

The Hawkeyes hope Marcus Grant (Groton, Mass.), Jacob Hillyer (Somerset, Texas), and Austin Vincent (DeSoto, Texas) can shore up what looks to be a depleted receiving corps.

Because Hillyer played in a "pass-happy" offense at the high-school level, Kakert said he may arrive at Iowa as a more polished player.

"Some of those guys develop pretty well because they've played in a passing game," Kakert said. "So they understand how to run routes, catch the football, and make plays."

Last-minute shopping

Iowa is still actively involved in the recruiting of four-star defensive tackle Darian Cooper and the nation's top-ranked offensive tackle, Cyrus Kouandjio. Both were teammates at DeMatha High School in Hyattsville, Md., and former teammates of current Hawkeye running back Marcus Coker.

Kouandjio has the potential to start as a true freshman for virtually any program in the nation. The *Washington Post* reported last week that Kouandjio narrowed his final list of schools to Alabama, Auburn, and Iowa. His older brother, Arie, is a member of the Crimson Tide. Kouandjio and Cooper are expected to announce their decisions today. *Sports Illustrated's* experts expect Kouandjio to choose Alabama.

Another DeMatha product — defensive back Jordan Lomax — gave Iowa his word on Monday, and running back Damon Bullock (Mansfield, Texas) and linebacker Johnny Lowdermilk (Kensington, Ohio) committed Tuesday.

Fitting the mold

Overall, Kakert said, he believes Iowa has done a good job recruiting the appropriate players to fill its needs — particularly at offensive line, wide receiver, tight end, and linebacker.

Perhaps more importantly, the Hawkeyes are adding players that fit the program.

Hamilton, who has met a number of fellow Iowa commitments, said, "All these guys that I've met, the kids in the [recruiting] class, they all have the Iowa mold. The coaches know exactly what they're doing and what they're looking for."

HAMILTON

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and I don't see that being any different when he goes off to college."

Hamilton is well aware his next position battle will be much more difficult. The likes of Brad Herman, Zach Derby, and C.J. Fiedorowicz — perhaps the most highly touted recruit from Iowa's 2010 crop — all await.

"Some people may say it's a bigger challenge to go somewhere where I may have to play behind some guys for a year or two," Hamilton said. "If you want

to be the best at your position, you're going to have to beat out the best. They're going to recruit guys after me, and they're going to want to beat me out."

Because Iowa typically likes to rotate three to four tight ends at any point in a game, hawkkeyereport.com's Tom Kakert said there's a good chance Hamilton will see some time on the field as a true freshman. If he earns that distinction, there's a good chance it may be because of his intangibles rather than his physical attributes.

Ask Hamilton what his strengths are, and the answer might surprise you. "A lot of guys talk about

how they can run fast and catch. I like to talk about leadership," said Hamilton, who captained his football team his final two seasons and currently serves as captain for Strongsville's basketball team as well. "That's something I pride myself on. Being able to let somebody know when he's right or wrong or help out, or just show it on the field."

Jacques described the effect of Hamilton's leadership in simple terms.

"He makes other people play better. That's what he does."

Just because Hamilton has viewed himself — and asserted himself — as a

leader for most of his high-school career, doesn't mean he doesn't have a leader he looks up to, though.

He met former Hawkeye and current Kansas City Chief tight end Tony Moeaki last spring. Hamilton called watching Moeaki play "a treat."

And like Moeaki, Hamilton said he and the rest of Iowa's tight ends "all want to be the next sent to the NFL."

"I think everyone is aware of the legacy of the tight ends at Iowa," Hamilton said. "To carry on the tradition is something I look forward to working at every day."

BLYTHE

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"I said, 'No, I'm ready for the next thing in life,'" Blythe said. "I'm going to get over there and put everything I have into being the best football player I can be."

His wrestling background certainly won't hurt his development as a football player. Blythe cited certain traits — the use of leverage, a strong command of balance — as being para-

mount in both sports. His high-school head football coach, Curt Ritchie, lauded Blythe's athleticism.

"I think we would always be kind of surprised when we would do a short change-of-direction drill," Ritchie said. "Just how fast he was, his agility — that definitely surprised us a little bit."

When Williamsburg ran its players through speed and agility challenges, Ritchie said, Blythe didn't compete against his fellow linemen. He was too quick.

"We found ourselves putting him with our tight ends and our fullbacks," he said. "Then we would finally put him with the skill positions [QB, RB, WR], which is pretty uncommon for us."

"We'll be in the gym, and he'll jump up and dunk a dodge ball or a volleyball. He has some pretty good explosion."

Hawkeyereport.com's Tom Kakert said he believes Blythe follows a recipe similar to that of Iowa head coach Kirk Fer-

entz's most successful offensive guards. More specifically, he brought up current Cleveland Brown and ex-Hawkeye Eric Steinbach.

"[The Hawkeyes are] really at their best when they have some pretty good athletes at guard," Kakert said.

Sounds like Blythe. "He can do things that a guy at 6-3, 280 normally just can't do," Kakert said. "He's a really high-level athlete who I think can surprise people."

Hawks face Spartans

The Hawkeyes try to extend a five-game Groundhog Day (and James Joyce's birthday) winning streak.

By IAN MARTIN

Much like Punxsutawney Phil, the Iowa basketball team will try to answer a major question this Groundhog Day.

Will they or won't they finally pull off a major conference win?

While America's favorite marmot forecaster predicts whether the weather will remain as rubbish as it's been, the Hawkeyes (8-13, 1-8) welcome Michigan State in the team's return to Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Iowa is seeking a win over a notable opponent for the first time this season.

The Spartans (13-8, 5-4) are having a relatively "down" season by their standards, but with an RPI of 35, beating them would still be a major win for Fran McCaffery and the young Hawkeyes.

Iowa is frustrated and in need of a spark. For one, the head coach thinks that the team has yet to put together a complete game since the squad's only Big Ten victory this season — Indiana on Jan. 23. The Hawkeyes put together good stretches against Penn State and Michigan, but eventually lost both games by 14.

"I don't feel like we played particularly well in either one," Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery said in the Big Ten coaches' teleconference.

He said both games seemed to have good first halves for his side before a run killed them in the second. But players on the team didn't want to credit

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opponents with winning games, instead saying that the Hawkeyes seemed to lose them.

"We've got to stop beating ourselves," freshman Melsahn Basabe said in a radio interview after the Michigan loss. "I've yet to be in any game where I'm like 'Wow, those guys really beat us.'"

It would appear that if Iowa wanted to put it together, tonight's game could be the right mixture. Michigan State has been sliding, losers of its last three road games. And each of the Spartan's last three wins have been at home and in overtime, including a narrow 84-83 escape against Indiana on Sunday.

The Spartans' head coach seemed to have an opposite demeanor from that of McCaffery, praising his team's resilience through tough times.

"No question we've been knocked on our heels in the past week," Michigan State head coach Tom Izzo said in the same Big Ten teleconference. "But we've found a way to win, and that's what you have to do in this league."

Tonight's home crowd will likely be one of the best of the season — the game is

free for UI students. And last, and certainly least, the Hawkeyes hold a five-game winning streak on Groundhog Day.

But it will be tough to call this one a trap game for Michigan State, even for a team coming off an emotional win. Izzo said that because Iowa plays especially well at home, his squad expects a tough game from the Hawkeyes.

"If we can get through the snow," he said, "we're going to have a tough time when we get there."

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McDonough honored

Iowa wrestler Matt McDonough has been named the Big Ten's Wrestler of the Week Tuesday.

McDonough, who just reclaimed the No. 1 spot in the nation at 125 pounds, recorded two pins over the weekend to spur the Hawkeyes to wins over Northwestern, 31-9, and then-No. 1 Penn State, 22-13.

The sophomore pinned the Wildcats' then-No. 1 Brandon Precin on Jan. 28 to avenge an earlier loss to Precin at the Midlands. McDonough trailed 3-0 before flattening Precin midway through the third period.

The Hawkeye 125-pounder sparked Iowa on Jan. 30 against Penn State. McDonough pinned Nate Morgan in 4:16 to open up a 6-0 Hawkeye lead and quiet the Nittany Lion crowd.

The Marion native is 16-1 this season with a 12-0 record in dual meets and a 4-0 Big Ten record. The defending national champion leads Iowa in dual competition points scored (59) and pins (8).

This is his first career Big Ten Wrestler of the Week honor, and he is the first Hawkeye selected for the award this season.



McDonough
wrestler

- by J.T. Bugos

2 baseball Hawks honored

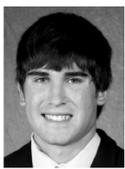
Two members of the Iowa baseball team have received pre-season recognition.

Starting pitcher Jarred Hippen was named *College Baseball Daily's* Preseason Big Ten Pitcher of the Year, and closer Kevin Lee was named to the watch list for the annual National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association Stopper of the Year Award - giving to the top relief pitcher in NCAA Division-I baseball.

Hippen started 15 games in 2010 and earned second-team All-Big Ten honors. The junior finished 6-4 with a team-best 3.71 ERA in 99 1/3 innings pitched. The southpaw also threw a Big Ten-best four complete games in conference play.

Lee recorded a school-record 13 saves last year while appearing in 21 games. The senior righty also posted two wins and a 5.75 ERA with 14 strikeouts in 20 2/3 innings. Lee came out of the ninth with a win in every save opportunity he was given.

The Hawkeyes will open their season at the Big East/Big Ten Challenge on Feb. 18-20 in Tampa, Fla.



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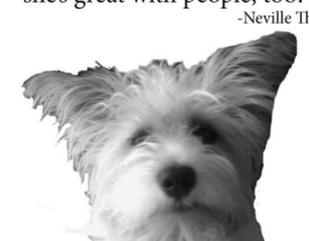
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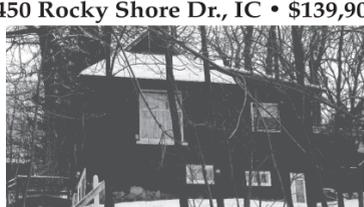
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6-3, 230-pound athlete
Edwardsville, Ill. (Edwardsville)
★★★★



Mikail McCall
5-11, 210-pound running back
Dolton, Ill. (Thornridge)
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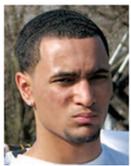
Riley McMinn
6-7, 220-pound defensive end
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Glen Ellyn, Ill. (Glenbard West)
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6-2, 190-pound wide receiver
Groton, Mass. (Lawrence Academy)
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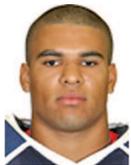
Cole Fisher
6-3, 190-pound linebacker
Omaha (Milard North)
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Jake Duzey
6-4, 219-pound tight end
Troy, Mich. (Athens)
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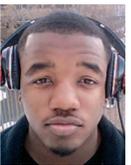
Melvin Spears
6-2, 230-pound linebacker
Allen, Texas (Allen)
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Austin Vincent
6-1, 176-pound wide receiver
DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto)
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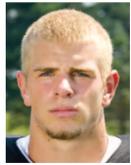


Jacob Hillyer
6-4, 190-pound wide receiver
Somerset, Texas (Somerset)
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Damon Bullock
6-0, 195-pound running back
Mansfield, Texas (Mansfield)
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6-2, 200-pound linebacker
Kensington, Ohio (Carrollton)
★★★★

OHIO



Ray Hamilton
6-5, 230-pound tight end
Strongsville, Ohio (Strongsville)
★★★★



John Raymon
6-5, 245-pound defensive end
Newton, Pa. (Council Rock North)
★★★★



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Drexel Hill, Pa. (Monsignor Bonner)
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Forestville, Md. (Bishop McNamara)
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Hyattsville, Md. (DeMatha)
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5-11 180-pound athlete
Naples, Fla. (Barron Collier)
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6-3 190-pound quarterback
Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (St. Thomas Aquinas)
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FLORIDA

STAR RANKINGS FROM RIVALDS.COM
GRAPHIC BY LAURA MIHELICH

Rivals.com ranks Iowa's recruiting class as the 29th-best in the nation.

By **JORDAN GARRETSON**
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Iowa may have slid to a disappointing 8-5 record this past season, but the Hawks certainly didn't slide on the recruiting trail. Head coach Kirk Ferentz appears

to have reeled in arguably his best batch of prospects since taking over in 1999.

Heading into signing day, Iowa holds one written commitment (Iowa Western Community College offensive tackle Dan Heiar) and 23 oral commitments.

Ferentz's classes have traditionally been overflowing with recruits labeled with such terms as "blue-collar" and "underrated." But on paper, this class boasts plenty of players who may soon step in and star.

Cream of the Crop

Iowa enters Wednesday with oral commitments from four four-star prospects (Rivals).

After losing their top three running backs — Brandon Wegher (transfer),

Jewel Hampton (transfer), Adam Robinson (dismissed from team) — the Hawkeyes badly needed help in the backfield. Four new backs, highlighted by Rodney Coe, should provide

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RECRUIT

Recruit set to compete

Ray Hamilton says he will try to carry on Iowa's rich tradition of talented tight ends.

By **JORDAN GARRETSON**
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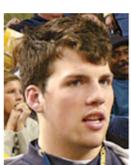
Ray Hamilton wants to be the best at everything he does.

Everything. "Anything I do, whether we're sitting at home playing a video game, competing in school, anything — my competitive nature is high as it can be," he said.

The 6-5, 230-pound tight end from Strongsville, Ohio, will have ample opportunity to demonstrate that thirst for competition when he becomes a Hawkeye. With six players already on

Iowa's roster at the same position — and two more joining Hamilton in the 2011 recruiting class — there will be plenty of chances to compete.

Hamilton had plenty of other choices for college. Ranked the eighth best tight end nationally in his class, Hamilton collected no less than 30 offers, including from Stanford, North Carolina, Michigan,



Hamilton
tight end

and Florida State. Many of those schools also offered a better chance at more immediate playing time.

It won't be the first time Hamilton has competed for a spot. As a freshman, he beat out a junior and a senior to claim the starting tight end spot at Strongsville High.

"He's not afraid to mingle and get after it and fight for a job," Strongsville head coach Russ Jacques said. "Since [his freshman year], he's been a kind of guy that's accepted every challenge,

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RECRUIT

A guard with agility

Two-time state wrestling champion Austin Blythe will join the Iowa offensive line.

By **JORDAN GARRETSON**
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Football may not be Austin Blythe's best sport, but that's what he's coming to Iowa City to play. The 6-3, 280-pound offensive guard is expected to sign with the Hawkeyes today.

It's a safe bet that he will have other things on his mind. A two-time defending state champion at 285 pounds, the Williamsburg native is in the middle of wrestling season. He claimed a conference title on Jan. 29.

Blythe has been playing football since seventh grade.

But wrestling — which he picked up when he was 6 — was his "first real passion."

Choosing the gridiron over the mat was difficult, he said.

"I always thought I'd be wrestling in college somewhere," he said. "I felt like I was light years ahead. The wrestling — I was probably more fluid in early on. As I got older and more involved



Blythe
guard

in football, I developed the skills. I've been able to be pretty successful at both, which is a blessing."

Don't confuse Blythe's passion for wrestling as uninterest in football, though. The lifelong Hawkeye fan has regularly attended football games as well as wrestling meets in Iowa City for as long as he can remember.

Blythe said he spoke with Hawkeye offensive-line coach Reese Morgan on Jan. 28, and the Iowa coach asked him if he had any more questions.

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