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Paid leave sparks ire

One Board of Regents member said he has 'great concern' over the universities' current paid leave policy.

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Professors placed on paid leave and convicted of criminal charges may soon be forced to pay back their salaries.

The House Education Committee unanimously approved House File 139 on Monday;

the measure would require faculty members of regent institutions and community colleges convicted of crimes to repay all salary accrued during paid leave. The bill will now go to the full House.

This bill, sponsored by Rep. Jeff Kaufmann, R-Wilton, would not apply to faculty who

do not receive taxpayer dollars, such as UI Professor Gary Hunninghake, who was placed on paid leave while University of Iowa police investigated him for child pornography.

The case closed late last year with no charges filed, but

SEE **PAID LEAVE 3**

UI deal with M.D. draws fire

Under an agreement, the former professor must provide on-site family planning instruction.

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The University of Iowa has made a deal with a former professor of obstetrics and gynecology allowing her to break her non-competition agreement to take a job at Planned Parenthood under the condition she continue working as an unpaid adjunct for the medical school.

Former Professor Jill Meadows signed the non-competition agreement — which states medical professionals cannot work within a 50-mile radius of the UI Hospitals and Clinics for two years after leaving their position — in January 1999, according to documents obtained by *The Daily Iowan*. In March 2010, Meadows notified hospital officials she was leaving in June to work as the medical director of Planned Parenthood, which serves patients in Iowa and Nebraska.



Meadows
professor

Under the agreement, medical residents and students will have the option to train under Meadows' clinic at Planned Parenthood for on-site instruction in the full range of family planning — ranging from training on contraception to the legal termination of pregnancy.

Anti-abortion critics are blasting the agreement, saying it places the university in a relationship with an abortion service, while pro-choice advocates say it will help train physicians in the field of family planning.

Maggie DeWitte, the executive director of Iowans for LIFE, said her organization would be against any kind of agreement that would place the university in partnership with Planned Parenthood.

"Abortion is not health care," DeWitte said. "We wouldn't want our young medical staff being indoctrinated into the philosophies of Planned Parenthood."

Cheryl Sullenger, a senior policy adviser for the Kansas-based group Operation Rescue, told the Associated Press that the deal put the UI "directly into the abortion business."

"Why else would students be going to the Planned Parenthood in Iowa City to get training from an abortionist who has defended late-term abortions in court?" Sullenger told the AP. "And is this just something they would do for anybody or just for abortionists? Is she getting special treatment because she can provide this training?"

SEE **ABORTION 5**



RYAN MILLER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee signs copies of his book *Simple Government* in the University Bookstore on Monday. Huckabee is on an extended book tour, but his stops in Davenport, Iowa City, and Des Moines are seen by many as a possible prelude to a 2012 presidential-nomination run.

Huckabee charms some locals

Expert: The Iowa visit could signal an intent to run for the Republican presidential nomination. Huckabee won the Iowa Republican caucuses in 2008.

By **RYAN COLE**
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Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee — who ran for president in 2008 — said on Monday that he believes his 11 years running the state would give him an edge should he formally decide to run for the Republican presidential nomination in 2012.

"A governor has run a microcosm of the [national] government," Huckabee told *The Daily Iowan*. "That's something a senator or congresswoman simply wouldn't have."

On Monday, Huckabee visited the Old Capitol Mall as part of his *A Simple Government* book tour. Several dozen area residents, including many University of

Iowa students, showed up to shake Huckabee's hand, have him sign a book, and, in many cases, pose for a photo.

"It was flat-out awesome," said UI senior Michael Ropella.

The political-science major said he was drawn to Huckabee's "down-to-earth" style rather than his political policies.

SEE **HUCKABEE 3**

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Council mulls local funding for rail service

The rail service would not be built for another five or six years.

By **EMILY HOERNER**
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Following Gov. Terry Branstad's decision to not allocate state funds at this time for an Iowa City-Chicago passenger rail service, Iowa City will likely need to come up with roughly \$400,000 to make it happen.

Last week, the Department

of Transportation asked the City Council to authorize a letter to the Governor's Office agreeing to consider local support for the operational costs of the railroad.

At Monday's City Council work session, all the councilors supported the idea of looking into finding local financial support for the rail, but they did

not commit themselves to any set amount.

John Yapp, a city transportation planner, said Branstad's office ordered the DOT to find local interest in supporting the plan. Iowa City's projected \$300,000 to \$400,000 contribution is reasonable, he said.

"That's actually a very good number, compared with what it

could have been," Yapp said.

Though the rail service wouldn't be built for the next five to six years, Councilor Connie Champion said she thinks the letter is a good idea.

"Any letter that you write that encourages them to continue this would be great," Champion told the



Branstad
governor

SEE **RAIL 3**

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Marlboro Snus sits in the Tobacco Bowl on Sunday. Snus are among a variety of dissolvable tobacco products that might be banned in tobacco stores that don't meet certain requirements. Some of the requirements are that 90 percent of gross sales must be tobacco related and that the establishment can't allow minors.

Lawmakers target tobacco 'candy'

The bill would restrict some local stores from selling dissolvable tobacco.

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Iowa legislators are considering restricting the availability of "dissolvable" tobacco products they say look and taste too much like candy and therefore target minors.

Some local stores, such as CVS, Old Capitol Town Center, and the Tobacco Bowl, 111 S. Dubuque St. would no longer be able to sell dissolvable nicotine if the legislation is passed.

Under the proposal, only businesses with 90 percent of gross sales coming from tobacco products and that only allow customers 18 and older to enter the store could continue selling the products. The Iowa Senate could vote on a bill as soon as next week.

Marlboro Snus and Ariva dissolvable tobacco products are both available in Iowa, and Camel markets a similar product in Indiana and Ohio.

Sen. Rob Hogg, D-Cedar Rapids, said increased presence of the products

influenced the Senate's Human Resource Committee to approve a bill Feb. 22 limiting locations of sale.

"They're highly addictive products and have a lot of nicotine in them, and they're being sold as something they really aren't," he said.

The Camel product comes in a green case featuring its trademark animal silhouette against a blue background. Underneath the name "Orbs," "fresh" and "dissolvable tobacco" are written in increasingly small font sizes.

R.J. Reynolds, which makes Camel products, addressed the issue in a June 2010 press release. The document emphasized the distinction between Camel's tobacco products and mints or candy, and said dissolvable products are made for and marketed to adult tobacco consumers.

Josh Schloemer, a cashier at Cigarette Outlet, 465 Highway 965 S., said the store meets both requirements in the bill and would be able to continue selling

Dissolvable tobacco

Some of the bill's proposals:

- Restricted products would include lozenges, sticks, orbs, and strips
- Up to \$1,000 fine for violations
- Smoking cessation products would not be affected

Source: Iowa Senate website

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the products if the bill passed. The store frequently sells Marlboro Snus, a dissolvable tobacco product.

The 20-year-old said much of the shop's dissolvable tobacco sales originate with buy-one-get-one-free coupons included in cigarette packages. But they're not too popular overall.

"I think people might not be as aware of [the products]," Schloemer said.

Though the Tobacco Bowl would not be allowed to sell the product because

it admits minors into the store, owner Tom Connolly said the bill would hardly affect his business, which sells a wide variety of tobacco products, coffee, tea, and other beverages.

"I think it's somewhat frivolous legislation," he said. But Hogg said the legislative move is more of a preventative measure, based on the tobacco's popularity in Midwestern states. The Indiana House passed a bill Feb. 15 requiring dissolvable tobacco to be stocked behind the counter, and Ohio Sen. Sherrod Brown displayed similar opposition.

Sen. Robert Bacon, R-Maxwell, voted against the bill, which he regarded as unnecessary. He said he believes the product's packaging is clearly different from that of candy and mints.

"It looks like a Tic-Tac, but it isn't packaged like a Tic-Tac," he said. "It has warnings on it, and it'll be behind the counter."

No sanctuary for IC just yet

Some city councilors said they consider 'sanctuary' to be a loaded word.

By EMILY HOERNER
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In their first discussion of a possible sanctuary city ordinance, Iowa City city councilors said they have some concerns about the legality and wording of such a policy.

During Monday night's work session, councilors discussed the possibility of deeming Iowa City a sanctuary for immigrants when reporting crime.

Councilors voiced concerns about the wording of specifically the word "sanctuary."

Councilor Susan Mims said she thinks there may be more harm done by misunderstanding the policy because the city does not provide amnesty from federal immigration laws.

"I don't care how much explaining you do, I think there are going to be some serious misconceptions regarding the word 'sanctuary,'" she said, and she doesn't want the city to go down a path where the City Council is trying to



Mims councilor

fight the federal government in court.

Though Mayor Matt Hayek said something needs to be done at the federal level, city government policies may not make much of a difference.

"I fear that we would come up with a watered-down policy that would be riddled with caveats and exceptions," he said.

Councilors discussed three options regarding Iowa City's possible sanctuary: don't ask, don't tell, and don't enforce.

A "don't ask" policy limits the number of inquiries city officials can make regarding immigration status, "don't tell" relieves city employees of the obligation to inform federal authorities of illegal immigrants, and "don't enforce" means the city would not assist in implementing federal immigration laws.

Each of the three policies conflicts with federal laws, because the city can't technically withhold information.

Councilor Ross Wilburn said he was concerned about losing federal funding as a result of approving such a policy.

Sanctuary cities

A number of cities throughout the U.S. have sanctuary city-like programs:

- Madison, Wis.
- Minneapolis
- Chicago
- St. Paul, Minn.

Source: Daily Iowan archives

Two years ago, when a similar policy was suggested in Des Moines, members of the Iowa Minutemen threatened to declare an economic boycott against the city.

"I believe that if Iowa City goes forth with that, it should have its federal funds cut off, plus the City Council or whoever makes the decision should be held civilly liable for any crimes committed by the illegal citizens," said Robert Ussery, the state director of the Iowa Minutemen.

Though Iowa City Police Chief Sam Hargadine said the police do not routinely inquire into a victim's immigration status, the policy could affect how they deal with such information in the future. But a policy would not affect

county jurisdiction once criminals are transported to the county jail, Johnson County Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek said.

The Iowa City Human Rights Commission voted in support of becoming a sanctuary city a few months ago, saying it protects basic rights.

"I'd like to think that people in Iowa City would like to know that their residents can live in Iowa City without fear," said Dianne Day, the chairwoman of the Human Rights Commission.

But Ussery said he doesn't think the policy protects rights, because all illegal immigrants are technically criminals. Also, he said the policy doesn't protect them against mistreatment.

"Hiring illegals is akin to modern-day slavery," Ussery said. "Because even if the sanctuary city [protects them at all], they're victims of the employers."

City councilors decided on Monday to meet with the Human Rights Commission to discuss ideas further before making any decisions.

BLOTTER

Justin Christensen, 21, Tiffin, was charged Sunday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Tara Dawson, 37, 2149 Taylor Drive, was charged Sunday with driving while barred.

Corey Ferkel, 20, Wilton, Iowa, was charged Sunday with OWI.

Darcy Norem, 48, address unknown, was charged Sunday with criminal trespass.

Sara Nutter, 21, 131 E.

Davenport St. Apt. 5, was charged Sunday with making alcohol available to minors and driving a disorderly house.

Tyree Payne, 18, Coralville, was charged Sunday with driving with

a suspended/canceled license.

Myron Richardson, 18, 1037 Cross Park Ave., was charged Sunday with disorderly conduct.

Phillip Vermie, 18, Waverly, Iowa, was charged Sunday with PAULA.

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PAID LEAVE

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Hunninghake remains on paid leave with an annual salary of \$360,000 while the university is "taking action" against him. Hunninghake's salary comes from the University of Iowa Physicians, made up of faculty who teach at the Carver College of Medicine, which is funded with clinical revenue.

Kaufmann said he wouldn't be opposed to amending the bill to cover a wider range of faculty that would include cases such as Hunninghake's.

"I would have no hesitation about applying this [bill] to anyone involved with programs or jobs that are taxpayer-funded," Kaufmann said. "If the hospital itself is taking taxpayer dollars, I don't know that it really matters what pool of money [the paid leave] is coming from."

Kaufmann said he and other legislators drew up the bill to deal primarily with the "unjust" amount of the time they felt the UI took to terminate or reach an agreement with Associate Professor Toshiki Itoh, who was convicted in October 2010 of two

Embattled professors

Two of the UI professors who have recently been on paid leave:

- **Toshiki Itoh:** Received an annual paid leave of \$93,000 for 31 months stemming from charges in a July 2008 incident. Resigned Feb. 23.
- **Gary Hunninghake:** Has been on annual paid leave of \$360,000 since April 2010 following an investigation into child pornography that ended with no charges filed. He is still on paid leave pending an internal investigation.

Source: UI officials

counts of assault with intent to cause bodily injury. He had an annual salary of \$93,000.

One charge remains pending from the 2008 incident, but Itoh has since reached an agreement with the UI, and he formally resigned from his position Feb. 23.

While the university has taken some criticism for the amount of time it takes for officials to take formal action on employees placed on leave, UI spokesman Tom Moore said the process is meant to be thorough, which can take time.

The process of revoking tenure can be especially, and deliberately, lengthy,

he said. This can include asking the person to resign, entering into mediation, holding a hearing, or a potential appeal process that can go up as high as the state Board of Regents.

"Tenure is an essential element of academic freedom, and revoking it is a matter that requires a careful, thorough, and thoughtful review," Moore wrote in an e-mail.

Regent Robert Downer said while he does not yet know the specifics of the bill, he supports the principle behind it.

"When there has been a conviction ... [those on paid leave] have to be established to have committed these offenses beyond a reasonable doubt," he said. "And I don't see any reason why people who have been convicted of something of that nature should be a burden to the taxpayers or other payers of funds to the universities."

Though the regents have not formally discussed changing the current paid-leave policies or disciplinary process, Downer said he thinks the current system is worth studying and suggested putting a cap on the amount of time an employee could remain on

paid leave.

"I have great concern over the way the policy is now," he said. "A faculty member has strong incentives to try to drag this out because payment continues."

He believes the university should be in a place to complete the Hunninghake situation, though some legislators said they understood the pace of progress during the paid leave.

"It takes time to do an investigation, it really does," said Sen. Bob Dvorsky, D-Coralville.

Kaufmann said he's confident his bill is going to pass the House, and he hopes it will make it through the Senate.

"Laws are also used to send a message, and I think this bill is going to send a huge message to any faculty members and employees and at universities and community colleges," Kaufmann said.

UI Associate Provost for Faculty Tom Rice, who oversees the paid-leave process for faculty, did not return calls seeking comment about possible revisions to the university's paid-leave policy.

HUCKABEE

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A Simple Government, the most recent of Huckabee's seven books, outlines a 12-tenet plan to rectify problems in legislative practice. The principles address the issues of federal government spending, increased activity of local governments, and implementation of strong national defense and counterterrorism policies.

Despite the ostensible purpose of the book tour, some political scientists said the former governor's visit had other implications.

"People like Mike Huckabee don't go to Iowa unless they are thinking seriously of running, even if they have books," said David Redlawsk, the author of *Why Iowa*, a book examining the state's caucuses, in an e-mail. "In fact, the 'book tour' is a time-tested strategy in the early run-up to the caucuses."

Huckabee won the Iowa Republican caucuses in 2008, and he was dead-even with President Obama in a matchup poll of several potential Republican candidates conducted by Rasmussen Reports in January. Redlawsk, a former UI professor who is now a political-science professor at Rutgers University, said he believes Huckabee is "certainly a front-runner" in Iowa.

UI political-science Professor Bob Boynton said

Mike Huckabee

His background:

- Arkansas governor from 1996-2007
- Was the youngest president of the Arkansas Southern Baptist State Convention
- Plays bass in rock band Capitol Offense
- Other hobbies include hunting, fishing, and running

Source: www.mikehuckabee.com

Huckabee's experience as a governor and minister appeals to Iowans, and history could repeat itself in the state.

"He did well last time, [so] it's plausible he'll do well this time," he said.

The UI College Republicans sponsored Huckabee's visit, and former Chairwoman Natalie Ginty said Huckabee's political experience and strength of personality interested Iowans.

"He's a very likeable man," she said.

Though UI Democrats Co-President Dane Hudson did not attend the book signing, he said the former governor is also propelled by his social positions.

"Social conservatism is appealing to a lot of people [in Iowa]," he said.

While Huckabee has yet to formally announce his candidacy, he was optimistic after signing roughly 150 books Monday.

"I'm encouraged by the very positive response," Huckabee said.

RAIL

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DOT representatives.

The cost of the rail service is projected to be \$310 million between Iowa and Illinois. Iowa's cost is split among the state government, the federal government, and the local government. Illinois isn't planning on imposing costs on local governments for the rail.

"This is typically a cost of the state," said City Manager Tom Markus. "However, the governor has made it clear that it's difficult to support [the rail] without local support."

Councilor Mike Wright also said he wants Iowa City to get the train, and he supports looking into paying costs.

"All the subsidies we give to cars and gas, I wouldn't mind a little going to trains," he said.

Iowa City, as a host city for the rail, would foot the bill for such operational costs as fuel and service depot fees. Communities the rail travels through would also contribute, Yapp said.

The letter demonstrating local support is due at the DOT in March,

Rail project costs

The rail service will cost more than \$310 million between Iowa and Illinois:

Iowa costs:

- Total: \$108.6 million
- Federal government: \$86.8 million
- State government: \$20.6 million
- Local government: \$1.2 million

Illinois costs:

- Total: \$201.7 million
- Federal government: \$143.2 million
- State government: \$58.5 million

Source: Iowa Connections

said Brad Neumann, an assistant city transportation planner.

Markus said he supports the development of the rail because it will be a substantial investment in Iowa City's downtown and to the university.

"I think the return of this investment is substantially greater for our community and our general area," he said.

According to the Iowa Connections fact sheet, potential public and economic benefits of the rail range

from job creation to pollution reduction to increased business activity.

The existing rail line only carries freight trains, but with passenger train enhancements, the train would travel at 79 mph, possibly increasing to 110 mph in the future.

"As a measure of austerity, [Branstad] wants us to participate," Markus said.

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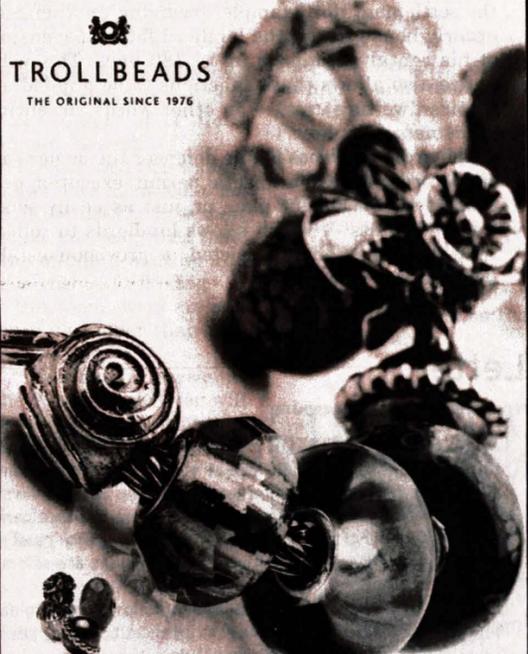
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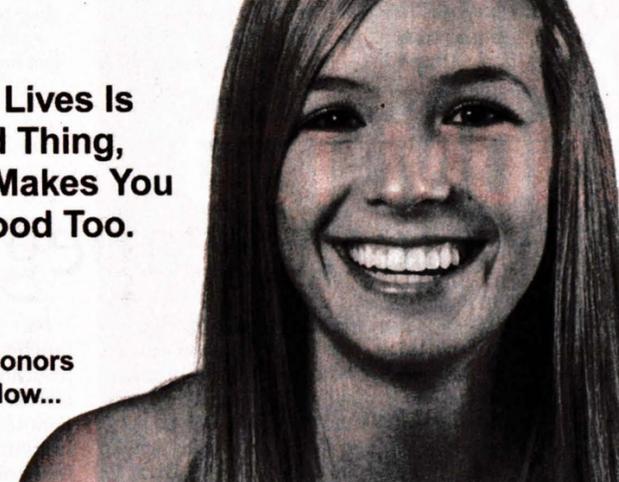
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Editorial

Reconsider 3-strikes eviction

Even if students know their rights, an Iowa City ordinance can have them out with three strikes.

Evicted, specifically. The Feb. 21 "Don't Get Evicted" lecture, an annual event held by Student Legal Services to help students learn their rights as tenants, stressed something in particular, given last year's rise in disorderly house citations: Landlords in Iowa City are required to evict tenants who have three criminal violations.

While there's nothing wrong with individual landlords setting them terms for eviction in their leases (provided those terms are legal), requiring landlords to evict tenants or lose control over their rental units is a step too far; it smacks of sanitizing measures that intrude into more aspects of life than necessary.

The local government has been attempting to amend Iowa City's party-scene reputation for decades, by continually deterring and punishing various forms of raucous behavior. But every community assuredly encounters a vast number of unique circumstances, highlighting the importance of avoiding universal, homogenous sanctions.

But a housing ordinance passed in 2003 enforces just that.

Iowa City Ordinance 03-4082 offers eviction as the most attractive means for landlords to avoid the rental-permit suspension of a "nuisance property" — a rental property whose occupants have been issued criminal complaints on three separate occasions.

According to the ordinance, landlords may be issued a reduced-term rental permit (analogous to probation) if a criminal violation, ranging from terrorism to drug possession to disorderly house, is committed at one of their rental properties on two separate occasions.

At this point, the owner of the property is required to meet with both the city and the tenants responsible for what is called a "code compliance settlement meeting," a meeting in which the relevant parties agree to take corrective action to avoid further code violations.

If the tenants fail to comply with the conditions of the settlement, for example, receiving another disorderly house ticket, the landlord faces suspension of his rental permit for up to 180 days. The ordinance also allows these sanctions to be applied an "entire dwelling unit" — in other words, an entire apartment complex.

The ordinance does define defenses the owner can cite in order to save his rental permit: execution of a property-management plan, or, just as easily, eviction of tenants — which allows landlords to collect rent from the tenants evicted, a provision established in the lease.

Gregory Bal, supervising attorney of UI's Student Legal Services and the director of the "Don't Get Evicted" lecture, is worried that these provisions may unfairly punish those uneducated about their rights. Students often seek advice from Student Legal Services when it is already too late.

"Sometimes, it's unfortunate, students have come to us and say they've already pled guilty, then there's nothing we can do," Bal said. "A lot of times they didn't even break the law, and they could have gotten off entirely."

Several students have come to Bal believing their PAULA or disorderly house tickets were only as consequential as a traffic violation. "And they're not," Bal said. "They are criminal violations. And have you seen the PAULA tickets? They're written on traffic tickets, so it's perfectly reasonable for someone to just plead guilty, and pay it off like a traffic ticket."

According to police statistics, the number of disorderly house citations written has tripled from 90 in 2007 to 273 in 2010. Disorderly house infractions are classified as "scheduled violations," meaning the city does not dismiss them as a rule, and judges have no discretion to minimize the fine or issue a deferred judgment. If there is enough evidence the defendant is guilty, he or she will be convicted without exception.

The ordinance claims that "chronic code violations have a negative impact on the quality of life, safety, and health of the neighborhoods where they are located," making the argument that the city has an established interest in policing who lives in homes on city property. But code violations already come with their own penalties, and there are frequent shades of gray that require sensitive judgment, not blanket punishments — particularly when these punishments most affect those unaware of their rights and responsibilities.

The city should continue to facilitate and require landlord-tenant communication, but universal enforcement of eviction after three violations will not always be the most rational solution. The decision of what merits eviction should instead be at the discretion of the landlord, clearly stated in the lease, and with flexibility to evaluate the sanctions of each tenant on an individual basis.

Students should know their rights and stay within the law, but a double dose of punishment is unnecessary.

Your turn. Should the city require landlords to evict tenants after three criminal violations?
Weigh in at dailyiowan.com.

Letter

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Lobby for education

State funding was cut 21 percent over the last year for the University of Iowa, Iowa State University, and the University of Northern Iowa. While all of Iowa's public universities received cuts, none was so severe as the one for this university.

Lawmakers are looking to cut another 6 to 10 percent in funding this year. This budget cut will affect students and student organizations by forc-

ing the university to cut programs, enlarge class sizes, and continue increasing tuition year after year. One of the ways to prevent further cuts is to go to the Capitol and speak to legislators.

The UI Student Government is offering an opportunity for students interested in having their voices heard to travel to Des Moines on March 7 for Regents Day. The purpose of Regents Day is to bring UI,

Iowa State, and Northern Iowa students together at the Capitol to meet with state lawmakers and encourage them to support funding for our public universities.

If budget cuts are affecting you or your student organization, consider coming to Regents Day to protect the quality and affordability of our university.

There will be a mandatory meeting at 7 p.m. today in 348

IMU. At this meeting, the schedule for the day will be presented and more information about Regents Day will be given. Facts about budget cuts will also be presented so every student feels confident speaking on the topic. Buses will leave Iowa City at 9 a.m., with one returning in the afternoon and the other returning at 6 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

Brittany Caplin
UI student

Guest opinion

Public employees: convenient scapegoats

I'm sure I'm not alone in my amazement that the protests in Wisconsin are continuing for the 13th day, spreading to other states, and holding the attention of the mainstream media all the while.

After reading Natalie Ginty's guest opinion in the Feb. 25 *Daily Iowan*, one might wonder why this matters. If only Wisconsin's teachers and public employees would stop acting like spoiled, petulant children, realize that we all have to make sacrifices in these tough times, and go back to work, the problem

would be solved — right?

Wrong. What's going on in Wisconsin is not about the budget. If it were, this hullabaloo would be long over. Public employees in Wisconsin are committed to fiscal soundness, as evidenced by the concessions they have offered in agreeing to pay more for their pension and health-insurance plans than they had originally bargained for. So why do the protests continue?

Because the Wisconsin GOP has declared war on the state's hard-working public employees and their families. Bashing public

employees has almost become par for the course, whether it be in Washington, D.C., Madison, or even Des Moines. Republicans seem to think government workers have become accustomed to the cushy deals offered by their unions and are unwilling to do their part to help the state by paying a little more.

The protests continue because Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker is trying to take away the rights of the working people of Wisconsin. They agreed to meet him halfway, but he insists on using this budget debate

as a vehicle to destroy unions and thereby take away workers' rights to bargain on benefits and working conditions. I agree with Ginty that the comparisons of Wisconsin with the events in Tunisia, Egypt, and Libya are unfair, but they are similar in one regard: In both the Mideast and the Midwest, people are fighting for their rights.

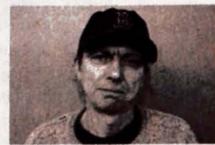
What is perhaps most upsetting to me about the whole situation, however, is the stunning lack of appreciation Ginty and others have for the public-school system that educated them.

Sure, in the abstract, it's easy to paint teachers and other public workers as people who do the bare minimum and live off the taxpayers' dime, ever so glad to take a week off of work to fight for more money. But it's harder to make this argument when you realize that these greedy public employees are our teachers and nurses and bus drivers. I don't think a single graduate of West High, Ginty included, would claim that Mr. Herman, Mr. Thelander, and Ms. Barnhouse are not hard-working or that they get too much appreciation and compensation for what they do.

Our society could not function without our public-school system and the teachers who dedicate their lives to it. In Iowa, we are lucky to have some of the best public-school teachers there are.

The protests in Wisconsin will continue for who knows how long, but this abusive rhetoric toward our teachers and other public employees has to stop. It is time to quit this anti-union political posturing, start appreciating the teachers who got us where we are today, and stand in solidarity.

Allie Panther is a UI senior.

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ice & pizza

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It don't mean a thing if it ain't got that spring.

Is what I'm thinking as I clang away at the ice on my sidewalk with this hunk of steel thingy.

The iceman cometh, says Eugene O'Neill.

Easy for you to say, I retort. How's that Long Day thingy coming?

(Not to mention "iceman." What about "ice-women"? Oh. Never mind. There's always someone who will find sexism when you're trying to avoid sexism. It's the way of all flesh, which, Butler, I'm pretty sure O'Neill didn't write.)

Which brings us to stories. One of the best stories about the protests in Madison, Wis. — which you've probably heard about, being that not much else is going on in the Upper Midwest other than winter and basketball. The Republican governor's attempt to strip collective-bargaining rights from public workers and return Wisconsin to the good old days of the late 19th century, when workers were killed attempting to organize and there was no such thing as text-messaging (gasp — how do you organize?) has sparked large protests. Apparently, there are a good number of people who don't particularly want to live in the 19th century

So during the protests, according to public radio (which brainwashes us so that we despise Tea Partyists), thousands of people from all over the world have ordered delivery pizzas for the protesters camped out in the Wisconsin State Capitol.

No, really. The protesters received thousands and thousands of delivery pizzas, according to public radio. Imagine, as John Lennon might say, if he were still around to witness pizza deliveries. Not to mention everything else. (What would John say about text-messaging — WWJS?)

Well, OK, maybe it was only hundreds of pizzas. Imagine, anyway, while it's still free. Sooner or later, the Tea Partyists will demand that the government cut funding for imagining and then where will you be? Free of imagination, that's where.

The Madison story is heartwarming, maybe — the good news is that so many thousands of people supported the protesters.

The bad news is it was pizza. I mean, delivery pizza? Couldn't those well-meaning souls have ordered delivery arugula?

The truly bad news is the most-popular flavor was macaroni-and-cheese pizza. Given the lack of taste, you'd think the Tea Partyists were ordering the pizzas.

Why do you hate Tea Partyists so much? a voice in my head says as I clang, clang away at the ice. The voice sounds suspiciously like that of my old pal Higgs, the ex-bosun who disappeared in the direction of Switzerland a while ago.

I don't hate Tea Partyists. Clang. I just wish they'd remember that both George Washington and Benjamin Franklin strongly disagreed with the original Boston Tea Party. And I wish they'd realize there's more to economics than fretting about deficits.

As Dick Cheney said when he was vice president back in the Dark Ages, "Deficits don't matter."

Then, of course, the people running up the deficits were Republican conservatives. And Tea Partyists hadn't brewed yet.

Clang, clang.

On the other hand, as NPR reports, under Libyan dictator Muammar al-Qaddafi, who's been in the news a bit recently, that country has used dogs to terrorize naked prisoners. So, we Americans who were unsettled, to say the least, by the revelations about the practices in Abu Ghraib that included dogs and naked prisoners can rest easy. See, we can say — Muslims do it, too.

Yeah, I'm resting pretty easy right now. Except that I'm pounding ice with this steel thingy. How's that ice thingy going, Sarah Palin asks me, you leftist-liberal wimp?

Swimmingly, I say, slogging through frostbite-temperature mini ice floes. How's that presidential-campaign thingy going, now that you can't see China from your porch?

Clang, clang, clang. The sound of steel clanking against ice. It's been heard in human history since before there was steel — which, of course, you'll just have to imagine. ■

ABORTION

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However, Lois Backus, the executive director of Medical Students for Choice, stressed the importance of the UI to maintaining staff who can offer abortion training to residents to maintain accreditation. The director of the 139-chapter national organization noted that it was essential for doctors to have the proper training in family planning to discuss patients' options.

"Doctors who are informed and educated and give that information when appropriate to their patients are just doing good

medical care," Backus said.

Documents show the UI agreed not to pursue legal action against Meadows — a OB/GYN who worked at the UIHC for 11 years — for breaking the non-competition agreement so long as she worked as an unpaid adjunct clinical associate professor for the UIHC and provided training opportunities for medical students.

UI spokesman Tom Moore said UIHC is obligated to offer the full range of family planning to ensure certification under the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

"We are required to offer it," he said. "[Residents] are not required to take it." Moore said such arrange-

ments with medical staff members and their non-competition agreements are not unusual.

"What's common is that typically there's a negotiated resolution, where there is a benefit to both parties to reach an agreement," Moore said.

Other employees of the Carver College of Medicine reached agreements to work at the Cedar Rapids Medical Education Foundation and the Mid-Eastern Iowa Community Mental Health Center in Iowa City.

Meadows and a representative for Planned Parenthood for the Heartland declined to comment on the issue on Monday.



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Water flows under sandbags and on the IMU drive on June 13, 2008.

Flood-awareness project kicks off

The public will have a chance to discuss the Iowa City Gateway flood mitigation project on Thursday.

By MICHELLE MCCONNAUGHEY
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Today marks the start of Gov. Terry Branstad's proclaimed Flood Awareness Month, which will focus on teaching Iowans about flood risks and ways to prevent destruction.

And officials say now is the time to start preparing.

"There are two times a year when floods occur: spring, when the snow melts, and then later in June," said Tom Alger, the communications director for the Iowa Insurance Division, which is part of the campaign. "We want to start by getting the word out about flood awareness now while we can."

Alger said that given Iowa's flood history, it's important for efforts to start sooner than later.

Though it's a designated "month," the program will last until the end of 2012. The source of funding for the campaign is a federal Community Development Block Grant; the project will cost more than \$200,000.

The campaign is a collaborative effort among the Iowa Insurance Division, the Rebuild Iowa Office, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division.

The campaign will target the communities that were most affected by the floods of 2008 and 2010 by advertising how people can access information about flooding through various media, Alger said.

This year shouldn't be as bad as the devastating flood

Common flood months

March and April are usually the bigger flooding months because:

- Snow is melting
- The ground is still frozen, so soil can't absorb rain and snow
- Temperatures are too low for moisture to evaporate
- Vegetation isn't growing yet, can't cycle moisture

Source: Harry Hillaker, state climatologist

of 2008, said state climatologist Harry Hillaker.

"As far as the Iowa City area, even though there was strong snowfall, it shouldn't have much of a flood impact," he said.

Hillaker said this winter's thaws have managed to get rid of the majority of the snow, unlike last year, when there was minimal melting and more chances for flooding.

But some rivers are still running higher than normal, he said.

"It's almost a guarantee the Mississippi River will flood this spring because of the snowfall," Hillaker said.

Iowa has historically been known to have heavy spring flooding said Stefanie Bond of Iowa Homeland Security.

"Based on the flooding we had in 2008 and 2010, it's important to know the risks and know what can happen in order to be prepared," she said.

Though March will largely consist of awareness campaigns, city officials are working on infrastructure and other local programs as well.

"For the Iowa River basin, the flood of 2008 is still fresh in everyone's mind and

awareness is high, but people aren't as aware about the creeks that are at risk for flooding, so people need to check the floodplain maps," said Rick Fosse, the director of Iowa City Public Works.

But he said the city is better prepared now. Officials have purchased 70 homes that were in hazardous flood areas so they will no longer be at risk for damage.

Along with the efforts of the Flood Awareness Month, the Iowa City Gateway project — a reconstruction plan for northern Dubuque Street and the Park Road bridge — will be open for public discussion and input Thursday at Parkview Church, 15 Foster Road, from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

The project includes a three-phase process establishing what goals the project should accomplish, the types and location of improvements to meet those goals, and the effect on the surrounding area.

Walker to reveal cuts

By SCOTT BAUER
Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker's explosive proposal to take nearly all collective-bargaining rights away from most public workers represents just one piece of his vision for the state's future. Now he's ready to reveal the rest.

With the union-rights proposal stuck in a legislative stalemate thanks to the state Senate's runaway Democrats, the Republican governor planned to forge ahead with the release today of his two-year spending plan that will include major cuts to schools and local governments to help close a projected \$3.6 billion budget shortfall.

Walker says his collective-bargaining measure would free local governments from having to bargain with public-employee unions as they deal with the cuts he'll outline today. Schools last week started putting teachers on notice that their contracts may not be renewed for next year given the budget uncertainty.

Walker has confirmed he will propose cutting education aid by around \$900 million, or 9 percent statewide.

"All of this turmoil, all of this chaos, are examples that Walker's proposals are too extreme," said Mary Bell, the president of the Wisconsin Education Association Council. She said more than 2,000 teachers had received nonrenewal notices as of Monday.

Labor leaders and Democratic lawmakers say Walker's proposal is intended to undermine unions and weaken a key Democratic voter base. The state's largest public-employee union filed a complaint Monday alleging Walker has engaged in unfair labor practices by refusing to negotiate.

The Wisconsin State Employees Union complaint asked the state labor-relations board to extend its contract and require Walker's administration to engage in collective bargaining.

Walker insists Wisconsin broke and has nothing to offer. He spent another day touring the state Monday, renewing his threat of deeper cuts and layoffs if his proposal isn't passed by today. If the state misses that deadline, it won't be able to save \$165 million through debt refinancing, which was a key part of his bill, Walker said.

He has warned he will start issuing layoff notices to state workers as soon as this week if the bill isn't passed, but he hasn't said who would be targeted.

School leaders are bracing for more bad news.



ANDY MANIS/ASSOCIATED PRESS

On the 14th day of protests at the State Capitol in Madison, Wis., Monday, police and demonstrators gather on the rotunda floor. Opponents of the governor's bill to eliminate collective bargaining rights for many state workers have been sleeping at the Capitol since Feb. 15.

The governor is expected to announce a new revenue limit that would require a \$500 per-pupil reduction in property-tax authority. The limits, in place since 1993, have gradually grown to reflect increasing education costs. That part of Walker's proposal alone would reduce the money available to the state's 424 districts by 7 percent, or nearly \$600 million, based on a study done by University of Wisconsin-Madison economics Professor Andrew Reschovsky.

"When you make unprecedented and historic cuts such as these to schools, it means teachers are laid off, class sizes are larger, course offerings are reduced, extracurricular activities are cut, and whole parts of what we value in our schools are gone," state Superintendent Tony Evers said in a statement.

In Janesville, a district with around 10,000 students, the school expects to get about a \$5 million cut in aid, said David Parr, the president of the local

teachers union.

The district already is considering laying off up to 60 of its teachers to deal with a nearly \$10 million budget deficit this year, Parr said. The teachers also have been asked to reopen contracts that are in effect until mid-2013, he said.

"If we don't reopen the contract, that means they would have to cut teachers," Parr said. "That's the bottom line. There aren't a lot of options left."

The Wisconsin Association of School Boards says the changes stripping workers' collective-bargaining rights wouldn't take effect until an existing agreement expires or is extended, modified, or renewed.

Teachers in Janesville are terrified to reopen their contracts, Parr said.

"The whole district is walking on eggshells," he said. "Teachers are upset, aides are upset, the administration is upset, School Board members are upset."

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Overheard at my Oscars party:

- "Wow, James Franco is really pretty good at holding it together when he's stoned out of his mind."
- "Young Randy Newman looked like Elvis Costello. Old Randy Newman looks like Dick Cheney."
- "In all my many, many years of watching movies, I have never once left a theater thinking 'Man, that movie really deserves an Oscar for Sound Mixing.'"
- "Why is Christopher Walken pretending to be Billy Crystal?"
- "Meh. Gwyneth Paltrow is a country-music star in the same way that YooHoo is chocolate milk."
- "Who did Annette Bening's hair — Hurricane Katrina?"
- "Celine Dion? I'd rather hear Gwyneth Paltrow again."
- "Damn you, Wally Pfister. Why couldn't your first name have been Willy?"
- "Do you think Anne Hathaway is changing dresses between every segment just to make James Franco think he's really tripping?"
- "Why is Best Director being presented by transvestites? Wait ... that's Hilary Swank."
- "Is Geoffrey Rush playing Mr. Slate in a remake of *The Flintstones* or something?"
- "Hah. They misspelled *Biutiful*."
- I have a theory that nobody actually saw *The King's Speech*. They just knew that it was boring, dry, and British, and they automatically assumed it was a classic.

- Brad Quinn took a dip in his Oscars pool.

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UI sophomore Dustin Du practices his speech with juniors Yuxen Hen and Trey Peak on Monday in the IMU. The students are preparing for a presentation in their Business Communications and Protocol class. The presentation will focus on how to improve efficiency in team projects and communication skills.

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 - 8 Faculty Graduate Dance 2009, UI Dance Department, Feb. 13, 2009
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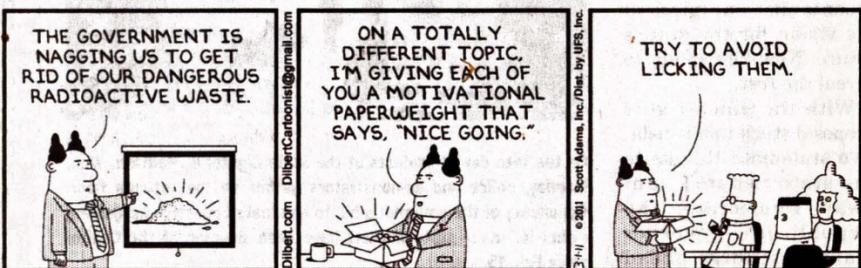
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- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 A chance to expand your interests, skills, or your friendships is apparent if you get involved in a group endeavor or an educational pursuit. Your willingness to share will help you gain momentum while learning and applying the information you've picked up.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Take care of money matters or debts owed. Change is required in order to follow your dreams and find the happiness you've been longing for. You can enhance your love life by the choices you make now.
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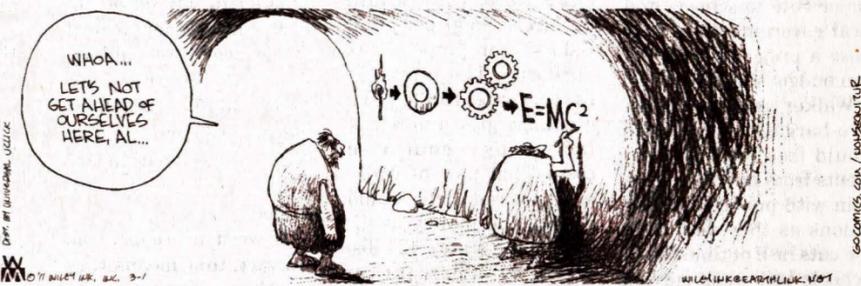
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- **Pharmacology Faculty Recruitment Seminar**, "Mechanism Underlying Inactivation of the TGF- β Tumor Suppressor Network by the Homeodomain Protein TGIF," Azedine Atfi, Harvard, 9 a.m., 2189 Medical Education & Research Facility
- **Story Time**, 10 a.m., Barnes & Noble, Coral Ridge Mall
- **Tot Time**, 10 a.m., North Liberty Community Library, 520 W. Cherry
- **Preschool Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Coralville Public Library, 1401 Fifth St.
- **Toddler Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Des Moines Center Information Session**, 11:30 a.m., C230 and C130 Pomerantz Center
- **Technological Entrepreneurship Certificate Advising**, 12 p.m., 3123A Seamans Center
- **Neuroscience Graduate Program Seminar**, "Sleep Switches: Clinical Implications," 12 p.m., C-S-724 UIHC General Hospital
- **Biochemistry Workshop**, Liping Yu, Biochemistry, 12:30 p.m., 283 Eckstein Medical Research Building
- **Arthritis Exercise Class**, 1 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Joint Astrophysics/Space Physics**, "Solar Wind Closure and Dreicer Runaway Phenomena," Jack Scudder, Physics/Astronomy, 1:30 p.m., 309 Van Allen
- **Operator Theory Seminar**, "Labeled Leavitt Algebras II," Richard Baker, Mathematics, 1:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen
- **Math Physics Seminar "Complex Renormalization Group Flow for the Hierarchical Model"**, Yuzhi Liu, Physics/Astronomy, 2:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen
- **Microbiology Seminar**, "Exploring the genetic basis of *Francisella tularensis* virulence," Bradley

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- **Great World Religions: Islam**, 4 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Library-Community Writing Center**, 4 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **"Managing Test Anxiety"** Workshop, 4 p.m., C230 Pomerantz Center
- **"Marketing Turkey in Chicago: Transnational Nationalism and Nation Branding at the Chicago Turkish Festivals"**, Ozge Girit, 4 p.m., 101 Becker
- **"Throwing Safely: Preventing Injury in Baseball and Softball Players"**, UI Sports Medicine Center specialists, 5:30 p.m., 2701 Prairie Meadow, near Karro Athletics Hall of Fame
- **Worthley Evening**, 5:30 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Society, 10 S. Gilbert
- **Waste Land**, 7 p.m., Bijou
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- **"Live from Prairie Lights, Seneca Review** reading, Stephen Kuusisto, with J. Harley McIlrath, Rebecca Epstein, Ralph James Savarese, and Joshua Unikel, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Bookstore, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Line Dance**, 7:15 p.m., Robert A. Lee Recreation Center, 220 S. Gilbert
- **Maurita Murphy Mead and Friends in Chamber Music**, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Recital Hall
- **Karaoke**, 8 p.m., Wildwood, 4919B Walleye
- **Iowa Friends of Old-Time Music Jam Session**, 8:30 p.m., Hilltop, 1100 N. Dodge
- **Four Lions**, 9 p.m., Bijou
- **Dance Party**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

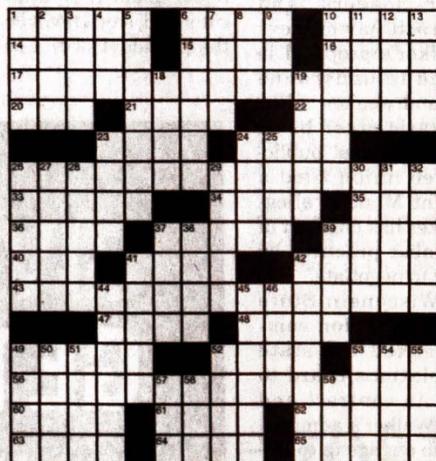
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- Across**
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 - 6 "American Idol" rating
 - 10 Crotchety sort
 - 14 Sunshine State city
 - 15 Place on the payroll
 - 16 "60 Minutes" correspondent Logan
 - 17 Spanish *moray* still exists
 - 20 Broke bread
 - 21 Art gallery site, possibly
 - 22 Biscotti flavoring
 - 23 Wall-to-wall measure
 - 24 "Both Sides Now," for one
 - 26 Polish sister showed her inexperience
 - 33 Watch for
 - 34 Bar opening?
 - 35 ___ carte
 - 36 W.W. II pinup features
 - 37 Fleet members
 - 39 Not much
 - 40 Barely manage, with "out"
 - 41 "Pet" that's a plant
 - 42 Auto gear
 - 43 Silver State boogie band autopsy expert
 - 47 Stink to high heaven
 - 48 It's pumped
 - 49 Tale of Achilles
 - 52 Pic
 - 53 Parseghian of the Fighting Irish
 - 56 Red Sox fans mourned tearlessly
 - 60 On break, say
- Down**
- 1 Member of the 600 home run club
 - 2 "Rhyme Pays" rapper
 - 3 Batmobile "garage"
 - 4 Super Bowl-winning Manning
 - 5 Teen loiterer, possibly
 - 6 Creepy 1981 Lauren Bacall film
 - 7 ___ Cong
 - 8 Start to fix?
 - 9 Salon stuff
 - 10 Holds tight
 - 11 Jazz saxophonist Coltrane
 - 12 God in the 49-Across
 - 13 Corner of a diamond
 - 18 MGM mogul Marcus
 - 19 Maui neighbor
 - 23 Antique shop tag
 - 24 Sassy sort
 - 25 Has control over
 - 26 "Friendly" action
 - 27 Bright-eyed and bushy-tailed
 - 28 Japanese noodle dish
 - 29 Eskimo boat
 - 30 Israeli P.M. after Shamir
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- 41 Doctrine
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- 50 Gold streak
- 51 Manhattan, for one
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Spotlight Iowa City



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Author and knitter Michelle Edwards knits while explaining some of her work on Monday in Home Ec. Edwards illustrated some of the children's books she has written.

Keeping herself in stitches

One local author writes about how knitting can improve people's lives.

By KENDALL MCCABE
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When Michelle Edwards walks into Home Ec Workshop to knit, she's surrounded by familiar faces. Other patrons know what project the local author is working on, and she knows what their next creations will be. Edwards, who has written and illustrated 14 children's books, will release her first full-length book, *A Knitter's Home Companion*, today.

The book is about a knitting and how it can improve people's lives. "Knitting is a companion," said Edwards, an Iowa City resident. "I hope that in some ways [the book] is like a companion." Edwards, who knitted alone until she moved to Iowa City, said she has found community through local yarn stores such as Home Ec and Fae Ridge Farm. Throughout the process of creating her book, other patrons helped her knit projects to be featured in the book and acted as both a sounding board and

Michelle Edwards

- **Hometown:** Troy, N.Y.
- **Education:** M.F.A. in printmaking from the UI
- **Other job:** Writes for Lion Brand Yarn Co.
- **Children:** Three daughters: Meera, Florry, Lelia

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a cheering team, she said. As a child, she learned to knit from her mother. As an adult, she began to write for Lion Brand Yarn's e-newsletter and quickly became a regular columnist. Though she said she enjoyed receiving free yarn from the company, the responses her columns solicited from readers were a greater gift. Edwards said it is an incredible experience to share the creation process with other people. With her children's books, she did not have the chance to build up a communal dia-

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logue with her readers. Besides building a feeling of community, knitting has therapeutic elements as well, she said. The craft involves many sensory materials, beautiful needles and yarn and is very tactile. The end result is a productive and satisfying activity for many people.

Comparing her craft to people who fly-fish as a hobby, she explained, "I doubt that any of them consider it therapy." Mereta Vindum, a local knitter who frequents Home Ec Workshop, 207 N. Linn St., said she likes to take on simple projects so she can socialize while she knits. "It's a social thing," she said. "After work, it gets you away from stress." Stay-at-home mother Arianne Waseen, who has been knitting for eight years, said the craft helps her calm down. "It's meditative," she said.

Knitting and other art forms can be a type of therapy, said Phil Striegel, who works at the Counseling Center of Iowa City. He said he thought knitting could be similar to people who keep a journal, using a creative output to feel relief.

"When we're working with art, we're able to take it and create a metaphoric representation so we don't have to carry that feeling inside of us," Striegel said.

Ultimately, the sense of community trumps any therapeutic benefits of knitting for Edwards.

Edwards, who attended the University of Iowa and got an M.A. and M.F.A. in printmaking, grew up in Troy, N.Y. She is married and has three daughters, and though she left Iowa City for 16 years after graduating, she moved back in 2002.

Iowa City has great civic pride and is community-oriented, she said.

"It's only fitting that the knitting community would mirror the outside community," Edwards said.

Where paper comes to nest

The field of specialty paper is growing, according to one expert, as is the University of Iowa Center for the Book.

By KENDALL MCCABE
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Just off the alley between Washington Street and Iowa Avenue, tucked in the back of Beadology, is the Paper Nest.

The business, no bigger than the average dorm room and owned by 32-year-old Elizabeth Munger, serves University of Iowa students and others seeking high-quality paper and tools for printmaking and bookbinding.

But what may seem like a niche market is in fact a growing one, particularly in the Iowa City area.

Since Munger opened her store in November, she estimates around 50 UI students have some through her doors, many looking for specialty paper.

She serves printmakers and bookbinders who study at the UI Center for the Book, students in the School of Art and Art History, and other Iowa City residents.

"It's definitely a niche business," she said. "You don't really find a lot of specialty art shops anymore."

And though specialty art stores are still somewhat uncommon, the field of specialty paper is a growing one, said Christina Rancon, a decorative paper specialist at Art Supply Warehouse in Westminster, Calif.

That trend is mirrored at the UI, where the Center

Center for the Book

By the numbers:

- **3 times:** Applicant pool has tripled since M.F.A. announcement
- **150-200:** Students the center serves
- **18:** Studio classes offered
- **20-25:** Students enrolled in certificate program

Source: Matthew Brown, director of Center for the Book

for the Book is set to expand to offer an M.F.A. in book arts next year.

Graduate-student applications for enrollment in the Center for the Book have tripled since officials announced the addition of the M.F.A. program, said Director Matthew Brown.

Degree-granting programs in book arts are rare, he said.

"The university's program, between its facilities and its faculty — it will really be a national leader," he said.

Munger, who once studied at the Center for the Book, also does letterpress printing of wedding invitations, custom stationery, business cards, and album covers.

"It's not necessarily a drawing and painting type of thing," she said. "People are realizing that you can do mixed media with paper."

To the center's printmakers and bookbinders, there is a big benefit to seeing and touching the paper



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Elizabeth Munger (right) shows Allison Heady (left) paper in the Paper Nest on Monday. Munger recently opened the business offering letterpress-printing services and more. She once studied at the Center for the Book, which will feature an M.F.A. in book arts next year.

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before they use it as opposed to ordering it online without knowing precisely what they will receive, Munger said.

"Shipping and handling and waiting time is kind of a pain," Munger said, noting materials will bind differently depending on their physical properties.

Emily Martin, a UI adjunct assistant professor at the center, said she prefers buying the supplies in person.

"It's nice to be able to get one sheet of something and see what it's like instead of having to order things," she said. "It's much nicer to be able to go and look."

Martin said the class fees

at the center cover basic materials, but many students need additional supplies that they buy in such local craft stores.

UI junior Ashley Bruxvoort used material from the Paper Nest recently to create hardcover pamphlets for her Book-binding I class.

"The great thing about buying it in person is you can see exactly what you're going to get and how big the sheet is going to be," said the English major who has never ordered online. "You could order it online, and something completely unexpected could show up."

Bruxvoort said students often buy paper directly from the Center for the Book or get paper out of a collective scrap bin for projects.

"If you're picky about what you want, as I am, you have to go and buy it," she said.

METRO

Grad student gets health fellowship

Erin O'Gara received the first Health Communications Fellowship given by a partnership between the University of Iowa School of Journalism and Mass Communication and the State Hygienic Laboratory.

O'Gara, a journalism doctoral student, is working with the Hygienic Laboratory's Newborn Screening program to better communication between the laboratory and Iowa hospitals.

The Health Communications Fellowship is the latest in a series of

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Molnar-Young shine in doubles

Iowa's Jessica Young and Sonja Molnar are ranked No. 32 in the latest rankings.

By NICK SZAFRANSKI
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Jessica Young and Sonja Molnar know a little something about chemistry.

Young, a senior, and Molnar, a junior, are doubles partners on Iowa's women's tennis team and have ascended to a No. 32 national ranking. The duo — which holds a 6-1 season record — has been one of the Hawkeyes' few bright spots this spring.

To have a successful doubles teams, each player usually has different strengths that create a better whole. Young and Molnar know each other's strengths, allowing them to thrive.

"Their chemistry is good," head coach Katie Dougherty said. "They complement each other. Jess is a great ball striker. Sonja is really good at the net and moving. Both of their serves create a lot of opportunities.

"They are on fire; they are rolling."

While having different strengths is key, maintaining good rapport off the court is equally as important.

"She is one of my best friends on the team. We get along really, really well," Young said. "We are very alike in personalities. You know if I'm not playing well, she is able to pick me back up, and that works really well."

During the 2010 spring season, as a sophomore, Molnar and then-senior Merel Beelen made up the 19th-ranked doubles team.



Iowa's Sonja Molnar and Kaelie Klockenga celebrate after Klockenga's 8-5 Big Ten Tournament doubles victory with Jessica Young at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex on May 1, 2010. This season, Young and Molnar have teamed up to become a force in doubles play.

When Beelen graduated, Dougherty knew she had one piece of a good doubles team. So she paired Young with Molnar.

It seems Dougherty's decision was a good one.

The pair has an impressive record thus far this season, beating Illinois' No. 15 team, Georgia Tech's 66th-ranked squad, and DePaul's No. 55 team.

On Feb. 19, the pair dropped its only match of

the season when it hit the road against a strong Marquette team. While Young and Molnar forced a close match, Christina Ruiz and Gillian Hush were too much to overcome. The 8-6 final is the only mar in their otherwise untarnished record. The pair overcame the loss the following day by beating DePaul's doubles team, 8-3.

"It's a matter of consistency," Molnar said. "If I do

my job, ultimately, I'm helping the team."

Because the duo is so good together, Dougherty has taken up a new strategy against strong teams. Dougherty will split the pair up in order to give strength to Iowa's other doubles teams. The plan was implemented Sunday, helping the Hawkeyes pick up the doubles point versus Missouri.

Things won't get easier

for the duo when it heads down to Louisiana on March 16 to take on LSU's No. 39 team of Whitney Wolf and Keri Frankenberg.

"They have gotten a win over the No. 15 team in the country," Dougherty said. "They are doing all the right things. Jess and Sonja just got to keep playing their way they have been playing, and the better team will win."

BASKETBALL

Bulls knock magic out of Wizards

WASHINGTON (AP) — Luol Deng and Derrick Rose scored 21 points apiece, Joakim Noah had 19, and the Chicago Bulls beat the Washington Wizards, 105-77, Monday night to move within a game of the Miami Heat in the Eastern Conference.

The Bulls never trailed as they won their third straight, seventh in eight games. Rose brought out some oohs and aahs with a pass between-the-legs pass to Noah for a fast-break dunk, and Deng was already walking to the locker room before his 3-pointer at the halftime buzzer through the net to give Chicago a 13-point lead at the break.

By the fourth quarter, they were having loads of fun. Rose fed Deng and Noah for back-to-back dunks that pushed the lead to 24 with 2 1/2 minutes to play, and then the reserves came in and finished off the game, with the Chicago fans saving the biggest roar for Brian Scalabrine's garbage-time jumper.

Rose also had nine assists, Noah pulled down 11 rebounds, and Carlos Boozer had 12 points and 10 rebounds for the Bulls, who are even with the Heat in the loss column as part of a three-way battle with the Boston Celtics for the No. 1 seed in the East.

This was the type of game Chicago needed to win easily, ahead of a breathtaking trio of games at Atlanta, Orlando, and Miami to finish up a five-game road trip. The Bulls led by 21 entering the fourth quarter and were able to coast from there.

Andray Blatche scored 15 points, and Nick Young had 14 for the Wizards, who have lost six in a row and 15 of 17. Mike Bibby was so anxious to get out of town that he gave up \$6.2 million in a contract buyout on Monday after playing just two games with Washington; he had been acquired last week in a trade with Atlanta.

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SPRING ATHLETE AT A GLANCE

For GymHawks, Hansen has the floor

Iowa junior Jessa Hansen gains confidence as she rises in the national ranking on floor exercise.

By **MOLLY IRENE OLMSTEAD**
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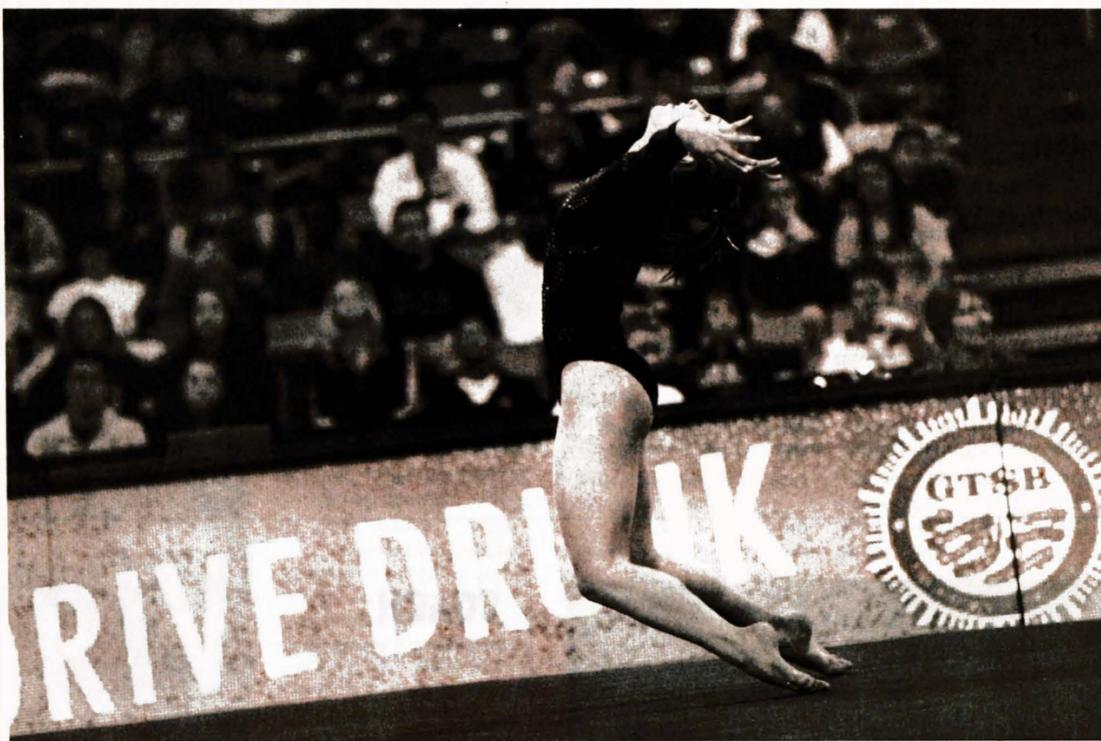
Junior Jessa Hansen scored a 9.95 on floor exercise against Iowa State in the Field House on Feb. 25. She is ranked No. 7 in the NCAA in floor exercise and first in the region and Big Ten, but she is just now becoming comfortable in competition.

Two days after her career-best performance — the best score the GymHawks have seen in any event since 2008 — head coach Larissa Libby didn't let Hansen warm up on floor during general warm-ups at the Master's Classic in Lincoln, Neb., on Sunday.

After a "nerve-racking" wait to perform, Hansen took the floor and scored 9.900 despite being fatigued and sore.

"I told her, 'Jessa, you don't need to do any warm-ups. You've got this. You've hit every routine.' She finally trusted that," assistant coach Linas Gaveika said.

In the past, Hansen



UI junior Jessa Hansen performs a floor routine during the women's gymnastic meet against Iowa State in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Feb. 21, 2010. This season, Hansen is ranked No. 7 in the floor.

struggled with controlling her nerves, but this season, the problem has faded and nearly disappeared, and she has become a stable all-arounder.

"The difference between this year and last year is a level of assertion and a level of internal belief," Libby said. "She believes in herself now. Everybody else knew she could do it, but

Jessa didn't know."

This year, Hansen has stood out on floor exercise with a season average of 9.848, despite the difficulty the GymHawks have transitioning to and from the event during competition.

Floor exercise is a high-energy event in which the gymnasts build adrenaline by feeding off the crowd's reactions and encouragement, Libby said. The

beam requires a more focused and precise energy.

In dual competitions, the two events are paired — in home competitions, the GymHawks compete on beam in the third rotation and finish on floor. At away meets, however, the Hawkeyes perform floor exercise in the third rotation and then finish on beam. Occasionally, in quad or championship meets, the GymHawks

have to compete on floor in the first rotation, as they did Sunday in the Master's Classic.

"It's hard both ways," Libby said. "It's hard to go from pure elation to having to stop your heartbeat and settle down for beam. But it's also hard to start from nothing and have to pump yourself up right off the bat."

Hansen has handled

the transition well, despite her previous problems with anxiety. Her ability to cope with the stressful change in focus and energy comes from an increased comfort level she's developed this year.

"My confidence really comes from a lot of training. I like to train hard and do a lot of repetitions of my routines so I have that muscle memory and confidence going into the meets to back me up," she said. "I've been doing this routine for a long time, so it's all just mental now."

In practice, Gaveika works with the GymHawks on floor and gives each athlete assignments for the number of repetitions of certain elements in her routine. However, if Hansen begins to doubt herself or her performance, she continues to work past the requirement until she's comfortable, Libby said.

"Gymnastics, it's a very repetitive sport," Gaveika said. "If your body can handle it, that's what you've got to do. [Hansen] is a very pleasant kid to work with because she never doubts you when you tell her to train; she fully trusts the coaching. It's a perfect example about how if you work hard, it'll play off. It has paid off for Jessa."

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TRACK

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coach Joey Woody said. "That's the name of the game at conference meets."

Last year, a sprints group consisting of D'Juan Richardson, Steven Willey, Kevin Dibbern, and Varner scored 21 points total in the 60, 200, and 400 meters. Fifteen of those points came from Richardson, Willey, and Dibbern in the 400 meters.

This year, Iowa sprinters tallied 14 points in the 400-meter dash and 34 points as a group.

The difference? Austin. "When we're looking at guys, we're looking for new athletes who can take it to the next level," Woody said.

Austin seems to fit that description. When asked where the sprints group would be without him, Woody chuckled and said, "I don't want to think about that. We're blessed to have a guy with his talent."

Doris' addition to the team is significant, too, considering Iowa high schools don't hold the triple jump event.

Last year, the Hawkeyes didn't have anyone with the talent of Doris to enter in the triple jump. Based on his natural ability alone, assistant coach Clive Roberts thinks Doris could simply show up and be No. 1 in the conference.

Now, Iowa has not only the best triple jumper in the Big Ten but one of the best in the country. Doris' season-best triple

jump of 54 feet ranks fifth nationally.

The other key difference was the number of top-three finishes for the Hawkeyes. Steven Willey and the 4x400 relay both finished second at the 2010 Big Tens. That was it.

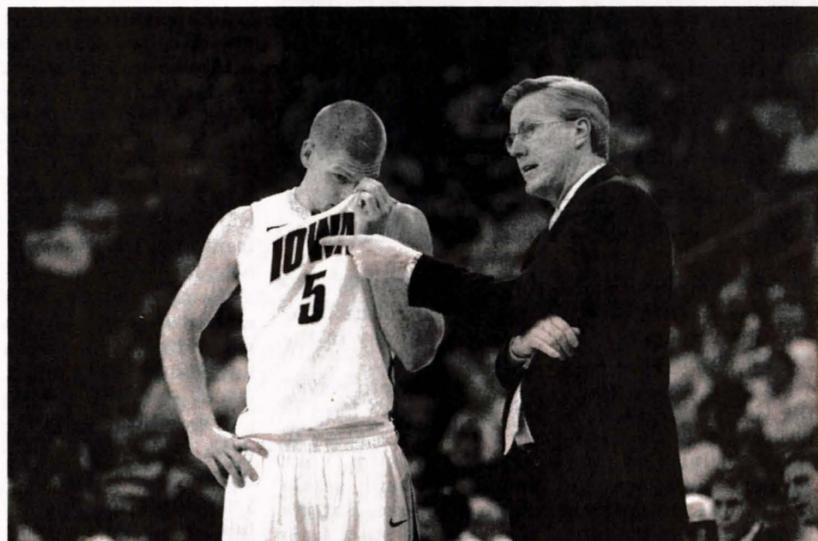
Last weekend, head coach Larry Wieczorek's squad recorded eight top-three finishes, including Erik Sowinski in the 800 (second), Jordan Mullen in the 60-meter hurdles (second), Jeff Thode in the mile (third), and Jeff Herron in the long jump (third).

"There have been years where we go, 'How are we going to score a point here?'" Wieczorek said. "If you get guys to the podium, that makes a huge difference."



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Iowa Western Community College's Ronnie Ratliff (left), Iowa junior Troy Doris, Chicago State's Jerrel Thornton, Chicago State's Jamal Jones, and Iowa junior Jeffery Herron compete in the men's 60 meter dash during the Iowa Open in the Recreation Building on Jan. 15.



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Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery talks with guard Matt Gatens during the Iowa/Northwestern basketball game in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Jan. 12.

BASKETBALL

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Michigan State coach Tom Izzo has been a famously smart coach in the month of March, allowing him to reach six Final Fours since 1999. He said there are two factors in a great tournament team: guard play and a tough regular-season schedule.

"When it's one-and-done time, your margin for error is so small," Izzo said.

In scheduling, the 16-year head coach played up the benefit of facing not only a tough nonconference schedule but a variety of teams that play a lot of different styles. This way, a team can be familiar with any style it may see when playing in the Big Dance.

One of Izzo's rivals, Ohio State head coach Thad Matta, had a different opinion, saying that having a well-rested team is more important. While this doesn't necessarily mean having a deep team

or playing more players to rest starters, he said that teams need to take advantage of games on a national stage — where TV time-outs are longer.

And a team that's not fatigued will be ready to play, mentally and physically.

"As you get into March, you're hoping that you can cut your practices down," Matta said. "The big thing at this point of the season is having your guys ready on game night."

COACH

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said and done, it's safe to assume McCaffery will have a better overall career in the Hawkeye State. For now, though, the Mayor wins out.



Hoiberg
Iowa State coach

Of course, I'm a little biased: Hoiberg complimented my gloriously garish zebra-striped necktie when his Cyclones visited Carver-Hawkeye Arena in December.

— by Seth Roberts

Fran McCaffery, Iowa

Call Fran McCaffery's first season at the helm of the Iowa basketball team what you want, but he has already done a better job at rebuilding a program than his in-state rival Fred Hoiberg at Iowa State.

While McCaffery's first year after leaving Siena has been marked with a significant number of losses

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(currently a 10-18 overall record, 3-13 in the Big Ten), Fran the Man has already shown some glimpses of brilliance. Iowa has played nearly every team — including the No. 1 Ohio State — extremely close (at least in the Jan. 4 game). Perhaps one of the most memorable moments of the season was a decisive 72-52 victory over Michigan State in Iowa City on Feb. 2.

Even though Iowa State did defeat Iowa at Carver-Hawkeye Arena early in December, the Black and Gold seems to be heading in a more positive direction. McCaffery is doing a much better job of recruiting, snagging the No. 2 recruit in the state of Iowa in shooting guard Josh Oglesby, and Aaron White, a power forward from Ohio. Oglesby and White are ranked as "91" and "89" overall recruits, respectively, by ESPN recruiting.

Hoiberg has yet to establish himself as a top recruiter. His top prospect so far, a heralded transfer — Royce White — was kicked out of Minnesota after a slew of legal troubles. Ex-Michigan State Spartan Korie Lucious reportedly may transfer to Iowa State, as well.

Though Iowa State does have a winning record — the Cyclones are 15-14 overall — it has won just two conference games in the weaker Big 12, going 2-12 in conference play. Recently, Iowa State overcame a 10-game losing streak with an overtime win over Nebraska, a team that will move to the Big Ten next year.

There's reason to be hopeful for the Hawkeye faithful. In five seasons at Siena, McCaffery went 112-51, including three consecutive Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference championships, and he also won the conference Coach of the Year award in 2009. Hoiberg has never coached a basketball team before this year, and he has yet to prove himself on the court or in recruiting.

In this case, I would take experience over youth.

— by Ben Ross

Tracksters develop depth

Through a shift in the recruiting process and the evolution of team leadership, Iowa is building the core and increasing the depth of its program.

By AMY TIFFANY
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The Hawkeyes had more than just a couple of standouts at the Big Ten championships this past weekend.

This year, the Iowa women's track team scored 56 points, tied for eighth place.

But at times, they were inches or even hundredths of a second away from scoring more points. The Hawkeyes were only 12.5 points away from the fourth-place finisher.

Head coach Layne Anderson described Sunday, the final day of the competition, as an afternoon on which Iowa "caught fire." With four runner-up performances and senior Bethany Praska's first place-finish in the 600-meters almost back-to-back, the Hawkeyes finished on a high note.

Even though junior captain Betsy Flood ran in the 3,000-meter and the distance medley relay scored major

points Feb. 26, Anderson said Iowa needed more of that kind of boost on day one — as well as an extra step on day two — to earn more points.

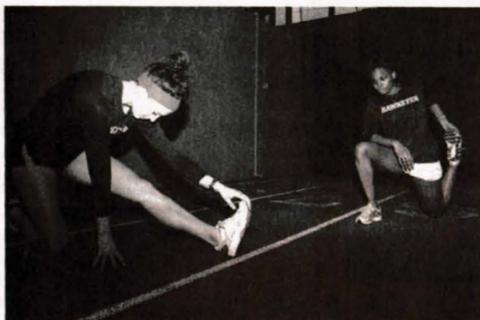
"We've still got some holes to fill," Anderson said. "But again, I think that those last five events, to have the kind of finish to that meet we had, I think that's a good representation of where we're going as a program."

Anderson hopes that the core of the team, which scored the points, will team with developing athletes to score more points in the future. And age isn't a determining factor — Hawkeyes of all ages scored this past weekend.

"It's really good and important to have differentiation of ages and levels, strengths, and weaknesses," senior captain Tiffany Hendricks said.

"In the last two years, we've had some good individual performances, but when it comes to getting points up on the board, we haven't come together as a team to get the numbers up there to be competitive with everyone else," Praska said.

Hendricks said that when she came in as a freshman, the squad depended on a few people to pull the team



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Iowa senior runners Bethany Praska (left) and Tiffany Hendricks warm up on Dec. 14, 2010, in the Recreational Building. The two team captains have roomed with each other through college.

along. As the team evolved over her career, she explained, the focus has shifted to develop a more well-rounded team.

The Hawkeyes always boasted a number of athletes who were atop the Big Ten, but as a team, the Hawks didn't have the depth they are now building. Now, more of the track and field spectrum is covered.

Hendricks said the leadership has also been evolving. The veteran core of the team realized that to continue the progress, it's vital for the underclassmen to understand the importance of the positive team dynamic they've created. In the last few years,

some of the athletes Iowa recruited out of high school were "off the radar." Anderson said his goal is to add quality athletes, some of whom compete at the highest level from the get-go, and others the Hawks bring in to develop.

"Now, there's been a switch to getting some people who are really, really good but also getting the depth and the people who will develop and become really good and score points," Hendricks said. "It's based on that shift in the recruiting method. We're more focused on getting people who will really latch on to what we're trying to do and know the right attitude."

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