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What Kelsey Cermak may have lacked statistically during her four-year career at Iowa is made up for by her leadership.

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POLLOCK CONTROVERSY

Some donors wary

Over 90 percent of the UI Museum of Art's collection came from donations.

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Des Moines resident Joan Mannheimer donated hundreds of pieces of art to the University of Iowa Museum of Art

in 1980 and had recently considered giving prints to the UI. Now, she won't.

Mannheimer — whose husband and son graduated from the UI College of Law — said she never felt



O'Harrow
UI art museum director

the artwork was in jeopardy of being sold, but the recent debate over the Jackson Pollock painting made her reconsider the state's commitment to art.

"I have a great deal of confidence in [UI Art Museum Director Sean] O'Harrow and his dreams to build a new museum," Mannheimer said. "But it really is the collection

that is the museum and that should be protected. I don't know that it is."

She's not the only one. Several donors said they could be done donating to the UI Museum of Art following the controversy over Jackson Pollock's *Mural*. Rep. Scott Raecker, R-Urbandale,

SEE **POLLOCK**, 5

UI rethinks PR strategy after rhabdo incident

In e-mails released Tuesday, some officials called for a more cohesive approach.

By **JORDAN GARRETSON**
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University of Iowa officials are reevaluating how they communicate during high-publicity incidents after receiving national scrutiny for their response to Hawkeye football players' hospitalizations last month, according to e-mails released Tuesday.

The evaluation comes after the hospitalization of 13 football players in January for rhabdomyolysis, a muscle condition apparently caused by a strenuous workout.

Hundreds of e-mails released Tuesday reveal an extensive and sometimes seemingly disjointed correspondence among UI officials as they struggled to handle the mounting media pressure for information about the athletes.

Documents show the UI's top communications official disagreed with the university's public relations approach after the incident.

"I'm just wondering aloud if we're accomplishing any objective by issuing such a statement as written," Tysen Kendig, the UI vice president for Strategic Communication, wrote to Ned Amendola, the director of sports medicine, and others on Jan. 25, shortly after the university's initial release. "All we really say is that players were hospitalized en masse but don't cite a reason at all. That could lead to public-health concerns to a small degree, but certainly to rampant and unfounded speculation."

In response, Amendola wrote, "I appreciate your frustrations, but giving too much information that is not confirmed also raises more questions. We have generally been very careful with medical issues and what is best for all concerned."

The UI's initial release on Jan. 25 included little information beyond stating 12 student-athletes had been admitted to UI Hospitals and Clinics and they were "responding well to treatment."

Several UI officials and a football player's father met with the media at a news conference the following day.

"We always look back on every situation and look at the pros and cons," Kendig told *The Daily Iowan* Tuesday. "... In light of



Kendig
vice president for Strategic Communication



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UI police Capt. Shawn Sharp leads two police officers with artificial guns into a meeting room during a Violent Incident Survival Training class offered by UI police on Tuesday. The course teaches five steps — alert, lockdown, inform, counter, and evacuate — to properly deal with a violent incident on campus.

UI offers violent-incident class

The violent incident training program is open to anyone, including local businesses and families.

By **HAYLEY BRUCE**
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LeeAnn Yeckley entered a training room at the University of Iowa Department of Public Safety wielding a red rubber gun.

Instantly, the 22 other "potential victims" pelted the UI graduate student with yellow Styrofoam balls.

ON DAILY IOWAN TV

Get a look into the UI's Violent Incident Survival Training class on Tuesday.

In this situation, called "the swarm," the balls represented different objects that can be thrown at an attacker before several brave people in the room attempt to bring the per-

son to the ground and get control of the weapon.

The staged active-shooter scenario — part of a Violent Incident Survival Training class offered by the UI police — was designed to teach students available options during a dangerous incident.

The two-hour class, which

SEE **INCIDENT**, 5

Rally in DM supports unions

Union workers met with their representatives after the rally.

By **ALISON SULLIVAN**
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DES MOINES — Anger spread from neighboring states to Iowa on Tuesday and stood outside the state's Capitol wielding picket signs and waving flags.

Several hundred protesters stood outside the Capitol Tuesday, voicing their support of labor unions and thrusting signs reading "Sol-

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Check out a multimedia piece of the union rally in Des Moines.

identity" and "People Before Profit" into the air.

Members from the University of Iowa and the Iowa City community were among the throng of labor-union supporters responding to negotiations in Wisconsin and supporting Iowa union rights. UI Ph.D.

student and member of the Campaign to Organize Graduate Students, traveled to Des Moines with 25 people.

"We have to stand together for what workers in the past have bled for," Altman said, cheering and waving his own sign in the air.

Protesters have flocked to the Capitol in Madison, Wis. after Gov. Scott Walker proposed measures to restrict collective bargaining to fix

the state's budgeting woes. The rumble in Wisconsin has sparked a national outcry in defense of unions.

But despite the protests, Gov. Terry Branstad emphasized that this is Iowa and not Wisconsin, and he is not proposing changes at the level seen in Wisconsin, said spokesman Tim Albrecht.

"He's proposing a different

SEE **UNIONS**, 5



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Union member Wilbur Wilson, a Firestone employee, speaks at a protest held at the State Capitol on Tuesday. The protesters are against legislation being considered in neighboring Wisconsin that would strip public employees of their collective-bargaining ability.

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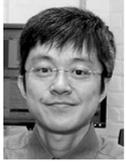




Embattled prof resigns

By **MICHELLE MCCONNAUGHEY**
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University of Iowa pathology Assistant Professor Toshiki Itoh, who had been on paid administrative leave since July 2008, resigned from his position in January through an agreement released Monday.



Itoh
former assistant professor

The agreement states Itoh's resignation is effective today.

Itoh, 47, was placed on paid leave with an annual salary of \$93,000 after a former research assistant filed several complaints against him in July 2008.

On Oct. 26, 2010, a Johnson County jury found Itoh guilty of two counts of assault with intent to cause bodily injury to the female assistant. Itoh's sentencing was originally scheduled for Dec. 10, but it has since been continued.

The jury was unable to reach a verdict on a third-degree sexual-abuse charge in relation to the incident. That case will be retried.

Later, a UI investigation found probable cause Itoh had violated university policy on violence and sexual harassment.

Ronald Ehrenberg, the director of the Cornell Higher Education Research Institute, said it's common for employees to resign after such lawsuits.

"[The] obvious example would be if there is some sort of sexual harassment, but facts of the case are ambiguous," he said. "It might be because the university would be happy if a faculty member would voluntarily depart."

And Ehrenberg said putting employees on paid leave is common in these types of cases.

"Until someone is convicted, there is always a chance that there is a false claim," he said. "So it does not at all seem unusual; it seems to be very common practice to put someone on paid leave."

Associate Provost Tom Rice and UI spokesman

Toshiki Itoh

Timeline of events leading to resignation:

- July 8, 2008: University of Iowa employee files complaint against Itoh.
- July 10, 2008 to present: Itoh is placed on paid administrative leave.
- Oct. 26, 2010: Itoh is found guilty on two counts of assault with intent to cause bodily injury.
- Dec. 6, 2010: Itoh's sentencing is moved from Dec. 10 until a later date.
- Jan. 3, 2011: Itoh sends a letter of resignation.
- Feb. 23: Itoh irrevocably resigns.

Tom Moore declined to comment on Itoh's resignation. Moore has previously said the university doesn't have a specific policy regarding the termination of employees charged with a crime.

"Itoh agrees and recognizes that his employment relationship with the University of Iowa and its sponsored programs shall be permanently and irrevocably severed," the agreement states.

Because Itoh resigned via a letter on Jan. 3, UI

officials canceled a Jan. 5 hearing, which would have determined "disciplinary proceedings."

Though the separation agreement was originally marked confidential, the UI complied with state law in releasing the information following a recent public records request.

On Jan. 31, the Associated Press requested copies of certain employment agreements involving employees of the UI Carver College of Medicine.

Itoh was one of six employees whose agreements were set to be released.

However, on Tuesday, one employee, identified only as "John Doe," filed a petition in Johnson County District Court requesting the UI not release his agreement.

The UI released Itoh's settlement, said Philip Mears, Doe's attorney, which he said is different from releasing his client's employment records.

Moore said John Doe was the only employee who objected to having her or his information released.

District officials discuss public presence

Officials want to update the district's website more frequently.

By **RYAN COLE**
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Public-school students and administrators might start seeing a School Board members in the audience for orchestra concerts, sports activities, and other events.

The Iowa City School Board's Communication Committee met Tuesday to discuss ways to increase interaction among board members and their constituents. Regular visits to public schools were among several options discussed.



Swisher
committee member

"My guess is right now not all of us are doing it," said committee member Mike Cooper.

The School District hired community-relations coordinator Kate Moreland Jan. 17 to alle-

viate communication problems. She said she was optimistic about increasing board members' presence.

"I think that's very doable," the former attorney said.

Under the proposal, board members would each adopt a few schools to which they would be accountable, and they would communicate directly with administrators at those institutions.

Committee members said they wanted to begin the initiative immediately, and they will present the idea as a pilot program to the School Board on March 8.

Discussion of the School Board website occupied much of the meeting.

Director of information technology David Dude, who was hired Jan. 24, said frequently updating and organizing information online would facilitate interaction among

district employees and the public.

"We're hoping to get a much better content-management system," he said.

Board members could also maintain a blog with a comments section to foster discussion with area residents, Dude said.

Moreland said the School District's online presence would be a great way to disseminate news and upcoming events.

"I think we'll have an opportunity to present information in a better way once the website's done," she said.

Moreland and Dude also discussed measures of internal communication, such as using a tool such as Google calendar to organize information from several departments in the district.

Committee member Sarah Swisher said she supported the idea.

"We can see what people are doing in their various

official capacities, and it would be easier to coordinate [meetings]," she said.

Committee members debated the merits of issuing official press releases from the School District. The School Board could use releases to highlight positive occurrences and big decisions, such as the recent naming of Norman Borlaug Elementary, Moreland said.

Cooper said an official release would also clarify the content of the discussion from the School Board following meetings. "There were certainly times that we would read the paper following a board meeting, and it would almost sound like there were two different meetings," he said.

A single, official release would ensure solidarity on all issues, Moreland said.

"The caution is keeping us on the same team [and] keeping it so we're all on the same page," she said.

METRO

Hawkeye charged in champagne incident

Iowa City police arrested a University of Iowa high jumper after he allegedly hit another man over the head with a champagne bottle at a downtown liquor store.

Graham Valdes, 22, 711 Melrose Ave., was charged Monday with assault causing bodily injury.

According to police reports, officers responded to Sauce liquor store, 108 E. College St., on Feb. 19 after receiving a report of a man hit with a bottle.

Upon arrival, officers reported finding a man with a large cut to the top of his head, his nose "bleeding profusely" and a champagne bottle shattered at his feet.

The man told police a tall red-headed man hit him with a bottle as he was trying to exit Sauce after his friend urinated in the store.

The suspect remained on the scene, and was identified as Valdes, the report said.

The Hawkeye athlete told police he felt threatened when the alleged victim was pushing past people to leave and hit him with the bottle he was holding.

The report said numerous people on the scene saw Valdes hit the man but did not see the man hit Valdes.

Assault causing bodily injury is a serious misdemeanor generally punishable by up to one year in jail and a maximum fine of \$1,875.

— by Hayley Bruce

Off-duty detective stops shoplifting suspect

An off-duty Iowa City police detective helped prevent the escape of a shoplifter at Hy-vee, police said.

Tyshiana Mahomes, 19, was charged Feb. 21 with second-degree robbery.

According to police reports, police were dispatched to Hy-Vee, 812 S. First Ave., after receiving a report of an alleged shoplifter fighting with staff members.

When officers arrived on the scene, an off-duty detective was holding Mahomes on the floor. The detective said he stopped her after he saw a manager try to prevent her from leaving the store.

The off-duty detective told police he saw Mahomes run into the parking lot attempting to flee the scene after she shoved the manager and punched him in the face.

The detective identified himself as police, and he was able to bring Mahomes back in the store, but she continued to resist until he brought her to the floor.

The report said officers found two allegedly stolen alcohol bottles on Mahomes.

First-degree robbery is a Class C felony punishable by up to 10 years in prison and a maximum fine of \$10,000.

— by Hayley Bruce

UI employee sues to keep record secret

John Doe, an anonymous employee of the University of Iowa, has filed a petition in Johnson County District Court against the university to keep his records confidential.

On Jan. 31, the Associated Press requested copies of certain employment agreements involving employees of the UI Carver College of Medicine.

The six agreements requested were those of John Doe, Anne Sullivan, Christopher Welsh, Theodore Donta, Jill Meadows, and Toshiki Itoh.

UI spokesman Tom Moore said the UI didn't do anything wrong by releasing the documents. It was complying with the state code by cooperating with the open-records law, he said.

"Under the open-records law, Doe was informed that there was a request for the records that involved his case," Moore said.

Moore said Doe was the only person of the six to object to the information being released.

— by Michelle McConnaughey

Huckabee coming to town

Mike Huckabee is set to visit Iowa City next week.

The former Arkansas governor will visit six Iowa cities in the com-

ing week, stopping in Iowa City on Feb. 28, according to his website.

Host of the Fox News show "Huckabee," the Republican will meet with the public at the University of Iowa Bookstore in the Old Capitol Town Center at 4 p.m.

The visit is part of his book tour, promoting *A Simple Government*; he will also stop in Cedar Rapids, Davenport, Des Moines, Dubuque, and Waterloo.

— by Emily Busse

Man charged with witness tampering

Iowa City police said they arrested a man after he allegedly threatened a witness at the Old Capitol Mall.

Johnny B. Potter III, 18, address unknown, was charged Jan. 27 with tampering with a witness.

According to police reports, Potter was cited and released for fifth-degree theft after he was identified as one of three subjects who allegedly took \$9 from an alleged victim at the mall.

The alleged victim told police that Potter, and a codefendant Spencer Porter returned to the mall and threatened the victim with physical violence if he did not drop the charges.

Potter had left the mall when police arrived; they later arrested him, the report said.

— by Hayley Bruce

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Chasity Johnson, 20, 901 Cross Park Ave. Apt. A, was charged Monday with theft, fifth-degree

theft, and **PAULA Steven Keever**, 23, 1126 St. Clements Alley, was charged

Monday with possession of drug paraphernalia. **Wade McNaught**, 52, 203 Myrtle

Ave., was charged Tuesday with fifth-degree theft and public intoxication.

Man celebrates 25 years of dialysis

The UI Hospitals and Clinics is one of eight centers in North America taking part in the nocturnal study.

By MADISON BENNETT
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For many patients, dialysis treatment can mean the beginning of the end.

Not Denny Burgess.

On Tuesday, roughly 30 of the 54-year-old's friends, family, and physicians gathered at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics' Center for Renal Dialysis to celebrate Burgess's 25 years on nocturnal dialysis.

In 2008, Burgess's treatment became more effective when he became the first of 11 patients to participate in a nocturnal dialysis at the UIHC. The hospital was one of eight in North America to conduct the study, which tested 87 patients.

"The support system is what keeps you going," Burgess said, glancing around the room dotted with old family photographs, cake, and lemonade.

Burgess's treatment began in 1986, when his kidneys began to fail. Doctors put him on dialysis, a method for removing waste products from the blood stream when kidneys begin to fail.

Six years later, Burgess's sister gave him a new kidney. But three days later, it ruptured, leaving him with none, forcing him to rely solely on dialysis.

Then, in 2008, Burgess signed onto the study into nocturnal hemodialysis, a

Dialysis

The UI Dialysis Service offers many service locations across eastern Iowa, including:

- UIHC
- Washington
- Muscatine
- Grinnell
- North Liberty

Source: UIHC website

more frequent, more intensive dialysis treatment, which cleans a patient's blood while he or she sleeps.

Now, Burgess uses the system five nights a week. His wife, Marcia Burgess, spends 45 minutes setting up the machine, which takes blood from a needle Denny Burgess inserts into his forearm, cleans it and returns it to his body.

"This is 25 years of life he would not have had without dialysis," Marcia Burgess said. "His motto is 'I don't have to be on dialysis; I get to be on dialysis.'"

Denny Burgess, who traveled to the UIHC from his home in Gilman, Iowa, credits his longevity to doctors at the UIHC and the dialysis treatments they provide. But his caretakers said he's most responsible for his success.

"He's a very positive person and is meticulous with his care," said Dawn Allen, a nurse practitioner at the UIHC and one of Burgess' earlier nurses.

Douglas Somers, his nephrologist, agreed.



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Denny Burgess (center) looks for friends with wife Marcia and son Chad in the UIHC on Tuesday. Burgess' kidneys began to fail in 1986; he was the first of 11 patients at the UIHC to participate in a nocturnal dialysis study.

'This is 25 years of life he would not have had without dialysis. His motto is 'I don't have to be on dialysis; I get to be on dialysis.'

— Marcia Burgess, whose husband Denny celebrated 25 years of dialysis on Tuesday

"His numbers are always good. Phosphorous is always good. Potassium is always good," Somers said. "His outlook is always good."

According to John Stokes, the doctor in charge of the nocturnal dialysis

study at the UIHC, around 150 patients receive dialysis treatment at the UIHC.

Though the study results are under review by a medical journal, Stokes said, he thinks nocturnal hemodialysis is a better treatment option than conventional

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Log on to check out a video from Denny Burgess' celebration on Tuesday.



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Log on to check out a photo slide show from Tuesday's celebration.



dialysis, which involves four hour cycles, three to four times a week.

"The results are very promising," Stokes said. "It looks like this is a really good thing."

According to Dialysis Patients Inc., 2,550 Iowans receive dialysis treatment.

Chronic kidney disease arises for various reasons and affects 26 million Americans, according to

the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases. Every year in the United States, more than 485,000 receive dialysis or a transplant, according to the institute.

Staring at a sign that recognized his 25 years of survival, Burgess said he only has one goal for the future.

"Another 25 years," he said and chuckled.

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Editorial

Spending cuts should begin
with Branstad's income

During a time of supposed fiscal austerity, Gov. Terry Branstad is asking all Iowans to make financial sacrifices — except, apparently, himself.

Branstad is collecting a \$52,000 pension in addition to his six-figure governor's salary. Though by all accounts legal, it is hypocritical for him to continue to accept his salary and pension at the same time if he insists on making substantial cuts to programs and public workers' salaries and benefits.

Branstad's pension was accrued through 26 years of employment as a state legislator, lieutenant governor, and governor. His current salary is \$130,000, and his pension amounts to \$52,000. This \$182,000 income is substantially lower than his income while president of Des Moines University, but it is still far above the salary of most other public-sector employees, who are forbidden from collecting pensions at the same time as salaries when they find new jobs — a process known as “double-dipping.”

The same rule does not hold true for public-sector employees who run for office, thanks to a bill passed in 1992 (signed by Branstad). The bill makes it legal for former public-sector employees to receive a pension at the same time as a salary while serving as elected government officials, which means Branstad's double-dipping is definitively legal.

The ethics of such an action are more questionable. “The intentions with passing that bill were to encourage people to run for positions like county Board of Supervisors or state Legislature,” Todd Taylor told the *DI* Editorial Board. Taylor is the field representative for Iowa's chapter of the American Federation of County, State and Municipal Employees. “He earned [the pension], and it is legal, but it is contrary to our what our intentions were.”

The goal of the legislation was to encourage former public-sector employees to leave well-paying jobs to run for office at the state, county, and municipal levels — positions that do not generate much income. Lawmakers

hoped that allowing former public employees to receive their pensions while in office would lessen the financial burden of serving.

Branstad frequently mentions the financial loss he took by running for governor, but suggesting that it justifies his double-dipping is insulting to Iowa's public employees. The yearly salary for an Iowa state senator is \$25,000, and the salary for the Johnson County Board of Supervisors is \$51,000, a far cry from the \$130,000 Branstad is receiving. And, of course, touting his phony six-figure squalor is an even bigger insult to the 6.3 percent of Iowans who are unemployed.

Instead, Branstad could voluntarily take a decrease in his own pension or wait to collect his pension when he leaves office. While he has come out in favor of preventing an increase in pension (currently mandated by state law), the governor could do more now to reduce his income — perhaps by imitating generally mediocre Gov. Chet Culver and cutting his own salary along with other state expenditures.

Sure, a portion of that annual \$182,000 will not make any meaningful change in Iowa's structural budget deficit, and Branstad's actions are not illegal, but the distinction is one of moral integrity and standing strong on principles.

Branstad's dual income sends a strong message to public employees, suggesting that they are expected to make sacrifices in such areas as health benefits and pensions while the governor is not. It also sends a message to Iowans who may be forced to pay more for preschool and lose benefits because of a “budget crisis,” establishing tighter belts for some Iowans but not for others.

Branstad should make the same type of sacrifices he is requesting from the people of this state. To do anything else endorses a shameful double standard.

Your turn. Is Gov. Terry Branstad's collection of a salary and pension hypocritical? Weigh in at dailyiowan.com

Preschool
'NazisCHRIS STEINKE
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Based strictly on the government photograph of Sen. Mark Chelgren, R-Ottumwa, you may assume he is the epitome of self-satisfied idiocy. His eyes narrowed, his lips pursed smugly, Chelgren looks as if he's judging you for allowing your kid to buy Honey Nut Cheerios. We've all learned at an early age not to judge a book by its cover — but that lesson may have been a bit biased.

The masses only started to scrutinize his picture after he compared Iowa's state-run preschools to Nazi and socialist indoctrination last week. “...the Chinese are taking 2- and 3-year-olds and educating them,” he said on the floor of the Iowa Senate. “And as a student of history, I also know the Nazis, the Soviets, a whole variety of groups, a whole variety of countries, take their children, because it's not just up to age 6 they're so malleable. The day after they're born is when they learn the most, percentage-wise.”

So what, exactly, is he getting at here? Are preschool teachers testing children's flexibility for Olympic potential?

During arts and crafts, are they instructed to build a superior race?

In order to explain himself like a rational adult, Chelgren mercifully toned down the rhetoric during my conversation with him. “As we continue to consolidate [preschools], the diversity and options for parents is minimized, and the potential for one-sided information for children at an early age is greatly increased.”

This got me thinking. Are our children being fed partisan views on crucial subject matter during their pre-kindergarten education? The answer, alarmingly, is yes.

It's time preschools offer children both sides of key early childhood issues. Here are some suggested, and bipartisan, introductions for some common preschool subject matter:

“If you are having trouble making friends, try sharing some of your toys. It makes them happier to know you want to play with them. Consider how you would feel if you were left out of playtime. Also keep in mind that sharing

is the mark of a communist. So, if you think your friends are not worthy of playing with your life-size GI Joe action figure, it is perfectly OK to tell them to piss off.”

To let them decide the importance of sharing for themselves, teachers can hand out only three bags of animal crackers to the three most attractive children enrolled, being careful not to discipline them once they infer they are indeed better than everyone else. That way, it's fair.

“Arts and crafts can be really fun. You can color, paint, and build whatever your imagination desires. You can even give them to your friends and family as presents. But while some people might think of that as a very kind gesture, others may question your masculinity. You may be considered cool if you lose interest in the arts entirely.” Award the most artistically uninterested child captainship of the red-rover team, and persuade him that his future in the sport is very bright.

Furthermore, it is critical that preschools illustrate the advantages of candy, chocolate, and sugared cereals for those that just can't seem to get going in the morning, as well as the bulky benefits of creatine and weight training for children concerned with their beach bods.

All Chelgren wants is some philosophical diversity in the classroom — which is why I asked for his opinion on prayer in state-funded schools, to which he responded, “I think prayer in state-run schools is fine. I don't think it should be mandatory, but I don't think it should be limited, either.”

Gotcha. Given our current political climate, such concerned, consistent, and flawless hypocrisy is a refreshing breath of fresh air.

Illustrating the absurdity of Chelgren's rhetoric is a simple task, which is why I ask him to go easy on the hyperbole. His view on this subject is actually quite reasonable: Only when parents are financially incapable of funding their children's preschool should the state or federal government provide support.

But just to be safe, please report any high-pitched, Goebels-echoing exclamations you hear. ■

Letters

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Some concerns
over wrestling
incident

I'm old enough to remember playing six-on-six girls' basketball. I've seen sports change a lot over my lifetime, and from the looks of things, they are still changing.

I'm glad girls have the chance to wrestle. I think that Joel Northrup's refusal to wrestle a female opponent was unfortunate, but that was his choice. Isn't that what this country is about: the freedom to make choices?

We certainly don't want to go back to the days when girls missed out on competing for scholarship money and weren't taught certain skill sets because

they were considered inferior in some way. Wrestling gives a person a skill set that can be used in other jobs such as to be a police officer or to be in the military.

Then, there is the obvious fact: When girls wrestle, they are better able to protect themselves. It's also a confidence builder. I think protection and confidence are good for both sexes.

We need to be reminded of the fact that there are Christian boys who wrestle girls and that the recent wrestling match dust-up is just one particular Christian boy who decided not to wrestle a girl. I have much respect for Northrup and his convictions. I want to be clear

that Northrup's convictions are fine until they are forced on someone else and, if Northrup's convictions were the rule, girls wouldn't be wrestling.

I am also concerned that Northrup's father stated it was being respectful to not wrestle the girl. I don't know if he beats his opponents into submission, as his father stated, but I thought wrestling was a competitive sport of skill and strategy.

There is protocol at school wrestling meets that keeps things civil and respectful and it also keeps the girls wrestling. If respect means girls can't wrestle when they want to, girls don't need that kind of respect.

Mary Suohomel
West Branch

Wrestler's forfeit
grounded in respect

The sex-related wrestling forfeit raises an interesting situation.

On one hand, it is understandable that Jasmine Bailey would feel frustrated by the forfeits and the loss (for her fellow female wrestlers) of an opportunity to compete. On the other hand, I think we ought to commend Joel Northrup for his stance, which has been consistent. He believes that it is never OK for a man to use physical force to try to overpower women and that women should be treated with respect.

I think if more men held this belief as strongly as he did, we would have a better world for it.

Samantha Bastian
UI student

Guest opinion

On, Wisconsin — fighting for workers' rights

You've probably seen the images coming from Wisconsin: The Capitol's rotunda filled with protesters, hanging off balconies; people struggling to move through crowded hallways. Tens of thousands of energized demonstrators have coalesced in the purest form of democracy I've seen in my short life — not since the 2008 presidential campaign have I felt such a level of political enthusiasm.

Under the pretext of fiscal crisis, Gov. Scott Walker's budget-repair bill would have the state's union workers pay more on their pensions and health care and would also strip their collective bargaining rights to the point where

the unions would be essentially irrelevant. The unions have come forward willing to make the concessions on pensions and health care that Walker wants if he agrees to not touch their bargaining rights, which have no fiscal impact.

But Walker isn't interested in making that deal. This isn't really about the money. It's about politics and union busting. If Walker really cared about the money, he wouldn't have pushed through tax cuts that exacerbated the deficit. He also wouldn't have exempted every union that endorsed him during the campaign. Citizens have noticed these actions, and they aren't happy.

When I heard about the protests, I rushed home to Wisconsin to join the demonstrations. In the rotunda, I encountered a group of students from Loras College, and we banded together to show Wisconsin that Iowa supported the workers. We held signs that read “Iowa will fight for Wisconsin” and “Hawks for Workers.” People loved us.

I was struck by just how many people were in attendance. At that point, the protests had moved beyond being organized events and had taken on a life of their own. People just kept showing up. Estimates put the weekend crowd at around

68,000 people. I overheard one person call the scene “Wiscairo.”

Numerous signs excoriated Walker as a C-average college dropout who was looking to get revenge on educators. It was obvious, however, that despite the jokes, people were dealing with a very serious issue.

With collective-bargaining-disenfranchisement measures working through several other state legislatures, including Iowa's, it's clear that the fight has shifted to destabilize public-sector unions.

At Laborfest in Milwaukee in September 2010, President Obama said, “[T]he cornerstones of the

middle-class security all bear the union label.” Most of these union workers already make less than their private sector equivalents with comparable qualifications. According to a report by the Economic Policy Institute, “[O]n an annual basis, full-time state and local government employees in Wisconsin are under-compensated by 8.2 percent compared with otherwise similar private sector workers.”

In a period in which the middle-class is being squeezed, we can't witness the destruction of the institutions responsible for providing security to so many of Wisconsin's public employees. This is why you see such

fervor in Wisconsin — so much is at stake. But even after the seventh-straight day of demonstrations, it's still unclear what will happen.

We Democrats from Wisconsin are proud of our labor unions and our deep progressive roots sowed by the great Sen. Robert La Follette. And with 65 percent of the state's residents believing that Walker's bill has gone too far, we plan to continue our state's long-held tradition of being a leader in the support of labor rights and civil rights. Forward!

Dane Hudson is president of the University of Iowa Democrats and the vice president of the College and Young Democrats of Iowa.

INCIDENT

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officials started last spring, has prepared approximately 1,000 UI faculty, staff, and students to deal with violent incidents on campus through five simple steps: alert, lockdown, inform, counter, and evacuate.

The Tuesday group learned how to distract, disarm and take down an active shooter, as well as how to secure a classroom by thinking out of the box and using inanimate objects — like a belt — to tie a door closed to prevent entry of a gunman.

In the second hour of class, officers stormed the room armed with rubber guns to provide a realistic simulation of how police would storm a locked-down room during a violent incident, yelling for the group to put their hands in the air.

While faculty and staff have previously made up the bulk of the participants, UI police are now extending a special invitation to students. They have specifically targeted resident assistants and hope to offer classes for students in the greek community and in dorms.

“[Police] know what to do in [violent] situations, but

Violent incident training

Upcoming class dates:

- March 8, 1-3 p.m.
- March 24, 9-11 a.m.
- April 5, 1-3 p.m.
- April 21, 9-11 a.m.
- May 5, 1-3 p.m.
- May 19, 9-11 a.m.

Source: UI police

the faculty, staff and students don't know what to do,” Lt. Joe Lang said. “We feel they need the knowledge to protect themselves in a violent situation until we can get there to help them.”

Lang said the department decided to offer the class in response to the 2007 Virginia Tech shootings and other violent incidents.

“When we saw the destruction and ... how their students couldn't protect themselves, we kind of felt like we were putting ourselves and our students in a liability situation,” Lang said.

The UI is one of 84 colleges and universities with violent-incident-certified instructors, and Lang said he believes the interactivity of the program sets it apart from those of other universities.

Capt. Tim Potts of Purdue University — whose pro-

gram offers an online video and conducts class presentations upon request — said he would be interested to learn more about the UI's hands-on violent-incident training.

University of Texas-Austin, which has experienced two shootings in its history, runs a training program similar to the UI's based on “Five Outs,” said Rhonda Weldon, the university's operations director of communications. The program also teaches students about warning signs and runs a Behavior Concern Advice Line.

UI freshman Jenna Miller said she feels more confident after taking the class.

“I would have a better idea of what to do, and I could be more successful [because of the training],” said Miller, who recalled two shootings in her hometown of Omaha. “I think it's a lot less likely that I'm going to get in that situation and freeze.”

UI police Capt. Shawn Sharp stressed being prepared.

“If you are made aware of your surroundings you will, hopefully, never get into a dangerous confrontation,” Sharp said. “But no matter what you decide to do, you have to mentally commit to it, be it run, play dead, or attack — and that's scary, so you can't go in half-hearted.”

UNIONS

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set of reforms that really are designed to give Iowans back their seat at the table,” he said.

Still, the governor intends to take action to try to save part of the contract former Gov. Chet Culver signed with state workers last year. The agreements are locked into place for at least two years but can be reopened by labor leaders, Albrecht said.

Branstad's proposal would remove health insurance from collective bargaining.

But the measure would not change bargaining to the extent of Wisconsin's

bill, Albrecht said.

A House subcommittee discussed a bill re-evaluating collective-bargaining rights Tuesday afternoon.

Albrecht said Iowa officials want to see more “back and forth negotiations” and not agree to have every labor demand met.

Wearing a “We are Your Neighbors” sticker on his winter vest, Ed Alcock, an American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees member and UI maintenance worker, stood on the outskirts of the crowd in Des Moines. Alcock said he was there to support both Iowa and Wisconsin.

Altman also said he attended to support Wisconsin union rights — rights he felt were in jeopardy.

Iowa is not the only state

taking part in the national outcry. Members of the Graduate Employment Organization at the University of Illinois held a rally outside the university that led to a 24-hour vigil.

One Iowa legislator is confident the bill won't go far.

Rep. Mary Mascher, D-Iowa City, said the bill has a slim chance to become a law in the Democratic-led Senate.

“We got a lot of really good public employees: doctors, nurses, teachers,” said Mascher, who formerly served on the labor committee. “They are your neighbor, my neighbors ... we go to church with them. Taking away rights from those people right now is mean spirited.”

METRO

UISG to fund Bijou projection system

The University of Iowa Student Government passed a bill to fund the Bijou's new digital cinema projection system Tuesday night.

Jesse Damazo, Bijou's execu-

tive director, asked the UISG to donate approximately \$29,000 to pay for the new projector, which will help the theater keep up with mainstream theaters in the area.

Damazo said it is unlikely the new system will be implemented before this summer,

but it will help attract more people and more programming options to the Bijou.

Last year, 9,574 people attended the Bijou; around 14,800 people are expected to attend films this year, Damazo said.

— by Allie Wright

POLLOCK

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withdrew a hotly contested bill on Monday that would have forced the museum to sell the donated painting, estimated to be worth \$140 million, to fund student scholarships.

While the bill is now dead, several people said it's clear the amount of attention it received may have a lasting effect.

O'Harrow, who started on the job Nov. 15, 2010, said he's heard from several uneasy donors and thinks UI officials need to work with legislators to rebuild trust in the museum. More than 90 percent of the collection comes from gifts.

“It's our job as an institution and a regent university to develop relationships with those donors to ensure we will honor their intentions,” O'Harrow said in response to the donors' comments. “It may be harder now than before, but it's important for them to know that's what we're here to do.”

Iowa City residents Gerald and Hope Solomon have donated more than 30 pieces of work to the UI museum since 1995, the last donation being 19 Native American drawings in December 2010. They said, although they have a

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Hear what students think about the potential effect of the Pollock bill on the UI.

stipulation requiring any profit from selling their donations to be used to purchase more art, they are still wary of future business with the museum.

“Right now, I just don't see us giving anything in the future,” said Gerald Solomons, a retired UI Hospitals and Clinics physician.

Gerald Solomons said he and his wife's concerns for their art began the first time a sale of *Mural* was suggested by Regent Michael Gartner after the 2008 flood, but they thought the issue was over.

“If we'd known the selling of the Pollock would come up again, we wouldn't have donated the drawings in December,” Gerald Solomons said.

But Rep. Ralph Watts, R-Adel, who supported the bill, said he feels donors thinking of breaking ties with the UI are being “unrealistic,” adding that if they don't want their pieces up for potential sale, they should ensure a stipulation that prohibits it.

“The whole thing has been overblown a bit,” he said.

Raecker could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

But not all donors are rethinking their gifts.

FOOTBALL

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this situation and others, it shows we can do a better job. Everyone seems to agree.”

Kendig said officials have begun discussing how to handle future incidents, and meetings are scheduled. But he said there would be no formalized changes requiring the Athletics Department to go through his office before releasing information.

“The more coordinated and open we are in internal communication, the better and more effectively we can create a clear external image for the university,” Kendig said.

UI President Sally Mason told the *DI* Monday that, looking back, both the hospital and the Athletics Department should have been in communication with Kendig.

“That way we can coordinate our message so that we at least know where we all are,” Mason said. “That's probably the one thing I ask people to do — a better job of making sure we're communicating centrally.”

Documents also show UI

officials deciding to turn down a MSNBC TV interview out of fear they would need to decline answering many questions and be characterized as “stonewalling” or “combative.”

Richard Klatt, assistant athletics director, said in one e-mail that crafting Ferentz's statement allowed them to “control the message.”

He added at the end of the e-mail: “Also — very, very important — please delete this e-mail after reading it.”

Several communications experts unrelated to the UI criticized the university's handling of the case.

“They really need to control the rumor mill, and it didn't sound as though [UI officials] did that,” said Joyce Newman, the president of the New York-based Newman Group.

With increasing technology, it's become imperative for administrators to get ahead of a story, said Bruce Hennes, the managing partner of crisis communications and media training firm Hennes Paynter Communications.

“Tell the truth, tell it all, and tell it first,” Hennes said.

DI reporter Allie Wright and Metro Editor Regina Zilbermintz contributed to this report.

Gerald Eskin, a former ceramics professor in the UI School of Art and Art History, and wife Sandra Eskin, who have donated a few pieces since 2006, said they would continue donating to the UI.

“I think that we have a basis for a very fine museum, and we will continue to support it,” said Sandra Eskin.

Unlike art collectors, less serious donors could see the museum's fight and ultimate victory as a positive sign and increase donations, said Dewey Blanton, director of Strategic Communication for the American Association of Museums.

John Scott, the director of the UI School of Art and Art History, said he anticipates future donors and patrons will understand the necessity of donations as an educational resource.

Ultimately, O'Harrow said, things could have been worse.

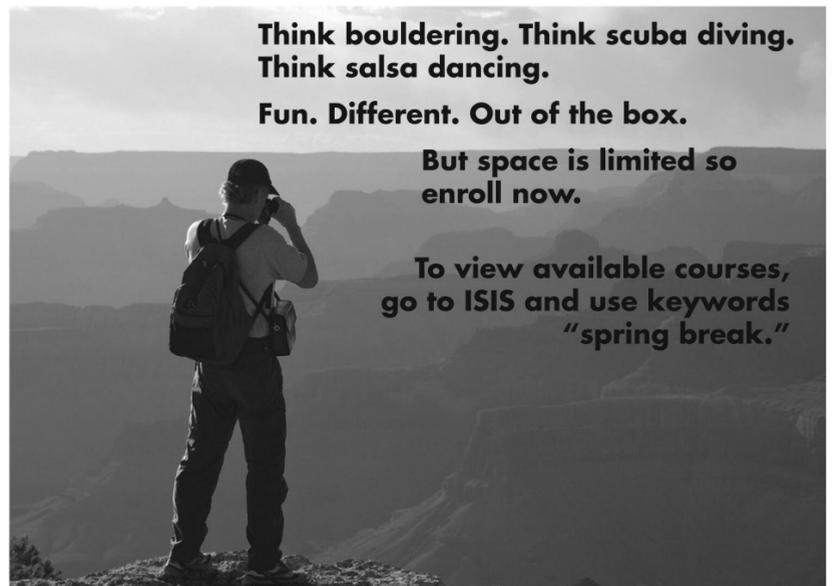
“If we had sold the piece, we would be in trouble,” he said. “But we haven't, so we're not.”

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Spotlight Iowa City

One of the town's favorite haunts

Nialle Sylvan works to provide the Iowa City community with a homey and comforting bookstore.

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The Haunted Bookshop is not your typical bookstore.

Two cats, Logan and Nierme, roam lethargically around the shop, 203 N. Linn St. Labyrinthine passageways wind into cozy nooks. A worn couch, upright piano, and wooden dinner table fill out the store's spacious back room.

Nialle Sylvan, the Haunted Bookshop's owner since 2004, is responsible for the homey environment. She said the independent store's comforting atmosphere is conducive to her style of business. And the friendly staff keeps customers returning to talk with "the captain."

"The joke is that we are the crew of some sort of nautical vessel," Sylvan said.

Sylvan's first officer is her floor manager, and an employee who fixes shelves and hardware is the chief engineer, she explained.

And if there were any doubts concerning the captain's passion for literature, they are dispelled by the book-repair employee's title: chief medical officer.

Employee Anna Hurley, 23, said the store is "like your favorite aunt's house."

The 23-year-old volunteered at the store before becoming an employee two years ago. She said she can sometimes "see the light bulb go on" when Sylvan helps a customer find the right book.

"She won't say anything, just turn around and run

Nialle Sylvan

- **Age:** 33
- **Hometown:** Mechanicsville, Iowa
- **Favorite books:** *Ulysses*, by James Joyce and *If on a winter's night a traveler*, by Italo Calvino
- **Favorite artist:** Johannes Vermeer
- **Name meaning:** "Nialle" means "confusing" or "nebulous" in Celtic

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back behind the shelf," Hurlley said.

And while customers appreciate her assistance, the cats have been a big draw for new area residents.

Nierme, a tabby and peach calico mix, gave birth to a litter of kittens three years ago. Sylvan gave away the kittens and got Logan, who has long gray fur, to serve as a companion.

"Students who had to leave their pets at home come here for their surrogate kitty-fix," Sylvan said.

Craig Kessler, the owner of Real Records, has shared space with his "perfect neighbor" for two years. Kessler said Sylvan first impressed him with her extensive business and literary knowledge.

"She seemed like she knew what she was doing," he said.



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Haunted Bookshop owner Nialle Sylvan shows off one of the puppets in her store on Feb. 19. Sylvan said one of the things she loves about Iowa City is the variety of bookstores and their different characteristics.

Sylvan said she enjoys diversifying her expertise. The owner earned her first book job by correctly identifying the Civil War's beginning and ending dates on a job application.

"If you don't know a little bit at least about a lot of different things, you'll be lost trying to help people who want that information," Sylvan said.

The 33-year-old bookstore derives its name from Christopher Morley's 1919 book and refers to the

'My theory is whenever you put lots of books and lots of smart people in one place, weird stuff is bound to happen'

-Nialle Sylvan, Haunted Bookshop's owner

ghosts of literature rather than an actual haunting — much to the chagrin of neighborhood trick-or-treaters.

"I get phone calls every year — about Oct. 15 onward — from little kids that would love for me to have blood dripping down my walls, and I have to dis-

appoint them every time," Sylvan said.

And though the store is not haunted, an "anthropomorphized spirit of happy coincidence" does lurk about the shop, she said.

When she purchased the business in 2004, she had just received an

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Check out a photo slide show of Nialle Sylvan.



inheritance that matched the amount needed to buy the store.

The story serves as an apt description of what brings many book-lovers to the store initially.

"My theory is whenever you put lots of books and lots of smart people in one place, weird stuff is bound to happen," she said.

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Angela Balcita, a UI alumna, will read from her memoir, *Moonface*, today at Prairie Lights, which focuses on her battle with glomerulonephritis.

Of transplants and love

UI alumna Angela Balcita will read from her memoir, *Moonface*, today at Prairie Lights.

By LAURA WILLIS
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Author Angela Balcita and Chris Doyle met in true college fairy-tale fashion — at a party. The soccer player's gold sunglasses and quirky Elvis impersonation intrigued Balcita, a Loyola College junior.

"Everyone kind of ignored him, but I thought he was pretty cute and funny," Balcita said.

The two discussed the party, one another's majors, and even Balcita's recent battle with glomerulonephritis, a disease that affects the kidney's ability to filter substances. After college, the friendship blossomed into marriage. Doyle oversaw Balcita's changes in medications and dialysis appointments, and he eventually donated a kidney after her second failed her.

"He didn't think my illness was a big deal," Balcita said. "That was nice."

The UI alumna will read from her memoir, *Moonface*, at 7 p.m. today at Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque. Admission is free.

The story uses humor to illustrate Balcita's journey with the serious illness. University of Iowa nonfiction-writing Professor Patricia Foster remembers Balcita laughing about the medication's side effects.

"That's what [Balcita] really is: a very good standup act," Foster said. "She can make you laugh about all the gory details of getting sick and make you think, 'Oh, that wasn't so bad,' when really you know it was probably as bad as it could get."

Balcita began noticing the side effects of glomerulonephritis at the age of 17. The college freshman couldn't explain her swollen ankles, so she asked her father, a physician, about her mysterious pain, who in turn sent her to another doctor. Balcita was put on a medication and quickly sent back to school.

Within a few months, she felt the full effects of an impaired kidney. She was continually tired and couldn't focus on schoolwork. She dropped out for the semester in order to undergo a kidney transplant donated by her older brother, who matched Balcita's blood and tissue type.

"A transplant allowed me to get off treatments and get back to life," she said. "Life would be somewhat normal again."

Feeling healthy once again, she returned to school the following fall. This time, Balcita decided to pursue a degree in writing rather than speech pathology. Passionate about the change, she decided to further enhance her English education by studying nonfiction writing at the UI in 2002.

The following year, her kidney began to fail again. She couldn't concentrate and spent her days exhausted at home. Doyle watched her body become increasingly ill.

"He knew he had to do something about it," she said. "He offered me his kidney right away."

READING

Angela Balcita

When: 7 p.m. today
Where: Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
Admission: Free

Despite her medical difficulties, Balcita strayed away from writing about her illness. Instead, she focused on multicultural issues and her family's migration from the Philippines to the United States. However, classmates urged her to write about the unique bond between her and Doyle.

"There was a lot of stuff going on in terms of love and sacrifice," she said. "That kind of got me going to start writing about what we had been through."

She decided to use her own story to write a graduate thesis. The material was showcased in a *New York Times* column, and an agent suggested she write a book. She created an outline for memoir *Moonface* with HarperCollins Publishers.

During the writing process, she became unexpectedly pregnant, losing Doyle's kidney during the delivery process of her newborn child. A new transplant was required, as well as a new *Moonface* manuscript.

Despite the complex medical history, Balcita tries to take things lightheartedly, focusing more on her 2-year-old daughter Nico and writing when she catches a free moment. She hopes that *Moonface* helps readers understand the importance of selflessness and unconditional love.

"I want people to be aware of that in life," she said. "Hopefully, they don't have to go through kidney transplants to figure that out."

METRO

Wisconsin Democrats fight GOP plan

MADISON, Wis. — With their Senate colleagues still in hiding, Democrats in the Wisconsin Assembly began introducing a barrage of 100 amendments Tuesday to try to stymie the Republican governor's plan to strip unionized

public employees of most of their bargaining rights.

Both houses of the GOP-controlled Legislature convened shortly before noon amid noisy protests outside the Capitol that began more than a week ago in an epic showdown that is being watched nervously by organized labor across the country.

The Senate was unable to take up the union measure because

its 14 Democrats skipped town last week, denying the chamber a quorum. But Assembly Speaker Jeff Fitzgerald pledged that his chamber would approve the bill this week, despite the blizzard of Democratic amendments.

Turning up the pressure on the Democrats, Gov. Scott Walker warned that state employees could start receiving layoff notices as early as next week if

the bill isn't passed soon. The layoffs couldn't take effect immediately — existing union contracts could forestall them for weeks or months — and Walker wouldn't say which jobs he would go after first.

"Hopefully, we don't get to that point," the governor said in a statement.

— Associated Press

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Tips for Property Rental:

• Even if you own 2,000 rental units, it is important to have the same move-out and move-in dates for all of them. That way, if tenants need to move in early, you can pressure them into signing a waiver stating you won't clean. Kids are basically homeless for those couple of days each year, and it would be a shame to not take advantage of them.

• Why pay for the basic maintenance of your properties? If the front door wears out because it hasn't been tended to in a little more than 40 years, just buy a new door for \$30, claim it cost you \$300, and split it evenly among your tenants. Nobody sues over \$10.

• Sometimes tenants complain about a leaky roof, and that you will have to repair. Here's the trick: Retain a handyman on your payroll for \$20/hour, have him fabricate a reason the leaky roof was the tenants' fault, then charge your tenants \$100/hour for the labor. You can't go wrong when you make money by maintaining your investment.

• Fresh paint makes the shoddiest building look 10 times better. But skip the unnecessary steps, such as cleaning the wall, scraping off the old paint, and priming; just slap a fresh coat over those foundation cracks and blood stains.

• Don't let your company become one of those "monopolies" people seem to dislike. Make sure to separate your company into parts, making it appear as though they are wholly separate entities, but do be sure to fix the rental prices, lease terms, and amenities so that you're not actually competing against yourself. That would be stupid.

• Remember to change names often, that way parents won't know that you're the same guy who screwed them over when they went to college here.

- Nathan Wulf could not be reached for comment.

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BOOK WORK



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Adjunct instructor Craig Kelchen spreads paste across a sheet a paper that will later be used as a cover for a book on Tuesday in North Hall. In Kelchen's Book Binding 1 class, students learn how to create five types of book covers, ranging from the basic pamphlet to the complex flat-back case-bound book. "It is a craft that people enjoy; it is a way for people to house and show their own work," Kelchen said.



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Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2011
- by Eugenia Last

ARIES March 21-April 19 You may need to incorporate damage control into your discussions with both personal and professional friends. There is no need to cause upset or to overreact. A calm approach will help you find solutions so you can pick up where you left off.

TAURUS April 20-May 20 A partnership will improve if you have a heart-to-heart talk. You will learn a valuable lesson if you offer your services or help to a charitable organization. Make a promise to treat with pride even the smallest job you are asked to do.

GEMINI May 21-June 20 Concentrate more on work and less on your personal problems. You will sort out any personal problems you face if you distance yourself from the situation so you can clearly see who's at fault.

CANCER June 21-July 22 You have plenty of opportunity to learn, make new friends, and pick up additional skills. Don't sit around waiting for others to motivate you. Make the first move, and you'll show everyone that you are a self-starter.

LEO July 23-Aug. 22 You must do the math before you decide to make a big-ticket purchase or sign up for something costly and not likely to bring the results you expect. Your best opportunity will come from what you can learn and apply to your everyday life and your professional future.

VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22 You need to get out more and to make some new friends or at least nurture the relationships that are important to you. Socializing will enhance your love life and show that you are willing to participate and contribute. Your frugality will be appreciated.

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Concentrate on your ideas and creative plans for the future. Getting together with people who inspire you will bring positive results. Be careful not to upset someone who depends on you, or you will face uncertainty, leading to more worry, stress, and responsibility.

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Love is on the rise, and participating in trips, events, or home improvements that help you bring about change should be your intent. Your energy and creative insight will help you close a gap that has slowly been growing between you and someone you care about.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Keep your thoughts to yourself and your mind on how you can help others. What you give will spare you criticism. Arguments are apparent with friends, relatives, and neighbors if you are pushy, disrespectful, or you exaggerate.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Professional advancement can be yours if you put in the extra effort and share with superiors your suggestions to improve efficiency. Bring the past into the future by sharing your experience. Love is in the stars.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Reconsider what's being offered or taking on a responsibility that someone asks you to deal with. Emotional matters will escalate if you refuse to pitch in and help a good cause. Action is required.

PISCES Feb. 19-March 20 Now is your chance to pursue something you've wanted for a long time. Pull in favors, and show your dedication. Set up meetings and contracts, and deals can be written up and signed. It's up to you to make things happen.

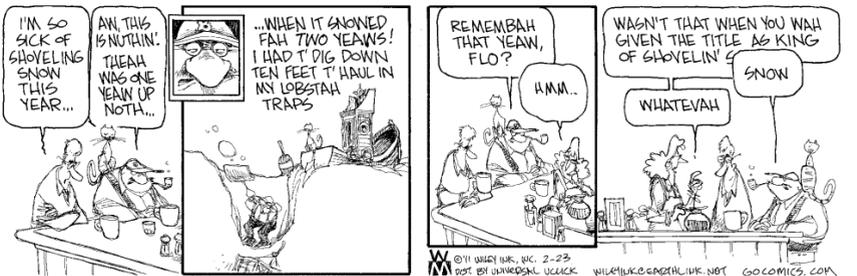
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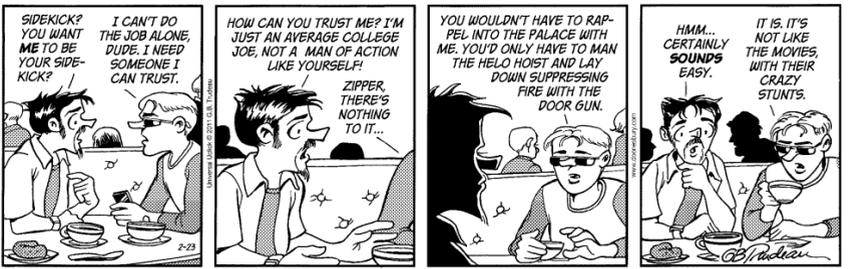
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- **Glass Shop Open**, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., W152 Chemistry Building
- **Device Workshop**, 9 a.m., US Cellular, 905 25th Ave., Coralville
- **Arthritis Exercise Class**, 10 a.m., North Liberty Recreation Center, 520 W. Cherry
- **Preschool Story Time**, 10 a.m., North Liberty Community Library, 520 W. Cherry
- **Preschool Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Spring Job and Internship Fair**, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., IMU Main Lounge
- **Open Studio with Mary Wall**, 1 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Challenge a Police Officer**, 3:15 p.m., Mercer Park Aquatic Center, 2701 Bradford
- **MidWestOne Lecture Series**, "Decisions" by Henry Tippie, 5 p.m., Sheraton Hotel, 210 S. Dubuque
- **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance**, 5:45 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Bingo**, 6:30 p.m., Eagles, 225 Highway 1 W.
- **Gray Knights Chess Club**, 6:30 p.m., Senior Center
- **Henry the Fifth Audition**, 6:30 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
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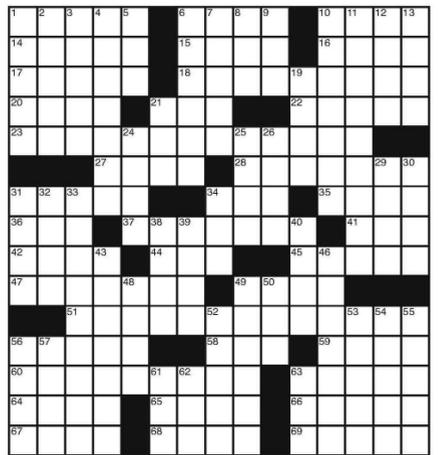
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- **Angela Balcita**, nonfiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
 - **Inside Job**, 7 p.m., Bijou
 - **PJ Story Time**, 7 p.m., North Liberty Community Library
 - **Travelogues with Patrick Nefzger**, 7 p.m., Senior Center
 - **Baths**, 9 p.m., Gabe's, 330 E. Washington
 - **Henri-Georges Cluzot's Inferno**, 9:10 p.m., Bijou
 - **The Jam, Yacht Club**, 10 p.m., 13 S. Linn
- ONGOING**
- **The Art of the Print**, Larry Welo, Dennis Moore, Carl Homstad, Laurie Wright, Lori Biwer Stewart, and Anna Marie Pavlik, Iowa Artisans Gallery, 207 E. Washington; through Feb. 27
 - **Cedar County, Iowa: A Door to Freedom**, stories of the Underground Railroad, Herbert Hoover National Site, 110 Parkside Drive, West Branch; through April 30
 - **Chaos and Creation on the Pentacrest**, Old Capitol Museum; through May 22
 - **Color, Repetition, Composition, Awakenings**, Nathan Mussler, Senior Center Old Post Office Gallery, 28 S. Linn; through Feb. 23

The New York Times Crossword

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- Across**
- 1 Old Testament verb
 - 6 Locale for a lashing
 - 10 Ann's advice-giving sister
 - 14 Prom rentals
 - 15 Locale
 - 16 Hip bones
 - 17 Leave slack-jawed
 - 18 Part of the house where one might check Google messages?
 - 20 Number of trades Jack is a master of
 - 21 Enero through diciembre
 - 22 Some winners on a Fox talent show
 - 23 Cry for help on an F.B.I. cruise?
 - 27 Punkie
 - 28 Puts down, as the red carpet
 - 31 Reach a concord
 - 34 Carbohydrate suffix
 - 35 Stage that includes a cocoon
 - 36 Grazing site
 - 37 Beaver Cleaver expletive ... or what you might need to be to answer 18-, 23-, 51- and 60-Across?
 - 41 Pepper's rank: Abbr.
 - 42 Wee bit
 - 44 AOL rival
 - 45 Substitute for
 - 47 Dory's affliction in "Finding Nemo"
 - 49 Half of a McDonald's logo
 - 51 Guess as to how the thong came to exist?
 - 56 Like a prefall Humpty Dumpty
 - 58 Pale pub potable
 - 59 Gen. Robert
 - 60 Where Neil Armstrong might store his gear?
 - 63 Part of basketball practice
 - 64 Latvia's capital
 - 65 Kegger locale
 - 66 Coke, to Pepsi
 - 67 Basketball All-Star Nick Van
 - 68 Lubricates
 - 69 Kangaroo babies
- Down**
- 1 Some teen talk
 - 2 Bleachers sign
 - 3 Appliance brand
 - 4 Sore throat soother
 - 5 Lao
 - 6 Word with babe or bar
 - 7 Knight's gear
 - 8 Deep blue
 - 9 Mai
 - 10 Certain plane delivery
 - 11 Rambo's drive
 - 12 H.S. science class
 - 13 Clandid dish
 - 19 Teller of tales
 - 21 One of Frank's exes
 - 24 A thousand bucks
 - 25 Political family name
 - 26 "The ___ Love"
 - 29 Or, for Michelle Wie
 - 30 Info on college applications
 - 40 Actor Galifianakis of "The Hangover"
 - 43 Inhuman
 - 46 "Toodle-oo!"
 - 48 Leave in
 - 49 Shoelace tips
 - 50 U.S. 1, for one: Abbr.
 - 52 Like Bob Dylan's voice
 - 53 Green shade
 - 54 Bit of electrical work
 - 55 Hollers
 - 56 "Fee fi fo fum" sayer
 - 57 Kind of engine
 - 61 Corp. V.I.P.
 - 62 N.L. West team, on scoreboard
 - 63 Onetime Sixers great



Puzzle by Kristian House

31 Alan who was born Alphonso D'Abruzzo

32 Lysol target

33 Meteorologist's tool

34 Admit, with "up"

38 Mideast ruler

39 "NYPD Blue" actor Morales

40 Actor Galifianakis of "The Hangover"

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46 "Toodle-oo!"

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Youth sparks men's gymnastics

The Hawkeye men's gymnastics team has been led by a slew of freshmen and sophomores.

By RYAN MURPHY
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In his first year as Iowa head men's gymnastics coach, JD Reive likes what he sees for the future of the program.

"The future is very bright," he said.

His confidence in the future, he said, stems from the strength of his current freshmen and sophomores. All five events in which a Hawkeye won during the Feb. 19 meet against Nebraska were won by an underclassman. Leading

the group were sophomores Matt McGrath and Anton Gryshayev, who both broke school records.

On a team with only three seniors and two true juniors — Javier Balboa, who is listed as a junior, has sophomore eligibility — Reive said a strong group of younger athletes has made his job easier, both in the gym and on the recruiting trail.

"It's super important, and it made my job easier from a recruiting standpoint in terms of how quickly I can bring the pro-

gram back to national prominence," he said. "They are going to continue to do well, which is going to help me recruit better kids."

McGrath, the only Hawkeye to have won an event in every dual meet this season, said his class' success is a great sign that the program is on the rise.

"It gives us room for improvement, so we have a lot to look forward to," he said.

Six different underclassmen have won events, and Gryshayev and McGrath



McGrath sophomore

'The majority of our team is young, so it's important that they know what's up in collegiate gymnastics, handling pressure, and the new atmosphere.'

— Mike Jiang, senior

lead the team with four event wins each.

Reive also credits his seniors for showing the underclassman what high-level gymnastics looks like and how to compete in high-pressure situations. Mike Jiang, who knows all about these situations after competing in the individual finals at the NCAA championships last season, said it's part of his job as a senior to guide his younger teammates.

"The majority of our

team is young, so it's important that they know what's up in collegiate gymnastics, handling pressure, and the new atmosphere," he said.

After the impressive victory against Nebraska, Reive said he saw the first glimpse of the full potential of his underclassmen, especially the sophomores.

"It's exciting to see that group coming together, because from that group we're going to get our team leaders, we're going to get our captains, and guys who

help me with the recruiting process and attracting the best kids," he said.

However, Reive said he knows the true test of his younger student-athletes will not come until the end of the season, in the pressure cooker that is Big Tens and NCAAs. The Iowa coach, though, said he's confident he will have them ready to compete.

"It's going to be a lot to handle, but if I do my job, they'll be ready to go," he said.

CROSS-COUNTRY

Men's cross-country honored

The Hawkeye men's cross-country team was named Tuesday to the U.S. Track & Field and Cross-Country Coaches Association All-Academic team. To qualify, the team needed to have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better and must have competed at its NCAA regional championship. Iowa posted a cumulative GPA of 3.05 and placed seventh at the NCAA Midwest Regional.

"Earning this honor speaks to the level of commitment our student-athletes put toward their academics," Iowa cross-country head coach Larry Wiczorek said in a release. "It's our goal to excel both in the classroom and on the cross-country course. This team is a great representation of that goal and the Hawkeye cross-country program."

— by Sam Louwagie

FIELD HOCKEY

Field hockey honored

The Iowa field-hockey team was honored with a 2010 Gladiator Division-I National Academic Team award Tuesday. Insitutions that achieved a team GPA of 3.0 or better during the first semester of the 2010-11 academic year are recognized.

"Our student-athletes take their academics very seriously," Iowa head coach Tracey Griesbaum said in a release. "We strive to be the best we can be in the classroom and on the playing field. Every semester we have team GPA goals, and this past fall semester, we were able to far surpass our goal. We look forward to continued success with our academic performance."

— by Jordan Garretson

CERMAK

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Nesbitt said that Cermak helped her, Jaime Printy, and Morgan Johnson get acclimated to the Iowa City area last year during their freshman season and regularly drove the three around to help familiarize them with their surroundings.

The post player's tenure as a Hawkeye has provided her with memories that will last a lifetime. Perhaps her junior season, highlighted by a trip to the second round of the NCAA Tournament, provided the most memories — so far.

"Our trip to Stanford last year was probably one of the best experiences," Cermak said. "It was just so rewarding. We worked, we fought through a lot that year and we worked hard to get there."

Cermak's days of sporting a black and gold jersey with the No. 22 embroidered on it are coming to a close. Iowa's Senior Night contest



RYAN MILLER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa forward Kelsey Cermak eyes the basket going in for a lay-up to score two points for Active Endeavors/McCurry's on June 30, 2010 in the North Liberty Community Center.

against Illinois is set for Thursday. But with the Big Ten Tournament just around the corner and a NCAA Tournament bid likely, she still has a job to do.

"It's hard to think about right now because there's still so much of the season left," she said. "There are several games left."

SWIM

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25th ranked team in the College Swimming Coaches Association of America men's Division-I poll. Joining Iowa in the rankings is Michigan (9), Ohio State (11), Indiana (14), Minnesota (15), and Purdue (20).

Iowa has put together a successful season thus far, and the confident team is ready to make a statement.

"I think we have a much more mature team this year," junior Ryan Phelan said. "Last year and the year before going to Big Tens, that was the biggest meet for a lot of [swimmers]."

"Whereas this year, we brought in a lot of [guys] who have been to national meets and have that experience and exposure to big-time meets."

This year, the Hawkeyes have bigger goals as they continue to build a team that will be ready to compete for a Big Ten championship.

"We've definitely improved a lot since last year," senior Bryan Hill said. "Because the Big Ten is so deep, it's going to be tough for us to break into the top five, but we're looking to do that and surprise a few teams."

The team's practice and conditioning schedule has changed dramatically from what it was during the dual-meet season.

Head coach Marc Long said the team has been working on "fine-tuning things in preparation for Big Tens," which involves high-intensity sets with a lot of rest.

For swimming practice, Phelan said, the team has eliminated any red-yardage training — which means anything in a moderate heart rate zone over long

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periods of time. The squad has been working with "really easy yardage or short, fast, hard yardage."

The change is intended to help the men compete in the four-day prelims and finals format event. The most important part for the swimmers is making sure their bodies stay fresh.

Sophomore Jordan Huff said it's crucial for the swimmers "to do a lot of cool down and recovery with eating, drinking, and getting enough rest when you possibly can."

Iowa faced Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan State, and Northwestern during the dual-meet season, with its only loss coming to the Golden Gophers.

Having seen these teams has helped the Hawkeyes prepare for their events.

"With Wisconsin and Northwestern, we know where their best events are and what they'll be swimming and what they swim well," Huff said.

Other teams will remain a mystery to Iowa, but the Hawkeyes will have to come out of the blocks quickly in prelims in order to swim in the finals stages at night.

"This is what this is about, just stepping up and racing and letting your natural athletic ability come out," Long said.

SENIORS

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Thursday's game is Senior Night, commemorating what Alexander and Cermak have accomplished while donning the Black and Gold.

"Senior Night is always tough," head coach Lisa Bluder said. "You really have to say goodbye to people who have been a huge part of your program for the last four years, and this one, I think, is really special because of what Kelsey and Kachine have done for our program."

Indeed, it's a lot more than just one game this week. Rather, the closing of an entire four-year span in which the two players have set the bar extremely high for current and incoming players.

While at Iowa, Alexander and Cermak have set the precedent in terms of program success. Barring any late-season mishap, the Hawkeyes are set to make the NCAA Tournament a fourth-consecutive season, all of which the veteran duo have been on the roster for. Iowa has also recorded four 20-win seasons in a row following the Hawkeyes' win against Wisconsin on Feb. 16.

"That's tradition," Bluder said of the accolades that have been

accumulated with Alexander and Cermak in the program. "They're leaving a legacy behind, and I think that we need to have a great send-off for them against Illinois."

Potential attendance record

The single-season attendance record is in reach for the Hawkeye women's basketball program. For the record to be broken, 7,464 fans need to attend Thursday's game. So far, Iowa has drawn 76,482 fans at Carver-Hawkeye Arena this season, an average of 5,883 per game.

The home attendance record sits at fourth in the record books at Iowa, with the single-season mark also ranked 13th nationally as of Tuesday. Bluder said that while getting the allotted number to break the record may prove difficult for a weeknight game, she won't put it past the program's fans to do so.

"[The record] says that people are excited about our program," she said. "Fans want to support the women who are on the floor ... it helps us with recruiting to be able to say those types of things. It's kind of another benchmark of where this program is heading and how far we've come. So it would be a good accomplishment."

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Women's golf winds up 23rd

The Iowa women's golf team finished in the bottom half of the field at the Edwin Watts/Kiawah Island Classic.

By **MAGGIE CUNNINGHAM**
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The Iowa women's golf team had high hopes for the Edwin Watts/Kiawah Island Classic, which began on Feb. 20, but a steady loss of momentum put the Hawkeyes in 23rd at the competition's end.



Crawford
head coach

The 54-hole event was hosted by the College of Charleston at the Kiawah Island Golf Resort in Kiawah Island, S.C. Miami (Fla.) took first in a 33-team field with a score of 888. The Hawkeyes finished far behind with a score of 953.

"They all practiced a lot over break, and we are seeing a lot of good things with our short game, so I have really high expectations,"

head coach Kelly Crawford said prior to the tournament. "It's a really good field. It's a huge field. And there are about 30 teams, but I feel we have a really good chance to win it."

The Hawkeyes had strong performances during the fall season. Because of that success, Crawford expected much more out of her team entering the opening event of the spring season.

After the first day of competition, Iowa was tied for 17th with a score of 312 — the Hawkeyes' lowest score of the three days. Even then, Crawford saw the Hawkeyes make costly mental mistakes.

"We need to make better decisions tomorrow and make a few more up and downs to move up in the field," she said at the conclusion of day one.

At the end of the second round, the Hawkeyes were tied in 21st with a score of 318. A lack of consistency on

the part of the entire team was a major setback.

Each day there was a different low scorer. Senior Laura Cilek led the team on Sunday with just 74 strokes (2 over), junior Chelsea Harris shot the best second-round

score at 76, and senior Lauren Forbes shot Tuesday's best with 78.

With a combined score of 236 (79-76-81), Harris recorded the team's best 54-hole total.

The team is planning on

practicing hard in the next few weeks to make sure it is well-prepared for the Jack Rabbit Invitational in Primm, Nev., beginning March 14.

"There is no excuse that

our [team] score grew every day," sophomore Kristi Cardwell said. "It's all in the past, and we can't do anything about it now. We can only learn from our mistakes."

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By **BEN ROSS**
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Riding a two-match winning streak, the Iowa men's tennis players are confident heading into their match with Drake tonight. The Hawkeyes and the Bulldogs have the state's only two Division-I men's tennis programs.

As of late, Drake (6-0) has held a slight advantage in the annual matchup, going 4-3 in the last seven meetings, but Iowa (3-3) has won the last two contests. Head coach Steve Houghton also cited the intensity of past contests as a reason he always looks forward to the Drake match.

"It's a long-standing rivalry," he said. "Ever since I can remember, the last 15 to 20 matches have been very competitive. Our guys need to be well-prepared."

Last year's match was extremely competitive. The crucial doubles point played the X-factor in a 4-3 win for the Black and Gold in Des Moines. This year's match will be played at 6 p.m. today in the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex, with free admission for UI students.

Sophomore Garret Dunn doesn't need to be reminded how large of a match it is.

"[The rivalry] is pretty big," the Tempe, Ariz., native said. "Last year at Drake, they brought a lot of people. I know it will be a great match, definitely one of the most intense non-conference matches."

Drake hasn't had any trouble adjusting to new head coach Evan Austin this season after previous coach Chase Hodges resigned to take the head coaching position at

Georgia State. The Hawkeyes are familiar with Austin, who served as the assistant coach at Wisconsin for the last four years. Despite the rivalry, Houghton doesn't see a need to change his strategy for the matchup.

"[Our strategy] will be very similar to the one we employed against Illinois State," the 30-year head coach said. "The success we had in doubles added confidence; our guys just need to be prepared."

Indeed, a win would be important for the up-and-coming squad, which has the potential to be riding a three-match winning streak when it faces No. 9 Illinois next week in Iowa City. Dunn said intensity will be a key to victory for his team, pointing to the extra will to win he saw in the team during its match against Western Michigan.

"We have to be intense," he said. "[Drake] was pretty energetic and loud last year. The intensity we show in doubles gets the momentum going for singles."

Spectators can expect to see the tandem of juniors Marc Bruche and Will Vasos with their hands full if they compete against Drake's pair of senior Mauricio Ballivan and sophomore Anis Ghorbel, who are ranked No. 80 in the nation as a doubles duo.

Iowa senior Austen Kauss said earlier in the season he was looking most forward to playing Drake so he can redeem himself for a poor performance he put on in Des Moines last year. Kauss has made a point of what he will work on to improve his game.

"I will continue to do a lot of doubles work," he said. "Work on my movement and being really aggressive at the net. We will use our momentum to raise the intensity in the match."

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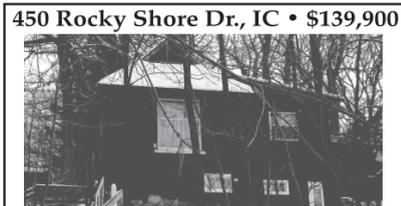
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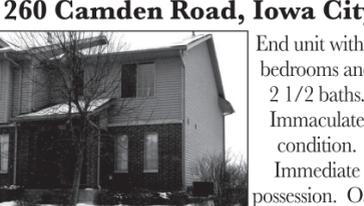
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Iowa forward Kelsey Cermak fights for a rebound with Iowa State's Jessica Schroll during the contest between the two teams in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Dec. 9, 2010. Cermak is one of two seniors on the Iowa roster.

For love of team

Kelsey Cermak's legacy as a Hawkeye has been defined by her offcourt leadership.

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Kelsey Cermak will be remembered by teammates and coaches at Iowa as a leader.

The senior from Norwalk, Iowa, is a team captain, and a key component in the success that the Lisa Bluder-coached Hawkeyes have enjoyed over Cermak's four-year tenure at the university.

She probably won't be remembered for her presence on the court. The 6-1 forward has struggled with back injuries throughout her career. But Bluder will be hard-pressed to replace Cermak's selflessness.

"[Cermak] is always the one who's helping everybody, organizing things, keeping people accountable, motivating others, really just kind of having a servant's type of attitude toward everybody and making this program better," Bluder said. "That's harder to do when you're not getting the glory of being on the court. So I have a tremendous amount of respect for what Kelsey has done the last four years."

When Cermak was initially recruited, she didn't expect to be a post player. But the 22-year-old was asked to play forward because the team needed more depth on the inside.

Of course, she accepted her role.

"I didn't really come in here with the expectations [of playing a certain position]," she said. "That allowed me to do whatever the coaches need. So that's what I've done."

In high school, Cermak shone. A three-time first team all-state selection and Norwalk High MVP, she holds the career scoring record at 1,751 points, and she also set the record for most steals in a single season (90). She also helped her team win a state championship her junior year while averaging 17 points per game.

As a college player, her numbers dropped.

She's only started in three games in four seasons. Her career-high 10 points came in a victory at Indiana on Feb. 11, 2010. But the numbers don't tell the whole tale.

"Kelsey has adapted to anything we've given her," Bluder said. "We've told her she's going to play the 3, we've told her she's going to play the 4, we've told her she's going to play the 5. She never even blinked. She doesn't hesitate. Whatever we've needed from her, she's responded. And it's just like you'd like all your players to respond to those type of requests. She's been marvelous with it."

Perhaps only her teammates and coaches can understand the effect that her four years of dedication have had on the team's success.

"Kelsey's always been such a solid leader for us," teammate sophomore Trisha Nesbitt. "She's always done the right thing, whether that's been on the court or off the court."

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2 seniors leave legacy

The Hawkeyes have the opportunity to set an attendance record at Thursday's game.

By MATT COZZI
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Leaving a legacy. That's exactly what two seniors hope to do following graduation this spring and the subsequent end to their college careers as part of the Iowa women's basketball team.

While the season isn't over just yet, Kachine Alexander and Kelsey Cermak will play on the Carver-Hawkeye Arena hardwood Thursday for one last time.

"It's meant a lot to be here. If you ask any alumni who have come through this program, they would say the same thing," Alexander said. "It's an honor to be coached by the coaching staff that we have and also to wear the Iowa uniform and be proud of it."

Alexander has solidified her place in Iowa women's basketball his-

tory. The 5-9 guard passed the career 1,000-point, 800-rebounds, and 300-assists marks earlier this season.

Despite being 6-1 and playing on the perimeter prior to her college career, Cermak has played both forward and center as a Hawkeye.

This season, Cermak has primarily served as backup to Morgan Johnson, and she has been able to get consistent minutes off the bench. She has logged double-digit minutes the last two games.

"I have said this all four years I've been here, I'll play wherever," she said. "It's not a big deal to me."



Bluder coach

SEE SENIORS, 9

Men swimmers set for Big Tens

After a long dual-meet season, Iowa's squad is ready to begin Big Tens.

By BEN WOLFSON
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The Iowa men's swimming team hasn't competed in almost three weeks.

But now, the most important part of the entire season is here as the Hawkeyes compete at the Big Ten championships, held at the University Aquatic Center at the University of Minnesota campus in Minneapolis from today through Saturday.

Last season, Iowa had a successful showing when

2011 Big Ten Men's Swimming Championships

When: TODAY-SATURDAY

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the event was held in Columbus, Ohio, finishing sixth overall — the Hawkeyes' best showing since 1996.

This week, the Hawkeyes enter competition as the

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Divers watch another diver during the Hawks' meet against Northwestern on Jan. 22 in the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center.

Podolak stable

Ed Podolak remains in stable condition as of Tuesday evening, his daughter said.

Podolak, a former Hawkeye and Kansas City Chief running back, was struck by a car this past weekend while in Scottsdale, Ariz., on a social trip. He suffered serious injuries while crossing the street near his Scottsdale hotel, but full details of the accident have not yet been released.

He now works as a radio analyst for Iowa football.

"My dad remains in stable condition in a Scottsdale area hospital. He continues to undergo minor surgeries to repair his injuries. He is alert and remains in good spirits but is requesting privacy," Laura Podolak said in a statement. "At this time, Dad is not accepting visitors or phone calls, and we are asking people not to send gifts or flowers until further notice. We want to thank everyone for their words of kindness and concern during this difficult time. The outpouring of support has been overwhelming."

The family has set up an Ed Podolak Facebook page, on which supporters can leave him a message.

— BY J.T. Bugos

Lofthouse honored

Iowa's Luke Lofthouse has been named the Big Ten Wrestler of the Week.

The eighth-ranked 197-pounder closed out his college dual career Sunday in Carver-Hawkeye Arena with a 7-4 victory over Minnesota's Sonny Yohn, who was ranked No. 4 at the time. The win was a huge boost to the Hawkeyes in their 19-12 win over the Golden Gophers. Iowa only held a 13-12 lead before Lofthouse pulled the upset.

The Avon, Utah, native trailed Yohn, 3-2, at the start of the third period, but Lofthouse scored a quick escape to tie and took down Yohn in the final minute to upend the Gopher.

Lofthouse holds a 17-4 record this season, with a 13-2 record in duals and an unbeaten record (7-0) in Big Ten dual competition. The senior is also on a three-match winning streak against ranked opponents and a six-match win streak overall.

The honor is the first of his career; he is only the second Hawkeye to earn the honor this season. Matt McDonough was the first on Feb. 1 after pins over Northwestern's then-No. 1 Brandon Precin and Penn State's Nate Morgan.



Lofthouse wrestler

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