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## 3 fired in privacy breach

Hospital officials say the 13 football players are aware their medical records were inappropriately accessed.

By **MICHELLE MCCONNAUGHEY**  
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University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics officials said they will fire three employees and put two more on unpaid suspensions after they allegedly inappropriately accessed the electronic medical records of 13

Hawkeye football players who were hospitalized last week.

In a statement released Thursday, UIHC officials announced they had completed a review of the incident and are "in the process" of terminating the three employees. The other two will receive five-day unpaid suspensions.

UI spokesman Tom Moore declined to comment further on the employees' status and said all 13 student-athletes have been made aware of the accessed records.

"Every year, all faculty and staff members of UIHC are

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## UI leaders back hikes

Combined tuition and fees could increase by as much as 35.4 percent for some UI students.

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University of Iowa officials said on Thursday they support the potential tuition increases facing UI students.

During a discussion at the state Board of Regents meeting in Iowa City, UI President Sally Mason said she supports a proposal to increase in-state undergraduate tuition at the UI by 5 percent for the 2011-12 year. Mason also said she agrees with the proposed 3.1 percent increase in student fees.



**Mason**  
UI president

But she didn't mention the 6 percent increase out-of-state students face, nor the 41 percent increase in tuition for in-state freshmen enrolling in the College of Nursing. College of Engineering in-state freshmen will see a 21 percent increase.

The increases for those colleges will only affect incoming students. Those already enrolled in the programs will face the standard 5 percent growth.

Mason cited accessibility, quality of UI programs and affordability in her presentation to the regents.

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**Paden Lindquist holds up a stuffed Pokemon in his bedroom in Clinton on Jan. 21. In the spring of 2008, Paden was diagnosed with a rare form of acute lymphoblastic leukemia, Positive ALL Philadelphia Chromosomes. He will receive treatments until May.**

## 'Paden's Day' is here

For 8-year-old Paden, only three more months remain in his cancer treatment.

By **NICOLE KARLIS**  
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High-pitched pings bounced off the walls of the hospital waiting room, just as the Pokemon character did on the screen of Paden Lindquist's portable Nintendo DSi.

Sitting in a royal blue



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wheelchair and wrapped in his camouflage-pattern Snuggie, the 8-year-old was waiting to have his first Magnetic Resonance Imaging scan at the University of

Iowa Hospitals and Clinics on Jan. 20.

"They want to know if you have any tattoos or piercings," his mother, Missi Lindquist, said, as she filled out his paperwork.

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## Empty stores worry councilors

City officials may hold a work session to discuss vacant store fronts.

By **KENDALL MCCABE**  
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City officials said they're ready to organize efforts to fill Iowa City's empty stores in the wake of the closure of four downtown bars.

"As long as I've lived here, there has not been a vacant building downtown

for very long," Iowa City City Councilor Connie Champion said Wednesday. "Large spaces like bars are difficult to deal with because of size."

Councilor Susan Mims said Mayor Matt Hayek has discussed scheduling a

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**Passerbys walk past the space in which Express used to sit in the Old Capitol Town Center on Tuesday. The Iowa City City Council has discussed holding a work session to discuss how to help fill vacant stores.**

## District upgrades alert system

The Iowa City School District is the only one in Johnson County with a Twitter account.

By **HAYLEY BRUCE**  
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Officials with the Iowa City School District are tweaking their school-cancellation alert system after they experienced delays that frustrated many students and parents during the recent snow storm.

Superintendent Steve Murley said he was "less than satisfied" with the time it took for the system to send alerts to 58,000 phone numbers in the district. The notification, intended to inform parents and guardians school was going to be released at 1 p.m., still hadn't reached roughly 2,000 families by 2 p.m.



**Murley**  
superintendent

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### GONE VIRAL

*Daily Iowan* columnist Zach Wahls' speech to the Iowa House has gone viral, gathering national media attention and more than half-a-million views on YouTube. **STORY**, 6





# Officials to fix EPIC issues

Officials hope to complete the UIHC audit before the July 2011 deadline.

By **ARIANA WITT**  
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University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics officials said they are confident in their abilities to correct the problems revealed by a November audit of the UIHC Ophthalmology Department's medical program software.

UIHC officials requested the audit, said UIHC CEO Ken Kates.

"Our UI health-care information technology group is working on the recommendations that came out of the audit," he said. "We believe we will have those completed within the time line discussed with audit officials."

The internal audit by regent officials found inconsistent use of the EPIC soft-

ware, an electronic records system, which may have led to billing errors and affected health-care officials' abilities to maintain locally supported information systems in compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act's security rule.

While Kates said he doesn't expect the audit — which must be completed by July — to find any missing money, officials considered the audit of "the highest importance" among the seven ongoing audits at the UI and said it could seriously affect several areas within the university.

This isn't the first time the UIHC's EPIC program has faced an audit.

In April 2010, an internal audit found \$11 million in UIHC patient charges missing, which officials attributed to human error and a lack of



**Kates**  
UIHC CEO

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an electronic interface between the EPIC and billing systems.

The audit was the first following implementation of the EPIC program.

"We corrected that and recovered that money, so that's a perfect example of how the audit is supposed to work," said UI spokesman Tom Moore.

But officials don't expect the current audit to reveal similar issues.

"It's not trouble, it's new," Kates said. "The issues you see come up you would see with implementing any large system implementing thousands and thousands of users."

EPIC is a privately owned company based in Wisconsin that produces software for medical groups for clinical, access, and revenue functions.

Mark Olsen, a family practitioner who has served as a

physician champion for the implementation of the EPIC product at advanced health care in Milwaukee, said people often have trouble using the software and the company itself conducts regular audits of the program.

"It's a constant struggle; there are people who just don't use the program properly because they don't like to use it," he said.

Most people don't like to use the electronic software to enter patient charts, Olsen said. But he said the program can be very effective if used right.

"I haven't dictated a note for 10 years," Olsen said.

All UIHC departments use the software, Kates said, and officials have yet to see problems with the EPIC software in other departments.

Regent Robert Downer said he thinks the problems in the Ophthalmology Department represent a natural glitch and said he is confident whatever problems are within the department will be resolved.

# Storm creates lots of tow jobs

Police have been focusing on cars in 'high-priority' areas since the storm.

By **ALLIE JOHNSON**  
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Iowa City police ordered 30 cars towed after Tuesday's snowstorm, but that number doesn't include the ones towed by private companies after calls from drivers.

While city officials have been focusing on cars in high-priority areas — such as the ones blocking streets — Iowa City police Sgt. Mike Lord said the police would likely start expanding their efforts.

"They are going to get a lot more serious about the emergency stuff from now on so the number [of cars] could start going up," he said.

He said the majority of cars they have dealt with have been on major roads such as Highway 6.

"Today is not like yesterday by any means," Lord said. "Today, we are getting a lot more vehicle-accident calls."

After dealing with cars that are a danger, officers may move on to those parked illegally during a snow emergency.

On streets with odd-even parking, the usual evening and Sunday exemptions don't apply. For streets that permit parking on only one side of the street, parking is allowed on that side every other day — if the permitted



FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY IOWAN

**Andy Poggenpohl, of Big 10 University Towing, helps prepare to tow a vehicle on Jefferson Street on Dec. 10, 2009.**

side has even-numbered addresses, parking is allowed on even dates. If the permitted side has odd addresses, parking is allowed on odd dates. On streets that allow parking on both sides, odd-even parking takes effect.

"If there wasn't so much snow around, we would look at it, but we need to prioritize," Lord said.

He said there are no officers working over time because of the storm.

Private tow companies have also been busy.

Matthew Gragg, the owner of Extreme Towing and Recovery, 1545 Willow Creek Road, said he towed around 40 cars, mostly

from highways, since Tuesday night.

He said some people were still stuck Thursday and needed help.

"I had to pull a couple out this morning already," Gragg said.

George Wagner, the owner of George Town Towing & Repair, 717 Kirkwood Ave., said he's only towed around six cars so far, but he's pulled more than a dozen out of ditches.

"[The cars] were off of the highway, some of them were because of accidents, and some were because they slid off the road and hit stuff," he said.

He said he has not noticed

a difference in this storm from previous years other than drifting snow causing problems.

Wagner said the storm is costing everyone money, including insurance companies, city snow removal, and the individuals who had to have their cars towed.

UI senior Kristina Boss said her car got stuck trying to get out of her underground parking garage in Telluride, 278 E. Court St.

"I had to get to the art building because I had an assignment due, and you can't walk there," she said. "I thought it would be no problem to get out, but there was a foot of snow that trapped me in the alleyway."

Boss said she is used to her car getting stuck in the snow on the streets, but was shocked she couldn't get it out of the parking garage until two other residents finally helped her after 45 minutes.

UI sophomore Abby Helling was unable to attend work because her car was stuck behind a 4-foot snow drift that a plow had piled behind her car.

"I work about 15 minutes away," she said. "There was no way I was going to get my car out and make it to work on time."

## METRO

### Iowa No. 1 in child health care

The Commonwealth Fund named Iowa the best children's health system in the nation on Wednesday.

The State Scorecard on Child Health System Performance examines states' performance across 20 areas, including children's health-care access, affordability of care, prevention and treatment, the potential to lead healthy lives, and health system equality.

"This report confirms that Iowa's children's health system is second to none," said Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa. "The innovative policies that Iowa has implemented, particularly in the areas of prevention and mental health services, make Iowa a model for the nation."

— by **Michelle McConaughy**

### Fire damages Coralville Happy Joe's

Coralville, North Liberty, and Tiffin Fire Departments worked to put out a fire at Happy Joe's Restaurant in Coralville Wednesday night. No injuries were reported.

The fire originated in the back of the restaurant's storage room, and the cause is still being investigated, Assistant Coralville Fire Chief Orey Schwitzer said.

## BLOTTER

**Charles Anderson**, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Thursday with OWI.

### Reasoner not surprised by FEMA ruling

The second denial of FEMA funding for the University of Iowa's new Museum of Art was no surprise to one UI official.

UI General Counsel Carroll Reasoner she was "not surprised" by FEMA's Jan. 28 denial while addressing the state Board of Regents Thursday.

FEMA ruled the UI Museum of Art ineligible for replacement funding, according to a UI press release.

But UI officials will continue to seek FEMA funds, Reasoner said, with plans to take their appeal to Washington D.C.

Officials will have 60 days to file their complaint on the ruling, Reasoner said.

— by **Ariana Witt**

### Man guilty of bank robbery

A jury found a North Liberty man guilty of second-degree robbery Monday at the Johnson County Courthouse, according to online court documents.

James Miller, 27, was originally charged with first-degree robbery after he robbed Hills Bank in North Liberty using a black BB gun, police said.

Second-degree robbery is a Class C felony and is punishable

by up to 10 years in prison.

Miller's sentencing is scheduled for March 18.

— by **Josh Quinnett**

### Officials investigate dog bite

Iowa City Animal Services is looking for information on a dog bite at the Thornberry Off-Leash Dog Park.

Officials said they need to verify rabies vaccination information for a dog involved in the incident, which occurred around 2 p.m. Thursday at the park on Foster Road.

Officials described the dog as an overweight black and white husky-type and said it was with a white man in his 50s with facial hair. He may own a black Ford F150 pickup truck.

— by **Regina Zilbermint**

### Pawlenty to speak

Former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty will be the first guest in the Family Leader's Presidential Lecture Series at the University of Iowa.

Each month, a well-known political figure will visit the UI on Feb. 7 and Dordt College and Pella Christian High School to give lectures and to be exposed to community leaders.

The purpose of the lecture series is to expose political figures to Iowans and for citizens to become better informed on the beliefs of each speaker.

— by **Michelle McConaughy**

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**Jason Fredenburg**, 34, 2139 Bancroft Drive, was charged Wednesday with OWI.

## DISTRICT

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To combat the problem, the district is now on Twitter, has a new phone number parents can find out about cancellations, and officials are looking at creating a Facebook account, Murley said.

"This is just an opportunity to connect differently with our folks," said Murley, who credited the district's new director of information services, David Dude, for the innovations.

Thursday evening, the "ICCSNNotify" Twitter page had more than 60 followers.

Murley attributed the issues to the district's switching phone vendors as a cost-saving method before he took over as superintendent last July.

"Perhaps the extra money that we were spending on [the old sys-

### Alert systems

How it's done around Iowa:

- **Iowa City:** Automated calling system, hotline, and Twitter
- **West Dubuque:** Iowa school alerts through text and e-mail subscription, local media
- **Cedar Rapids:** Automated calling system, website, local media, listserv, and Twitter
- **West Des Moines:** Automated calling system, Facebook, and Twitter

Source: Iowa school district officials

tem] would have been worth that investment," Murley said.

Though several districts around Iowa altered their schedules this week due to the weather, none said they had any communication issues, though many said they were also considering

incorporating other social media into their systems.

Cedar Rapids School District communication-relations supervisor Marsha Hughes said her district uses a wide variety of technology to communicate cancellations, including a schoolwide calling system, a web page, the local media, and her Twitter account.

"You can't have one way," Hughes said. "A lot of the people I work with and in my generation don't have a [Twitter] and don't know, 'It's a Tweet? It's a what? It's a who?' — but for some people it is a go-to and we try to come up with as many ways [to communicate] as we can."

Williamsburg School District Superintendent Carol Montz said her district has discussed creating a Twitter account and plans to set one up within the next two years. She said the district did not have trouble communicat-

ing with parents and staff this week, relying on a phone tree and an automated phone message.

"I think we really go out of our way to make sure we have parents notified," Montz said. "We do all the announcements on the local TV stations and we have our tech person put it on our website as well."

And while local parents said they understood 58,000 phone calls were a lot to make, they said they were frustrated with how late they were informed.

"We were miffed, but it sounds like they were doing their best," said Mike Fallon, a parent of three students in the district. He said he and his wife received the call just nine minutes before school let out. "I'm sure there are so many techno-crazed people out there these days with Twitter, and I think any interactive communication could work well."

# IC developer eyes Broadway

## Officials support the redevelopment of Broadway Condominiums.

By **EMILY HOERNER**  
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Though officials made the Southeast Side of Iowa City off-limits to new affordable housing, using a new computer mapping program, one development firm will try to renovate the existing Broadway Condominiums and eventually own all 108 units across three buildings.

Officials with Southgate Development asked the Iowa City City Council for \$900,000 to help with the \$5.7 million project. They would eventually pay the grant back.

While renovating privately owned affordable housing can improve a neighborhood's image and help lower crime rates, it can also raise prices above what low-income families can afford to pay, experts said.

Jerry Anthony, a University of Iowa urban and regional planning associate professor, said even a relatively low-cost project can negatively affect families unless its accompanied by a significant government subsidy.

"The people who live there right now are probably people who can afford that place," said Anthony. "If the price of the rehab unit goes up by as little as \$50,000, those people would not be able to come back."

Glenn Siders, the vice president of Southgate Development, said rent will likely increase at the condos, though it will remain within the affordable housing guidelines. He said the Broadway property has been neglected, which aids to the problematic past he hopes to change.

"We have a standard lease for all of our properties," he said. "One thing we strongly believe in is we have a crime-free clause in our lease."

They also do background checks on all ten-

ants, and Siders said owning all the units would allow them more control over the property.

"We look at this as a way to improve or stabilize the area," said Steve Long, the city's planning and community development coordinator.

Anthony said stricter background checks can change a building's reputation, but renovations may not be necessary.

"They can do that without rehabbing the place," said Anthony.

After Southgate Development renovated a neighboring complex — a project similar in scope to this one — occupancy has been steady, and Siders said he couldn't recall the last time there was a crime report there.

However, Broadway's reputation has been hurting its success, Siders said.

The condominiums have been notorious for their high crime rates, which culminated in October 2009, when then-17-year-old Charles W.C. Thompson allegedly shot and killed John Versypt, one of the condominium's owners.

But officials hope the move will change that.

"I would like to see Broadway rehabbed," said City Councilor Connie Champion during Monday's special meeting. "It's so awful."

Councilor Mike Wright said since the rents in those condominiums are already below market value, renovation would be "fantastic."

These improvements could enhance the quality of life for those living in the units, said Councilor Regenia Bailey.

"I see it as an investment in an area that may have affordable housing," Bailey said.

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work session to address the recent vacancies downtown.

Though the council has not yet set a date for the work session, Champion said councilors will discuss strategies to attract desirable businesses and help facilitate the use of those larger spaces in a way that is beneficial to the downtown.

But City Manager Tom Markus said landlords are ultimately in charge of securing tenants for vacant spaces downtown.

"In my view, I think we need to start bringing in more retail to support the existing retail that's already

### Empty stores

Four bars have closed downtown since voters retained the 21-ordinance:

- Vito's, 118 E. College
- Firewater, 347 S. Gilbert
- 808, 121 Iowa
- One-Eyed Jakes, 18 S. Clinton

there," Markus said.

Markus said he hopes to achieve a balance among retail, entertainment, dining, offices, and residential spaces in the area. He referred to this balance as a "critical mass" and said he expected such a mix of businesses to jointly advertise and benefit together.

In the meantime, improving the maintenance of the downtown is another priority, he said.

"It's not unlike what a mall does," Markus said about rejuvenating and maintaining downtown.

For the Old Capitol Town Center, vacant commercial space has also been a problem.

University of Iowa junior Amber Peterson worked at Express in the mall for five months before it closed on Jan. 26.

"It kind of happened really fast," she said, noting that she and other employees were told not to talk about specific reasons for the closure.

In the end, Peterson's bosses transferred her to the Express store at Coral Ridge Mall, she said.

Kevin Digmann, the general manager of the mall, speculated Express closed because the chain

store's sales had fallen below a certain level and the company has seen more business at its Coral Ridge location.

Despite this new vacancy, Digmann said the mall is about 97 percent leased. In 2003, only 35 percent of the location was leased. Mall officials are talking to potential tenants to take the place of Express, Digmann said.

Though city officials will focus on empty bar spaces at their coming work session, some UI students said losing Express — one of the few national chain stores downtown — has left a hole in the area's retail.

"That was the only real store in the mall," said UI sophomore Amanda Schmidt.

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"We are not trying to make up for the budget cuts faced in the last few years," she told the regents. "I sincerely hope you will approve this budget request, so that we can continue to fund the future."

But UI student leaders were not so quick to endorse the potential hikes. Both undergraduate-student President John Rigby and graduate-student President Lyndsay Harshman told regents the potential debt facing students should be considered before the they act on the increases.

"I can't willingly endorse the increase at this point," Rigby said. "But I would like to work with board and university administration to find a more reasonable solution that is not an increase of such magnitude."

### UI Tuition 2011-12

The following are specific tuition proposals for undergraduate students:

- In-state:**
    - Sophomores in Engineering — 21.3 percent
    - Freshman in Nursing — 41.4 percent
  - Out-of-state:**
    - Sophomores in Engineering — 10.5 percent
    - Freshman in Nursing — 16 percent
- source: Board of Regents

And Harshman pointed out tuition at the graduate level will affect undergraduate as well as graduate students.

"Financial needs — both at the state and university levels — not only affect the quality of graduate education but can and will affect the quality of undergraduate education," she said.

Rita Frantz, the dean of the College of Nursing, said officials recommended the

increases because more and more people are enrolling in the program as freshmen. Nursing students enter more of a clinical field, which causes the program to be more costly than the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, she said.

The nursing school admits 75 students each semester, she said, and she doesn't think that number will change with the tuition increases.

"We have a very high demand exceeding what we are able to admit, so I have all the confidence in the program," she said.

The challenge, Mason said, is to maintain access and affordability for our students and their families and to continue to deliver the high quality education they have come to expect.

Regent Ruth Harkin asked the three institutions to consider the future of increased tuition and fees.

"How high can we continue to set tuitions and

what do we need to offload to maintain the initiatives talked about?" she said.

Regent President David Miles said the proposals are not intended to replace the nearly \$118 million in state appropriations lost in the last two years.

"We are doing everything we can to ensure the sound education of the students at our institutions," he said.

## FOOTBALL

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required to sign a contract stating they understand the policy and the repercussions of breaking the policy are made very clear," Moore said.

The 13 Hawkeye football players were hospitalized last week for rhabdomyolysis, which involves the release of muscle fiber contents into the bloodstream, and can result in kidney damage. The hospitalizations apparently followed intense off-season workouts. All 13 players have since been released from the hospital.

"Having our players released from the hospital over the course of the weekend was an extremely positive occurrence for us," Iowa head football coach Kirk Ferentz said at a press conference Wednesday. "Happy to say that they're all progressing well."

UIHC requires all employees to go through

### Privacy Rule

The nationwide privacy rule requires:

- Safeguards to protect the privacy of personal health information
- Sets limits on disclosures that can be made without a patient's consent
- That patients have the rights over their health information.

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

extensive Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act Privacy Rule training.

The privacy rule establishes nationwide standards that prevent any health-care provider from disclosing medical information about a patient without her or his consent. The rule provides protection of the privacy of personal health information and sets limits on disclosures, which can be made without a patient's consent, giving patients full rights over their health information.

"It's a serious violation of a patient's privacy

rights to disclose medical information without having her or his permission," said UI law Professor Sheldon Kurtz. "I think it's terrible."

But UIHC itself is likely safe from any potential lawsuits, he said. Usually, when an employer has employees sign a contract as precise and specific regarding these standards as the one UIHC staff sign, the employer can't be held responsible for what an employee may do.

Thus, the 13 hospitalized players likely wouldn't be able to sue to the UIHC over the incident, Kurtz said.

"There's only so much that an employer can do," he said. "Knowing what I know about UIHC, I can't imagine that it's terminating these employees to protect its own liability."

In November 2008, eight UIHC employees were disciplined for viewing restricted patient information. One employee was terminated, and seven others were suspended without pay.

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## Editorial

## Branstad's warped priorities

State legislatures across the country are now experiencing one of the more unattractive aspects of governing: cutting budgets.

Even Iowa, whose budget has been well-managed in recent years, is now forced to cut funding across many areas of its government.

In times of fiscal crisis, cuts are necessary, but Gov. Terry Branstad's proposed allocation of appropriations displays dangerously skewed priorities. His advocacy for a slash in business taxes while defunding education is particularly heinous and misguided; instead of defending Iowa's economy, these measures imperil our state's public well-being.

Branstad repeatedly criticized former Gov. Chet Culver's handling of Iowa's finances, claiming Culver was spending irresponsibly. As Culver left office with a predicted \$950 million surplus, these criticisms were mostly political rhetoric; it is a mistake, however, to think this figure proves budget cuts are unnecessary.

Culver had additional revenue as a result of the \$1.9 billion of one-time stimulus funding that Iowa received during his term. While this extra source of revenue is not available to Branstad, Iowa's surplus will be helpful in alleviating a forecasted budget shortfall — but not sufficient on its own, requiring additional spending cuts to balance the state books. But these cuts must be made prudently, with care taken to preserve the most important institutions of society.

One of the factors contributing to the necessity of budget reductions is an increase in state revenue over the last few years. Branstad's plan includes a move that will lower revenue even further: tax cuts. Property taxes will receive a slight cut, but businesses will pay a full 50 percent less in taxes: 6 percent instead of 12 percent. New construction will be taxed at 60 percent of its value. The state will lose millions of dollars in revenue with very little benefit, and the action necessitates larger spending cuts than would be needed without the tax decrease.

The reason for this push is, ostensibly, job creation — a pernicious mantra used to justify recession tax breaks throughout America. Iowa is still recovering from the national economic downturn, and Branstad has expressed a desire to help small businesses grow in Iowa.

What the governor doesn't mention is that under his predecessor, Iowa's business environment is already relatively favorable. *Forbes* magazine picked Des Moines as the No. 1 place in the country for business and careers, and it is in the top 10 in the same magazine's

ranking of best locations to start a small business; six other Iowa metropolitan areas were listed in the top 20. The publication MarketWatch agreed, ranking Des Moines as the No. 1 location for small businesses.

Iowa's well-educated workforce factored heavily into both publications' reasoning for Iowa's high rankings, but Branstad seems to completely disregard the importance of an educated workforce in overall economic growth.

His cuts will have a huge effect on education across the state, from preschool to graduate school. His proposal eliminates free preschool for Iowa's 4-year olds and removes some funding for free and reduced-price lunches across the state. It also freezes the state's implementation of the core curriculum — a common set of educational standards for elementary pupils.

But what may prove most harmful to the quality of Iowa's elementary and secondary education is the amount of allowable increases proposed for the next two years: zero. Budget freezes will cause a serious decline in the quality of public education.

"It's easy to look at it this way," said Iowa City Superintendent Stephen Murley. "Regardless of what the Legislature decides, our costs will increase by 4 percent every year. If we aren't allowed to increase the budget, we are going to do less."

That means layoffs in smaller districts, although Iowa City's district is large enough to avoid terminating staff. For Johnson County, it means larger class sizes, fewer programs, and more work for teachers.

The University of Iowa will likely see similar consequences, along with higher tuition. The state Board of Regents proposed a nearly 5 percent tuition increase this week to compensate for de-appropriations. The Iowa House Republicans' budget proposal includes reducing appropriations to the state's public universities by an unspecified amount, which is wholly deserving of condemnation. The UI has already experienced program and teaching-assistant cuts; more reductions can only harm the quality of the university.

Investing in education is the single greatest method of helping Iowa grow, but Branstad's short-sighted budget fails to account for the future benefits of a comprehensive, well-funded education system. Instead, he is proposing tax breaks for companies at the expense of Iowa's schools — a deplorable choice that threatens the well-being of our state.

Your turn. Do you support Gov. Terry Branstad's cuts to education funding? Weigh in at [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com).

## Nadar-Paul politics



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One side is chock full of freedom-hating statisticians; the other, callous aggrandizers of Big Business.

Or so the potshots go.

In truth, despite real (and, admittedly, some intractable) differences, libertarians and those on the left agree on much.

Both bristle at the curtailment of civil liberties. Both are outspoken critics of the corporate welfare, including the current farm-subsidy program.

And both oppose the draconian war on drugs. That's why they should set aside their disparate animating principles, dispense with the pejoratives, and come together on these (and others) issues of agreement.

It's unsurprising our epoch demands such alliances: The two major national parties have cohered around a political vision inimical to anti-corporatists and anti-militarists. No matter which party is in the White House, America's hubristic foreign policy will likely persist, as will business-government cronyism and civil-liberties violations. Indeed, their continuation, however fetid, will only be tempered by incremental or peripheral policy changes — not a full-scale, Tectonic shift.

As *The Washington Examiner's* Tim Carney pointed out in a recent column, those who deviate from the political status quo are scorned, while corporatists are lionized for their "centrism": "The pattern is this: Moderate Republicans tack to the middle by supporting handouts to Big Business, while moderate Democrats tack to the middle by opposing those big-government programs that Big Business dislikes. Then in the end, 'moderates' from both parties reap their reward on K Street, where their ideological 'flexibility' is an asset."

This disconcerting reality has united people such as Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas, and Ralph

Nader — totemic figures on opposing ends of right-left spectrum. The two have even appeared together on cable news, decrying the current state of American politics and crowing about the possibility of an intra-ideological alliance. And, Nader's sanctimonious demeanor aside, it would undoubtedly have a salubrious effect on our ailing political system.

Circumspection is often easier than rethinking inveterate alliances. For the last several decades, libertarians have planted themselves in the Republican tent. This alliance would cause them to at least partially sever that tie.

But I'm convinced a coalition between the Nader left and the Paul right would be a symbiotic one.

The two ideological groups compose a relatively small portion of the electorate. Scholars at the Cato Institute have estimated that 14 percent of American voters are libertarians. The electorate likely has even fewer left-liberals (Nader received just under 3 million votes in 2000, his most successful run for president). Unifying on specific issues would allow leftists and libertarians to increase their political clout without discarding their preferred policies.

Complete philosophical congruency is unnecessary when forming issue-based accords. (Nader, for example, has called Paul's deep antipathy toward regulation "zany.") Libertarians will always place more weight on individual freedom; left-liberals will always favor steps to ensure greater political and economic equality. The two camps will always clash on questions of the role of government.

And that's fine. Anything other than a détente on such core ideological questions would precipitate an impasse. And rhetoric and visceral distaste for one another would have to be set aside.

So, fellow leftists — drop the libertarian bashing. And libertarians — repress your own anti-leftist bomb throwing.

An alliance between us that was unencumbered by petty squabbling would do wonders for our nation's politics. ■

## Letter

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## Disappointed in Cambus services

As a junior at the University of Iowa, I have spent a lot of the time on the Cambus. This year's Cambus service has been absolutely deplorable.

I have, on a half a dozen occasions, been forced to wait outside for unacceptable amounts of time for a bus because routes have simply not shown up. And I don't mean that

they don't show up on time, I mean they don't show up. At all.

Moreover, I am writing this letter after standing outside in below-zero temperatures for 50 minutes without any buses coming. I know that a lot of colleges do not have buses for students, but I don't care. We are not paying tens of thousands of dollars in tuition money to get the horrendous service the Cambus has provided this year.

Alex Stanton  
UI junior

## Hats off to Zach Wahls

I would like to publicly commend Zach Wahls for his masterful address to the Iowa House of Representatives regarding House Joint Resolution 6.

If you have not seen his video yet, please search it out. It is one of the most insightful

and elegant arguments in support of gay marriage you will ever see. Consequently, the video has already gone viral and landed him an interview on MSNBC, along with accolades from Ellen DeGeneres and many others. Few individuals have ever represented this community and state better. We appreciate your commitment.

Alex Wiese  
UI junior

## Guest opinion

## Looking back on Iowa's 2010 elections

It was a unique race with an incumbent Democratic governor running against a former four-term Republican governor; a race in which both candidates were well-known and ran well-financed campaigns.

But rather than national trends in which the Republican Party gained a historic 60 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and took control of two-thirds of the nation's governorships, factors internal to the state of Iowa shaped the outcome of the 2010 election. Chet Culver, Iowa's incumbent governor, was held accountable not only for a poor state economy but also the decision by Iowa's Supreme Court to legalize legal same-sex marriage the previous year. Culver also faced an opponent with considerable fundraising prowess. The

result was a loss to Republican challenger Terry Branstad by 10 percentage points on Election Day.

In gubernatorial elections, incumbents typically have many advantages over challengers, including more money. Gubernatorial challenger Branstad was unique in his ability to raise more money than his incumbent challenger, Culver, in large part because of individual campaign contributions.

Culver began the general election campaign with low approval numbers, and there was little improvement over the course of the campaign; Branstad, however, out-pollled Culver by up to 20 percentage points. Low approval of Culver led to fewer donations than if he were more popular, and more spending does little to change the minds of voters with regard to unpopular

governors. Branstad, however, had high approval ratings throughout the campaign, and he was able to translate this into more money and more votes. Branstad raised much more than Culver and displayed much broader public support by attracting three times the number of individual donors.

Culver governed during the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression and was responsible for unpopular across-the-board cuts in state government spending. Research shows that governors, as state executives, are held accountable for perceived state economic conditions. Given the poor economic health of the United States, as well as Iowa specifically, the 2010 governor's race may have been decided by retrospective economic evaluations.

In short, Culver may have been held accountable for the poor economic conditions of the state.

The headline story of the Iowa 2010 elections was not the dueling governors but that Iowans had overwhelmingly voted to not retain three Supreme Court judges who had ruled in a unanimous decision to legalize same-sex marriage one year prior. Never in the 60 years since retention elections were instituted in the state had the judges not been retained. Hundreds of thousands of dollars in external funds from religious organizations were diverted to Iowa and 527s including the National Organization of Marriage to air negative campaign ads about same-sex marriage and the Iowa Supreme Court. Polls reveal many turned out to vote in the

midterm election because of the judicial-retention elections, not the candidates for elected office. The judicial elections became a referendum, akin to the politics of direct democracy, on the court's ruling to legalize gay marriage.

Support and opposition to the Supreme Court judges divided along partisan lines. Poll data provide evidence that Iowa voters were informed of the importance of the judicial-retention elections and had tied the vote to the issue of same-sex marriage.

These are three stories of how challenger Branstad was able to unseat incumbent Culver to lead the state of Iowa. The first was based on the Branstad's fundraising, the second the poor economy, and the third the unique judicial-retention elections that became

a referendum on same-sex marriage. We provide some evidence that all three explanations have validity. However, the explanations are rooted in unique Iowa experiences, rather than nationwide trends. Iowa remains a battleground state, and either political party could win the hearts and souls of Iowans in 2012. As the presidential primaries begin with the Iowa caucuses in January 2012, Iowa will once again be a national stage for testing the presidential candidates for both parties.

Caroline Tolbert is a professor of political science at the University of Iowa and a contributing author to a new book, *Pendulum Swing*, edited by University of Virginia Professor Larry J. Sabato, from which this article is adapted. Amanda Keller is a UI graduate student who assisted Tolbert with this piece.

# Regents OK new Children's Hospital

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The University of Iowa is set to start construction on a new tower to house its Children's Hospital after more than two months of planning.

The state Board of Regents voted unanimously Thursday to approve designs for the new tower.

The \$271 million, eight-level project is slated to house 195 patients; it will be funded through University Hospital's Building Use Funds, UI Hospitals and Clinics Revenue Bonds, and Hospital Gift Funds.

UI Medical Affairs officials expect to complete the new facility by 2015.

"I feel this is a very positive day for the future of the UIHC and for a well-needed children's hospital," said Jean Robillard, the UI vice president for Medical Affairs.



**Robillard**  
UI vice-president for Medical Affairs

Officials first brought the proposal for a new hospital before the regents last year before they suffered the loss of a competitive \$100 million federal grant to Ohio State University.

In December, Medical Affairs officials told the regents they planned to move forward with the Children's Hospital even if they didn't receive the grant.

Though regents approved the design Thursday, Regent Michael Gartner

expressed concern about the amount of debt the UI will face with the project.

Officials should be prepared to take on debt in the range of \$150 million by fiscal 2013 a result of the building project, said Ken Fisher, an associate vice president for Medical Affairs and CFO.

"But the main thing is that we get the chance to meet the needs of all Iowa children," said Children's Hospital pediatrics head Tom Scholz.

The regents also approved the planning for the UIHC's Primary Care Clinic project in North Liberty. That decision followed the regents' December approval for the UIHC's purchase of roughly 40 acres of property near Forevergreen Road and Highway 965 in North Liberty.

UIHC officials estimate the clinic size will be roughly 20,000 square feet and cost around \$6 million to be funded through the University Building Use Funds.

"Any projects we can get off the ground at this time, we plan to," said Ken Kates, an associate vice president for Medical Affairs and CEO.

The regents also approved other upgrades, including improved lighting and efficiency updates to the Hardin Library, totaling \$2,515,000 funded through a Department of Energy grant and the general-education building renewal and equipment funds.

UIHC officials retracted the UI Family Care Center proposal. The plan called for rebuilding the center on the Hawkeye campus, projected to cost \$14.6 million.

## Spotlight Iowa City

# As the worm turns

Associate art professor calls vermicomposting her "fun money business."

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Rachel Williams opened a small, black cylinder full of red wiggler worms. Then, she smelled the container.

"It's an earthy smell, but not gross," she said, pointing out seeds the worms had left behind from a piece of melon they ate that morning.

Williams, a UI associate professor, has run her own small vermicompost business, The Pampered Worm, for the past two years.

"Worm farming is one of my deep, dark secrets," she said, poking around in the container which stands in the family's laundry room next to the ferret cage.

Red wigglers are native to Europe, can eat twice their body weight each day, and will consume nearly all food except meats and cheeses. The worms grow to a length of 4 inches and can double their population every six weeks.

Vermicomposting is different from traditional composting, which requires microorganisms to break down organic matter. With vermicomposting, worms work together with microorganisms to break down materials.

Initially inspired to try vermicomposting after reading the book *The Earth Moved*, by Amy Stewart, her husband, Sean Kelley, rejected the idea. He was eventually won over.

"They're not very good guard animals, but they're low-maintenance, useful pets," said Kelley, who works in the UI College of Dentistry.

Williams ordered her

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**Rachel Marie-Crane Williams practices vermicompost with a very productive variety of worms - red wigglers:**

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**UI Associate Professor Rachel Williams holds a Tupperware container full of red wigglers in her North Hall office on Jan. 21. Williams, along with husband Sean Kelley, operates a vermicompost business out of their home. She was inspired to start the business after reading *The Earth Moved*, by Amy Stewart.**

schools, Williams, who has taught at the UI since 1999, is better known as "the worm lady." From time to time, she visits the schools with a worm puppet in hand to discuss the benefits of vermicomposting.

The Pampered Worm is a relatively small business — she typically gets three orders a month. But she can rake in \$400 in a summer selling the red wigglers. She sells the worms for customers to use for household composting at \$28 per pound, and she has shipped her worms all over the United States.

Williams, who is origi-

nally from North Carolina, said she hopes to create a map on her website depicting where in the country she has sent worms.

UI senior Tripp Yeoman, who has taken sequential art classes and peer mentored under Williams, said he was unaware of her vermicomposting business but was not surprised to hear about it.

"Rachel's love for life shines in everything she does, so it is not at all surprising that she'd pick up a pastime that is natural, environmentally friendly, and beneficial to all parties involved," he said.

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first batch of worms online from a woman in Michigan. Now, Williams said she and Kelley love vermicomposting with their children — Jack, a kindergartner, and Rylie, a second-grader.

"It creates a dialogue for all the garbage we produce and how we deal with it," Williams said.

During the warmer months, her kids participate in a complete recycling process. The family are vegetarians and eat food from their garden in the summer. They feed their scraps to the worms, and the worm "tea" is poured back onto the garden as fertilizer.

At local elementary

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## PADEN

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“What?” Paden demanded, looking up from his video game and grabbing the clipboard from his mom. “Let me see that.”

The scan was to detect avascular necrosis, a bone-deterioration disease that can occur because of a high-dosage of steroids.

The always smiling Paden is used to hospital visits. But after nearly three years with cancer, his treatment will finish in three months.

Paden doesn't look as though he has cancer. He has a full head of hair, which began to grow back about seven months ago. He's energetic, his cheeks are usually flushed, and even though he's not allowed in gym class, he's back to school full-time.

Lindquist smiles brightly when talking about her son's now-shaggy hair, saying it's “funny” to see him with it again, especially because his tresses are now a few shades darker.

Paden, who has soft blue eyes, had just turned 6 when he was diagnosed with ALL Philadelphia Chromosome Positive, a rare form of acute lymphoblastic leukemia — a cancer that affects white blood cells.

He was sick and coughing, Lindquist said, which “wasn't really uncommon.” But after a doctor noticed an elevated white blood

count, the family went to the UIHC.

The drive to Iowa City from Clinton is one the entire family has become familiar with since Paden was diagnosed on April 1, 2008. Paden and his mother have spent the last three years in and out of the UIHC, usually every two to three weeks, but sometimes as often as three times a week.

“And that's not including fevers and stuff,” Lindquist said.

Two of Paden's brothers — Jordan, 15, and Tim, 11 — go with them when they can take time off from school. A third brother, Brian Chisholm, is away at college.

“I've actually gone out to the university in ice storms, blizzards, you do what you gotta do,” Lindquist said. “[Hospital staff] are like family to me. It's funny, I can tell you which nurse had a husband, how many kids they had, and usually [the kids'] names.”

Paden's oncologist, Janice Staber, said Paden has stayed strong throughout his treatment.

“He's been a real champion,” she said. “He makes me laugh. He keeps me on his toes.”

Paden spends his days in between hospital visits learning in Krystal Haskell's classroom at Bluff Elementary School in Clinton. This is the first year since he's been sick that he has gone to school for the entire day. Last year, he would only go for half days.

### Paden Lindquist

- **Age:** 8
- **Hometown:** Clinton, Iowa
- **Favorite Food:** Mashed potatoes
- **Favorite Color:** Blue
- **Favorite School Subject:** Social Studies
- **Favorite Song:** “Take Me Out to the Ball Game”
- **Favorite Movie:** Spiderman 1, 2, and 3

Haskell's class, which consists of a total of six students including Paden, is for third- and fourth-graders with behavioral problems. Paden is only part of the classroom because it is safer for him to be surrounded by fewer kids.

But once a day Paden joins the other children — a preview of what an integrated co-ed classroom will be like for him next year.

Paden sat in front of a laptop Jan. 21, filling in the blanks of a worksheet about famous Iowans.

Paden, whose favorite books are the *Arthur* series, was searching for the name “George Washington Carver,” who he said, “invented peanut butter and was president of the United States, but they split his name down the middle.”

As he walked down the hallway in his red Crocs in the shape of a character from *Cars*, he insisted only teachers could step on the red tiles — actually lava — but anyone else had to avoid them.

Paden's sense of humor



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Missi Lindquist injects her son Paden with chemotherapy vincristine through a port in his chest that was installed at the UIHC on Jan 20.

does not go unnoticed at the school.

“The best thing is the smile he brings to the classroom; he's a humor-filled child,” Haskell said, smiling with her dimples aligned with her blond, chin-length hair. “To go through so much and have a bright shiny attitude, it's great. You just look at him and smile.”

Paden is also an avid sharer. If his classmates, such as Zaiden or Justin, need a piece of loose-leaf paper or a pencil to write with, Paden is the first to offer.

Haskell said she was cold in the classroom one day after Christmas break, when Paden insisted that she use his blanket.

“He was like, ‘I'll share

my blanket with you Mrs. Haskell,’” she said, smiling brightly.

But the normally talkative video-game enthusiast refuses to discuss one thing: his disease or treatment.

He says he doesn't remember his treatments or diagnosis.

Paden only has four treatments left of the chemotherapy vincristine, which damages the DNA to prevent replication of the tumor cells.

“Once May comes, we are completely done, and basically what they tell me is we wait,” Lindquist said. “But we wait to see if it comes back, that's what the problem is.”

She said her calmness and strength when she was

told that her youngest of four sons had cancer are still talked about in the hospital today.

“The nurses and them were talking and said, ‘The one thing we remembered was we'd never seen anybody so calm,’” Missi said. “All I said was, ‘OK, what's next?’”

As the winter days pass, there is one day in particular Paden's been looking forward to since last winter — Dance Marathon Day.

The “Big Event,” which means the entire family will travel to Iowa City today, is where Paden will reconnect with friends and play games in his favorite room — the game room.



Dance Marathon: Big Event

## ‘Big Event’ has big-time schedule

Featured acts this year include Good Luck Jane and an illusionist.

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Dance Marathon's “Big Event” is scheduled down to the minute — 288 five-minute increments, to be exact.

The intense scheduling has taken months to perfect — from filling each five-minute interval to reserving every one of the IMU's available rooms.

“The toughest part about [the scheduling] is keeping our dancers on their feet for 24 hours while thanking our sponsors ... and keeping [the dancers] entertained,” said University of Iowa junior Tony Biondi, the Dance Marathon entertainment director.

Biondi has worked to compile an entertainment lineup he said he thinks students will enjoy.

This year, the Dance Marathon schedule includes entertainment ranging from musical acts to magic shows.

Two of the featured acts this year are Good Luck Jane, a band based in Chicago, and illusionist Nate Staniforth. The schedule also includes acts from the UI campus, such as hip-hop dance group UI Breakers and the Indian dance group Iowa Andhi.

Biondi said despite the rigid schedule, it will be possible to get headline acts and their equipment on and off stage within the set time.

“We make sure we don't put us in a situation where we're going to affect another act,” he said.

Dance Marathon officials began contacting possible entertainment acts last semester, logging each entry into a master Excel spreadsheet that is now in at least its 10th version. The spreadsheet includes a schedule for the Main Lounge and each of the IMU's other rooms, said Kyle-Dale Walters, the event's executive director.

Rooms in the IMU will

### Dance Marathon schedule

Some of the scheduled events:

- 1 Morale Dance every hour
- Dance-Off Contest
- Panchero's Hour
- Performance by Good Luck Jane

Source: Dance Marathon schedule

include activities for dancers and families, including a “casino room” and another honoring children lost to cancer, said Courtney Bond, the Dance Marathon adviser.

Despite schedulers' best efforts to keep track of the entertainment in the Main Lounge — as well as the activities in the IMU's other rooms — the Big Event ran around five minutes behind last year. Walters said a lag often results when a speaker or morale captain cannot be found among the mass of people in the IMU or when stories from Dance Marathon families run long.

“Some of these families have unbelievable stories, and it takes more than five to 10 minutes,” Biondi said.

So in order to account for these variables, Dance Marathon schedulers have left leeway time between major acts, allowing time for executives to get the event back on schedule if necessary. And when they're not catching up, Dance Marathon officials will use the downtime to play music for participants. Biondi said because of this, many dancers never realize the event is running behind schedule.

UI sophomore Stephanie Coffin will participate in Dance Marathon for the second time this year.

“It ran really smoothly,” she said about last year's Big Event. “You could definitely pick up on all the work that went into it.”



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Jackie Reger, Terry Wahls, Zach Wahls, and Zebedia Wahls sit in their living room of their Iowa City home on Thursday before appearing on MSNBC's “The Last Word.” Zach spoke in front of the Iowa House of Representatives on Monday defending gay marriage.

## 1 speech later, fame

Wahls, a *DI* columnist, has roughly 560 pending Facebook friend requests.

By **ALISON SULLIVAN**  
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### Zach Wahls

- **Age:** 19
- **Hometown:** Iowa City
- **Major:** Engineering
- **Year in school:** Sophomore
- **Family:** Two mothers and a sister

Zach Wahls has gone viral.

He's spent his week fielding calls from the major news networks: Fox, ABC, MSNBC. He has 560 new Facebook friend requests — which he's gotten a friend to help him sift through.

And the YouTube video of the speech that started all of it had approximately 564,000 views on Thursday. And that's only the official video.

Thursday afternoon, sunlight poured in through the windows of the Seaman Center lobby onto a pacing Wahls. One hand was in his pocket, the other clutched a cell phone at his ear as he fielded questions from ABC News.

The 19-year-old University of Iowa engineering student and *Daily Iowan* columnist has instantly started picking up national — maybe even global — recognition for a three-minute speech he gave to the Iowa House of Representatives on Monday.

clear the way to banning gay marriage in Iowa, also listed his accomplishments — his 99th percentile ACT score, the small business he started, his Eagle Scout rank. “If I was your son, Mr. Chairman, I believe I'd make you very proud,” he said.

The Iowa House Democrats captured Wahls's speech and posted it on YouTube. Wahls and his family were instantly thrown into the spotlight.

“I'm very excited, very pleased,” said his biological mother, Terry Wahls, a UI clinical professor of internal medicine. “Pleased for the concept that they can see there are real people affected by this.”

In his speech, Zach Wahls said being raised by two mothers has had no “damaging” effect on his life. The “normalcy” of his childhood was like any other, attending church or going to Boy Scouts.

Wahls said he's used to being outspoken but there's a different quality that he is able to convey.

“The cool thing about speaking is you have the ability to wander,” he said.

The House passed the bill on Tuesday, 62-37, but one representative said Zach Wahls' words deeply affected a few of his fellow colleagues.

“I literally watched the faces of some of my Republican friends in the chamber, and I could tell they were torn about how they were going to vote,” said Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville, whose district includes the Wahls family. “What he did is eloquently put a face on the issue.”

Wahls said he didn't anticipate the magnitude of his words. The morning after the public forum, he said his biggest concern was whether there was going to be a snow day. Then, his phone started to buzz.

Wahls said he fully realized the magnitude when celebrity blogger Perez Hilton posted the video on his blog.

“I've stopped shaking,” he said about the surrealism of his sudden fame.

# McCafferys lead anti-cancer fight

This year's Relay for Life event will take place on the Cretzmeier Track, marking the first time back at this location since before the 2008 flood.

By NINA EARNEST  
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Iowa head basketball coach Fran McCaffery watched his father, a Philadelphia cop, struggle with colon cancer.

For years, he refused to visit a doctor, and for 13 years, he never missed a day on the force.

Losing both his parents to cancer prompted the coach, and his wife, Margaret McCaffery to become involved in fundraising with the American Cancer Society.

Relay for Life organizers asked the McCafferys to be honorary co-heads after hearing about their previous efforts.

Margaret McCaffery didn't hesitate when asked about joining Relay for Life.

"It was an easy decision," she told the *The Daily Iowan*. "It's important for us to be involved in the community."

Fran McCaffery said he hoped to involve the men's and women's basketball team in the June event.

"Once we get involved, we go all the way," he said.

Johnson County only has 140 days until it takes on its leg of Relay for Life.

Relay organizers and participants gathered Thursday night for the event's kickoff. They listened to featured speakers and the McCafferys at the Brown Deer Golf Club, where purple and white — the organization's theme colors — figured prominently in the decorations.

"Cancer continues to take too much from too many," said Jackie Kleppe Williams, the event co-chairwoman. "That's why we're all here today."

Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society's signature event, encouraging teams of eight to 15 people to raise money for cancer research. The fundraising and activities culminate in a 12-hour overnight relay in which team members camp and alternate walking laps on the track, including a first lap taken only by survivors.



Margaret and Fran McCaffery speak to guests during the Relay for Life event at the Brown Deer Golf Club in Coralville on Thursday. The McCafferys are honorary co-heads of this year's Relay for Life.

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## Relay for Life

Relay for Life national fundraising dollars:

- 1985: \$27,000
- 1995: \$20 million
- 2008: \$409 million
- 2009: \$386 million
- 2010: \$388 million

Source: Relay for Life

Attendees Kelly Petrulevich and Molly Jamieson, two oncology nurses at the UI Hospital and Clinics, are participating in their fifth Relay for Life. Sometimes, the women said, they see cancer survivors they worked with in their department.

"I usually cry," Petrulevich said. "For me, it's rewarding."

Their team of 15 oncology nurses and their families is appropriately named the Cancer Beaters.

Jamieson said it was their way of "giving back."

This year's relay — "Building a World Without Cancer" — is scheduled to take place between June 24 and 25 on the Cretzmeier Track, marking the activity's

return to its usual setting, which the event hasn't used since before the 2008 flood.

Despite the change in location last year, organizers still raised around \$100,000.

But expectations are high for the upcoming June event.

"This year, I think it's going to be a much bigger event than even last year," said Lindsay Hora, Relay for Life's volunteer coordinator.

Before the kickoff, 16 teams with a total of 63 people had signed up. The Johnson County group added more teams at the kickoff, raising the number to 19.

That is more than half the total teams who took part in the relay in June 2010, said press chairwoman Jill Wojciechowski. Last year's relay racked up a total of 30 teams with around 230 participants.

"We also really want to grow it into a community event, so it's the entire Johnson County community coming together to support the cause," she added.

# Engineering project aids energy use

UI and French students work together on sustainability related projects.

By KENDALL MCCABE  
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Three French engineering students and a group of University of Iowa students tiptoed across the catwalk high above the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center's diving well during the USA Diving 2011 Winter National Championships on Thursday.

But the group members weren't there to watch the competition. They were there to see the subject of their semester-long research project.

The students from the Université de Provence, in Marseille, France, partnered with 10 UI students to complete their senior design course project. The team researched ways to cut energy consumption at the Recreation Center's diving well and the Field House. On Jan. 31, the students were finally able to meet.

"Spending time with the students shows that despite our nationalities and natural languages, we are inherently the same," said UI senior Stephanie Swanson Thursday. "They might as well be one of our fellow students here at Iowa."

The French students will present their work to UI College of Engineering faculty members today, then return home Saturday.

They worked as part of the Virtual International Project Team, spearheaded by Daniel Mineck, retired vice president of performance engineering and environment at Alliant Energy Corp, for the last four years.

Though the project is relatively unheard of outside of the engineering school, Mineck said it is growing.

Roughly 20 UI students applied, but only 10 students were accepted.

"It was the first year we



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UI and French engineering students are led by Scott McAndrew through the Recreation Center on Thursday.

## Virtual Project

Since 1999, UI and French engineering students have teamed up on sustainability related projects:

- Heating and ventilation of Carver-Hawkeye Arena
- Cost-benefit analysis of air conditioning at Carver-Hawkeye Arena
- Smaller crowd accommodations at Carver-Hawkeye Arena
- Energy consumption at the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center and Field House

Source: Daniel Mineck, project instructor

had to turn people down," Mineck said, noting he and Interim Provost and former Dean of the College of Engineering Barry Butler choose a contemporary and sustainability-related project each semester.

Butler founded the program in 1999 for French and UI students to collaborate on projects that typically involve UI buildings, because they are newer than those in Marseille and blueprints are more readily accessible.

The French portion of the team conducted fluid dynamic analysis of the 50-meter competitive swim-

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Check out a video feature of the visiting French students' trip to the Recreation Center.

ming pool and 18-foot deep diving well at the UI. The analysis studied air flow and its relationship to water temperature and aimed to cut electricity costs and lower energy consumption by 10 percent. The UI students conducted studies to lower energy consumption at the Field House.

"They work in English units while we work in metric units," said Thomas Berville, a French senior. "It was very interesting."

The group has toured the Rec Center, Acciona Energy, Whirlpool Corp., and even attended the Iowa Hawkeye men's basketball game against Michigan on Feb. 2.

"It was very, very impressive and very exciting," said Johan Lopinto, who plays basketball in France.

The UI engineering students will visit Marseille for two weeks the day after they graduate in May. Their airfare is funded through private donations.

"This project is unique," Mineck said. "There's no other group that does it quite like this."

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An aggressive, talented individual is sought as editor of *The Daily Iowan*, Iowa City's largest news organization, with an editorial staff of more than 100 young professionals, an editorial budget exceeding \$300,000 and readership of over 60,000. The board of Student Publications, Incorporated and the publisher of *The Daily Iowan* will soon interview candidates for the position of editor for the term beginning June 1, 2011 and ending May 31, 2012.

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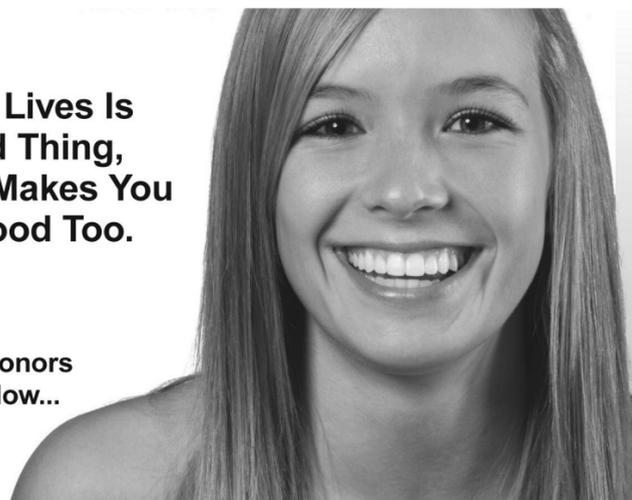
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### How I spent the Snowpocalypse:

- Got up at 8 a.m. to check my e-mail (ostensibly for class cancellations, but really because I always get up at 8 a.m. to check my e-mail).
- Saw that classes were canceled, did a nerdy little celebratory dance, and went back to bed.
- Woke up hungry at noon, opened the fridge to look for food, and I realized I was out of milk, eggs, bread, juice, and everything else that wasn't two bags of Minute Rice and one Top Ramen.
- Played four hours of video games.
- Checked the fridge again, hoping some food might have magically materialized. No such luck.
- Made the two bags of Minute Rice, one for each movie I subsequently watched on Netflix.
- Decided to start homework, but got sidetracked and Facebook chatted with friends for two hours instead.
- Swore at Pandora for giving me six songs in a row that I had to "dislike," thus preventing me from skipping anymore. Thus I had to close Pandora, for without a proper soundtrack, I can't focus on Facebook cha — er — homework.
- Checked the fridge again. Still nothing. Made a sad face and ate the Top Ramen. With my hands. Like a feral animal.
- Redoubled my resolve to do some homework, but wrote this Ledge instead.
- Played four more hours of video games.
- Famished, broke down and ordered a pizza.
- When the pizza deliveryman arrived, I ate him. With my hands. Like a feral animal.

— Brent Peterson loves snow days; they're great for disposing of evidence.

## today's events

- **National Wear Red Day**, part of a campaign to promote awareness about women's heart disease
- **USA Diving Winter National Championships**, 9 a.m., Campus Recreation and Wellness Center
- **English Conversation Group**, 10 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Book Babies**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Health Management and Policy Journal Club**, noon, UHC E216 General Hospital
- **"Near-infrared Optical Imaging of Human Brain Function: Imaging in the real-world,"** Ted Huppert, University of Pittsburgh, noon, 308 Wendell Johnson Center
- **Knitting Nurse**, 3 p.m., Home Ec Workshop, 207 N. Linn
- **Biology Seminar**, "Jeff Goldblum was right; the intimate connection between flies, humans, and disease," John Manak, Biology Department, 4 p.m., 101 Biology Building East
- **UI Center for the Book Lecture**, "Bookwork: Medium to Object to Concept to Art, Garrett Stewart, James O. Freedman Professor of Letters, 4 p.m., 304 EPB
- **"Enter the Void"**, 6:15 p.m., Bijou
- **Jazz Jam**, 7 p.m., Blue Moose, 211 Iowa
- **Open Mike Night**, 7 p.m., Uptown Bill's, 730 S. Dubuque
- **Roller Skating**, 7 p.m., Wood Elementary, 1930 Lakeside Drive
- **All My Sons**, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Theatre, 213 N. Gilbert

### HARP BY EAR



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**UI senior Jazmyn Whitman plays her harp in the Studio Arts Building on Thursday. Whitman, who is self-taught, has been playing for over a year. "I can't read music, but I can play back something I hear," she said.**

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## PRESENTS...

## horoscopes Friday, February 4, 2011

— by Eugenia Last

**ARIES** March 21-April 19 There is so much you can do if you stop worrying about what everyone else is doing or thinking. Take a stance, and stand up for what you want to see unfold. This is not the time to compromise.

**TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Don't get caught in the middle of someone else's dispute. You will not be given all the facts, so proceed carefully with regard to a personal matter that will affect your future. Focus more on what you can do to improve your professional position.

**GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Keep your emotions tucked away in a safe place, and you will avoid a personal dispute. You should be concentrating on work, money, and your future. Location can play an important role. Self-improvement will pay off.

**CANCER** June 21-July 22 Embrace change and you will advance. Your emotional response will help show others who you are and what you have to offer. Love and romance should be high on your list and will help determine your next personal, professional, and financial move.

**LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 You can persuade others to take part in something you are pursuing. A partnership will add stability to the foundation you are building and will ensure that you can turn your dream into a reality.

**VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Make your home your comfort zone. Change, renovate, and redecorate. Love is on the rise, so do what is required in order to be happy and open to the person you want to spend the most time with.

**LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Take action. Use your imagination and discipline to stretch above and beyond your normal expectations. Something unique can bring about a lucrative financial future when the time is right.

**SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Choose carefully what you do and with whom. You will be up against opposition and must really be careful not to let ego lead to stubbornness. Not everything will be as it appears. Take your time and do your best to avoid arguments.

**SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You have to rely on your past experience if you are going to make the right decision now. Alterations at home may be unexpected but can be beneficial. Let what's happening around you unfold naturally, and you will enjoy the rewards.

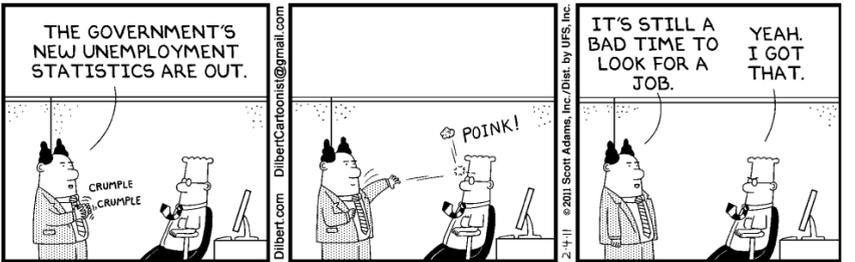
**CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Don't be too eager to share your thoughts and ideas just yet. Put everything in order first. Someone you are close to is likely to disagree with you. Personal, physical, emotional, and financial excess must be avoided.

**AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 You have plenty to think about and choices to make. You can change the course of your life if you are ready to accept, forgive, forget, and move on. A plan will give you something to work toward and a greater sense of accomplishment.

**PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 Emotions will be close to the surface. Express your thoughts and feelings, and you will be surprised by the reaction you receive. Sharing can be your best solution and can lead to bigger and better opportunities.

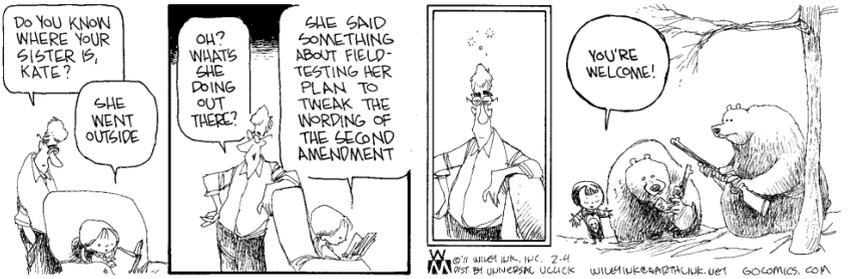
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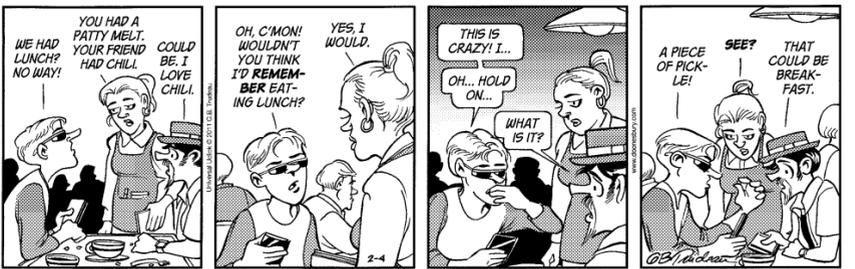
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- **Tattoo Girl**, Mainstage Series, 8 p.m., Theatre Building Thayer Theatre
- **Poison**, 9:15 p.m., Bijou
- **Campus Activities Board Movie**, *Jackass 3*, 10 p.m., 348 IMU
- **Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind**, 11 p.m., Bijou
- **No Shame Theatre**, 11 p.m., Theatre Building
- **ONGOING**
- **The Art of the Print**, Larry Welo, Lennis Moore, Carl Homstad, Laurie Wright, Lori Biwer Stewart, and Anna Marie Paviak, 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

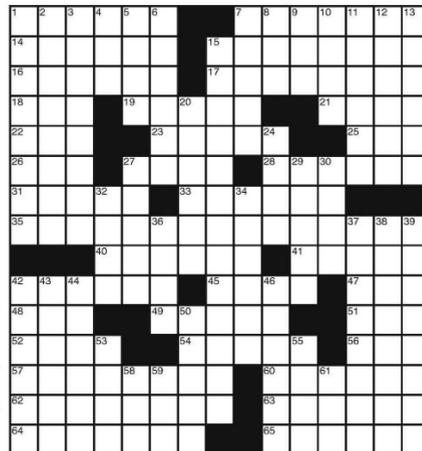
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- Across**
- One likely to die on the road?
  - What something may go down to?
  - Foster girl
  - Poster girl
  - Debunked?
  - Response to great news
  - Big tin exporter. Abbr.
  - Beat badly
  - Battle joiner's choice
  - Kind of replication
  - Sticks up for, maybe?
  - Serbian city where Constantine the Great was born
  - Org. with towers
  - Luzón, e.g.
  - Thingamajig
  - Film in which Eddie Murphy voices the dragon Mushu
  - Lit
  - Be revolting
  - Homes within nations
  - San Francisco's Museo \_\_\_\_\_ Americano
  - Red giants in the night sky
  - Procure
  - Big hit
  - Cross character
  - Not dormant
  - As
  - Ice legend's family
  - Head start?
  - It's often hung illegally
  - "The Humbugs of the World" author, 1865
- Down**
- Creator of TV's "Alias"
  - Blimp navigator
  - Boxer who wrote "Reach!"
  - Switch sides?
  - Some county fair contest entries
  - Folks getting into dirt
  - Bait
  - Bucks, e.g.
  - Rock's Brian
  - Freaks (out)
  - Not going anywhere
  - Carrier of drum cases, maybe
  - First in line, say
  - Over and over
  - Like M&M's
  - Sacrifice fly?
  - Cartoonist, at times
  - 64-Across, to a cat
  - Debugger?
  - Court proceedings
  - Freak
  - Relationship in the 2009 film "I Love You, Man"
  - 1974 hit with Spanish lyrics
  - "Got it"
  - The Allman Brothers Band, e.g.

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- Puzzle by Caleb Madison**
- Self, in a Latin phrase
  - Many users follow its directions
  - "Gentile" one of song
  - Problem for one who's trapped
  - Visit
  - "The Transcendence of the Ego" writer
  - Some muscle cars
  - \_\_\_\_\_ National Park
  - It may stick to your ribs
  - "The Transcendence of the Ego" writer
  - Some muscle cars
  - \_\_\_\_\_ National Park
  - It may stick to your ribs
  - Really try

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WRESTLING

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But the sophomore said he isn't feeling sorry for himself.

"It doesn't matter what weight you're wrestling," Ballweg said. "It's the same goals, the same philosophy, and you've just got to go out there and do battle."

In his first match at 149, Ballweg prevented Penn State's Frank Molinaro from earning bonus points, dropping a 10-3 decision. Fifth-ranked Molinaro scored four takedowns and racked up over three minutes of riding time, but he couldn't manage any back points and didn't win a major decision.

Still, Ballweg called the match "disappointing," lamenting what he thought were missed scoring opportunities.

Head coach Tom Brands

agreed, noting that Ballweg had enough explosive-ness to win matches at 149.

"I think he realizes that there was a lot of wrestling undone there for him," Brands said. "I know he has horsepower. Maybe he was undersized, I'll take that, but I believe in his horsepower."

Neither Brands nor Ballweg, however, would confirm that Marion was entrenched as the 141 starter, and that Ballweg would continue to wrestle at 149, the spot his brother, Matt Ballweg, had previously occupied. Matt Ballweg is 2-4 this season.

"Nothing's final. Nothing's set in stone," Ballweg said. "I'm just going day-by-day, talking to the coaches."

And while Marion's NCAA runner-up credentials and spectacular opening performance would seemingly make it difficult to remove him from the line-

up, Brands deflected questions about the starting status of Marion and Ballweg.

"I don't know the answer to that," he said. "It's a step-by-step process. Mark Ballweg factors into this. Matt Ballweg factors into this. We'll have to know quick, but I don't know the best way to solve this either."

Brands said Mark Ballweg and Marion would weigh in at 141 pounds for tonight's match against Indiana, and that Matt Ballweg would weigh in at 149 pounds. But beyond that, Brands said, even he didn't yet know who would wrestle where.

Redshirt freshman Tony Ramos said it was a nice problem to have for the Hawkeyes.

"[Marion] helps the team. Ballweg was doing great there, too," Ramos said. "We're just loaded at every weight class."

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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The only bright spot on the team was senior guard Kachine Alexander: The Minneapolis native was the only Hawkeye to breach double digits. But her 11 points, eight rebounds, and four steals weren't enough to keep Iowa anywhere near the Boilermakers.

From the onset, Purdue appeared to be superior in every facet. Led by guard Brittany Rayburn — who finished with 23 points and made her first four 3-pointers — Sharon Versyp's team shot a respectable 43 percent from the field and connected on 4-of-9 3-point attempts.

"This was a very pivotal game for us," Versyp said in a postgame interview on purduesports.com. "Our team really stepped up with

post; how we contain penetration; how we rotate out of it. All of those things."

All of those things added up to a commanding victory, and the team will need to do a lot of the same on Saturday.

At the same time, though, Iowa can't afford to hang its hat on the Michigan State game and expect to coast the rest of the way. Cole said his teammates should take a few lessons from the game, but treat the rest of the experience as if it never happened.

"We have to forget this game — remember it, but forget it at the same time," Cole said. "Remember how you did it, but forget it. It's in the past. We have to look forward and get on the road."

MEN'S BASKETBALL

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then-No. 20 Illinois on Jan. 27 and only lost to the Spartans by one point in overtime when visiting East Lansing on Sunday.

In other words, the Hoosiers aren't the same team they were when Iowa beat them by 14 points on Jan. 23 — and the Hawkeyes know it.

"They're a different team right now — a different face, a different look," Iowa center Jarryd Cole said on Wednesday. "[They're] playing as well as anybody."

Indiana's turnaround has been particularly surprising considering its recent history. Once a squad with as proud a tradition as any team in the country, the

Hoosiers have disintegrated over the past few years. A well-documented recruiting scandal didn't help matters, and coach Tom Crean has managed only 28 wins in his first three years at the helm.

Something changed after the Hawkeyes pounded the Hoosiers in Carver-Hawkeye arena last month, though. Indiana has looked strong against some of the top-ranked teams in the conference and it has caught the eye of Iowa shooting guard Matt Gatens.

"We just beat [the Hoosiers] recently, but they're playing some of the best basketball in the conference right now," he said on Wednesday. "We have to take that seriously."

Of course, the Hawkeyes have played some good basketball recently as well. Iowa had lost two-straight games before the 20-point win over Michigan State — the team's

Iowa (9-13, 2-8) at Indiana (12-11, 3-7)

When: 3:05 P.M. SATURDAY  
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first triumph over Sparty since the 2007-08 season — but looked superb in all aspects of the game Wednesday. Iowa outrebounded, outdefended, and outthusted a team that went to the Final Four last year, factors head coach Fran McCaffery attributed to getting back to basics in practice.

"What we did on Monday was break down every aspect of our defense like it was the first day of practice," he said on Wednesday. "You know, how we position our feet; how we help and recover; how we defend the

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up from 20 just weeks ago.

"We'll see if that translates into the ring so I can hurt my opponent," the Iowa City native said.

Unsure of what to expect from the fight, the super bantamweight (122 pounds) wanted to take a balanced

approach to this Saturday's event. While doing more strength training, she still spends the majority of her workouts practicing technique and maintaining cardio endurance.

"We don't so much tailor our training to specific opponents," Pollack said. "We prepare for a tough fight."

Physical characteristics aside, Klinefelter gets the nod in experience. With 95

fighters throughout her career as an amateur and professional, the UI alumna has traveled thousands of miles during her fighting career.

Klinefelter said that her days as a boxer may be coming to a close.

"I have a goal, and that's to get 100 fights," she said. "I see the end in sight, maybe not this year and maybe not next."

Keeping it upbeat

Katie Dougherty stays positive as the women's tennis team takes on Miami of Ohio.

By NICK SZAFRANSKI

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Katie Dougherty is somewhat of a mover.

The second year coach switched jobs five times before finally landing a gig as the head coach for women's tennis at Iowa. Dougherty's 30th-ranked club will face unbeaten Miami (Ohio) today at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Center.

Making transitions has always been a part of the job for Dougherty. The 30-year-old worked as an assistant coach for American University (2003-04) and Penn State (2004-07) before taking the same position with her alma mater, Wisconsin. She was a nationally recognized recruiter for the Badgers, and she reeled in some of the nation's top recruits.

"I have been in the Big Ten almost my entire playing and coaching career," she said. "I understand the conference well and the type of athletes who compete in it."

Transitions are difficult, whether it be moving locations, meeting new people, or taking on new challenges. Dougherty brings her team insight on how to deal with some of the troubles of both being a tennis player and of life in general.

"She understands the transition to the real

No. 30 Iowa (1-2) vs. Miami (Ohio) (4-0)

When: 5 P.M. TODAY  
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world," senior Jessica Young said. "She understands what everyone is going through."

Setting expectations and laying the ground rules makes it easier for each woman on the team to transition into the college setting. Dougherty preaches time management and believes a balance between school and tennis is important for her and the team in general.

"I can't coach each of my girls the same way," she said. "Their personalities, what they need, and what motivates them is always different."

One way Dougherty eases the transition from high school to college is to make the team members feel as though they are "one."

"She really brings our team together," Young said. "[She] makes an effort to help everybody coexist and to be a part of a family."

Freshman Christina Harazin had been heavily recruited by Dougherty at Wisconsin, but she decided to go to Iowa despite the team's head coaching vacancy. When she found out Dougherty had taken that spot, Harazin couldn't have been happier.

"We are a really tightly knit group," Harazin said. "She works on the mental

aspect of tennis, because it is a very mental sport."

Some coaches may resort to tactics such as yelling; Dougherty, however, takes a different approach.

"She always stays positive and makes you feel really good," Harazin said. "If you are down, she always picks you up."

Dougherty believes that building the team's spirit rather than breaking the members down is the key to learning from mistakes.

The squad hopes to correct mistakes from last weekend, in which it dropped both its Intercollegiate Tennis Association regional matches in Atlanta, losing to No. 13 Georgia Tech and No. 28 Illinois.

"There is always expected to be some bumps," Young said. "It was unfortunate that it was [the association's] weekend."

Today's opponent — the Redhawks — will provide another challenge.

"They haven't lost yet, that gives them a lot of confidence," Young said. "We are the higher-ranked team. They have nothing to lose, and we have everything to lose."

The team will be trying different things, including different doubles partners to combat any type of a letdown this weekend. Consistency and play during the beginning portion of the point was emphasized in practice.

"You win some, you lose some," Dougherty said. "We need to come back out and prove that we are a top-20 team."

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Hardships at Mackey Arena are nothing new for Iowa. The previous four trips to West Lafayette ended in losses — including a 81-59 drubbing on Jan. 17, 2010.

In the aftermath of what can only be described as a complete team disappoint-

ment, the Hawkeyes must regroup as they prepare to host Penn State on Feb. 6 at Carver-Hawkeye Arena. The Nittany Lions lead the Big Ten with an 8-2 record.

"You can't dwell on one game," Bluder said. "It's over. You've got to move on. There are six games left in this conference season, and even with this loss, we are still in the thick of it."

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Iowa swimmers Sean Hagan (left) and Max Dittmer (third from left) prepare for the 200 individual medley against Missouri State on Oct. 24, 2009 at the Field House.

# Seniors leave squad better

The No. 24 Hawkeyes face Western Illinois tonight.

By **BEN WOLFSON**  
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Tonight marks the last dual meet for five seniors on the men's swimming team — Max Dittmer, Sean Hagan, Bryan Hill, Zane Hugo, and Richard Salhus.

The five came to the swimming program at a time "when Iowa swimming needed a little bit of a pick-me-up," assistant coach Kirk Hampleman said.

A "pick-me-up" is certainly what has taken place over the past few years with the program, and coaches give a lot of credit to the leadership of the seniors.

Hill said the atmosphere of the team has transformed into a more serious and goal-oriented one. His freshman year, the Hawkeyes lost several dual meets. The team has only lost three dual meets in the three years since.

Hagan also recalled his freshman year and said that as a team, "we were pretty weak and not very deep in a lot of our events ... [Now] I think they'll be

## Iowa vs. Western Illinois

- When: 6 p.m. today
- Where: Campus Recreation & Wellness Center

Big Ten champions in the next couple of years."

"[The seniors'] improvement is off the charts time-wise with where they came in," head coach Marc Long said. "It's a real special group that committed to Iowa when we didn't have a new pool to show them.

"Without this group, we certainly wouldn't be where we are; they're absolutely leaving [the swimming program] a better place."

The Hawkeyes are coming off a set of victories over Denver and Notre Dame in the Shamrock Invitational on Jan. 28-29. Iowa defeated Denver, 229-129, and Notre Dame, 194-174.

The 800-free relay, consisting of juniors Duncan Partridge and Paul Gordon, sophomore Jordan Huff, and freshman Max Behles, set a pool record at

Notre Dame Aquatic Center with a time of 3:39.99.

Hampleman expects the men's team to come out with a lot of energy.

"We're doing shorter events, and we want them to come out and be speedy," he said. "I think the men are in a very good place right now."

The lineup right now is uncertain, because the coaching staff wants to move a lot of swimmers around and gauge performances for the upcoming championship season.

Last year at the Big Ten meet, Hagan said a memorable part of his career was when the Hawkeyes moved up three spots. Iowa finished in sixth-place, its best finish since 1996.

This championship season, the men aim for a better finish.

"I think this dual meet is a great preparation for Big Tens, and we're expecting to do well in there," Hill said. "I'm looking forward to coming back here [in the future] and watching them swimming against teams and beating teams that we couldn't have done."

# Men's golf beefs up

Dirksen adds another high caliber golfer to the men's team for the spring season.

By **BEN WOLFSON**  
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The phrase "the third time's the charm" certainly applies in the case of junior golfer Jed Dirksen. He enters the spring season eligible to compete for the No. 12 Iowa men's golf team after making stops at Arizona State his freshman year and Central Florida last year.

The Hawkeyes hope Dirksen can have an immediate effect when they travel to Scottsdale, Ariz., this week.



**Dirksen**  
junior

Dirksen can have an immediate effect when they travel to Scottsdale, Ariz., this week-end to compete in the Big Four Match-Play Challenge. Play begins Saturday.

Originally from Hampton, Iowa, Dirksen attended Hampton-Dumont in high school, except for a period during his junior year when he transferred to Westminster Christian School in Miami.

"It was entirely golf-related for me to go to [school] in Miami," Dirksen said. "I wanted to take my game to the next level and play during the winter."

Dirksen then came back to Hampton so he was able to graduate with his friends before heading to Tempe, Ariz., to join the Arizona State golf team.

He had a successful freshman season for the Sun Devils in 2007-08, making made four

## Big Four Match-Play Championship

- When: All day Saturday
- Where: Scottsdale, Ariz.

appearances with the team, including two top-five finishes.

He wanted an opportunity for more playing time and ended up transferring across the country to Orlando to compete for Central Florida. He competed in five events during his sophomore campaign and helped the Knights claim the Conference USA championship before his season was derailed by injuries.

Bulging discs in Dirksen's back left him unable to play during the 2010 spring season.

Iowa head coach Mark Hankins said Dirksen was able to get a release to speak to the Iowa team.

"[Jed] had to become eligible under Iowa, Big Ten and NCAA standards," Hankins said. "He's an extremely competitive player ... He worked hard this fall, and now he worked his way onto the first travel squad."

Dirksen's reasons for transferring to Iowa were health-related, but said that after taking part in the squad's strength and conditioning regimen that this is "the best I've felt health-wise since high school."

The men's golf team established itself as a national contender during the fall season after winning four tournaments in

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a row — the most by a Division-1 program during that time.

Senior Vince India, who competed with Dirksen at the U.S. Amateur this past summer, said Dirksen could have an immediate effect on the team.

"[Jed] definitely has the ability to crack the [starting lineup]," India said. "I'd be really surprised if he doesn't step in right away and play for us."

While Iowa traveled with only with five players during the 2010 fall season — India, senior Brad Hopfinger, and juniors Barrett Kelpin, Chris Brant, and Brad George — that will change: Hankins will bring Dirksen along this weekend.

"[Jed] is definitely playing as good as anybody; he's always been pretty consistent," Kelpin said. "If we can get him in the lineup [this spring] and he plays how he has been, he should be a nice addition."

"I'm not worried about being in the lineup, I just want to play the golf I know I can play," Dirksen said. "It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity [to compete at Iowa], we've got not just a shot at nationals but winning nationals, and I'm going to give everything I got to that cause."

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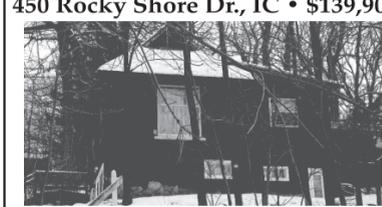
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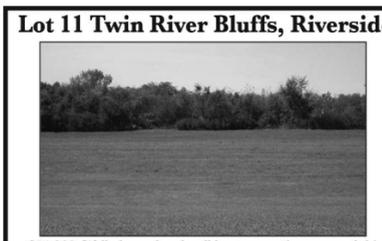


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## OUCH — Boilermakers boil hapless Hawks

The Hawkeyes fail to bring an offensive attack in Thursday's lopsided defeat against Purdue.

By **JON FRANK**  
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The Iowa women's basketball team (17-6, 5-5) opened Thursday's game against Purdue (16-7, 6-4) with a 2-0 lead.

That was the high point of the game for the No. 22 Hawkeyes, who fell, 60-

41, at Mackey Arena in West Lafayette, Ind.. The Black and Gold were only able to muster one more lead throughout the span of the game — a short-lived 4-2 advantage.

Iowa's shooting wasn't pretty, but then again, nothing else was, either.

The Hawkeyes shot 22 percent from the field, including a minuscule 12 percent from beyond the arc. They turned the ball over 21 times.

"It's very unusual for us not to have anybody kind of be a spark on our team and be able to get rolling offensively," coach Lisa Bluder said in a postgame interview. "Give credit to Purdue for that."

The low point total is unusual for Bluder's Bunch, a team that earns its living off perimeter shooting and high offensive production. Down from

their 69-point average, Thursday night's performance was the team's lowest scoring game of the season. "If we made a couple of those lay-ups or drawn a couple of fouls on those lay-ups early, it might have been a different game," Bluder said.

"They were very physical with us, and it put us on our heels."

Sophomore guard Jaime Printy — who averages 15 points per game — was limited to 7 and went 2-of-9 from the field, including 0-for-4 on 3-pointers.

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Trainer Adam Pollack speaks with Emily Klinefelter in-between rounds during her fight with Lakeysa Williams at the Johnson County Fairgrounds during Win by KO Promotions' Fall Brawl on Nov. 13, 2010. Klinefelter, who has an undefeated record, will face her toughest opponent yet — Christina "The Bullitt" Ruiz — this Saturday at the Johnson County 4-H fairgrounds.

## Klinefelter faces tough opponent

Emily Klinefelter is undefeated as a professional fighter.

By **JON FRANK**  
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Emily Klinefelter's undefeated record is in jeopardy.

On Saturday at the Johnson County 4-H Fairgrounds, she will take on her toughest opponent yet, Christina "The Bullitt" Ruiz (5-3-1, 3 KOs).

Revered by many as a rising star in the boxing community, the 25-year-old Ruiz graduated to profes-

sional fighting after a 7-1 stint as an amateur, capped off by a Golden Glove Championship in 2008.

Powerful, aggressive, and fearless, the San Antonio native's style is similar of Klinefelter's.

"I just like hunting," Ruiz said. "I'm way more aggressive than [Klinefelter]. I think it's going to be a war."

The up-and-comer's visit to Iowa City will provide an opportunity to boost her

ranking — she's currently fifth in the nation, while Klinefelter (9-0, 3 KOs) sits at No. 3.

A win in Klinefelter's hometown would slingshot Ruiz toward national prominence and closer to a title shot, something Ruiz and her manager, Amelio Ledezma, have been chasing her entire career.

"I know Emily is a good boxer, but we're not going over there to lose," Ledez-

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ma, 49, said. "Christina has a heavy hand. Everyone she has fought, she's dropped."

The stakes are high for Klinefelter as well.

A win over Ruiz would

give Klinefelter her first professional victory over an opponent with a winning record. Klinefelter's previous encounters have mostly been woodshed-esque beat downs, full of her opponent enduring swelling, bleeding, and plenty of bruises.

But that may not be the case this time.

"We're trying to step it up and take on tougher opponents every time," said Adam Pollack, who trains Klinefelter. "[Ruiz] seems to be a raw talent who's

very strong."

Aware of the impending danger that lurks within the ring, Klinefelter has emphasized strength training in the last few months. She's worked on rotation exercises, throwing and jumping with weights, and she's integrated the use of medicine balls into her routine. Since adopting the new regimen, the 26-year-old has improved her chin-up count to 12 and is capable of doing 27 push-ups —

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## Ballweg on the weight-class move

Mark Ballweg is adjusting to a potential move up a weight class forced by the return of Montell Marion.

By **SAM LOUWAGIE**  
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Mark Ballweg had prepared all week for a match on Jan. 30 against Penn State's fifth-ranked Andrew Alton.

Less than an hour before the match, Ballweg learned he would still take on a fifth-ranked wrestler — but a heavier one.

Montell Marion's return from a suspension gave Iowa a boost against then-No. 1 Penn State. His comeback victory gave the

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Hawkeyes the momentum they needed for an upset, and his presence in the line-up gives Iowa a second top-five wrestler along with Matt McDonough — Marion's victory moved him to No. 3 in InterMat's rankings.

But it also brought the



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Iowa 157-pounder Matt Ballweg wrestles Michigan State's Anthony Jones at the Bryce Jordan Center during the Big Ten wrestling championship on March 7, 2009.

displacement of Ballweg, who had been a pleasant surprise. Until the Penn State dual, Ballweg had

posted a 13-3 record and earned a No. 15 ranking.

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## Hawkeyes to face improved Hoosiers

The Hawkeyes expect the Hoosiers will put up a stiffer challenge than they did on Jan. 23.

By **SETH ROBERTS**  
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Yogi Berra once said sports are 90 percent mental.

If that's true, Saturday's matchup between Iowa (9-13, 2-8) and Indiana (12-11, 3-7) will be a doozy.

Both the Hawkeyes and Hoosiers are coming off the best victories of their respective seasons, and both teams will likely enter their brawl in Bloomington, Ind., with more confidence than they've had in recent memory.

The two teams scored major upsets on Wednesday; Iowa beat out of reeling Michigan State, and Indiana



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# Why do we dance?

for inspiration



for hope



for dreams



for the cure



to make a difference

for the kids



# What is Dance Marathon?

365 days that create hope



24 hours that celebrate the fight



1 power hour that makes a miracle.



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