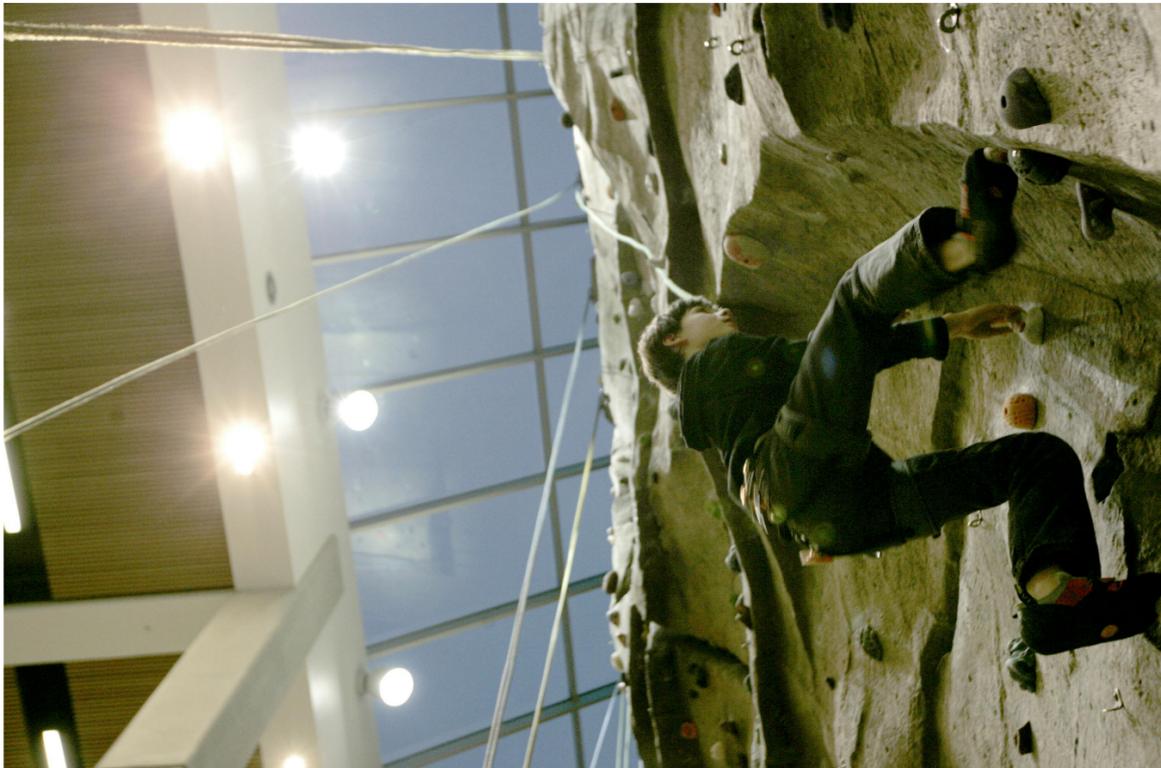


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Isaac Pyle climbs the wall at the Campus Recreation &amp; Wellness Center during an evening youth class on Monday. Isaac made it to the top several times.

## Youth movement rocks on

Children meet weekday nights for youth climbing at the recreation center.

By **NINA EARNEST**  
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Claire Pardubsky deftly scaled the rock wall as the fading blue of twilight streamed in from the skylights above. But one spot on the wall's route proved too difficult for the 10-year-old.

She let go of the wall, left dangling more than a dozen feet in the air.

"I'm not giving up," the girl yelled down to her friend and climbing partner, 11-year-old Isaac Pyle. "I'm just very tired of reaching."

The two children are in a group of five students who meet Monday nights as part of the youth rock-climbing team that started in the fall of 2010 after the completion of the new Campus Recreation & Wellness Center.

They are just two kids involved in an activity that's growing in popularity for young people.

Nora Metz, coordinator

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Check out a photo slide show and video feature of Wednesday's youth rock climbers.

for the youth program, said some children find ways to excel at an rock climbing while using problem-solving skills.

"They just naturally have better technique than some adults," the 22-year-old University of Iowa graduate student said.

Children between 10 and 13 years old meet on Monday and Wednesday nights, and younger students between six and nine climb on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The program doubled the number of sessions available between the fall and spring semesters.

Metz attributed the growth in some part to the wall's position as the focal point of the new rec center. And the interest is not con-



CHRISTY AUMER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Claire Pardubsky, 10, climbs the rock wall at the Campus Recreation &amp; Wellness Center on Monday. She said she is more interested in rock climbing than soccer or basketball.

finied to children — 694 community members have become certified rock climbers since the center opened.

"It's so much more visible here," Metz said.

Other youth-program organizers are taking notice of the wall.

Meredith Caskey, pro-

gram coordinator for the environmental education program at Recreation Services, said she regularly takes children participating in UI Wildlife Camps to the rock wall.

"We provide them with

SEE **CLIMBERS**, 5

## Teens react to stricter driving bill

The bill would require teens to spend one year under supervised driving.

By **RYAN COLE**  
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Teenage drivers in Iowa could soon look forward to spending more quality time with their parents in the car.

The Senate Transportation Committee approved a bill earlier this month that would require teens to spend 12 months under supervised driving before applying for an intermediate license — an expansion from the now-compulsory six-month period.

And local driver-education companies and some local teens said it may ultimately be for the best.

Some legislators said the proposed changes would reduce accident-related injuries and fatalities caused

by young drivers. Expanding the time frame to one year also gives teenagers a chance to drive with their parents in all types of weather conditions.

"We want to make sure we're giving them the most valuable opportunity to keep the roads safe," said Sen. Tod Bowman, D-Maquoketa, the vice chairman of the Transportation Committee.

Ron Bandy, the owner and operator of Ron Bandy Driver Education, said he advocated teenage motorists spending more time under supervision.

"For the most part ... they're being turned loose a little premature, before they've developed the skills," he said.

The North Liberty business owner said he's seen several



ROB JOHNSON/THE DAILY IOWAN

Corbin Countrymann, 14, waits to drive with his driver education teacher Ron Bandy on Monday. The Senate Transportation Committee has approved a bill that would require teens to be supervised for 12 months of driving before applying for a license.

adolescents pass the driving course with only the state minimum of six hours behind the wheel, and he believes the proposed measure would

result in safer drivers.

"They'll get more experience with less risk," Bandy said. "It's a great idea."

SEE **DRIVING**, 5

### POLLOCK CONTROVERSY

## Mural bill dropped

One representative called the Pollock bill distracting to the legislative process.

By **ARIANA WITT**  
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The Pollock bill is dead.

On Monday, Rep. Scott Raecker, R-Urbandale, the head of the Iowa House Appropriations Committee, withdrew the controversial proposal, which would have forced the University of Iowa Museum of Art to sell the \$140 million painting *Mural*, by Jackson Pollock, and use the revenue to supply roughly 1,000 scholarships to art students.

Before Raecker's decision, the Iowa House Appropriations Committee was set to vote on the bill Monday afternoon.

Raecker, who introduced the bill Feb. 9, said issues surrounding the potential legislation became "so polarized that reaching consensus is unlikely."

"I'm a firm believer in the legislative process, and further discussion of the sale of the Pollock painting will not be moved forward in the Legislature this year," Raecker wrote in an e-mail to *The Daily Iowan*.

State Board of Regents President David Miles said he thinks withdrawing the bill was the right decision, though he applauded Raecker for bringing attention to the financial needs of students.



**Raecker**  
representative,  
introduced the  
controversial bill

SEE **POLLOCK**, 5

## On not getting evicted

Iowa City requires landlords to evict tenants who receive three or more disorderly house tickets.

By **MICHELLE MCCONNAUGHEY**  
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Alaina Overdiep said she's adamant about knowing her rights.

The University of Iowa freshman, who will live in an apartment for the first time next fall, attended the "Don't Get Evicted" event Monday at the IMU to learn more about protecting herself.

"People should know that they have a voice when dealing with their landlords," Overdiep said.

UI Student Legal Services holds the event each year to inform students about their rights and responsibilities as tenants, said Greg Bal, the supervising attorney for the legal service.

He said many factors — including failure to pay rent, having drugs on the premises, and receiving repeated disorderly



**Bal**  
supervising  
attorney

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Mostly cloudy, breezy.

### WEB CALENDAR

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



# Justice praises selection system

Iowa has selected Supreme Court justices using the merit process since 1962.

By **MADISON BENNETT**  
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CEDAR RAPIDS — Supreme Court Justice David Wiggins said the only problem with the process to retain Iowa Supreme Court justices is they're not running against another person but the notion of an ideal judge.

"What you're really doing is running against the perfect opponent," he said. "You can't really define the opponent. But that's the way the system is, and I still think it's the best system."

Wiggins addressed Iowa's merit-based selection process on Monday at the Kirkwood Hotel in Cedar Rapids, debunking the idea it is rigged.

"My personal views have nothing to do with my job," he told a crowd of around 70 in one of the hotel's ballrooms. "Strange to hear, but personal views have nothing to do with it."

Judicial retention has been hotly debated since the ousting of three judges in the Nov. 2 elections. The campaign to remove the judges came after the Supreme Court ruled in favor of gay marriage and called into question the future of the appointment process.

Iowa uses a merit-based selection process to appoint



KATHLEEN WILLEM/ THE DAILY IOWAN

**Supreme Court Justice David Wiggins talks about the appointment of judges in Iowa at the Kirkwood Hotel on Monday. Wiggins has held several talks around the state of Iowa regarding this topic because of recent controversy about judicial appointments.**

justices to the state Supreme Court. Since 1962, a group of 15 people — made up of lawyers, citizens, and a high-ranking justice — recommends three candidates for every open position. The governor ultimately picks the justice.

Wiggins said the system is an integral part of Iowa being named one of the top five states for fairness and impartiality by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

But following the intense backlash against justices after the gay-marriage ruling, some argued the public should have more say in the initial selection process.

After 30 minutes of speaking, Wiggins opened the room — a mix of with

paralegal students, high-school students and the politically curious — to questions.

Among the attendees was K.E. Seda, a Chicago resident visiting Iowa, who said he wanted to attend the speech to discuss gay-marriage legislation.

Seda asked Wiggins about bisexuals' role in same-sex marriage legislation.

"I always try to come up with the most interesting questions as possible," he said. "I'm obviously a devil's advocate."

Joyce Christianson, a second-year paralegal student at Kirkwood Community College said, though it was helpful to hear Wiggins address the issues, it

## Merit selection

**The selection committee that recommends judicial candidates to the governor consists of:**

- 7 lawyers elected by Iowa lawyers
- 7 citizens appointed by the governor
- The next highest-ranking Supreme Court justice next to the chief justice

Source: Supreme Court Justice David Wiggins

was even more beneficial to hear questions presented by the community. Listening to the concerns of the people can be educational, she said.

Wiggins also spoke about the impartiality of judges. He said he believes people expect the judiciary system to be similar to the legislative system — representative of the people. But it's not, he said.

"The court is very, very different," the justice said. "And it's one thing people often forget."

This is not to say courts are not responsible to the people they serve, Wiggins said, but rather it is the courts' duty to interpret and enforce the Constitution as adapted in the state of Iowa.

"It creates uniformity in the business world and in the normal world," he said.

## METRO

### Man charged with going armed, domestic assault

Deputies arrested a local man Sunday after he allegedly threatened his sister with a knife.

Luis Deleon, 20, 515 Elkhorn Trail, was charged Sunday with going armed with intent and domestic assault while displaying a weapon, according to a complaint from the Johnson County Sheriff's Office.

The document said a deputy was called to the residence to follow up on a report of a woman arguing with her brother.

The woman told police her brother had become angry with her because he was locked out of the house and had to wait outside until she got home, the report said.

The woman told police the argument continued after they entered the residence, and Deleon took a knife out of the kitchen and allegedly pushed his sister up against the wall holding the tip of the knife to her face.

Officials said Deleon admitted to holding a knife to his sister's face.

Going armed with intent is a Class D felony punishable by up to five years in prison and a fine of up to \$7,500. Domestic assault while displaying a weapon is an aggravated misdemeanor punish-

able by up to two years in prison and a maximum fine of \$6,250.

— by Hayley Bruce

### Woman charged with endangerment

Authorities have charged a Tiffin woman after she allegedly left her children home alone to buy alcohol and cigarettes.

Adriann Gressman, 28, was charged Feb. 19 with child endangerment.

According to Johnson County sheriff's deputies, Gressman left her children home alone to go to a convenience store to buy cigarettes.

The complaint said the children left the residence and patrons at Slims Saloon found them crying in the snow. The patrons brought the children inside for safety, authorities said.

The deputies located Gressman after 25 minutes, and she admitted to leaving the children home alone, according to reports.

Gressman also told deputies she went to Casey's to buy cigarettes and went to Slims Saloon to buy a beer while the children were alone.

According to the report, a bartender at Slims told deputies Gressman was in the bar while her children were there and did not notice them or take them home.

Child endangerment is an

aggravated misdemeanor punishable by up to two years in prison and a maximum fine of \$6,250.

— by Hayley Bruce

### Everson sentencing moved back

Former Hawkeye football player Cedric Everson's sentencing has been postponed until April 22.

Everson, 21, was charged with sexually assaulting a female student-athlete in a Hillcrest dorm room in 2007. In January, Everson was convicted of simple assault, a misdemeanor and the least severe charge presented. The conviction cleared him of all sexual-abuse charges.

— by Michelle McConaughy

### North Liberty Council to vote on gun ban

North Liberty City councilors will vote today on a resolution to ban firearms on city property.

The list of prohibited weapons includes pellet, BB, and dart guns in addition to standard firearms and weapons, and the measure would outlaw possession on any land owned, leased, or occupied by the city of North Liberty.

The resolution makes excep-

tions for certain peace officers, members of the military, and correctional officers, among others. Violators would be subject to arrest and punishment under state law.

The Iowa City City Council and the Johnson County Board of Supervisors passed similar resolutions in the past week.

— by Ryan Cole

### Branstad close to appointing justices

Gov. Terry Branstad will name the state's three new Supreme Court justices by his Saturday deadline, spokesman Tim Albrecht said.

Branstad will select the three new justices from a pool of nine nominees, which includes only one woman, Angela Onwuachi-Willig of Grinnell, who is also a UI law professor. Only 11 of the 60 applicants for the positions were women, Albrecht said.

Albrecht said Branstad has expressed disappointment in the lack of female nominees considering the nominating commission received a highly capable pool of applicants.

The naming comes after Iowa voters chose in November to oust the three justices who were involved in the decision to legalize same-sex marriages.

— by Sam Lane

## BLOTTER

**Matthew Abrahamson**, 20, 131 E. Davenport St. Apt. 9, was charged Feb. 11 with possession of marijuana.

**Erich Albrecht**, 19, 2209 Quadrangle, was charged Feb. 18 with interference with official acts and public intoxication.

**Lawrence Baugh**, 19, 645 S. Lucas St. Apt. 5, was charged Feb. 17 with presence in a bar after hours.

**Kathryn Bernard**, 20, Grayslake, Ill., was charged Feb. 18 with PAULA.

**Lauren Boettcher**, 19, 3405 Burge, was charged Feb. 18 with PAULA.

**Vincent Bongiovanni**, 21, 21 N. Johnson St. Apt. 2A, was charged Feb. 18 with disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

**Michael Bontrager**, 25, Broken Arrow, Okla., was charged Feb. 15 with public urination.

**Carlyn Bradarich**, 19, 444 S. Johnson St. Apt. 1, was charged Feb. 18 with PAULA.

**Aaron Brewington**, 26, Marion, was charged Sunday with OWI.

**Christian Copple**, 18, C502 Hillcrest, was charged Feb. 18 with PAULA.

**Derek Daniels**, 20, DeWitt, Iowa, was charged Monday with public intoxication, public urination, and presence in a bar after hours.

**Danielle Davis**, 25, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 3811, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

**Ryan Eggleston**, 32, 21 Regal Lane, was charged Sunday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

**Aaron Ellis**, 21, 929 N. Dodge St., was charged Feb. 15 with OWI.

**Nicole Engle**, 18, 637C Mayflower, was charged Feb. 19 with presence in a bar after hours.

**Kristi Gabriel**, 20, 201 E. Burlington St. Apt. 1532, was charged Feb. 17 with PAULA.

**Scott Gerdes**, 18, 914 Rienow, was charged Feb. 17 with possession of a controlled substance.

**Derek Hadden**, 20, Cedar Rapids, was charged Monday with public intoxication and presence in a bar after hours.

**Ashton Hastings**, 19, 1122 Quadrangle, was charged Feb. 18 with PAULA.

**Amber Herring**, 24, Tiffin, was charged Feb. 18 with disorderly conduct.

**Iniguez Humberto**, 25, Tiffin, was charged Sunday with public urination.

**William Jensen-Willis**, 23, Oxford, Iowa, was charged Feb. 18 with public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

**Nicholas Keenan**, 22, 318 Ridgeland Ave. Apt. 10, was charged Feb. 19 with public urination and public intoxication.

**Damien Kincel**, 21, West Columbia, S.C., was charged Sunday with possession of a con-

trolled substance.

**Cole Lambert**, 19, 5522 Daum, was charged Feb. 19 with public intoxication.

**Nicolo Loizzo**, 19, 308 Rienow, was charged Feb. 18 with PAULA.

**Alexander Lopez**, 20, Kalamazoo, Mich., was charged Feb. 19 with PAULA.

**Amy Lovejoy**, 19, 323 N. Linn St., was charged Feb. 18 with PAULA.

**Molly Mahoney**, 23, Des Moines, was charged Feb. 19 with public intoxication.

**Alexander Mai**, 18, E426 Currier, was charged Feb. 18 with PAULA.

**Marty Martinson**, 40, North Liberty, was charged Feb. 17 with OWI.

**Cole McKenzie**, 19, 156 Hillcrest, was charged Feb. 18 with PAULA.

**Matthew Mueller**, 19, Carol Stream, Ill., was charged Sunday with disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

**Geoffrey Pauline**, 22, 702 Iowa Ave., was charged Feb. 18 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Johnny Potter**, 18, address unknown, was charged Jan. 27 with tampering with a witness or juror.

**Zachary Pound**, 19, 121 E. Davenport St. Apt. 119, was charged Feb. 18 with PAULA.

**Miranda Raymond**, 19, Carroll, Iowa, was charged Feb. 18 with

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2. West High female wrestler reacts to state forfeit
3. Should Iowans worry about the proposed abortion ban?
4. Déjà vu all over again for men's hoops
5. Bill to sell Pollock painting withdrawn

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Spotlight Iowa City

# Deep in the legacy of rap music

University of Iowa senior David Hoffman tries to find a balance between his passion and career.

By EVAN CLARK  
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Songs about heartbreak have been around since the dawn of music. Musicians from Elvis Presley to ABBA to Eminem have expressed that heartaches can be a main inspiration for material.

Since going through a breakup over a year ago, University of Iowa senior David Hoffman has also turned to music.

"I just had a really bad breakup, and writing lyrics was just a good way to vent for me," Hoffman said.

The rain was falling hard, drumming on his roof when an instrumental version of Kanye West's "All Falls Down" came through Hoffman's car stereo, prompting him to write his first song.

"I started writing to that and I've been writing lyrics ever since," Hoffman said.

The 22-year-old refers to his 2004 silver Pontiac Grand Am as his "sanctuary," where he drives around for hours at a time listening to beats and spending pennies on his thoughts as well as gas money. He describes his lyrics as "very personal," yet relies heavily on using symbolism and metaphors for listeners to decode the message.

Kyle Hoffman, David's older brother, said he believes it's his brother's ability to speak about personal experiences that sets him apart from other rappers.

"Some people make music for the sake of making music, but he truly speaks for who he really is,"

## David Hoffman

- **Age:** 22
- **Hometown:** West Branch
- **Major:** Theater
- **Favorite Rapper:** Lupe Fiasco
- **Favorite Restaurant:** Short's
- **Favorite Concert:** Lupe Fiasco at '09 Hawkpaloozaa

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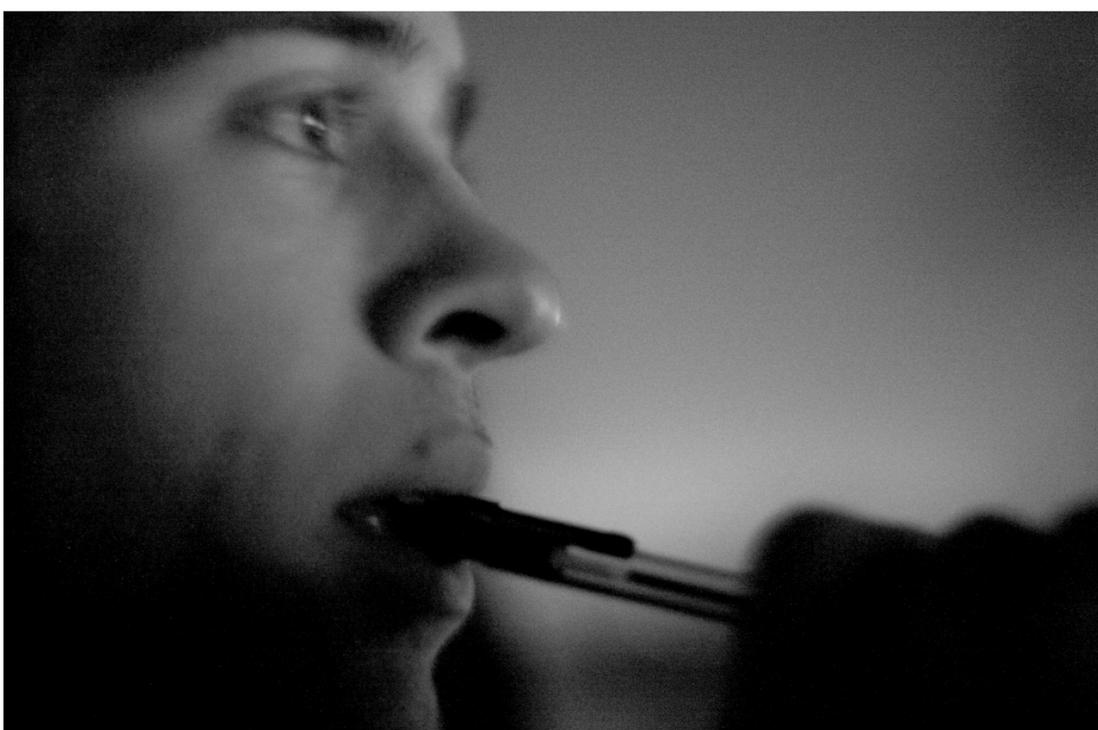
Kyle said. "I think when you make music, you need to show to the world who you really are, and that's what David is good at."

Rapping wasn't always Hoffman's ambition. The West Branch native is a theater major, and he has acted in a number of UI shows.

His theater debut took place during his sophomore year in high school; he played Schroeder in a Charlie Brown musical. He spent the rest of his high-school days singing in choir, playing saxophone, and participating in sports.

But a college class on freestyle writing helped him expand his poetry and lyric creativity. Idris Goodwin, a graduate student in the Playwrights' Workshop, was also a student in the class and sensed right away that Hoffman had something special.

"I think he really understands rap as a real art form," Goodwin said. "Anybody can rap or make words



CHRISTY AUMER/THE DAILY IOWAN

UI senior David Hoffman sits in his car to focus on his writing in City Park on Feb. 11. Hoffman, a theater major, has taken his rapping to another level by performing at area venues.

rhyme, but [Hoffman] is aware that there's a legacy to it. Rapping is something you have to spend a lot of time on to be good at, and he's hungry to get better at it, and you can sense that when you hear his words."

Lately, Hoffman has performed at open mikes around Iowa City, and he is beginning to record his first mix tape. Though he's still relatively new to the rap game, he feels comfortable performing his material live and credits his experience in acting as the backbone of his confidence. Though Hoffman may

never share his lyrics with thousands, he plans on sticking with his music whether he's heartbroken or not. The peace of mind that he feels when he writes

motivates him the most. "I'll never stop rapping," he said. "Even if rapping doesn't work out, I'll keep performing in my car. I always write from a place

that means something to me so if someone does knock me, it doesn't affect me, because no one can tell me what I've written for myself is no good."

## EDITOR WANTED

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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**William Casey**  
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## Editorial

## Seize this opportunity, get involved in city politics

The outcome of the 21-ordinance vote left many Iowa City denizens unhappy, including business owners, bar employees, and — most of all — University of Iowa students, who have expressed frustration at the Iowa City Council's repeated efforts to instate the ordinance.

While little can be done about the situation now, there is still much that the students can do to counter their perceptions (and reality) of voicelessness in the Iowa City community.

Last week, two councilors, Mike Wright and Ross Wilburn, announced they will not seek re-election, opening the field to newcomers — including, perhaps, students. The *DI* Editorial Board strongly encourages students to become involved and interested in this year's upcoming city elections. Even more than simply becoming more active in the community and knowledgeable on possible candidates and their campaigns, students should take this opportunity to represent their peers and run for office.

A student on the City Council would provide an important voice for students in city affairs. Iowa City has around 60,000 residents and over 30,000 students attend the UI. While the relationship and extent of overlap between these figures is uncertain, students make up a large proportion of city dwellers when school is in session, and have a serious interest in city regulations and development.

While student candidates are uncommon, they aren't inconceivable. In 2009, three UI students ran for open City Council seats: Dan Tallon, Jared Bazzell, and then-senior Jeff Shipley.

"I was just one individual pissed off by some of the issues," Shipley told the Editorial Board. One of his biggest challenges was getting students to care as much as he did.

"While I was running, I got a lot of positive feedback from the students," he said. "But at the end of the day, they just didn't vote."

Shipley finds it disheartening that many students will continue to abstain from voting, regardless of the severity and pertinence of the issue to them. "Students get the government they deserve," he said.

Shipley, Tallon, and Bazzell aren't the only UI students with past or present participation in council affairs. Elliot

Higgins, the UI Student Government's liaison to the City Council, largely encourages students to become more active in the community, and he would love to see a student councilor. Higgins is responsible for sitting in on all the City Council meetings and work sessions.

While Higgins does all this to keep tabs on the council's activities, he is also able to advocate on the behalf of students.

"When I do speak, people listen," Higgins told the Editorial Board.

Being a student himself, he realizes that students can be so consumed by their daily routines and acknowledges that they simply just forget about the political process — or they just didn't care to begin with.

"I think it's a shame," he said. "A lot of it is apathy."

Higgins said he believes the City Council only has the best interests of students and the town in mind; however, they just take a different perspective on some of the issues. "We're just kinda at a different place in our lives than them," he said.

If students don't get involved, city officials have a harder time taking their considerations seriously. Despite the stereotypes of the drink-swilling, self-absorbed college sector, UI students can prove themselves mature enough and invested enough in the town to take part in local politics.

Of course, not any student candidate would do; students must ensure their representative is prepared for the responsibilities of the job. Being "pissed off" isn't a good enough qualification, but some students are surely worthy of the position.

While running for City Council is not something to be undertaken lightly, UI students should participate in this vital component of democracy. At the very least, even if they are too busy, stressed, or ignorant to seriously consider the issues of the town, they should pay attention to who runs — and who best represents their interests.

Voting on one ordinance or ballot measure isn't enough; if students want to be heard, they'd better speak up.

Your turn. Should students play a larger role in city politics? Weigh in at [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com).

## NASCAR &amp; Wisconsin

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You'll be happy to know that U.S. House Republicans have killed a Democratic measure to halt the Defense Department's financial support of NASCAR. And also killed funds for a peace institute (also a Democratic measure).

What were those Democrats thinking? If you can call it that. Everyone knows that peace doesn't exist in the world and probably not anywhere in the universe (because who knows exactly anything about peace when the universe is full of dark matter and dark energy?).

I admit, those last two suggest that Dick Nixon — and H.R. Haldeman and John Erlichmann — are still running things. Which pretty much destroys my belief that there is no Heaven, no Hell. Or at least the no-Hell part. Oh, well; beliefs are probably born in order to be later destroyed. Kind of like humans, who believe those beliefs in the first place (and in the second place and the third place and you get the idea).

But Defense Department's support of NASCAR? I thought Barack Obama won, not Dick (there's that word again) Cheney.

I suppose that hundreds of thousands of people soaking up some really keen air pollutants while their eardrums get split by nuclear-weapon-size decibels in a NASCAR race is the American way, and far be it from me to deny Americans that particular pleasure.

Even if I don't wish to participate.

On the other hand, because there always seem to be so many hands in this life, of course the Defense Department should fund NASCAR. Even when, according to the GOP, we can't afford to fund poor kids' education or school lunches, or clean air or water, or anybody's health care who didn't become fortunate enough to be elected to Congress or become a corporate executive. But, Republicans insist, the Defense Department should give money to NASCAR because big-assed cars that use up

tons of fuel, pollute in a grand twofer (both small-particulate matter and greenhouse-gas emissions), and promote the white-male way are what made America great.

So, yeah — be all you can be, Talladega Nights and Daytona Days (or perhaps Daytona Daze).

What didn't make America great, apparently, are labor unions.

At least, that's the word from Wisconsin, where the new Republican governor, Scott Walker, seems dead set on taking away the right of public workers to organize and bargain collectively. The state is broke — what state isn't? — so death to the public unions.

Curiously, Walker does not want to take that right to unionize away from all public employees in Wisconsin. Some — some police, state troopers, some fire departments — would retain the right.

What's curious about that? you ask. Those employees tend to vote Republican.

So Republican unions are good, and Democratic unions are bad is the message Wisconsin is sending us.

Of course, if you've been following the news, you know that tens of thousands of people in Wisconsin have been protesting the governor's move for around two weeks now — so many that Wisconsin GOP Rep. Paul Ryan, who is the Republicans' budget guru these days, said: It's like Cairo has moved to Madison.

Which means Gov. Walker is Hosni Mubarak?

Well, that's probably not what Ryan meant. In any case, it's been great fun watching Wisconsin, what with the Democratic state senators dashing off into hiding to prevent the Senate from moving forward with the governor's plan and Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald threatening to send the state troopers after them.

Fitzgerald, as Gail Collins of the *New York Times* cheerily informs us, is the brother of the leader of the other house of the Wisconsin Legislature, Jeff Fitzgerald. And they happen to be the sons of the head of the state patrol, Stephen Fitzgerald.

You couldn't make this stuff up.

And it's a lot more fun than NASCAR. ■

## Letter

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## Letter to Egypt

The United States has recently spent trillions of dollars in Iraq and Afghanistan and may now be setting its sights on Egypt.

Much of the United States' vast surplus was frittered away by the Bush and Cheney administration not only through tax cuts and banking deregulation but on these oily military safaris as well.

Our country is bankrupt not only financially but morally, when, in the face of the widening gap between its rich and poor, and the evaporating working and middle classes, it cuts taxes for the very rich. It also cuts programs in education, food programs, environmental protection, transportation, and Social Security, send-

ing its jobs overseas while denying health care to its citizens.

Egypt, do not invite the United States into your affairs. What moral compass and model of democracy can the U.S. offer when its highest court gives its stamp of approval for unlimited corporate spending in its elections? What could you want from a country whose top 20 percent, the upper class, own 85 percent of the total wealth (with the top 1 percent owning 42 percent of the wealth)? The United States is the most uneven and subsequently least democratic of any developed nation in the world. Its megarich (who accrue only a small portion of their wealth through actual work) help manufacture crooked elections, both at home and abroad, and create mandates for invasions in countries just like your own.

Washington and Jefferson, Lincoln, Theodore and Franklin Roosevelt — as they turn in their graves over the dismantling of their government — would encourage you, Egyptian protesters, to endure in the fight against tyranny.

Brandon Ross  
UI alumnus

## Support rights of the unborn

Question: Should Iowans worry about the proposed abortion ban? Answer: No — there isn't one.

However, there is a proposal to recognize that an unborn child is a person with civil rights. But that should not worry Iowans, either. The good in all of us rallies to the defense of victims of circumstance.

Yesterday, I saw the first ultrasound of my granddaughter. I saw her face. She looks like her 2-year-old brother. She is not a statistic or a thing to be mocked.

Some will say that the current proposal is unconstitutional. It is true that the U.S. Supreme Court declined to say that an unborn child is a person in *Roe v. Wade*, but the U.S. Constitution only sets the bare minimum standard for civil rights. Each state has the option to raise the bar.

For example, there is no federal protection for same-sex marriage. But there is here in Iowa.

The unborn child is the most innocent and defenseless victim of circumstance. And bare minimum standards have never been good enough for Iowans.

John Hesling  
Oskaloosa, Iowa

## Guest opinion

## The illusion of progress on the federal budget

The recently proposed federal budget for fiscal 2012 has caused quite a stir. And for good reason — \$3.7 trillion is no small chunk of change. But as lawmakers debate how to bring that number down, a growing theme seems to emerge: small potatoes.

You see, we Americans are blessed with a complex system of government that, despite having its flaws, seems to work exceptionally well. We often take proactive approaches if we see troubling trends emerging. If our education system is suffering, we try

to "fix" it. If our economy is stagnant, we try to "fix" it. If we see a threat to our national security, we try to "fix" it.

So it comes as no surprise fiscal responsibility has come to the forefront of politics in Washington.

We greatly out-spend what we take in; in response, lawmakers across the land have begun clicking their pens, looking for interesting lines to strike through.

But are we actually trying to cut spending? Or are we trying to make it appear we're making that attempt?

Take the recent controversy regarding the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter as an example.

The F-35, hailed by the Pentagon as America's multipurpose fighter of the future, has seen battle during its development. Although previously having an engine in development through United Technologies Corp., a separate engine program found its place in the proposed budget, with the latter being developed cooperatively by General Electric and Rolls-Royce at a cost of nearly \$450

million to taxpayers for fiscal 2011.

Individuals from both sides of the aisle have questioned the rationale behind having two engine programs. Obama has staunchly opposed the program, many House GOP members have stressed its wastefulness, and Secretary of Defense Robert Gates has panned the program as "an unnecessary and extravagant expense."

Indeed, even the Joint Chiefs have said a second engine isn't necessary.

But at \$450 million, the

alternative engine program is relatively benign by Congressional standards. And while cutting a half billion dollars' worth of wasteful spending is commendable, it's also relatively meager proportional to the budget overall (the program itself makes up roughly 0.000122 percent of the proposed budget).

So while axing small, unnecessary programs is a positive step, it's not going to result in any substantial cuts.

To really strike at the deficit, issues such as

social entitlements, aggregate defense spending, and a host of other expenditures must be addressed. The belt will need to be tightened — nigh, shrunk — and we'll need to relearn the value of our money. It certainly won't be easy, but it can be done if we try.

Until then, though, it appears we're just making the illusion of progress.

That's really all that matters — or so it seems in Washington.

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Student Legal Services supervising attorney Greg Bal speaks to students in the IMU Main Lounge on Monday. Bal saw more than 90 cases from July through September regarding landlord/tenant issues.

## EVICTED

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house violations — can lead to an eviction.

Iowa City regulations require landlords to evict tenants who receive three disorderly house tickets.

And while officials with Student Legal Services said they haven't noticed an increase in traffic at their office since the implementation of the 21-ordinance, some students said they've noticed changes in the neighborhoods.

With bars becoming 21-only, people don't risk going downtown and end up partying elsewhere, Overdiep said.

In the past three years, disorderly house tickets have tripled despite a lack of student presence in Bal's offices.

Iowa City police officers issued 90 disorderly house tickets in 2007 and more than 270 in 2010.

But officials said the increase is a result of more enforcement in Iowa City neighborhoods, not necessarily a shift in party locations.

Bal said UI students should come to Student Legal Services for free advice any time they encounter difficulties with a landlord, especially issues that involve money.

"A lot of students don't know their rights," Bal said. "They will get a bill and pay it without questioning it."

Bal said problems involving landlords make up 55 percent of the cases

### Eviction

Reasons tenants can get evicted:

- Not paying rent on time
- Three disorderly house tickets
- Health and safety violations
- Breach of lease: pets, extra tenants, etc.

Source: Student Legal Services

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his office sees. That figure doesn't include disorderly house citations.

And Liz Mihm, the undergraduate director for Student Legal Services, said tenants are most frequently evicted for failing to pay their bills on time. Students also seek assistance for landlord regulations involving pets in apartments and for ignoring important parts of their lease.

Bal said it's safe to assume landlords in Iowa City will try to get every penny out of tenants that they can.

A recently filed lawsuit against the property owner Apartments Downtown — which alleged the company lists unlawful lease requirements — is an example of the importance of being a knowledgeable tenant, officials said.

"The class-action lawsuit with Apartments Downtown was unfortunate," Mihm said. "There are a lot of shady landlords, so we want to inform students of their rights."

## CLIMBERS

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different options besides sitting in front of a TV," Caskey said. "Climbing specifically is challenging to both their physicality and their mental abilities."

Bri Wojtak, a child-life specialist and counselor for the nonprofit group Horizons, said she hoped to get more students involved in climbing.

"It's the biggest self-esteem booster for any kid, knowing that they accomplished it," she said.

Claire said she never was interested in traditional team sports such as soccer or basketball, but rock climbing is not as competitive.

Kristin Pardubsky, Claire's mother, said she was initially hesitant letting her daughter climb.

"I remember thinking, 'I'm watching my 10-year-old climb a 52-foot wall with a knot she tied herself,'" Pardubsky said.

But now Claire and Isaac are considered advanced climbers.

After Isaac had his chance to climb Monday night, Claire left him suspended a little more than a foot off the ground. She dropped him with a light thud, and both the children laughed.

"You can drop me if you want," she offered.

And they switched places — she to climb and he to belay — and gave the standard climbing commands.

"Climbing," she said. "Climb on."

### Rock climbing

Health benefits from rock climbing:

- Muscular strength
- Muscular endurance
- Body composition
- Flexibility

Source: Alive.com

## DRIVING

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Some local high-school students said they oppose the bill but understand its necessity.

"It's safer but lamer," said City High sophomore Shayleigh Small.

The 15-year-old drives to school on a permit, but she said she did not want to spend more time with her parents to earn her "freedom."

Junior Suzanne Wilson said the time demands of an extended supervision period could put a strain on families that have several commitments and two

### Driver's licenses

Iowa's graduated system:

- 14 years old: Can receive an instruction permit but requires adult supervision
- 16 years old: Can receive intermediate license, which allows restricted unsupervised driving
- 17 years old: Can receive full license

Source: Iowa Department of Transportation website

working parents.

"Parents might need the kid to drive themselves if they're busy," the 17-year-old said.

According to 2009 National Highway Traffic

## POLLOCK

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"While I know intentions were correct, sacrificing the Pollock was not the way to get at the issue," he said. "Today is a great day for the art students at the university."

A House subcommittee voted in favor of the bill Feb. 16, but Raecker said Monday he feels the discussion had gone far enough.

"Right now, the Legislature needs to focus on passing a budget for Iowans that meets their priority needs and doesn't spend more than we take in," he said.

The withdrawal sends a message to the art world that Iowa is a place that still values its arts culture, said Sean O'Harrow, executive director of the UI Museum of Art.

He said legislators' attempts to sell the painting could affect the muse-

um, but not as much as if the bill had continued through the Legislature.

"We might have work to do with donors," O'Harrow said, regarding the negative impact officials say the discussion has had on past and potential donors.

Earlier on Monday, before the news that the bill had been dropped, UI President Sally Mason told the *DI* she was strongly against selling the painting for many reasons. But most importantly, she said, was that the university had promised Peggy Guggenheim — who donated the artwork in 1951 — that it wouldn't sell it.

"If our word means anything, I think selling the painting, obviously, would go against everything that we believe in, everything that we stand for," Mason said. "I've always viewed Iowans as people who are trustworthy, and people who, when they give you their word,

Safety Administration statistics for Iowa, the number of drivers aged 15-20 involved in fatal accidents has decreased in recent years. In 2009, 62 teens were involved in fatal crashes, down from 86 in 2005.

Bowman said he believes the proposed 12-month period would ensure new drivers have supervision when transitioning to independent driving.

In addition to extending supervision, the bill would require drivers to be accident- and violation-free for 12 months before qualifying for a license. Beginning motorists would also not be allowed to have more than one other minor in the car, with the exception of siblings,

for the first six months with an intermediate license.

Rep. David Tjepkes, R-Gowrie, said Gov. Terry Branstad would be likely receptive to the new bill, but it will have to pass the Senate and House before going to the governor.

The bill comes on the heels of a law implemented in 2010 banning teenagers from using cell phones while driving. Tjepkes said he thinks the restrictions might be too extensive to garner support in the state House of Representatives.

"I think we need to slow down and evaluate [the situation] before we're too quick to propose changes," he said.

you can trust it. So I'd find this very difficult and challenging on an ethical basis."

John Scott, the director of the UI School of Art and Art History, said he hopes keeping the painting will serve as a representation of the value of art in Iowa.

Scott said because Pollock's family has roots in the state, ensuring the painting stays in Iowa has increased significance.

"This goes beyond the UI," he said. "We need to look at the painting and the artists as cultural icons for our state."

Gov. Terry Branstad publicly opposed the bill Monday. He said a number of issues arose regarding the painting's sale and was concerned about the negative effect on the future of the university.

Miles agreed.

"We really need to stop cutting state appropriations going forward and start rein-

vesting in public universities," Miles said, and alternatives to the bill should come in the form of increasing state funding for regent schools.

Appropriations Committee member Rep. Tyler Olson, D-Cedar Rapids, said the bill distracted legislators from a goal of funding higher education. He said he feels lawmakers should fully fund regent institutions but not at the expense of art.

UI art students and faculty were planning to protest the bill Thursday, but UI junior Erica Blair said the event might be off Blair and seven other UI students created the Facebook event, but now the art student said she's fine not attending.

"I'm happy that we can move on from this, and I just hope that legislators in the future won't try to sell *Mural* as a way get money," she said.

## METRO

### 38 Special to perform at RAGBRAI's Coralville stop

Veteran rock group 38 Special will perform at the RAGBRAI overnight celebration on July 29 in Coralville's S.T. Morrison Park, located near the intersection of Fifth and Seventh Streets.

According to a press release, the Southern-rock band has sold more than 20 million albums across three decades, and it tours more than 100 cities a year.

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### Thoughts I've had in the elevator:

- Did that guy really just push "2"? You're 19 years old, dude. TAKE THE STAIRS.
- Cover your mouth when you cough, jackhole!
- Awk-ward si-lence.
- Who's itching my arm right now?
- Boo; I didn't want them to stop.
- Ugh, dude, I think I'm getting a contact high off of your coat.
- For Pete's sake, is there some sort of Mouthbreather Scholarship at this university I don't know about?
- (sniff.) No. (sniff sniff.) NO. Someone did not really just do that, did they? Ick, icky, ick. Sulfur, eggs, burnt hair. Seriously, people?! This is an elevator, not first-grader's birthday party. Eat more fiber or buy a damn cork.
- Oh great, everyone just got off the elevator except me and this kid who refuses to get out of my bubble.
- Maybe he thinks the same about me, which would make sense seeing as he's the one backed into a corner. Whatever, he's still in my bubble.
- That guy in the corner looks awfully familiar ... how do I know him? Class? I don't think so. Church? Definitely not. Oh, I remember! Summit, freshman year! Oh gosh ... that was the night I ate spaghetti before I went out. I wonder what he did with those shoes.
- This scalp in front of my face has major dandruff issues. Oh nose! I have to sneeze!
- Please tell me that's a chemistry book pressing against my leg.
- How did footprints get on the ceiling?

- Trisha Spence thinks she should become claustrophobic.

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**UI senior Sophie Switzer, a tour guide assistant coordinator, eats her lunch at a table set up in the IMU for Hawkeye Visit Day on Monday. Switzer makes sure buses are ready and directs visitors to them. Approximately 900 visitors, including potential students and their parents, attended the event.**



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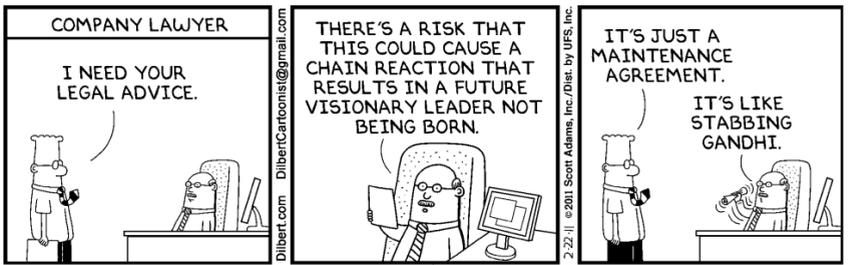
## horoscopes Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2011

- by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 Temptation will entice you to do things you normally wouldn't do. Overstepping your bounds, taking on too much, and blowing situations out of proportion can all be expected. Discipline will be required.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20 You'll learn a lot from the company you keep and the places you visit. Keep an open mind. Offering your services will be well-received and will bring you recognition and propositions you cannot refuse. Celebrate with someone you love.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Focus on work, getting ahead, or adding to your skills. You'll come up with a good plan or idea that can lead to a higher position or give you the edge you need. Don't worry about a negative comment; it's insecurity speaking, nothing more.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22 Open your ears, and listen to what's being said. You will pick up valuable information that will allow you to raise your profile. A business trip will pay off. Mix business with pleasure, and you will make a hit with someone you love.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 Taking the initiative will keep you in the game and ensure that you hang on to what you've worked so hard to achieve. Don't let complaints from friends or your lover cause you to miss out on a professional event with opportunities to network.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 You can count on friends and family to help you out. An opportunity to work with people you know well will give you greater hope for the future. Security and stability will come with knowing where you stand and the possibilities that exist.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Don't be too quick to rule out what someone you are close to or trust is capable of doing. Keep the peace no matter what it takes. Put your effort into self-improvement and creative endeavors.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 People from your past can make a difference to your life now. Someone who shared your interests will have a sound idea for a project you are working on now. Revisit old ideas and methods.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Offer your services and add a little excitement and adventure into whatever you do and people from different walks of life will gravitate toward you. Don't worry about the changes happening in your personal life or at home. You'll benefit in the end.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Too much of anything will cause problems for you today. Back away from anyone who is indulgent or wasteful. Rely on past experience to see you through emotional trouble brought on by a work-related relationship.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Don't let your emotions lead you down the wrong path. There is plenty you can do to stabilize your position if you refuse to let your personal feelings interfere with what needs to be done. Make your intentions perfectly clear.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 Refrain from getting involved in joint ventures when you can do what needs doing on your own. Having the confidence to move forward is all that's required. Control your investment in a project you believe in.

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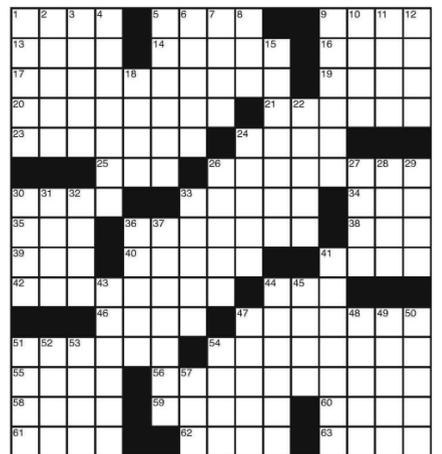
- **Glass Shop Open**, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., W152 Chemistry Building
- **Pharmacology Faculty Recruitment Seminar**, "GABA Signaling from AgRP Neurons Controls Mouse Feeding Behavior via a Hypothalamic-Brainstem Circuitry," Qi Wu, University of Washington, 9 a.m., 2189 Medical Education & Research Facility
- **Blood Drive**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Walden Place Retirement Residence, 2423 Walden Road
- **Story Time**, 10 a.m., Barnes & Nobles, Coral Ridge Mall
- **Tot Time**, 10 a.m., North Liberty Community Library, 520 W. Cherry
- **Preschool Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Coralville Public Library, 1401 Fifth St.
- **Cosponsored Seminar**, "Piecing Together the Pancreas Cancer Puzzle: Lessons Learned from Modeling the Disease," Sunil R. Hingorani, University of Washington, 10:30-11:30 a.m., 1117 Medical Education & Research Facility
- **Bioinformatics Seminar**, "The Benefits and Evolution of Codon Usage Bias," Jianzhi Zhang, University of Michigan, 11 a.m., 2117 Medical Education & Research Facility
- **Iowa City Foreign Relations Center Luncheon Lecture**, "Egypt: Implications for America's Broader Policies in the Middle East," noon, Robert A. Lee Recreation Center Social Hall, 220 E. Gilbert
- **Master of Public Health Professional Development Seminar**, noon, B111 Med Labs
- **Technological Entrepreneurship Certificate Advising**, noon-1:30 p.m., 3123A Seamans Center
- **Biochemistry Workshop**, Jerrold Weiss, 12:30 p.m., 283 Eckstein Medical Research Building
- **Joint Astrophysics/Space Physics**, "VLBI Astrometric Orbit Solution of Two Triple Stellar Systems," Robert Mutel; Physics/Astronomy, 1:30 p.m., 309 Van Allen
- **Operator Theory Seminar**, "Labeled Leavitt Algebras II," Richard Baker, Mathematics, 1:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen
- **Math Physics Seminar**, "Lattice Perturbation Theory for 2D O(N) Model," Haiyuan Zou, Physics/Astronomy, 2:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen
- **Federal Health Policy - the Players, the Field, and the Playbook**, Susan Winckler, former FDA chief of staff, 2:30 p.m., Pharmacy Building Zopf Auditorium
- **Microbiology Seminar**, "The Glycoprotein O of Human Cytomegalovirus: Everybody Knows This is Nowhere," Brent Ryckman, University of Montana, 3 p.m., Bowen Auditorium 3
- **Beat a Cop, Win a Pop**, 3:15 p.m., Mercer Park Aquatic Center, 2701 Bradford
- **Communication & Screening Behaviors in Families at Risk for Cancer**, Anne Ersig, Nursing, 4 p.m., 101 Becker
- **Library Community Writing Center**, 4 p.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Occupational & Environmental Health Seminar**, 4 p.m., 123/125 Institute for Rural & Environmental Health
- **Test-Taking Skills on Multiple-Choice Exams**, 4 p.m., C230 Pomerantz Center
- **Organic Seminar**, "Establishing Structure-Property Relationships in Organic Cocrystals," Alexei Tivanski, Chemistry, 4:30 p.m., W268 Chemistry Building
- **Zumba**, 4:45 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Live from Prairie Lights**, Michael S. Lewis-Beck reading, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Henri-Georges Cluzot's Inferno**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **EcletTech's Intro to Building Mobile Apps Seminar**, 7 p.m., 7725 Kirkwood Blvd. S.W., Cedar Rapids
- **Israeli Film Series, Bonjour Monsieur Shlomi**, 7 p.m., Hillel House, 122 E. Market
- **Line Dance**, 7:15 p.m., Robert Lee Recreation Center
- **Karaoke**, 8 p.m., Wildwood, 4919B Walleys S.E.
- **Kayak Open Pool Session 2**, 8-10 p.m., Field House swimming pool
- **Iowa Fiends of Old-Time Music Jam Session**, 8:30 p.m., Hilltop, 1100 N. Dodge
- **Inside Job**, 9 p.m., Bijou
- **Dance Party**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

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- Across**
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  - \*Black cat, supposedly
  - \*Place for a roast
  - sci (coll. major)
  - Shortstop Jeter
  - The Flintstones' pet
  - Time for playoffs
  - \*Tied
  - All things considered
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  - Melted chocolate, e.g.
  - \*Poor grades
  - Fuel container
  - Dairy Queen orders
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  - Plugging away
  - Tab picker-upper



- Down**
- Horrify: Var.
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  - "Dream" ("Lohengrin" aria)
  - Simpletons
  - Greek theaters of old
  - Fast-disappearing airline amenities
  - Gaelic tongue
  - "The Matrix" hero
  - Black Sea port
  - \_\_\_ le roi!
  - Hydrocarbon suffixes
  - Rouen refusals
  - Cad's behavior
  - Like plow horses
  - Sealy competitor
  - Manicurist's board
  - Give the slip to
  - Unlikely to hustle
  - Brooklynese pronoun
  - Mmes., across the Pyrenees
  - Sport with lunge
  - Act that's "contagious"
  - Drink holder
  - Dreaded mosquito
  - Homes for squirrels
  - Hide, as from the cops
  - Apportion sparingly
  - Horace and Sappho
  - Kiddie's racer
  - A.S.A.P., in the E.R.
  - "Our Gang" pooch
  - Princess played by Carrie Fisher
  - Ophthalmic swelling
  - Back muscle, for short

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WRESTLING

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lost in sudden victory. It was a match he should have won.

Marion did finish off Thorn, who was No. 2 at the time, on Sunday, winning 4-3 after an escape with three seconds left. But Marion's overall record against Thorn the past two seasons is 2-2, and Thorn has pinned and major-decided the Hawkeye (Marion did also score a major decision win last season).

Marion will learn from the Russell and Thorn matches that he needs to be more offensive through the whole match, but he allowed a late-third-period take-down to each. That doesn't bode well for someone who wants to win a national title.

I'm not quite ready to commit to him fully as a Big Ten champion, but I still see him in the finals and in a very close final match.

After McDonough and Marion comes a lot of unproven postseason commodities that are certainly capable of making a run to the

finals.

Only Tyler Graff of Wisconsin (No. 3) is ranked ahead of Tony Ramos (No. 7) at 133 pounds in the Big Ten, but the two haven't squared off this season. Ramos holds wins over No. 8 Andrew Long of Penn State and Northwestern's No. 18 Levi Mele, but he also has a loss against Illinois' No. 9 B.J. Futrell. Ramos is wrestling much better now, though, than he was at Midlands, where he lost to Futrell, but Graff has done exceptionally well this season

and his only loss is to Boise State's No. 2 Andrew Hochstrasser. I see a second-place finish for Ramos.

Luke Lofthouse is possibly the surprise of the season for Iowa, and he should find himself in the finals as well. Lofthouse has three-straight wins against ranked opponents — all from the Big Ten — and just upset then-No. 4 Sonny Yohn of Minnesota on Sunday, 7-4.

Lofthouse has yet to face Wisconsin's Trevor Brandvold, the highest ranked Big Ten 197-

pounder at No. 2, but the elder Lofthouse has proved he can handle highly ranked wrestlers this season.

The final Hawkeye who could and should find himself in the finals is Derek St. John. He is wrestling the best he has all season, and he holds wins over Indiana's No. 8 Paul Young and Northwestern's No. 10 Jason Welch. I can't see him getting past Penn State's No. 3 freshman phenom David Taylor, but St. John shouldn't lose by major decision again.

Beyond those five, the

Hawkeyes are capable of deep runs from Aaron Janssen, Ethen Lofthouse, Grant Gambrell, and Blake Rasing (Mark Ballweg remains a wild-card because of his weight class bump).

But McDonough, Marion, Ramos, Lofthouse, and St. John are wrestling at an elite level right now that makes it seem likely they will be in the finals of the Big Ten championships and maybe bring individual titles back to Iowa City.

DIVING

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may seem "farfetched" to some people, both of her school records were previously held by former Olympians.

"I have exceeded my expectations this season," Freeman said. "I was not expecting to set two school records because I know that they were held by former Olympians and

hadn't thought I was at that level yet.

"I proved myself wrong." When Freeman arrived at Iowa, she had never seen a platform board in person and never dove in the 3-meter event. Her drastic improvement and success are already inspiring her teammates to do the same.

"Seeing Deidre train all year and then go set those records is extremely motivating," freshman Lauren Kelba said. "She is one of my best friends, and being with her every day shows

me how breaking records doesn't have to be this impossible thing."

Kelba has seen her own consistency improve this year, and the result has been a 24th-place finish in the platform diving at Big Tens. With Freeman and Veronica Rydze, Kelba will compete at the NCAA qualifier on March 11.

Freeman's and Veronica Rydze's accomplishments demonstrate they have progressed over the years, but Kelba and sophomore Mary Sue LeMay have

seen themselves develop into better athletes.

"I think I matured a lot as a diver this year," LeMay said. "As a freshman last season, I found out that I had a lot of bad habits to break that I developed in high school. This year I was able to break some of those."

The divers agree training under an established coach such as Bob Rydze has not only allowed the team to get better, but it will show when the Hawkeyes hit the boards at the NCAA qualifiers.

"I know I am always being told the right things to do because he is so knowledgeable about the sport," LeMay said. "We have all progressed in so many positive ways this season, and it's because he is such a great coach."



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Iowa sophomore pole vaulter Kirsten Weismantle begins her approach during practice on Feb. 16 in the Recreation Building. The Iowa pole vaulters practice numerous approaches before trying to clear the bar.

VAULTERS

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er Heather Lipasek, who joined the Hawkeyes this winter, all hail from Illinois.

Weismantle began pole-vaulting for a short while during eighth grade. She chose trying the pole vault in the gym instead of running outside in the rain. In high school, it became her favorite event.

Truedson, who began pole-vaulting four years ago, was a gymnast for a great deal of her life and a member of her high-school track team. She decided pole-vaulting was something she wanted to try.

Lipasek, who first pole-vaulted during her senior year in high school, worked out on her own this past fall in an attempt to make the team. The former gymnast started training with the Hawkeyes this winter, and she will compete for the first time during the

outdoor season.

The movements, energy, and motion involved are at least intense — if not intimidating.

"If you think too much, it just gets in the way," Weismantle said.

So what's so intimidating about trusting a pole to literally help a body flip upside down and cross over a bar up to 11 or 12 feet in the air and land safely? Vaulters must trust the pole, be aggressive in their approach, and not shy away from the challenge.

"I had to get over the fear of running with a pole and planting and jumping into the air and trusting it, bending it, and everything," Truedson said. "So I just had to trust myself."

With confidence burning, Weismantle sprints down the runway and vaults into the air.

"There are not many opportunities you get to just run full speed at a stationary object and flop on it just for fun," she said.

REGULATIONS

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numbers over the last few years. Those increased statistics were because of the hitter-friendly aluminum barrel, which caused a trampoline effect after the ball makes contact with the bat.

College baseball will now be played with Bat Ball Coefficient of Restitution-approved bats, which the NCAA expects will perform similarly to the wooden bats used in professional baseball.

The change is primarily in the interest of player safety and preserving the integrity of the game.

"I think the game is going to be more true," Blaser said. "The pitchers definitely like it. Being a catcher, I kind of like it because I help the pitchers out. From an offensive standpoint, you really have to focus on getting that barrel on the ball. No more cheap hits."

While Blaser may be in more of a neutral spot as catcher, the Hawkeye pitchers have no complaints with the new bats.

For Iowa, a team that is deep in pitching this season, the rule change could prove to be an advantage. However, senior right-hander Zach Kenyon said it doesn't change too much in terms of strategy.

"Anytime they change

the bats and it helps the pitchers out, I'm definitely looking forward to it," he said. "Our hitters are already complaining about them. It's great to throw bullpens at them and hearing that dead sound."

"But our approach stays the same. We've always got after it, commanded the zone. Pound [the baseball] inside and get after hitters. So it's just the same approach this year as it is in previous years."

Offensively, third baseman Zach McCool said prior to the team's opening series, most hitters weren't changing their approach at the plate, despite the bats.

That may change, though. The Hawkeyes had just 16 hits in the team's

opening series on Feb. 18-20 at the Big East/Big Ten Challenge. In the same three-game span in 2010, Iowa opened up with 38 hits.

"You have to take the same approach every day because that's how you get results," McCool said. "We look at our swings on video on a daily basis to see what we can do better. Looking at those bats, yeah, the pitchers are really excited about them. But we get in the cages, and we hit the ball just as well as we have been at any other time."

"Overall, I don't think it's going to be a big difference. It might give the pitchers a little more confidence, but hitters are saying give us a pitch, and we'll hit it."

three remaining in this year's regular season and the only home game left. The Hawkeyes have games at Illinois and Michigan State before the March 5 game.

— by Ian Martin

SPORTS

Iowa-Purdue game set for March 5

The Iowa basketball team's last regular-season game, against No. 8 Purdue, is now set for 3 p.m. March 5. The game

time and date was announced Monday; it had been in limbo since the beginning of the season. The contest will be televised on ESPN, Iowa's first contest on the main channel this year. The Hawkeyes have had two other

games air on the ESPN family of networks this season, with the team's Nov. 30 loss at Wake Forest airing on ESPN2 and the team's 64-63 win at Indiana on Feb. 5 airing on ESPN2.

The game will be Iowa's last of

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# Philly kids push Syracuse over 'Nova

By **JIM O'CONNELL**  
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Scoop Jardine and Rick Jackson — a couple of Philly kids — combined for 38 points, and No. 17 Syracuse, the worst free-throw shooting team in the Big East, sealed a 69-64 victory over No. 15 Villanova at the line Monday night.

Jardine had 20 points and six assists for the Orange (23-6, 10-6), and Jackson had 18 points, five rebounds and four blocks.

The win was the sixth this season over a ranked team for Syracuse, tying it with No. 5 Texas for the most in the nation.

The teams swapped road wins, with Villanova winning 83-72 at Syracuse on Jan. 22.

Corey Stokes returned from missing three games because of a turf-toe injury to lead the Wildcats (21-7, 9-6) with 24 points, including matching his season high with five 3-pointers.

At the free-throw line, the teams traded places.

Villanova, which entered the game leading the Big East in free-throw shooting at 76.8 percent, was 17-of-27 at the line. Stokes, third in the nation at 93.5 percent, went 5-of-8.

Syracuse, last in the 16-team Big East at 65.5 percent, went 13-of-17 from the line, a performance topped off by freshman Dion Waiters making two with 14.1 seconds left for a 67-64 lead, and Jackson making two — the second a bank shot — with 4.6 seconds to go for the final margin.

Corey Fisher, coming off a career-high 34 points in Villanova's overtime win at DePaul on Feb. 19, finished with eight points on 3-of-16

shooting, including missing all eight of his 3-point attempts. Maalik Wayns had four points on 1-of-9 shooting and missed all three of his 3-point attempts.

Syracuse took a 55-47 lead with 9:05 to play on two free throws by Jackson.

Villanova went on a 9-2 run — five points by Stokes — to get within 57-56 with 5:28 to play.

Jardine made a free throw and a 3 to make it a five-point game.

The Wildcats were able to get within one two more times, the second at 65-64 on two free throws by Isaiah Armwood with 21.7 seconds to go.

Waiters and Jackson sandwiched their clinching free throws around a turnover by Villanova.

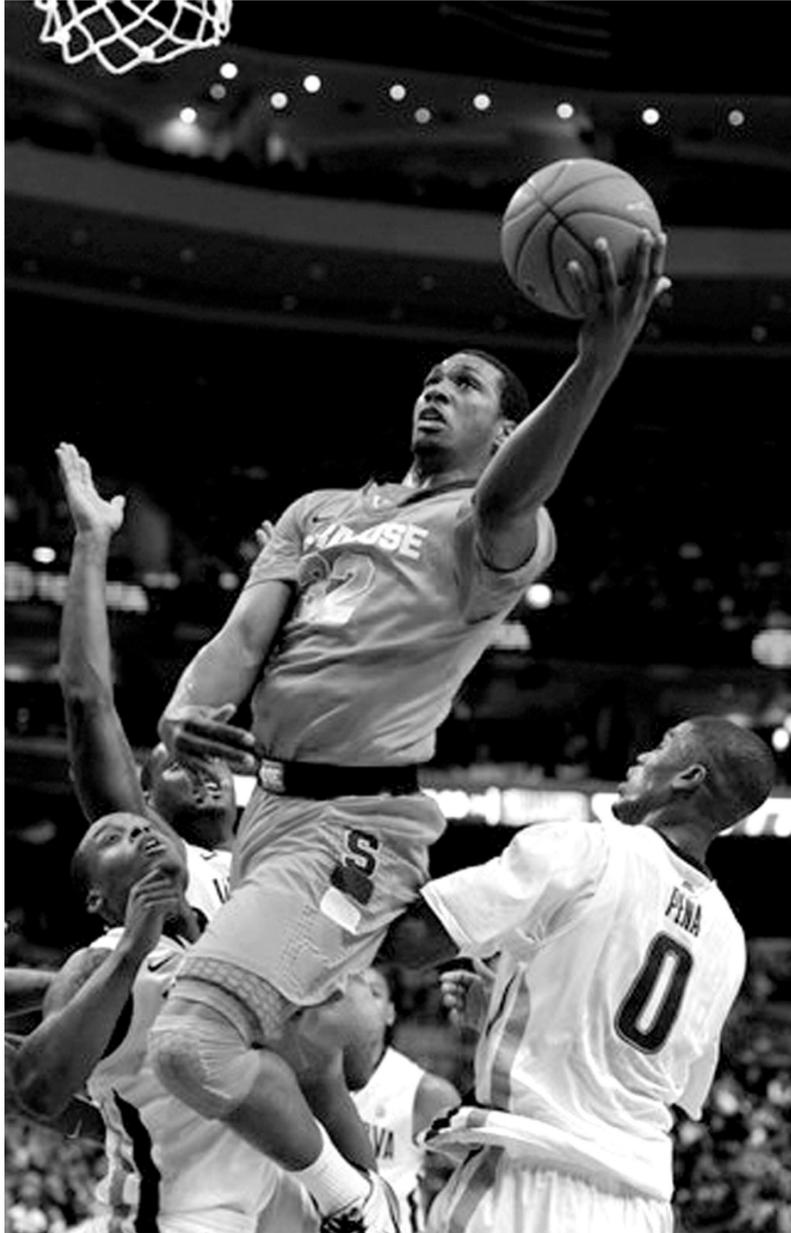
Brandon Triche had 11 points and seven rebounds for the Orange, who shot 47.3 percent for the game (26-of-55).

Armwood had 12 points and 10 rebounds, and Antonio Pena had seven points and 10 rebounds for the Wildcats, who shot 32.2 percent (21-for-65) for the game and 5-of-26 on 3s (19.2 percent).

The last 30 seconds of the first half went as badly as it could for Syracuse.

The Orange had a 29-22 lead, and Jardine was walking the ball down court, apparently ready to run some time off the clock.

His pass to the right wing was intercepted by Wayns, who went in for a lay-up and was fouled by Jardine, his third. Wayns missed the free throw but the Wildcats got the rebound. Fisher missed a 3, but Armwood grabbed the rebound and was fouled by Kris Joseph, his third.



Syracuse forward Kris Joseph (32) shoots over Villanova guard Maalik Wayns (left) and forward Antonio Pena during the first half Monday in Philadelphia.

**SPORTS**

**Blackhawks beat Blues**

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Jonathan Toews and Patrick Kane keyed a four-goal second period with a goal and assist apiece, and goalie Corey Crawford had a strong game for the second-straight day as the Chicago Blackhawks beat the St. Louis Blues, 5-3, on Monday.

Andy McDonald scored his third goal in two games for the Blues, who couldn't hold a two-goal first-period lead to end a three-game winning streak. Ben Bishop made his fourth career start and first since Dec. 18, 2008, but was yanked after surrendering four goals on eight shots in the second period.

Crawford made 31 saves a day after thwarting Pittsburgh in a shootout. Toews has seven multi-point games in his last 11.

Marian Hossa added an empty-goal with less than a second to go for the Blackhawks. Chicago is 3-1 without ailing coach Joel Quenneville, recovering from gastrointestinal bleeding caused by an ulcer.

The Blues built on momentum from a 9-3 rout over Anaheim in the first period with McDonald's 13th of the season giving them four power-play goals in six chances and Brad Boyes adding his 12th at 16:49.

Goals one minute apart by Victor Stalberg and Dave Bolland tied it early in the second and Kane's 20th rang off the far post and in for the lead at 6:29. Toews scored his 20th at 12:40, poking a rebound past Bishop on a power play only 25 seconds after David Backes was whistled for slashing.

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# Itching to get outdoors again

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By **BEN SCHUFF**  
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Chris Barton was his usual self following what men's head track coach Larry Wieczorek called the best indoor race of the senior's career at the Iowa Invitational Feb. 18.

He was dead. Barton couldn't be found following the 600 meter race. "He's probably dead somewhere near the finish line," fellow Hawkeye Adam Hairston said, only half joking.

Crossing the finish line in 1:19.77, Barton was out of it. Several minutes passed before he was spotted near Iowa's bleachers — bent over and hands on his knees, as if the 600 had just ended.

"He's the one on his back lying on the ground after running," said sophomore Keaton Rickels, who often trains with Barton during practices. "He's just a big guy."

While Barton doesn't know why he becomes so winded compared with other runners following events, it's something he has dealt with since he started running when he was 6 years old.

One explanation may lie in Barton's 6-5, 205-

## Chris Barton

**Year:** Senior  
**Hometown:** Sherman Oaks, Calif.  
**Height:** 6-5  
**Weight:** 205 pounds  
**Season Bests:**  
600-meter - 1:19.77  
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Running indoors on the smaller, 200-meter track in the Recreation Building is much more difficult for someone of his size compared with running on the larger, 400-meter outdoor Cretzmeyer Track.

Barton called running in lane one in the Recreation Building, the inner-most lane, "something else."

"Because I'm putting so much force going around [the curves], there is a lot more circular energy on my behalf than there is on most others' behalves," he said. "The force that I have to exert on my right-hand side in order to stay in my lane is a lot."

Because of his size, he tries to slow down a bit on the turns and then pick it back up on the straight-



Iowa senior Chris Barton catches his breath after winning the 400 meters during the 10th-annual Iowa Musco Twilight Track Meet at the Cretzmeyer track on May 2, 2008. Barton also anchored the winning 1,600-meter relay team.

*'Because I'm putting so much force going around [the curves], there is a lot more circular energy on my behalf than there is on most others' behalves.'*

- Chris Barton, senior

aways. It's a strategy that seems to be working — he has lowered his time in

the 600 each time out this season.

At this weekend's Big Ten meet, Barton will aim for a time in the 1:18 area.

Knowing that his times will be slower than other Hawkeyes, Barton admitted that his confidence drops a bit during the indoor portion of track season.

A member of last year's outdoor All-American 1,600-meter relay team, he has been overshadowed by

other Hawkeyes throughout 2011.

His teammates' accomplishments have pushed him to the background. Team newcomers Justin Austin and Troy Doris own three school records, and the likes of Erik Sowinski and Jeff Thode have each broken school records while automatically qualifying for the NCAAs.

In fact, all but one event record, the 5,000 meters, is

held by a current member of the men's track and field team.

"It's one of those situations where we have a lot of people doing outstanding things, so sometimes someone can get lost in the shuffle," Wieczorek said. "His best is yet to come."

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# 4 Big Ten teams getting bubbly

For four Big Ten teams, a NCAA Tournament appearance is not a sure thing.

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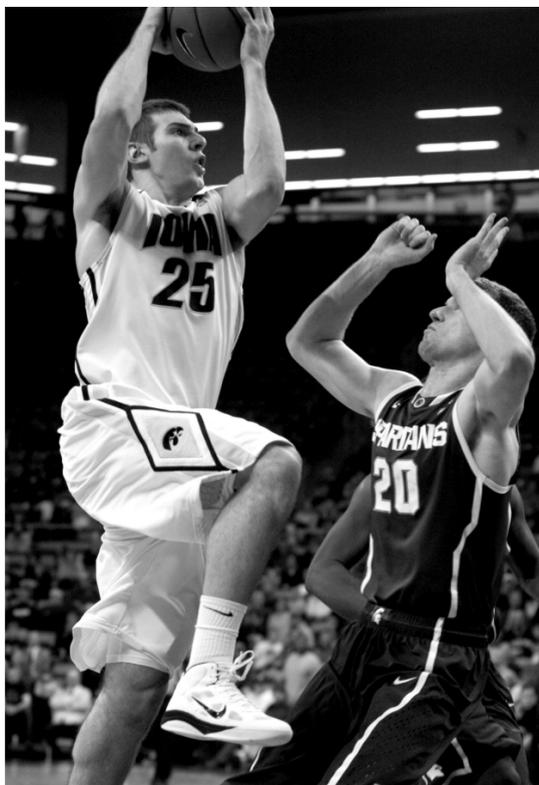
Selection Sunday is 19 days away, and Big Ten sides have three or four games left to play this year. While seven teams likely know if they'll play in the NCAA Tournament or not (see sidebar for more on those squads), there are four teams still in limbo. Here's a look at the Big Ten bubble.

## Illinois (17-10, 7-7)

**Best Win:** Jan. 2 vs. then-No. 24 Wisconsin, 69-61

**Worst Loss:** Dec. 18 vs. Illinois-Chicago, 57-54

The Illini's win against Wisconsin keeps looking better, but that loss against lowly Illinois-Chicago (7-22, 2-15) still lingers. Realistically, this team will be playing in the field of 68. However, the squad still has two major trap games to take care of with the conference's two worst teams still set to play at Assembly



Iowa sophomore Eric May (25) shoots a lay-up over Michigan State's Mike Kebler in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Feb. 2. Playing at forward, May put up 11 points for the Hawks, and Iowa won, 72-52.

Hall. If the Illini lose to Iowa at home Saturday and/or lose to Indiana on March 5, the selection

committee could easily rethink an at-large bid for one of the conference's most inconsistent teams.

## Michigan (17-11, 7-8)

**Best Win:** Jan. 27 at Michigan State, 61-57

**Worst Loss:** Jan. 15 at Indiana, 80-61

Michigan would have been in the "completely out" category if it had lost to Iowa on Feb. 19, but would be completely in if the squad had even one truly elite victory. The Wolverines have had close call after close call, such as an overtime loss to No. 3 Kansas on Jan. 9 followed by a 4-point loss to then No. 2 Ohio State three days later. Michigan will need to beat No. 12 Wisconsin at home on Wednesday — which would be easily the team's best victory — and then win both bubble-off games against Minnesota and Michigan State in its last three to have a chance.

## Michigan State (15-11, 7-7)

**Best Win:** Jan. 11 vs. then-No. 21 Wisconsin, 64-61 in OT

**Worst Loss:** Feb. 2 at Iowa, 72-52

A preseason favorite to make it far in this year's bracket, Sparty's subpar overall record is offset because the team played an out-of-conference schedule that included No. 1 Duke, current-No. 17 Syra-

cuse, current-No. 14 Connecticut, and current-No. 5 Texas. However, the Spartans didn't win any of those games, and only have one win over a team currently ranked. Also, a stretch where the team dismissed star guard Korie Lucious and lost five of six games in the middle of conference play didn't help. However, it is Michigan State and coach Tom Izzo, and it'd be tough to bet against a strong finish for the Spartans, who historically have played their best when it's the month of March.

## Minnesota (17-9, 6-8)

**Best Win:** Jan. 13 vs. No. 8 Purdue, 70-67

**Worst Loss:** Nov. 19 vs. Virginia, 87-79

If the field had been filled after the nonconference schedule, Minnesota may have been a third seed or higher. But the team has had persistent hiccups in Big Ten play — losses at Indiana and Penn State stand out — and has never looked like the same team since it lost guard Al Nolen midway through the year. Minnesota has four games left, all winnable, and it will probably need three out of four and a decent conference tournament run to make March Madness.

## Bubble criteria

The criteria for being in, on the bubble, or out are simple. To me, a lock is a team that could lose the rest of its games, including the first round of the conference tournament, and still receive an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament. Meanwhile, a completely eliminated team is one who could win the rest of its games, that is, until the conference championship game, and still not receive a bid. By this standard, seven Big Ten teams are either completely in or eliminated, and those are as follows:

- In:**
- No. 2 Ohio State (25-2, 12-2): At this point just fighting for a top seed.
  - No. 8 Purdue (22-5, 11-3): Win over Ohio State should give them a second seed.
  - No. 12 Wisconsin (20-6, 10-4): Could move up to second-seed if it can beat Buckeyes on March 6.
- Out:**
- Penn State (14-12, 7-8), Northwestern (16-10, 6-9): Both teams on the bubble of the bubble, but Nittany Lions have bad losses (See: Maine), and the Wildcats have been on bad end of too many blowouts.
  - Indiana (12-15, 3-11), Iowa (10-17, 3-12): Both teams just waiting for next year to even think about the NIT.

## POINT/COUNTERPOINT

# Which team will win the Big Ten regular-season title?

### Purdue

After a 13-point win on Feb. 20 over Ohio State, the Purdue Boilermakers are poised to claim the Big Ten regular-season crown. The Boilermakers will hold the tiebreaker over the Buckeyes should Ohio State fall to Wisconsin on March 6, the final day of the regular season.

The toughest remaining opponents for the Boilermakers are Illinois and Michigan State. Purdue gets the Fighting Illini at Mackey Arena, in which it has not lost all season. The biggest test comes in East Lansing against the Spartans.

However, the play of seniors JaJuan Johnson and E'Twaun Moore should be enough to carry Purdue to a win at the Breslin Center. Purdue's other two games come at Indiana and at Iowa. Opposing teams have won regularly on the road against the Hoosiers and Hawkeyes, and the Boilermakers will be no different.

The Buckeyes still have meetings with Wisconsin and Illinois on the horizon, as well as a matchup at Penn State — which Ohio State defeated by only 3 points in Columbus. It is very possible that the Buckeyes will drop one of these three games and collect their third conference loss, tying them with Purdue.

The Boilermakers also have more depth than the Buckeyes, a factor that comes into play at the end of a season. In Sunday's contest between the two teams, 11 Boilermakers played, while only seven Buckeyes saw the court. Purdue's depth will allow it to be fresher down the stretch, as opposed to an Ohio State team that could be burned out.

After two huge wins against Wisconsin and Ohio State, the Boilermakers are hitting their stride, and it could not have come at a better time. This Purdue team has the talent and depth to win the Big Ten regular-season championship, as well as make a deep run in the NCAA Tournament.

— by Ryan Murphy

### Ohio State

For the first time all year, Ohio State looked vulnerable in a 13-point loss to Purdue on Sunday. It will be the last time, too.

It's only a matter of time before the Buckeyes wrap up the regular-season title and No. 1 seed going into the Big Ten Tournament. Purdue is arguably playing better basketball at the moment, but Ohio State has two factors working in its favor that the Boilermakers don't.

Both teams have played 14 conference games — 27 overall — and have four left before the Tournament. The difference is Ohio State has earned better overall (25-2 to 22-5) and Big Ten (12-2 to 11-3) records, and therefore owns its own destiny. Purdue has to win out to force the league to begin its ridiculously complicated tiebreaker procedures, and it won't matter if the Buckeyes also sweep their final four games.

The second point is that Ohio State gets three of its

final four games in Columbus, where the team is undefeated. They only travel to face the mediocre Nittany Lions, who shouldn't put up much of a fight when the Scarlet and Gray roll into town on March 1 (see: Penn State's hilarious loss at home to Maine on Dec. 21).

Purdue, on the other hand, will be on the road for three of its final games. Two of those away contests are against Indiana and Iowa, but the third is in East Lansing against Michigan State. Tom Izzo's Spartans have played themselves out of the NCAA Tournament conversation, but I'll bet a kidney they come to play and beat the Boilermakers.

I hope they do, actually — just as I hope Ohio State wins out. The Big Ten's tiebreaker rules are a pain. The Boilermakers will win the tournament, but they'll do it as the No. 2 seed.

— by Seth Roberts



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## MARCHING TOWARD MADNESS

The Daily Iowan takes a look at the Big Ten teams that still have work left to do before punching their tickets to the Dance. 10



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Iowa sophomore Kirsten Weismantle begins her vault during practice on Feb. 16 in the Recreation Building. Sophomores Weismantle and Katie Truedson will be accompanied by freshman Heather Lipasek this season.

## COMMENTARY

# Wrestlers hone in on titles

Iowa wrestling has never been about regular-season accomplishments, so who can win a Big Ten title?



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The Iowa wrestling team captured its fourth-straight Big Ten dual season title Sunday.

It's a great achievement, but Tom Brands & Company have never been about regular season accomplishments.

No, Iowa wrestling is about post-season success. So two days after the win against Minnesota that secured their regular-season title, that title means nothing.

The Hawkeye grapplers are focused on Big Tens. Because no Iowa wrestler would be satisfied without an individual Big Ten title, the question is who can bring home a championship on March 6.

An obvious contender is Matt McDonough. Though he was runner-up last year at Big Ten's, he's the defending national champion and current No. 1. He might also be wrestling the best out of anyone in the country, with six of his last seven wins by pin.

If McDonough can keep his high-octane pace, there's not a single person in the country who can beat him, but Northwestern's Brandon Precin showed an adept ability at both the Midlands Championships (where Precin won by decision) and in dual meet competition (where McDonough won by pin) to slow the pace of the match. I still say McDonough will stand atop the podium.

Montell Marion is the next best bet, but he has to get through both Michigan's top-ranked Kellen Russell and Minnesota's Mike Thorn. Marion controlled the match against Russell when they faced off on Feb. 13 but couldn't close the deal and

# Dreaming of flight

The Iowa women's pole vaulters explain the audacity of the unique sport.

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A pole bends close to a 90-degree angle without snapping in two, holding a human body in the air. Gripping the pole, Kirsten Weismantle inverts herself, her body now almost parallel to the lines on the walls. She stays this way for only a millisecond before her body torques over a bar, and she falls into a pit.

The Iowa sophomore is pole-vaulting. Three female Hawkeye athletes on the track and field team are willing to explain the science of their sport in a way that seems understandable. The physics behind pole-vaulting is far too complicated to understand on the first try, so their coach, Christi Smith, suggested a relationship to another sport: gymnastics.

"Both [gymnastics and pole-vaulting are] about flipping," sophomore pole-vaulter Katie Truedson said. "I learned really well how to get upside and twist my body around through gymnastics."

## The process

The pole-vaulters practice in the Recreation Building, holding poles — 12 to 14 feet long and made out of numerous layers of a combination of carbon fiber and fiberglass — at their sides, ready to take flight.

As one might expect, the approach is the first step in pole-vaulting. At the start of the run, their knees are high, brought close to the chest as they run. As they continue

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down the runway, they build into a straight sprint before planting the pole in the box and launching themselves into an upside-down position midair.

To do this, pole-vaulters swing their plant legs up. Their legs shoot straight into the air to the level of their right wrist. The hips follow their legs into the air, now positioned alongside the pole. After the body has taken flight, the legs reach over to clear the crossbar. With the pole now angled down, the vaulters fall into the cushioned pit.

A vault almost seems as if it occurs in slow motion, with the crowd tensing while waiting to see if the vaulter will hit the bar or not.

As complicated as it might sound, the motion itself is very fluid from takeoff to landing — if executed correctly.

Some days, practice involves approaches; other times, the Hawkeyes work on conditioning, watching film, and completing drills that don't involve vaulting. In the fall, practice includes gymnastics drills. One drill comes from Sergey Bubka, the holder of the world record for the pole vault, which works on a high bar to teach the pole-vaulters to get their butt upside down, raise the hips and legs, and drop the shoulders.

At the Iowa Open on Feb. 18, Weismantle, the only woman pole-vaulting for the day, warmed up by completing a number of stretches and jumps. When she progressed to attempting warm-up approaches, a number of them included gymnastic-like tumbles, such as somersault flips into the pit. Weismantle took third place, clearing 10 feet, 11¼ inches.

Smith, who assists both the men's and women's teams, coaches vertical jumps, combined events, and pole-vaulters. She described pole-vaulting as a speed and power event that needs good acceleration down the runway. It's necessary for the upper body to be strong, in addition to the entire body — but the core and upper body must be able to hold the body weight while in the air.

"The best pole-vaulter has the upper body and core of a gymnast and the legs of a sprinter, so we do gymnastics training at the beginning of the year," Weismantle said. "A lot of core. It's unbelievable how much core you use to pole vault. You don't think so, because it's such a quick event, but in those few seconds you're in the air, you're really using your whole body."

## The making of a pole-vaulter

Iowa is the only state in the United States in which pole-vaulting doesn't exist at the high-school level, Smith said. Weismantle, Truedson, and freshman newcom-

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SEE WRESTLING, 7

# Divers heap praise on their coach

The women's diving team is having a successful season under four-time Big Ten Diving Coach of the Year Bob Rydze.

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2011 is a great year to be a part of the Iowa women's diving team.

Under Big Ten Diving Coach of the Year Bob Rydze, the Iowa divers are turning out spectacular finishes at major competitions this year.

"We've been successful because of Bob," senior Deidre Freeman said. "He's able to recognize how each one of his divers learns and can modify his coaching to accommodate that."

The women's team is made up of seven divers who are at different stages in their careers, but with Rydze's leadership, many of them will try to have an



Freeman senior

effect at the national level.

"My goal, as farfetched as it may sound to the average person, was to qualify for the 2012 Olympic trials," Freeman said. "Having done that in synchro already, my goal now is to qualify individually. I would be elated if I qualified individually and even more so if I made the Olympic team."

Freeman and senior Veronica Rydze took fourth in the 3-meter synchro dive at the 2011 Winter USA Diving Nationals in January.

At last week's 2011 Big Ten championships in Bloomington, Ind., Freeman set two school records, earning her a second-place finish in the individual 3 meter and third in the individual 1 meter.

Though she says her goal of reaching the Olympics

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# Pitchers welcome new baseball bats

College baseball has changed this spring with new bat regulations. Iowa players say the rules tend to favor the pitchers.

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A familiar sound that's filled college baseball for almost four decades has been muffled.

The traditional "ping" has seemingly turned into a less deafening "thud."

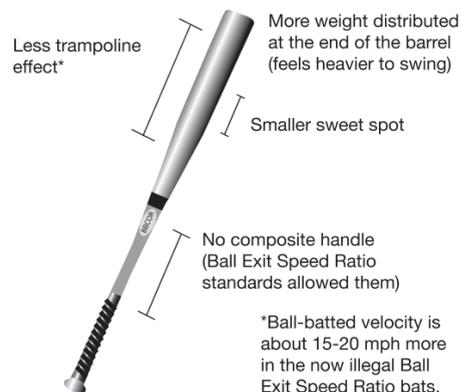
When the Iowa baseball team took the field for the first time in 2011 this past weekend, the Hawkeyes, like all other NCAA programs, gripped a new type of bat.

Although college teams are still going to use aluminum bats for the foreseeable future, they won't be the same as models used in previous years.

"If you hit it on the sweet spot, it's going to go [far], so that's the same," catcher Tyson Blaser said at the team's media day on Feb. 10. "But if you don't square it up, there is quite

## New NCAA baseball regulations

The NCAA has new regulations requiring all metal bats to be Bat Ball Coefficient of Restriction approved.



Source: NCAA website, Washington State Sports Science Laboratory

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a bit of a difference. I don't think you're going to see any more doubles off the inside part of the barrel or off the end of the bat."

The NCAA outlawed composite bats last month, citing a jump in offensive

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## Podolak injured after being hit by vehicle

Ed Podolak, a former Iowa football standout and current radio analyst for Iowa football, was injured this past weekend when he was struck by a vehicle in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Podolak suffered serious injuries while crossing the street near his Scottsdale hotel, according to a UI press release. He and his wife were in Arizona for a social event on Feb. 19.

Full details of the accident have not been released.

Podolak served more than 25 years as a radio analyst for the Hawkeye Sports Network's coverage of Iowa football. He also played for the Kansas City Chiefs as a running back and is in the Chiefs' Hall of Fame.

As a Hawkeye, Podolak rushed for more than 1,700 yards as both a quarterback and running back.

"My dad is alert and in good spirits. His injuries are serious, but not life-threatening," said Laura Podolak, one of Ed Podolak's two daughters, in a release. "Our family greatly appreciates the calls and well-wishes we have received from friends and fans throughout the country. But we also request that everyone respects our privacy as Dad recovers from his injuries."

— by J.T. Bugos