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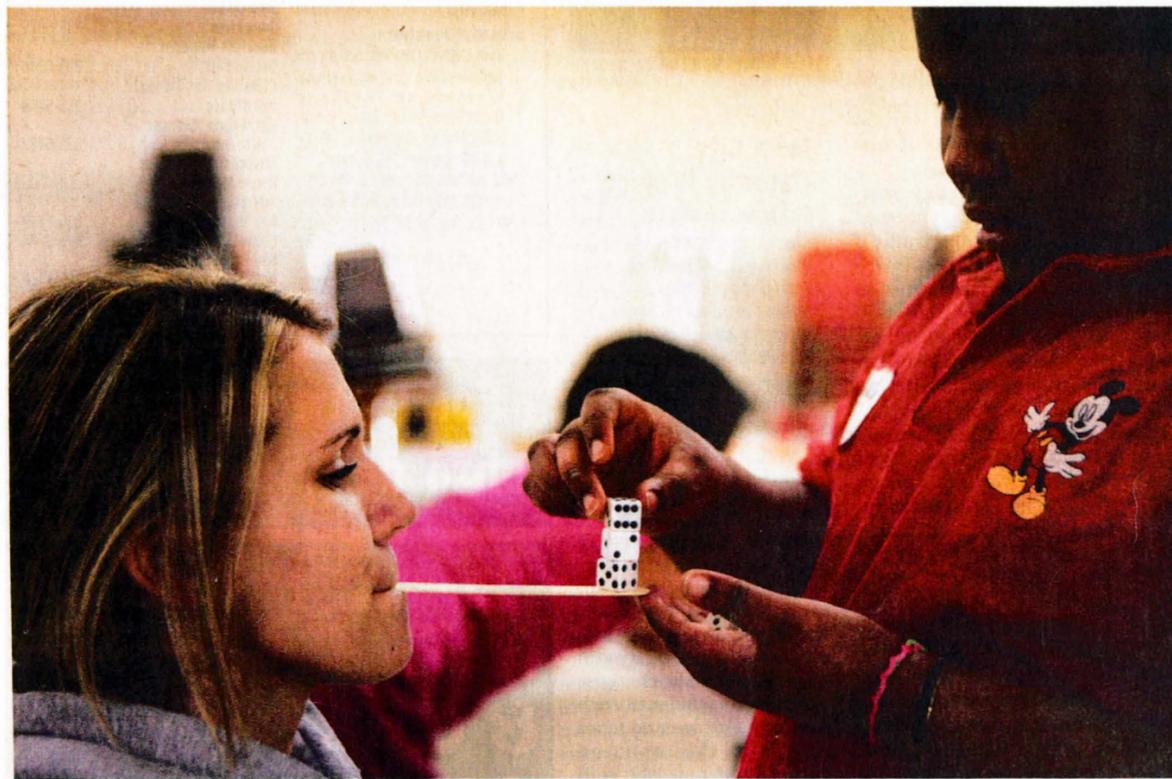
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Tiakra Winfield stacks dice as UI junior Madison Fontana holds them up as part of a 4-H and Big Brothers Big Sisters event at the Johnson County Fairgrounds on Thursday. Big Brothers Big Sisters have around 70 children on the waiting list to find mentors.

Creating bonds that last

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Johnson County has successfully paired more than 800 one-to-one 'matches' since it was created more than 30 years ago.

By **SARAH BULMER**
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The clock ticked Thursday as Heather Newman carefully placed the final five cans of soda on top of an inverted pyramid of paper plates.

Newman's "little sister" — 13-year-old Derricka Outlaw — watched in anticipation.

The game, known as "chandelier," was one of several participants played during a kickoff event Thursday at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, beginning a newly created relationship between 4-H and Big Brothers Big Sisters.

"It's nice to have a nonthreatening environment in which you can build a connection with everybody," Newman said

about Big Brothers Big Sisters of Johnson County. "We're like a big family."

The family is growing with the new partnership, a product of increased federal funding.

The U.S. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention recently pledged \$5 million in an effort to support youth-mentoring programs nationwide. Iowa's 4-H organization garnered \$61,000 of that funding and is sharing it with Big Brothers Big Sisters.

The funds will allow the two organizations — which share office space at the Fairgrounds — to more frequently host events similar Thursday's joint kickoff, said Janet Martin, an

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2012 CAUCUSES

Trump fired up for run

A top aide of billionaire Donald Trump plans to visit Iowa on March 7.

By **ALISON SULLIVAN**
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Iowans may get the chance to shake Donald Trump's hand during the next caucus season.

The high-profile businessman told the *Des Moines Register* he's interested in entering the presidential-nomination race as a Republican hopeful. He said he could decide whether he will run for the 2012 Republican presidential nomination by June — and if he does, the billionaire would campaign aggressively in Iowa.



Trump
billionaire businessman, eyeing GOP run

"I will meet many, many people — maybe all of the people" — in Iowa, Trump told the *Register*. "If I decide to run, I will shake hands with everybody."

Locals said Thursday they think Trump's name recognition and fame could help him in the election, but he'll need to prove himself to Iowans by answering their questions before winning them over.



Anderson
Johnson County Republicans head

One of Trump's top aides will visit Iowa on March 7 to meet with Republican leaders and activists to talk about the 2012 presidential campaign, the *Register* reported Thursday.

Johnson County Republican head Bob Anderson said Trump, who is famous for his real-estate success and reality TV show "The Apprentice," has a lot more to present to Iowans on his views and stances before voters decide whether to consider the potential candidate.



Deaton
Johnson County Democrats member

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Federal education grants to disappear

UI students are receiving more than \$1.6 million from the two grants.

By **NINA EARNEST**
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The University of Iowa students may have to pay for more of their education after two federal grants expire later this year.

The Academic Competitiveness Grant and the National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent Grant — implemented under the Bush administration in 2006 — were designed to last only through 2011.

And while experts and financial-aid officials said they didn't expect President Obama to renew the programs, the loss will hit some students hard.

"To see these programs also end, it's going to be harmful to some students at the University of Iowa," said Mark Warner, the director of UI Student Financial Aid.

SEE GRANTS, 3

UI seeks to raze flooded apartments

Hawkeye Court apartments typically house graduate students.

By **HAYLEY BRUCE**
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University of Iowa officials say they will ask the state Board of Regents this month for permission to raze the flood-damaged portion of Hawkeye Court Apartments.

After officials from the Federal Emergency Management Agency gave the UI the option to rebuild or demolish the 76 first-floor apartments damaged in the 2008 flood, UI Director of Housing and Dining Von

Stange said officials chose to tear them down because of their age and condition.

Officials don't know yet what they'll do with the remaining 427 units, but they sent notices to all residents Wednesday saying they could not guarantee leases beyond June 1, 2012. Von Stange said this should give residents ample time to relocate.

"We're looking at options for replacing the [undamaged] apartments," Stange

SEE HOUSING, 3



FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY IOWAN

Gloria Peroza swings on a swingset in a courtyard at Hawkeye Court April 14, 2010. UI officials may tear down the Hawkeye Court apartments because of their age and poor condition. Officials will present an abandonment resolution to facilitate the demolition of the apartments to the state Board of Regents on March 23.

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Mostly cloudy, 90% chance of rain, turning to snow late.

IN SPORTS:

REVIVING TRADITION

Iowa basketball games are slowly regaining popularity among students after a seemingly apathetic slump. **SPORTS, 12.**



Flood project irks some

Officials say they're still in the early planning process of Iowa City's major flood-mitigation project.

By **MICHELLE MCCONNAUGHEY**
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Some Iowa City residents said Thursday they're not getting enough information about the city's major flood-mitigation project.

City officials held a public meeting Thursday to gauge public opinion about the \$32 million Iowa City Gateway Project, which will likely involve raising the Park Road bridge and a section of North Dubuque Street.

But many of the more than 100 people in attendance said they are "annoyed" with the lack of information and "uninformed" about the project's details. But city officials said they're telling the public as much as possible and want to keep them informed, even though it's still early in the planning process.

Iowa City resident Joellen Shoemaker said she didn't understand why officials couldn't give residents more information about the project.

Shoemaker was affected by both the 1993 and 2008 floods, which devastated much of Iowa, and said she wanted to know why this wasn't addressed in 1993. Most of all, though, she said, she was angry because no one would answer her questions at the presentation.

METRO

Man charged in Ecumenical Towers gunshots

Iowa City police have charged a man after he allegedly discharged a weapon in the Ecumenical Towers last week.

Stephen Clark Caldwell, 69, 320 E. Washington St. Apt. 11H, was charged Feb. 21 with intimidation with a dangerous weapon.

According to a press release, police were called to the Ecumenical Towers after a report of loud noises, sounding like gunshots, coming from within the building.

After further investigation, officers allegedly found Caldwell had fired a handgun inside a hallway in the building but did not have an intended target.

The release said the shots caused no property damage to the hallway, but no one was injured in the incident.

When asked why he discharged the weapon, police said Caldwell responded with, "Who knows?"

Caldwell was not injured by the firearm, but officials said he was taken to the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics for further evaluation before being taken to the Johnson County Jail.

Intimidation with a dangerous weapon is a Class D felony, punishable by up to five years in prison and a maximum fine of \$7,500.

— by Hayley Bruce

Man charged with 3rd OWI

Police have charged an Iowa City man with driving while intoxicated for the third time.

Victor De La Cruz-Castro, 28, 828 Cross Park Apt. 1D, was charged Wednesday with third-offense OWI.

Iowa City police said they

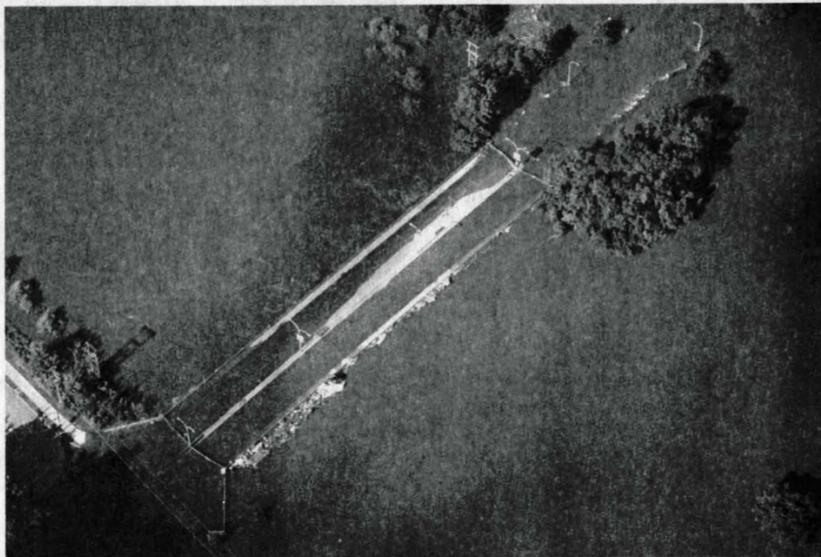
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Melanie Cribbs, 31, 1108 Oakcrest St. Apt. 4, was charged Thursday with public intoxication.

Garrett Ellard, 22, 916½ Walnut St., was charged Thursday with OWI.

Mikhail Kashpurreff, 19, Flippin, Ark., was charged Wednesday with possession of marijuana.

Amber Knight, 23, Coralville, was charged Thursday with public



Debris piles up at the Park Road bridge on June 16, 2008.

"Raising the bridge will help," she said. "But it won't fix everything."

Melissa Clow, a special-projects administrator for Iowa City, said officials are only two months into an 18-month planning process. At this point, she said, there isn't much more to tell.

"I've received a lot of good reactions from the public," she said. "There are some, though, that feel the money could be spent better elsewhere."

The funding, which comes from both local and federal sources, will address the most devastating recurring flood problems.

In 2008, the Park Road bridge accumulated 14 inches of backwater that caused problems as far upstream as Coralville, said the Rick Fosse, the city public-works director. It's a risk officials can't take again, he said. In 1993, flooding closed North

stopped Cruz-Castro for speeding. Officers said Cruz-Castro had watery, bloodshot eyes and slurred speech and smelled of alcohol. The complaint said Cruz-Castro blew a .094 in a preliminary breath test.

Cruz-Castro has two prior OWI convictions stemming from September 2004 and September 2010.

Third-offense OWI is a Class D felony punishable by up to five years in prison and a maximum fine of \$9,375.

— by Hayley Bruce

Ron Paul to speak at UI

Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas, will visit the University of Iowa campus on March 7 as part of the Family Leader's Presidential Lecture series.

Paul's lecture in the IMU Main Lounge will begin at 4 p.m., and he'll deliver a "pro-family" speech, according to a press release.

"The primary purpose of the Presidential Lecture Series is to provide national figures with a planned, full day in Iowa to introduce them to Iowans and to give citizens an educational opportunity to become better informed about the pro-family vision of each speaker," the release states.

The Family Leader is also scheduled to host Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn., and former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum.

— by Sam Lane

UIHC close to naming human-resources head

The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics will soon appoint a new human-resources administrator.

intoxication.

Bart Knudtson, 40, 148 Broadmoor Lane, was charged Wednesday with OWI.

Edward Pechous, 73, 5140 480th St., was charged Wednesday with driving while barred.

Christian Reed, 21, 300 S. Capitol St. Apt. 208, was charged Thursday with public intoxication and making alcohol available to

minors.

Michael Reigle, 35, address unknown, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication.

Daniel Ritzman, 21, Cedar Rapids, was charged Wednesday with possession of marijuana.

Penny Schierling, 47, West Branch, was charged Wednesday with fifth-degree theft.

Dubuque Street for 54 days, and in 2008, it was closed for a month.

But on Thursday, residents were more concerned about detours and traffic if parts of the street were closed for two construction seasons. They also said they are worried about how the change would affect driveways on Dubuque Street.

Despite those concerns, officials said, the project would be worth it. Though the city has been considering the idea for more than a year, officials began the planning phase two months ago. Construction is slated to start in 2014; the project should be completed by 2016.

Clow said part of the planning process is making sure this is the best plan for the city and getting reactions from residents.

The disgruntled attendees were not able to ask questions during the presentation; they wrote their

Iowa City Gateway Project

The project plans to:

- Reduce the number of Dubuque Street and Park Road bridge closings
- Minimize upstream flood backwater caused by existing Park Road bridge
- Better serve transit, pedestrians, and bicyclists
- "Preserve and enhance" the entry to Iowa City from I-80

Source: Project pamphlet

thoughts on large pieces of paper posted on the walls.

After hearing the concerns, Clow said, officials would take everything into consideration and they still have time to make changes.

But many residents, such as Karen Fox, wanted more details on the proposed plans. Right now, she said she's not convinced.

"If there's low-level flooding, this will help, but otherwise, it won't help enough," she said.

The official will replace former administrator Chad Simmons, who abruptly resigned in May 2010 after a brief, 16-month stint in the position. Simmons's reason for the sudden resignation was not disclosed because of terms in his settlement, said UI spokesman Tom Moore. Simmons received \$450,000 in severance payment upon his resignation.

The search committee was formed in the fall of 2010, said Michael Cohen, a pathology professor and one of the co-heads of the search committee. The 16-member committee consists faculty and staff who work with UI Health Care, union members, nurses, and physicians.

One union member has reported difficulties working with Simmons, said Charlie Wishman, the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees communication director.

Of the 69 applicants, Cohen said, the committee looked for candidates with experience in human resources as well as the academic health system. The committee has submitted its four recommendations to UI Vice President for Medical Affairs Jean Robillard, who will make the decision in the near future, Moore said.

— by Alison Sullivan

Sutliff design complete

A new design for the Sutliff Bridge is complete.

On Feb. 24, VJ Engineering told the Johnson County Board of Supervisors the reconstruction of the Sutliff Bridge is scheduled to start Sept. 1 and be completed in fall 2012.

State and federal funds will pay for the \$1.7 million project.

To keep the original appearance of the bridge, the new

design is similar to what it looked like before being damaged in the 2008 flood.

Spanning the Cedar River, the 113-year-old Sutliff Bridge is one of the longest and oldest Parker steel-truss bridges in the state.

— by Alexandria Skalla

Agency: IC enrollment to rise

Enrollment at Iowa City public schools is expected to increase, mirroring state projections, according to figures released by the Iowa Department of Education on Thursday.

Iowa City's enrollment is projected to jump from 12,011 this school year to 12,886 in the 2015-16 school year, an increase of 875.

Enrollment statewide is expected to increase from 473,493 this year to 484,904 by 2015-16.

— by Regina Zilbermint

UI wins grants

The University of Iowa has received more than \$200,000 in grants to advance student and faculty research efforts.

The Roy J. Carter Charitable Trust of Muscatine awarded the money, according to a release.

The Chemistry Department will receive \$198,500 to be used for the purchase of a high-resolution, high-sensitivity X-ray diffractometer.

"We are very excited about the ability to better understand chemical structure at the atomic level for a multitude of scientific questions," said department head Mark Arnold.

The Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitative Science received \$25,000 to study whole body-heat stress in humans.

— by Regina Zilbermint

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MENTORING

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Urban 4-H youth specialist. The two groups plan to hold joint events twice a month during the school year and once a week during June and July, she said.

"I'm pretty pumped about it," said Robin Hoffman, who coordinates the workshop between Big Brothers Big Sisters and 4-H.

Big Brothers Big Sisters began as an Urban 4-H initiative more than 30 years ago, Martin said. The program pairs children with mentors in one-to-one relationships.

"Having a one-on-one mentor [is positive] because they have a role model right there," Hoffman said. "It's also great because it allows them an opportunity they might not have had."

On Thursday, volunteers

and children took part in various Minute to Win It-style activities. They laughed and joked, playing games such as Floatacious, in which players had to stack as many soda cans on a single paper plate while keeping the tower balanced on water. Another game, Mega Bubble, required players to blow bubbles through a hula hoop before they popped.

Jill Kromminga, the program director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Johnson County, said the matches often create lasting friendships.

"There is a range of relationships, but many relationships are very much like siblings," said Kromminga. "They consider themselves family even though they are not technically related."

University of Iowa sophomore Ryan Bell, a volunteer at Big Brothers Big Sisters, said he frequently plays mini-golf, catch, or



ROB JOHNSON/THE DAILY IOWAN

Mikaela Buhr attempts to find and pick up balls while blindfolded as Jamie Schlote directs her as part of a 4-H and Big Brothers Big Sisters event at the Johnson County Fairgrounds on Thursday. 4-H recently received a \$61,000 grant from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention that it has shared with Big Brothers Big Sisters.

goes bowling with his "little brother."

"I like helping people one-on-one and making connections with kids," Bell said.

Children who participate in the program improve their self-confidence by 83 percent and

their school performance by 57 percent, according to Big Brothers Big Sisters.

They seem to enjoy the connection, too.

"I can talk to her about anything," Derricka said about Newman. "We bake together, and we have fun."

HOUSING

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said. "We don't know what we will do at this point in time, but we wanted to give tenants as much notice as possible."

Janet Brenton, a 24-year-old dental student, said she laughed when she got the notice.

"It's a little bit frustrating just because I'm getting married this summer," the Hawkeye Court resident said. "My husband will move in with me, and it was the cheapest apartment situation that we could find that was a reasonable size."

But Brenton said she and her husband will wait it out until they're forced to leave.

Hawkeye Court Apartments

Facts about Hawkeye Court:

- Total units: 503
- Built: 1966
- Units damaged by the floods of 2008: 76
- Date of proposal to regents: March 23

Source: UI officials

"We figure it would be a pain to have to move later and find another place, but with the money we would save in the time being, it would be worth it," she said, noting that it would be inconvenient to have to move out while she remains in school.

Most people affected will likely be from the UI.

"Everyone here has something in common," said apartment manager Helen Baker last year. "They're all affiliated with the university in some way."

Though there are no official plans regarding what will happen to the undamaged dwellings, Stange said last year that Hawkeye Court will not exist by 2015.

"We wanted to prepare our tenants to know that we are planning some stuff, and once we find out more information, we will let them know that," he said. "We can guarantee that housing for one more year but not beyond that."

The damaged apartments — which sit below the 500-year floodplain — have been uninhabited since the flood.

The other buildings

have remained near capacity, typically starting off the year at 98 percent occupancy, Stange said.

Officials have put together an abandonment resolution in order to facilitate the demolition of the apartments, which they will present to the regents on March 23. Stange said he expects it to be approved.

"I would assume they are going to approve [the demolition]," he said. "We haven't had anyone in there during that time, and if FEMA pays for the demolition, it would be logical that a pass would take place."

The UI also still needs final approval from FEMA.

TRUMP

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At the moment, Anderson said, there are more questions about him than answers.

"Iowans take these choices very seriously as they start their election process," he said.

Paul Deaton, a member of the Johnson County Democrats, said he's skeptical about Trump's plans.

"The statement that he would shake the hands of every Iowan ... I think is a bit of a hyperbole," Deaton said.

Though, Deaton said, Trump's fame could help him in a potential run.

"Because he manages a lot of business concerns, as a businessman, he offers things other [politicians] don't have," he said.

The New York resident told the Register he supports the Second Amendment and opposes gay

marriage and abortion, and he said he would focus on "economic competitiveness."

"Donald Trump makes the news already, so you can't totally ignore it even though people will probably dismiss his chances at running as really slim," said University of Iowa political-science Associate Professor Tim Hagle. "He may be a little more serious this time."

Hagle said Trump is "very concerned" about the economic situation, specifically in relation to China.

Trump isn't the only possible contender for the Republican nomination with plans to visit Iowa.

In February, former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty spoke to UI students and Iowa City residents, and former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee attended a book signing on Tuesday. Other presidential-nomination hopefuls scheduled to come through Iowa City include Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn., and Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas.

Ultimately, Trump's intense personality could

pose a challenge when working with a variety of people, Hagle said.

"As president, you can't just turn to a Congress member and say, 'You're fired,'" he said.

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The end of the two grants also coincides with a possible reduction in funding for the federal Pell Grant program, which supports 4,294 UI students.

A total of 111 juniors and 79 seniors receive the maximum \$4,000 math and science grant — more than \$700,000.

And UI students are receiving \$900,000 in Academic Competitiveness Grants, helping 729 first-year and 430 second-year students.

"Not only is it going to affect students, it's going to affect our neediest students," said Beth Oakes, a senior associate director in the Financial Aid Office.

But Eric Bettinger, an economist at Stanford University, said losing the under-advertised National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent Grant is not likely to dramatically shape students' decision to attend or stay in school because most students, choose their majors their first two years of college. The grant, which focuses on students in math and science, is awarded only to upperclassmen.

The Financial Aid Office is not planning to provide supplemental

UI Pell Grants

The monetary amount of Pell Grants awarded to UI students in the past five years:

- 2006-07: \$8,073,271
- 2007-08: \$9,220,696
- 2008-09: \$9,941,571
- 2009-10: \$13,914,799
- 2010-11: \$15,279,537

Source: Office of Student Financial Aid

funding, but staff will work with students to find other grants for which they are eligible.

The future of Pell Grants at the UI could be in question after the U.S. House of Representatives voted to significantly cut Pell Grant appropriations Feb. 14. The budget bill must pass in the Democratic-controlled Senate before any action is taken.

UI student Katie Roermerman, 28, said the Pell Grant award helped her attend to school as an older, nontraditional student.

"Something like the Pell Grant really helps," she said. "I think it's an incentive to help people go back to school."

Regent Robert Downer said he suspected funding at all levels to contract, which could cause students to turn to more affordable community colleges.

"Or in some cases, I suspect they won't be able to go at all," he said.

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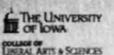
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Editorial

Convicted faculty should return paid leave earnings

When professors commit crimes, taxpayers often pay extra.

Publicly funded universities and community colleges may soon be able to recoup some of their losses in paid leave to educators convicted of felony or misdemeanors if a bill in the Iowa House of Representatives is passed.

House File 139, sponsored by state Rep. Jeff Kaufmann, R-Wilton, would require professors convicted of aggravated misdemeanors, serious misdemeanors, and felonies to repay any salary accrued during the time of their absence and investigation. The bill was supposedly prompted after Toshiki Itoh, a UI assistant professor who was under investigation for nearly two-and-a-half years, collected his yearly salary of \$93,000 during the time of investigation and resigned from the university upon its conclusion.

While the current bill on file is worryingly vague, and there are some obvious issues with enforcement, the bill's heart is in the right place: Universities should have the ability to reclaim salary spent on professors convicted of crimes.

Typically, faculty members faced with investigations are placed on paid leave until the resolution of those investigations. The *DI* Editorial Board has written before about the need for faculty, even faculty on paid leave, to be considered innocent until proven guilty. While the preservation of due process may be costly, said preservation is crucial to maintaining our justice system's integrity.

State Board of Regents' President David Miles agrees. "The notion is reasonable," he said. "But it's important that we provide due process to any employees and continue their salaries" until proven guilty.

The bill's consequences, he said, "seem like a fair trade if they're convicted." If professors are found guilty, the months they spent living off university dole would be recompensed.

This bill would also go a long way in discouraging an artificial lengthening of the investigation period. By including only serious crimes, it ensures that only egregious actions would warrant salary return. (For example, it would not require that Professor Malik Juweid, currently on paid leave for reportedly sending a number of "inflammatory" e-mails and at risk of having his

tenure revoked, return the funds he is receiving.)

At the same time, there is little mention made of the method by which institutions would reclaim the funds, and the blanket requirement to recoup paid leave expenditures doesn't leave room for the inevitable gray areas. Universities would still be unable to recall wages paid by groups other than taxpayers, which puts scandal-beset UI Professor Gary Hunninghake's salary outside the regents' reach. While Kaufmann has said he's amenable to altering the bill to address more cases, it's worth questioning where the line should be drawn.

Notably, and rightfully, the bill does not stipulate whether universities or colleges must fire or demote professors; only that their pay during leave be returned upon conviction. The resolution of such stickier issues should be at the sole discretion of each separate school, not up for consideration by the state Legislature. Salaries earned simply by being under investigation, though, should be fair game.

Of course, HF139 is by no means the most pressing issue for members of the Legislature. The state of the state's economy, budget, and unemployment rates should be given front-row seats in the House.

"It is a bill that I agree with, but by no means is it a top priority for this session," said Rep. David Jacoby, D-Coralville, the lone Democratic cosponsor of the bill. He noted that other legislation affecting regent universities — such as the proposed budget cuts for the regents' funding — is his biggest concern at the moment.

While HF139 may not be as pressing as attempting to restore some of the regents' state funding, it could have positive ramifications for public universities and community colleges. The bill demonstrates a clear, cost-effective way of cutting back on spending (even just a little bit) without damaging the quality of Iowa's schools or committing major judicial folly.

Given some refinement, it's a decent step toward making recipients of paid leave accountable — and eliminating waste in the university system.

Your turn. Should the Legislature require convicted faculty to repay salary they receive on leave? Weigh in at dailyiowan.com.

Corruption's fine line



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The numbers should speak for themselves.

Iowa businessman Bruce Rastetter was the single largest individual donor to Gov. Terry Branstad's 2010 campaign, contributing a staggering \$162,712. Rastetter, who was one of three people Branstad recently appointed to the state Board of Regents, has also contributed thousands of dollars to top Senate Democrats. And in 2008 — apparently a particularly Machiavellian year for Rastetter — the UI graduate contributed \$25,000 to Democratic Gov. Chet Culver and a cool 100 grand to the Iowa Republican Party, according to the nonpartisan National Institute on Money in State Politics. (Over the past decade, Rastetter has given more than \$30,000 to the Iowa Democratic Party and more than \$140,000 to the Iowa GOP.)

Rastetter's extensive financial ties to lawmakers and both major state parties should disqualify him from consideration for the regents; the Senate should vote against his confirmation.

Branstad spokesman Tim Albrecht denied charges of impropriety, calling Rastetter a "passionate advocate for education."

"Two of his regents appointees donated nothing to Gov. Branstad's campaign," Albrecht told me via e-mail, referring to Katie Mulholland and Nicole Carroll. "Gov. Branstad chooses the best available individual for each appointment he makes, without regard to political donations."

Albrecht also touted Rastetter's private-sector experience, arguing it would leaven the board. I'm convinced his presence would have the opposite effect.

Setting aside the specious contention that we need a corporate leader on the regents (that is, unless you want even more platitudes about "staying competitive in global economy" tossed around with alacrity), Rastetter's nomination raises obvious ethical questions.

Iowa is renowned for being a "good government" state; our politics is largely devoid of skulduggery and venality. We don't have to worry about our governors ending up in handcuffs or a modern-day Boss Tweeds polluting our political process. And I'd like to keep it that way.

Branstad's tapping of

Rastetter is antithetical to that good government ethos. At worst, it's quid pro quo corruption at best, it's a discomfiting display that should make citizens squeamish. Either way, it reflects poorly on the state's political system and the regents.

Sen. Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa City, told me that while Rastetter "has the means to participate in a fairly dramatic way," he's "not overly worried" about the businessman's contribution history. Bolkcom said he hadn't met with Rastetter yet, but he expects the Senate to sign off on the governor's regent appointees next month.

No one else on the regents bests Rastetter in terms of financial contributions, but they're hardly inactive. Seven of the eight nonstudent regents have donated money to the governor who appointed them either prior to, or following, joining the board (Craig Lang is the sole exception). It's pretty innocuous when a regent donates a few hundred bucks to a political campaign, but some regents are shelling out tens of thousands of dollars. Last election, Regent President David Miles gave \$22,725 to Chet Culver; Bonnie Campbell donated \$15,250 to his campaign.

And then there are the instances of questionable sequential contributions.

Take Robert Downer, for example, who Culver reappointed in 2009. In the 2006 gubernatorial election that pitted Culver against Jim Nussle, Downer threw his financial largesse behind Nussle to the tune of \$1,225. In 2008 — the year prior to his reappointment and a year in which Culver wasn't up for reelection — Downer gave the governor \$1,000. Downer then got behind Culver in last year's election, contributing \$1,700 to his campaign.

My intent isn't to impugn Downer or the rest of the regents' integrity. But there are serious questions we should be asking about regent contributions. Should we accept that, with little compunction, regents often donate thousands of dollars to the governors who tapped them? Where is the line between political participation and I'll-scratch-your-back-if-you-scratch-mine corruption? Does the current system crowd out other potential appointees? I don't claim to have a definitive answer to these questions. What is clear to me, however, is that legislators are too content with the status quo.

The regents make too many important decisions for legislators and citizens not to be more inquisitive.

Letters

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Potter class should be open to all

I read constantly in elementary school, but I almost passed over *Harry Potter*. It wasn't until the sixth grade when I noticed the most popular boy in my class reading the series, and I had to know what was up. This kid never read, and all of a sudden he told me he was reading 50 pages a night. I picked up the books and took *Harry Potter* to the scary fandom level. If it wasn't for the sixth-grade jock,

I might not have read *Harry Potter* at all.

This is precisely why it is such a mistake for the upcoming *Harry Potter* class to be an Honors course only open to 19 students. By only offering the class to those 19 talented people, the UI is preventing what could possibly be the biggest networking event of our college careers. Book nerds read *Harry Potter*. Athletes read *Harry Potter*. Good students and bad students alike read *Harry Potter*. Are only 19 students smart enough to understand the

biggest pop-culture icon of our childhood?

I imagined a small lecture room full of people from all different backgrounds. English majors looking for a break from heavier reading. Math majors exploring their first literature class since Interpretation of Literature. Students who haven't read a book since they finished *Harry Potter*.

I used to tutor struggling readers. The goal of many of those students was to someday be able to read *Harry Potter*. Those students would not be Honors stu-

dents, but would you take that dream away from them?

Ash Bruxvoort
UI junior

No discrimination in background checks

Background checks are fine, but I think the University of Iowa needs to apply the same rules to all students. To single out athletes (or biologists) for special review would be wrong.

Lee Rouison
UI alumna

Guest opinion

Monopolies, antitrust regulations, & the state

One question that's frequently raised about market anarchism: How does one prevent the economy from being taken over by monopolies without antitrust regulations and other restrictions on corporate abuses of power?

Without antitrust laws, the argument goes, the firms in an oligopoly or cartel could simply lower prices when a competitor tried to enter the market, then raise them again when the competitor went out of business.

The problem with this argument is that it assumes a great deal of what it needs to prove. Sure, prices are a lot stickier when you've got a stable oligopolistic market. The Nader Group once estimated oligopolistic

markup at around 25 percent of total price in industries where half of output was controlled by four or fewer corporations. But how do you get an oligopolistic market like that in the first place? Strategic underpricing is a lot more effective if the market is already divided up between a small number of big players — and this state of affairs seldom arises naturally.

The corporate revolution of the late 19th century supposed several forms of massive state intervention: railroad land grants, which made possible the integration of the entire U.S. into a single market, and cartelization of industries through patent exchange and pooling. But even after

the economy became dominated by giant corporations, argues Gabriel Kolko in *The Triumph of Conservatism*, attempts to establish cartels by purely private means were largely failures. The big trusts immediately began losing market share to smaller and lower-cost competitors.

The tendency of cartels to break down into ruinous price wars was the reason for the "unfair competition" provisions of the Clayton and FTC Acts. Charging prices under cost was classed as unfair competition. According to Kolko, it was this provision that first made possible stable oligopolistic markets in which firms competed in terms of brand-name image and fluff rather than

price. That's right: The "Progressive" Era regulatory state was really working for the folks it regulated.

Ever hear the expression "Baptists and Bootleggers?" The biggest advocates for keeping a county dry, and the biggest source of campaign funds for temperance politicians, are the people who make money selling bootleg whiskey.

The effectiveness of strategic price-cutting to shut out competition also depends on entry costs — the size of the capital outlays required to build the first widget. The lower the entry costs, the more likely the dominant firm will find itself playing whack-a-mole, constantly having to

resume the price war as competitors try to enter the market. That means that regularly selling below cost becomes a normal cost of business, raising the level of overhead for a dominant player trying to keep others out. In an environment in which capital outlays to enter are low and the competitors keep coming and coming, that's a good way to go bankrupt.

One major effect of government regulation is to raise capitalization levels, entry costs, and overhead in ways that protect incumbent producers and secure monopoly rents to them. It's a lot cheaper to shut out lower-cost competition if you've got a big buddy out-

lawing low-cost forces of production. Once again, the monopolists find a friend in the regulatory state.

All the envisioned monopolistic strategies rely on the assumption that challengers would not adapt and develop workarounds. A primary effect of regulations is to criminalize those workarounds.

Monopoly is great, if you can just find a way to prevent competitors from entering the market and selling stuff cheaper than you. And when you penetrate behind the "progressive" aura of the regulatory state, you generally find it doing just that.

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Spotlight Iowa City



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UI sophomore Ben Mackey works on a painting for one of his classes in the Studio Arts Building on Feb. 25. Mackey, an art student, is a cartoonist and also cohosts the improv comedy show "Paperback Radio" on KRUI.

A sense of play in art

Ben Mackey is taking his comic-book illustrations into the art world.

By RILEY UBBEN
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Ben Mackey approached Valentine's Day more like Stan Lee than, say, Nicholas Sparks.

The University of Iowa sophomore and prolific illustrator created a comic book about the adventures of St. Valentine for girlfriend Victoria Harding as part of the "365 Face-off" website that the two started together. The blog finds the couple in a competition to post an original creation every day for a year with the ultimate goal of improving their individual crafts.

"I've definitely noticed an improvement in my proficiency," Mackey said. "I'm able to churn stuff out faster since I'm under that 24-hour time crunch."

Mackey's posts usually involve original cartoon characters, which the 20-year-old art major draws, then goes back with a computer program to give the scanned images some finishing touches. Mackey's talent goes much further than his digital creations, as his painting instructor, UI Associate Professor Laurel Farrin, will attest to.

"In my class, which is a painting class, he's made this wonderful transition out of a digital world into a world of working with [physical] materials," she said. "He has this amazing sensitivity and feel for the materials."

The themes for Mackey's work are never too serious, and he says many of the ideas for his drawings sim-

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ply come from joking around with friends. A post from January titled "The Scarf" contains a superhero with the power of, well, a scarf.

"I wear this coat and a scarf sometimes, and my friends and I were joking about how that could be a superhero," he said. "I ended up drawing that, and then slowly, he got more complex."

Superheroes with not-so-super powers seem to be common in Mackey's work. "The Subpars," another one of the artist's creations, was the result of a contest that he took part in with a friend in his hometown.

"We did this competition at the local comic-book store in Ames where we had to draw a 24-page comic in 24 hours," said Mackey. "It's about the people who are below the side-kicks, these kind of losers with lame superpowers."

None of the characters featured have super strength, but Man Hands does have super-strong grip, and while Flyboy does have the power of flight, it's only because he can turn into a fly.

Unable to take himself too seriously, Mackey also brings his comic-inspired sense of humor into his

Ben Mackey

- Age: 20
- Hometown: Ames, Iowa
- Favortie comic: Invincible
- Favortie movie: *Scott Pilgrim vs. the World*
- Favorite dinosaur: Spinosaurus
- Favorite band: Bright Eyes

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classes, which art TA Josh Eklow noticed right away in his Intermedia I class.

"One thing that always impressed me about his work was that weird contrast between a sense of play and a sense of spontaneity and then also the high level of attention to detail and craft," Eklow said.

Like many college students, Mackey isn't completely sure where his talents will take him. He cites "comic-book artist" or "movie and video game concept artist" as two possible career paths. But for now, he is focusing on building his portfolio with his blog, comics, and paintings to create a solid foundation to impress future employers, whoever they may be.

"I'm not one of those guys that's super career-oriented," he said. "But I start off, and instead of aiming precisely, just kind of take a shotgun, and shoot into the distance, and see what I hit."



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Erik Camayd-Freixas speaks to a crowd in the Levitt Auditorium on Thursday about the Postville raid.

Speaker depicts plight of undocumented workers

Erik Camayd-Freixas drew comparisons between slavery and the treatment of migrant workers.

By NINA EARNEST
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Watch Erik Camayd-Freixas' speech.

Rosanna Mejia is Guatemalan, but her daughter is an American citizen.

Mejia was one of the nearly 400 workers arrested at a meatpacking plant in Postville, Iowa, in 2008. She and her then-2-year-old lived under house arrest for three months before they were deported to Guatemala.

Now, the mother fights off her little girl's hunger pains with watered-down coffee.

Erik Camayd-Freixas, a professor at Florida International University who served as an interpreter during the raid, told the story to a crowd in the Levitt Auditorium of the University of Iowa's Boyd Law Building. He was the keynote speaker for the College of Law's *Journal of Gender, Race & Justice*, as part of its "War On: The Fallout of Declaring War on Social Issues."

"Everyone of those stories is a heart-rending story," Camayd-Freixas told *The Daily Iowan* Thursday night.

He drew comparisons between slave labor in the United States and the progression of treatment of

migrant workers in the present day.

"As it happens throughout the country, those who rise one notch above servitude are stricken down by limiting social mobility," he told the group of law students and community members.

A sanctuary city is a way to provide a safe harbor for migrant workers, he said.

"During slavery, you had a North-South divide," Camayd-Freixas told the *DI*. "You crossed a line, and you were free, and you had people helping you."

The speaker also traced the cases of undocumented laborers as a historically civil matter handled by the Labor Department to a militarized situation governed by policy sparked by the war on terror.

"The administration strove to redefine all migration as a threat to national security," Camayd-Freixas said.

During the 2008 Postville raid, he said, he saw human rights being violated, especially in terms of mandatory

Symposium

This weekend's panels:

- War on Terror
- War on Crime and Gangs
- Collateral Damage: The effect of policy wars on Latinos and Native Americans
- The War on Drugs & Mass Incarceration

Source: *The Journal of Gender, Race & Justice*

immigrant detention.

"It took me by surprise when [almost 400] people were under those conditions," he said.

Sarah Pierce, the senior symposium editor, said its goal is to examine the legal path in confronting these issues.

"Policy- and lawmakers use policy wars to rally people against these social issues," she said. "What we're looking at is how many people are actually victimized by these wars."

Matt Hulstein, a second-year law student and student writer for the journal, said Camayd-Freixas' presentation transformed abstract theory from law school into a human aspect.

"When someone declares war on a population, someone's going to be a casualty," Hulstein said. "We're interested in who that casualty is."

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Joan Burns of the Bradley & Riley Spellbound team smiles after correctly spelling a word during the 14th-annual S-P-E-L-L-S Adult Spelling Bee in the Iowa City Public Library on Thursday. Nine teams signed up for this year's spelling bee.

Locals 'kast' their spells

Spelling bee champions credit luck and linguistic passion for their success.

By RYAN COLE
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Missy Molleston lifted the trophy, adorned with a golden, bespectacled bee, above her head in triumph.

After more than two hours of sustained tension, the audience erupted into applause. Her team, the Kirkwood Killer Bees, had just won the Iowa City Public Library Spelling Bee.

"I feel sick the whole way through, then we win, and it feels nice," Molleston said.

The Iowa City Public Library Friends Foundation hosted the 14th-annual event Thursday at the library, 123 S. Linn St., as fundraiser. The spelling bee has drawn in more than \$60,000 in donations since its inception, and the number of participants has steadily grown.

Local businesses sponsor a three-person team for \$375 if they provide their own spellers, and \$450 if the library has to find volunteers. Nine teams participated this year.

Director of Development Patty McCarthy said businesses have good incentives to sponsor a team.

"Many of our sponsors consider it to be good stunt money because it goes out [on TV] over and over again," she said.

Hands Jewelers sponsored the event with a \$1,000 donation. Store owner Bill Nusser, who MC'd the bee for the 13th-consecutive year, said the pressure of participating sometimes had an odd effect on spellers.

"People get very agitated," he said. "People who are very calm and collected get nervous."

An engrossed crowd — which filled the meeting room to capacity — participated in an audience spelling bee between rounds. Spectators often

Spelling Bee

Words that eliminated the teams:

- vitiligo
- deign
- ocarina

Source: Iowa City S-P-E-L-L-S

held pads or other slips of paper on which they scrawled their best guesses on words presented to the teams.

Spelling judge Sheldon Kurtz, a UI Law professor, didn't hesitate to offer his services for a fifth year.

"When the library calls, you come down," he said.

Dan Daly, a member of the Phelan Tucker Spellers team, said he enjoyed the friendly competition.

"It's a fun thing to play, and it's [for] a good cause," the 58-year-old said.

His team won the bee last year, and before the event, he was pragmatic about the odds of edging out the eight other teams this year.

"I think we have at least a one in nine chance," he quipped.

Ultimately, "infinitesimal" eliminated the Phelan Tucker Spellers, leaving the Kirkwood Killer Bees to contend with the Iowa City Press-Citizen Spellers. After the Press-Citizen team misspelled "scaup," the Killer Bees correctly spelled the same word and followed it with an accurate "C-A-T-A-R-R-H" for the win.

"I knew that word, so I was lucky," said Killer Bee Bart Brown. His team has now won the bee six times, four more than any other team.

Though Brown attributed some of the victory to luck, Molleston said a lifetime love of language propelled her success.

"I just like spelling," the library assistant said. "I'm geeky."

Rabbi: Giffords progressing

By AMANDA LEE MYERS
Associated Press

PHOENIX — Rep. Gabrielle Giffords has been showing emotion, good memory skills, and an impressive grasp of everything from legislative business to song lyrics as she recovers in a Houston hospital from a gunshot wound to the head.

The Democratic congresswoman has been undergoing extensive therapy in the nearly two months since she was shot at a political event in Tucson, and she has been receiving frequent visits from her astronaut husband Mark Kelly as he trains to be the commander of the next shuttle mission.

Giffords spokesman C.J. Karamargin said on Thursday that the congresswoman also gets regular, detailed updates about the work being done at her offices in Tucson and in Washington. She gets the updates from her chief of staff, Pia Carusone, who is splitting her time among Houston, Washington, and Tucson.

Among Giffords' other visitors has been Stephanie Aaron, her rabbi and good friend. Aaron described Giffords' progress to the Associated Press on Thursday after a visit to the hospital over the weekend.

She said Giffords sang Don McLean's "American Pie" with husband Mark

Kelly and his two daughters, and she knew the words better than the three of them. Musical therapy is an important part of her recovery as doctors use songs in attempt to improve her brain function, along with physical, occupational, and speech rehabilitation.

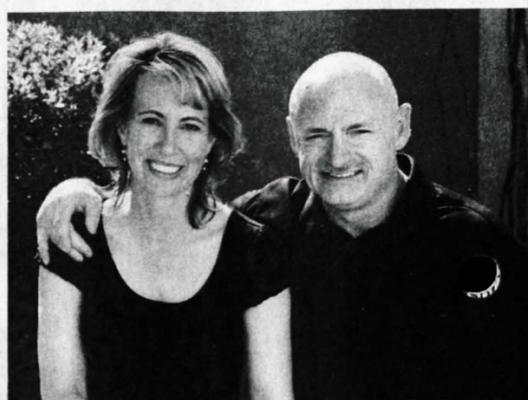
Aaron said Giffords also chanted a Hebrew healing prayer with her, although the congresswoman didn't know the words beforehand.

Aaron said she would tell Giffords the words, and the two would chant, with Giffords getting frustrated at times.

"I would just stop, hold her hand and say, 'Gabby, it's OK. Just breathe.' And we would sit together and just breathe," Aaron said. "And what very much uplifted me was when I was leaving ... she got tears in her eyes, and she hugged me. I said, 'Gabby, what do you need to remember?' And she said, 'Breathe.'"

She said when she first arrived at Giffords' hospital room, she brought the congresswoman a giant card made by students at the middle school she attended. Inside it was a T-shirt attached to the card, and printed on the shirt was a photo of the students with Giffords and Kelly when they visited Washington, D.C.

"She reached out and pulled the shirt off and held it to her heart and had a big smile, and she



AP PHOTO/OFFICE OF REP. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS

Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, left, is shown with her husband, NASA astronaut Mark Kelly. Giffords has been showing emotion, good memory skills, and an impressive grasp of everything from legislative business to song lyrics as she recovers in a Houston hospital from a gunshot wound to the head.

touched the picture of Mark," Aaron said. "It was very moving."

Aaron said that she left the hospital for a while to bring Giffords some of her favorite foods — matzo ball soup and cheese blintzes. She said Giffords happily ate the meal.

"I'm very encouraged and hopeful for the future," Aaron said.

Kelly will be the commander of Endeavour when it launches in April; identical twin brother Scott is the current leader of the International Space Station crew.

President Obama called the astronauts on Thursday to wish them his best. Before signing off, he told Scott Kelly that he spoke to his

brother a couple days ago.

"It sounds like Gabby's making incredible progress," the president said. "And we're just thrilled for that."

Giffords was shot on Jan. 8 in a rampage outside a Tucson grocery store that injured 12 others and killed six people, including a federal judge and a 9-year-old girl who was born on 9/11.

Jared Loughner is charged in federal court in the assassination attempt against Giffords that killed six people. Authorities described him as a mentally unstable college dropout who became obsessed with carrying out violence against Giffords for reasons that are unclear.

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Missing retired FBI agent may be alive

WASHINGTON (AP) — Four years after a retired FBI agent mysteriously vanished inside Iran, U.S. officials have received irrefutable proof he is alive, a dramatic development that has sharply intensified secret negotiations to bring him home, the Associated Press has learned.

The U.S. had lacked reliable information about whether Robert Levinson was alive or dead since he disappeared in March 2007 from the Iranian island of Kish. It remains unclear who exactly is holding Levinson or where he is.

The State Department issued a three-sentence statement by Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton on Thursday saying there were indications Levinson was in southwestern Asia and asking Iran for help.

Iran has repeatedly said it has no information about Levinson, but U.S. diplomats and investigators have long said they believed he was taken by Iranian government agents.

As years passed, many in the U.S. government believed the 63-year-old with diabetes and high blood pressure might have died. But late last year, Levinson's family received proof that he was alive. Investigators confirmed its authenticity and that it was recent, current and former officials said.

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Gun campaign in IC

Mayors Against Illegal Guns will stop in Hubbard Park today.

By KATIE HEINE
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National campaign petitioning for increased background checks on gun owners will make a stop on campus today, and local officials said the movement is a step toward creating more consistent gun laws.

The National Drive to Fix Gun Checks, sponsored by Mayors Against Illegal Guns, will set up in Hubbard Park today. The University Democrats are hosting the event, which encourages students to sign a petition calling for Congress to re-evaluate and standardize the varied background-check systems among states.

"My guess is they're going to find Iowa City is very cooperative," Iowa City Police Chief Sam Hargadine said of the group.

Three members of the traveling project met with Hargadine Thursday evening to learn more about the area. Mayor Matt Hayek said he wants to gather more information about the coalition's goals and consult the city manager before determining the city's stance.

The national representatives were interested in Iowa because of the recent changes in gun-permit restrictions, Hargadine said.

Iowa City, Johnson County, and other nearby entities recently passed resolutions banning guns from their property following a Jan. 1 "shall issue" law, which loosened gun-permit regulations.

The national group noted Iowa City's quick action following the gun-permit

changes. The Iowa City City Council voted in February to ban guns in city buildings, city-owned property around the buildings, and city parks. "They see Iowa City as being a frontliner," Hargadine said.

According to the campaign's latest release, organizers are "looking forward to meeting with some of the great people across the state."

Cofounded by New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Boston Mayor Tom Menino, Mayors Against Illegal Guns is a coalition of 550 American mayors who want stronger restrictions on who can carry guns.

In mid-February, Bloomberg launched the National Drive to Fix Gun Checks, which will stop in 25 states to meet with city officials, law enforcement, and the public.

Created in response to the Arizona shooting in January, the truck features a mobile billboard with a running tally of the number of Americans murdered by guns since the shootings — more than 1,800 as of Thursday night.

Their petition identifies two main steps: requiring a background check in every gun sale in America and maintaining a more comprehensive list of people who shouldn't own guns.

Only two Iowa mayors have signed the petition to date — from Davenport and Des Moines — but Hargadine said he wouldn't be surprised to see Iowa City getting involved with the coalition.

Johnson County Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek will meet with members of the organization today.

He said he was pleased the organization is recognizing the "inconsistency" of gun laws across the nation.

Fix Gun Checks Tour

The group has stopped in:
• New York City
• Chicago
• Iowa City
• Columbus, Ohio

Source: www.fixgunchecks.org

He also said he was glad students will be involved.

"Students may not stay up to date on the news based on academic demands, and this is something of a current event that will likely have ramifications when the next elections come about," he said.

UI sophomore Margaret Murphy, the president of the University Democrats, said she thought the group would be an opportunity for students to be more informed about gun laws.

"Everyone can agree this is an important issue," the 19-year-old said.

NATION

Wisconsin governor to start laying off workers

(AP) MADISON, Wis. — Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker said on Thursday that he will issue layoff notices to 1,500 state workers today if his proposal forcing them to pay more for benefits and taking away nearly all their collective-bargaining rights isn't passed by then.

Walker also said in an interview with the Associated Press that he is negotiating with Democrats who stymied passage of the bill by leaving the state for changes to the proposal that would get them to return. Walker said he won't compromise on the collective-bargaining issue or anything that saves the state money.

"I can't take any of that off the table," he said.

Walker's budget proposal hinges on the state saving \$330 million over two years from forcing state workers to pay more for their benefits. He's also cutting aid to schools and local governments by about \$1 billion,

reductions he says they can't handle without the freedom he gives them through eliminating nearly all collective bargaining with public workers.

Walker said he has to issue the layoff notices starting today so the state can start to realize the \$30 million savings he had assumed would come from the state worker concessions contained in the bill. The layoffs wouldn't be effective for 31 days, and Walker said he could rescind them if the bill passed in the meantime.

Also on Thursday, pro-union protesters vacated the Wisconsin Capitol on the 17th day of round-the-clock demonstrations after a judge ordered the building closed at night.

41 years later, ROTC returns to Harvard

(AP) BOSTON — Harvard University is welcoming the Reserve Officer Training Corps program back to campus this week, 41 years after banishing it amid dissent over the Vietnam War.

The Cambridge, Mass., school's change in policy follows the decision by Congress in December to repeal the military ban on gays serving openly, an official familiar with the arrangement said Thursday.

Harvard President Drew Gilpin Faust and Navy Secretary Ray Mabus are scheduled to sign an agreement today that will recognize the Naval ROTC's formal presence on campus, according to the official, who wasn't allowed to speak publicly and requested anonymity.

As part of the agreement, a director of Naval ROTC at Harvard will be appointed, and the university will resume funding the program. Harvard cadets will still train at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, as they have for years.

Harvard and several other prominent schools, including Stanford, Yale, and Columbia, had kept the Vietnam-era ban in place following the war because of what they viewed as a discriminatory military policy forbidding gays from serving openly.

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20 Analogues of "Kiss Me, I'm Irish":

- Waltz With Me, I'm Austrian
- Headbutt Me, I'm Scottish
- Recognize Me, I'm Palestinian
- Fish Me, I'm Swedish
- Wax Me, I'm Brazilian
- Bless Me, I'm St. Lucian
- Isolate Me, I'm North Korean
- Bribe Me, I'm Russian
- Offend Me, I'm French
- French Me, I'm Polynesian
- Mate Me, I'm Australian
- Bugger Me, I'm English
- End Me, I'm Finnish
- Beat My Armada, I'm Spanish
- Roll Me, I'm Cuban
- Beer Me, I'm German
- Say Dirty Words In Me, I'm Italian
- Smoke Me, I'm Jamaican
- Split Me, I'm Dutch
- Outsource Me, I'm American

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6	5	2	4	8	3	7	1	9
7	3	4	9	6	1	2	8	5
9	2	5	1	7	8	3	6	4
3	7	8	6	9	4	5	2	1
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- 2 p.m. UI Symphony Orchestra, William LaRue Jones, conductor, Borodin, Glinka, Shostakovich, Feb. 16
 - 3:30 Martin Luther King Human Rights Week Opening Celebration, Odell McGhee Keynote, Langston Hughes Company of Players, UI gospel choir Voices of Soul, the Quire, UI Breakers, Youth United Drill Team Jan. 17
 - 5:30 Brass Quintet Concert, Nov. 11, 2010
 - 6:30 UI Symphony Orchestra, William LaRue Jones, conductor, Borodin, Glinka, Shostakovich, Feb. 16
 - 8 "WorldCanvass," Joan Kjaer and UI International Programs, "East Africa," February 2011
 - 10 Undergraduate Dance, UI Department of Dance, May 6, 2010
 - 11:30 Youth Ballet Dance Concert, Dec. 19, 2010, UI Department of Dance

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by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 A quick once-over won't cut it today. Do your due diligence if you don't want to lose ground professionally, financially, or physically. Don't let pressure put on you by others speed up a process that requires time.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Ask for favors, listen and learn, and pick up new skills, and you will be prepared for any unexpected professional changes that develop. Being versatile, coupled with what and whom you know, will lead to your success.
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- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Stick close to home and family. You can beautify your surroundings cheaply if you do the work. A relationship can take on a new life if you include this person in your plans and share what you have.
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- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 Shake off any bad feelings you have, or you will miss your mark when it comes to what you want to achieve. Your emotions will get you into trouble if you refuse to see all sides of an issue. Work with, not against, the grain.

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by Scott Adams



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- **Jazzercise**, 8 a.m., Robert A. Lee Recreation Center, 220 S. Gilbert
- **U.S. Tennis Association Youth Registration**, 8 a.m., North Dodge Athletics Club, 2400 N. Dodge
- **Health Sciences & Engineering Women Faculty Development Conference**, 8:30 a.m., Coralville Marriott
- **English Conversation Group**, 10 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Knitting Nurse**, 10 a.m., Home Ec Workshop, 207 N. Linn
- **Book Babies**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **A Democratic Senate Perspective on Health-Care Reform**, noon, UI Public Policy Center, 200 South Quadrangle
- **Health Management and Policy-Center for Health Policy and Research Research Updates**, Clint MacKinney, noon, E216 Gilmore Hall
- **Exploring Majors Fairs**, 12:30 p.m., IMU Main Lounge
- **Biostatistics Student Academic Club Talk**, 1 p.m., 3189 Medical Laboratories
- **High Performance Computing: Rocks and Puppet**, 1 p.m., C44-A Gilmore Hall
- **World Day of Prayer**, 1 p.m., St. Thomas More Church, Coralville
- **Chemistry Colloquium, Flexibility**, "A New Paradigm for Nucleoside Drug Design," Katherine Seley-Radtke, University of Maryland-Baltimore County, 3:30 p.m., W228 Chemistry Building
- **Rhetoric Seminar**, "Graphic Blackness/Anime Noir: Aaron McGruder's The Boondocks and the Adult Swim," 3:30 p.m., 106 Bowman House
- **Arc of Southeast Iowa Chili Supper**, 4:30 p.m., River Community Church, 2001 Muscatine
- **Antique Spectacular**, 5 p.m., QCCA Expo Center, 2621 Fourth Ave.,

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 - **Brian McLaren**, 7 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 310 N. Johnson
 - **Bye-Bye Birdie**, 7 p.m., Regina Elementary, 2120 Rochester
 - **Open Mike Night**, 7 p.m., Uptown Bill's, 730 S. Dubuque
 - **"Live from Prairie Lights," Peter O'Leary, poetry**, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
 - **Roller Skating**, 7 p.m., Wood Elementary, 1930 Lakeside
 - **Strange, Brute Facts**, 7 p.m., BS Gallery, 220 West Benton
 - **Ballroom Dance**, 7:30 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E. Market
 - **Danu**, 7:30 p.m., Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington
 - **New Play Festival Five**, 7:30 p.m., Iowa Children's Museum, Coral Ridge Mall
 - **University Choir**, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Recital Hall
- **Walking the Wire: Monologues at Riverside**, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Theatre, 213 N. Gilbert
- **Antigone 2.0**, 8 p.m., Theatre Building Thayer Theatre
- **Dancers In Company Home Concert**, 8 p.m., North Hall Space/Place
- **OSG**, 8 p.m., Blue Moose, 211 Iowa
- **Sean Boarini**, 8 p.m., Formosa, 241 E. College
- **Made in Dagenham**, 8:45 p.m., Bijou
- **The Workshy**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- **Campus Activities Board Movie, Tangled**, 10 p.m., 348 IMU
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- **High Fidelity**, 11 p.m., Bijou

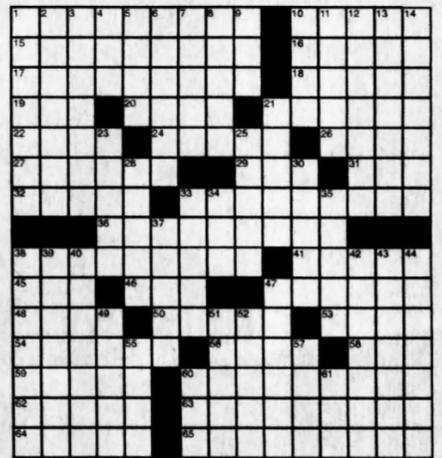
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- Across**
- 1 Run in two places at once
 - 10 Savannah growth
 - 15 Nut's suggestion
 - 16 Home of Creighton University
 - 17 Station finder
 - 18 Iron Age people
 - 19 Mythical mortal who helped raise Dionysus
 - 20 Aye's opposite, poetically
 - 21 Used the name
 - 22 See 49-Down
 - 24 Out of top form
 - 26 1925 Literature Nobel
 - 27 Cartoon series
 - 29 Middle of summer?
 - 31 Frog-eating bird
 - 32 Tangle
 - 33 Temperature, e.g.
 - 36 Herpetologist's supply
 - 38 Some island dwellers
 - 41 French for "clog"
 - 45 Washington Irving hero, informally
 - 46 Father, e.g.: Abbr.
 - 47 Vigil locale
 - 48 What some veterans recall
 - 50 Japanese brew
 - 53 Burst
 - 54 X'd
 - 56 More than surprise
 - 58 What you may do when you're beat
 - 59 Sunbathing spot
 - 60 Bob Fosse specialty
 - 62 Not rounded
 - 63 Minor restrictions
 - 64 Two-bit
 - 65 Dead duck's cry
- Down**
- 1 Doesn't blow dough
 - 2 Like much oil
 - 3 One often seen with her child
 - 4 Magazine holder
 - 5 Lord (overseer of Scottish heraldry)
 - 6 Press releases?
 - 7 Literally, "to God"
 - 8 Brands ... or carrier of brands
 - 9 ___ vez (Mexican "maybe")
 - 10 Take place
 - 11 Forecaster's concerns
 - 12 Dish topped with crushed peanuts and lime
 - 13 Ball of wax
 - 14 Romp
 - 21 Longtime Rolling Stones bassist
 - 23 Trim, in a way
 - 25 Parisian thinkers?
 - 28 Like the Bay of Rainbows
 - 30 Washing machine sound
 - 33 Glasses for a scientist
 - 34 It creeps up
 - 35 Upper-class?
 - 37 Small change
 - 38 Like rice in some cereal treats
 - 39 On-demand flier
 - 40 One of 300 at Thermopylae
 - 42 Stretches between Ryder Cups
 - 43 Plays without a break
 - 44 Nautical danger
 - 47 Thing often heard in short order?
 - 49 With 22-Across, genius's asset
 - 51 It may become a cliché
 - 52 "Animal House" figure
 - 55 President after Auril
 - 57 Better papers?
 - 60 Hook connection point
 - 61 "Just ___" ("Hold on")

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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WRESTLING

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wrestler has shown improvement, as evidenced by the squad's undefeated run through Big Ten dual competition.

Despite the disappointment, Midlands proved to benefit the whole team.

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chip on our shoulder," red-shirt freshman Tony

Ramos said. "I feel that we're more prepared and more ready now for everything that we're going in to. I feel like the coaches also learned a lot from the Midlands. Tom said it made him a better coach, and it made us better athletes."

Brands noted the team has more "tough in their toughness" since the beginning of the season and Midlands, but still, whispers of

inexperience continue to find their way to Iowa City.

McDonough and Marion, only a sophomore and junior, respectively, are the most experienced Hawkeyes come postseason. McDonough's advice to his teammates is to go head on at the opportunity they have to leave their mark — something he knows how to do after capturing the

national title last season. "The biggest wrestling stages in the world aren't dual meets, they're tournaments," the 125-pounder said. "You win the tournament, you beat the whole country. You don't beat one guy, you beat every single guy one after the other. I love tournaments, I love this time of year, and I think

every guy on our team is fired up and ready to go.

"The importance of you have to beat the best to be the best comes right now."

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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"We're all playing together so well right now," Printy said. "Different people step up each night. We're hard to guard right now."

Looking past Ohio State — which Bluder vehemently tried to avoid at her weekly press conference on Tuesday — doesn't bring about any easier matchups.

When asked who else in the tournament is bound to give Iowa a tough matchup, Bluder simply said, "Any-

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body that we play."

That mentality is indicative of how competitive the Big Ten has been this season, and that's not going to change this weekend. Ohio State's RPI is the ninth-best in the country, while Michigan State's is 15th, and Iowa's ranks 19th.

"You have the three highest RPIs on one side of the bracket, which is tough," Bluder said. "There's no doubt about it."

Despite a shaky start to

the conference season — Iowa lost its first two games — the Hawkeyes have battled back. With 22 wins, they appear a safe bet to receive an NCAA Tournament berth, but they could earn a better seeding in the Big Dance with a couple wins in the Big Ten tourney.

Associate head coach Jan Jensen said the team has embraced the challenge of playing Ohio State immediately and said the matchup will be fun.

"This is what March Madness is all about," she said. "We're going into the tournament wanting to make that memory. We

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want to cut down the nets. Those opportunities are few and far between. Anytime you put yourself in that position, you just have to savor it. It's going to be a blast."

WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS

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the meet. I think once it's over, it'll become something else and something special."

Gebeshian, too, isn't focusing on the Senior Night aspect — she aims to hit her routines. A returning Big Ten champion on beam, she has struggled on the apparatus throughout the season.

"I'm a senior, and I've let myself and my team down all year, so I need to pick it up now because there's not much time left," she said.

Until this year, the GymHawks competed in Carver-Hawkeye. After the

change of venue, many of the gymnasts don't consider the competition arena in the Field House main deck to be their true home.

Hurlburt, however, has emotional ties to the Field House that will make it hard to say goodbye. Hailing from Waterloo, she started competing in club meets at the Field House when she was 9. Competing in the Field House one last time will attest to how much the beam and floor gymnast has grown up.

"I'm really excited to have the opportunity to just have fun and show off and smile," Hurlburt said. "I've always been a little bit shy about showing off my gymnastics, and competing on floor this year has helped that, so I'm looking

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forward to the last time of competing in a place that's, so comfortable to me."

As the GymHawks move closer to the conference championships, which will be held on March 19 in Minneapolis, Libby prepares to say goodbye to the senior class.

"This is the class that has seen it all with us, bad and good, and has stuck with us to really take this

program to the next level," she said. "This is the class that we made the change with, that has made a difference. It's going to be rough to let them go."

Libby bases her coaching philosophy on helping gymnasts to see the "big picture," she said. During their years at Iowa, she hopes to instill life values in her gymnasts that will last, and this year's senior class has demonstrated her philosophy perfectly.

"They finally, finally, finally have gotten it," she said. "They get the big picture. They get what they're supposed to do, they get who they're supposed to be, and what they are and how great they are."

MEN'S BASKETBALL

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basketball in front of Duke's Cameron Crazies.

Of course, it can have as much of a positive effect on the home team as it does a negative effect on the visitors.

"I think it's very important [to have loud fans]," Koch said. "It gives you that extra gear or that extra spurt."

Before this season, Iowa's new head coach Fran McCaffery made his pitch to students. He toured Burge, Hillcrest, and Mayflower to sell his program to the one demographic that's usually guaranteed at a school with decent basketball tradition, because he recognized the necessity of a student section.

"What we want to create is a difficult environment for the opposition, and the best way to do that is with our students," McCaffery said on Sept. 20, 2010. "They make this place [Carver-Hawkeye] hard to play in."

Fan 'owe' the players

Logic would say that any great team will have great fans. But can a great student section rise independently?

"The team's not going to improve significantly unless [the Hawks] have the fans to back them up," UI sophomore Paul Mowery said.

It would be tough to find a more passionate fan than Mowery. The Clarinda, Iowa, native said his parents would "disown" him if he didn't attend Iowa football and basketball games — and he's missed just one of Iowa's in-semester home basketball contests over the last two years.

Mowery and the few pals he comes to the game with

can seem almost out of place in the often-moribund HawksNest, especially during the last year of former head coach Todd Lickliter.

Mowery has worn a Teletubby costume — among others — to games this season, and he can be seen yelling at opposing players on free throws.

All, he says, because he feels obligated to.

"The student-athletes are working so hard, the fans owe them to work as hard as they do," Mowery said.

Among those who agree with him is the president of the HawksNest, Kevin Velovitch, a UI junior from Noblesville, Ind.. He recognizes the uphill battle he faces in generating interest for a team that has had little success the last few years.

But he's seen the tapes from the '80s and watched games from as recently as 2005, when the student section was full and loud.

A tall, lanky business major, he is a great salesman of a product whose customer base is jaded. He tries to sell students on creating something.

As the team improves, meaning a more enjoyable game for people to watch, a student section with seemingly no original chants can create something else.

"[Students] want to see more tradition come out of the student section," Velovitch said.

Toward this effort, his organization — which has only been an officially student organization for two years — is trying to unify people.

The HawksNest has helped change Carver-Hawkeye's policy on signs — students may now bring them if they are "respectful."

His next goal is "unification" — having everyone in the section wearing the same color shirt. After that, he says, the fans, and the traditions, will come.

"Traditions, I think, develop from students com-

Men hoopsters wrap it up

Iowa basketball will host No. 6 Purdue at 3:05 p.m. Saturday in Carver-Hawkeye Arena in the final Big Ten regular-season game for both teams.

The two couldn't be more different heading into the finale, with the Hawkeyes (10-19, 3-14) battling to stay out of last place in the conference, while the Boilermakers (25-5, 14-3) could win a share of the Big Ten crown with a victory.

Saturday will also be Senior Day for two Hawkeyes center Jarryd Cole and walk-on T.J. Sayre.

While Sayre just joined the team for one year, Cole has been a captain for the last three seasons, and he will likely be most remembered for his tenure falling under three coaches. Cole was recruited by Steve Alford, although he never played a game for the now-New Mexico head coach. However, Cole stayed committed to Iowa and played for Todd Lickliter and now Fran McCaffery.

The game is the Hawkeyes' first ESPN-televvised contest this season.

— by Ian Martin

ing to the game," he said. "Coming with a creative idea, and it'll develop and, hopefully, continue for years to come."

A relative improvement

The last two years have seen an increase in ticket sales. This past season, there were 1,730 student tickets sold, although as of Feb. 21, 400 had not been picked up. This number is larger than any year during the Lickliter years but is fewer than half the 3,791 sold for the 2001-02 season.

But ticket sales aren't the only measure of student interest.

Velovitch and Mowery agreed that this year has been an improvement.

"In years past, it's been

Iowa players on the 2010-11 student section:

Freshman Zach McCabe

"We need to get more people coming ... You see schools like Illinois, and they have their Orange Krush or whatever it's called. Those other schools, they've had success, so if we have success, more people will come." "Back when [Adam] Haluska and those guys were here, I've seen videos, and there are a lot of people there, and they're all cheering, and everyone's into it. I think it'd be cool to get that back again."

Junior Matt Gatens

"I wish we could find our niche for [a unique tradition], but I don't know what that is. It's probably going to take a lot of people sitting together to brainstorm ideas."

Senior Jarryd Cole

"It's definitely improved. The students come out; I've seen more students this year than I've seen any game in the last three years. We love it; it brings a lot of momentum and a lot of energy to us. Puts a lot of fear into the opposing team." "Duke's a great example. I heard over at Duke when the opposing team is leaving the hotel, they have people lined up ready to taunt them." "If you can scare a team before they even get to the gym, that's a plus for you."

kind of something of an afterthought: 'Oh, there's a game tonight,'" Velovitch said. "But now, students are actually saying, 'You know what, I'm going to take a couple hours out of my day and go have some fun in the student section.'"

Mowery had a different tone, though. He said he remembers Carver "rocking" during the Tom Davis era. He said you "couldn't hear yourself think" during games.

"Close to that, I'd say there's miles and miles to go," he said. "But close to being an intimidating place to play? We're on the cusp."

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Hawks face powerhouse

The members of the men's tennis team hope that their emotions and intensity, along with spectacular play, will be enough to upset Illinois.

By **BEN ROSS**
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The Iowa men's tennis team will have its hands full when it faces No. 4 Illinois (6-4) at noon on March 6 in the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex. Last season, Iowa (4-3) went 0-2 against the Fighting Illini, the most recent loss coming in the quarterfinals of the Big Ten Tournament in Bloomington, Ind.

Illinois has had Iowa's number in recent years, winning the last eight matchups against the Black and Gold. The 73rd-ranked Hawkeyes

will have had 11 days to cool off since their last match, against Drake, after a stretch in which they won three matches over the course of six days, all coming at home. But junior No. 1 singles player Marc Bruche insisted the team hasn't lost any momentum during the rest period.

"Everyone is starting to get into rhythm," he said. "We improve from day-to-day by going out and practicing. We practice every day and have morning workouts; the rhythm gets better."

While people may think the home squad is facing overwhelming

odds against the fourth-ranked Illini, Bruche said being the underdog in such matches has some advantages.

"We will have to play unbelievably; Illinois is a top-10 team," he said. "We will get our chances, but everyone will have to be perfect."

"We're the underdogs. If I were Illinois, I wouldn't even think of Iowa — they will underestimate us."

The last time the Hawkeyes had such a long grace period in between matches was last season, when the squad played Denver University on March 7 and competed against the University of Nevada-Las Vegas 10 days later. Both contests resulted in losses. Head coach Steve Houghton has confidence in his team, even saying that the scheduling was done on purpose.

"[The time off] came at a really good time," he said. "It wasn't an accident; we scheduled it that way. It has allowed us to take a step a back and work on things that need to be polished up."

The Hawkeyes will have to be better than polished if they wish to be successful this week-

end. Illinois has three ranked singles players, including a two-time All-Big Ten player in No. 9 Dennis Nevolo, who is also ranked No. 16 overall in doubles along with partner Abe Souza.

Senior Austen Kauss said the right mentality and an aggressive playing style can lead to a victory in the border battle.

"We'll continue to be really aggressive and confident," he said. "We have kept a positive outlook regarding the match, and if we keep the same intensity we have had in past matches and raise that level individually... we're more successful when fully engaged."

Houghton agreed that his players have gotten tougher, and the mentality that the team will go into the match with will play a large part in the outcome. He noted Illinois' depth in its singles lineup but didn't discount its doubles play, either.

"They're always good at doubles, that's their trademark. But we can't make assumptions," he said. "We need to focus completely on the match and focus on every point. The doubles point will be really important. If we can win that, it will be a big boost to the confidence level of the team."

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MEN'S TRACK

This weekend, several Hawkeyes get one last chance to qualify for the NCAA championships.
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Tourney time for Hawkeyes

The Iowa women's basketball team will play Ohio State tonight in the Big Ten Tournament quarterfinals.

By **MATT COZZI**
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Why stop now? That's the mentality the Iowa women's basketball team has emulated heading into the Big Ten Tournament.

Head coach Lisa Bluder's squad enters Indianapolis' Conseco Field House on a five-game winning streak, in which the Hawkeyes have averaged 77 points per contest. Defensively, they have yielded only 64 points per game during that same span.

While Iowa (22-7, 10-6) received a first-round bye in the tournament, the Hawkeyes tied for third place with three other teams — Michigan, Ohio State, and Wisconsin. They are seeded fourth, behind Michigan, because they were defeated by the Wolverines in their only regular-season meeting.

The draw to lead off Iowa's Big Ten tourney title hopes isn't the greatest. A second-round matchup with fifth-seeded Ohio State — which will tip off at approximately 7:30 p.m. CST today on the Big Ten Network — is hardly a reward for the squad's third-place finish.

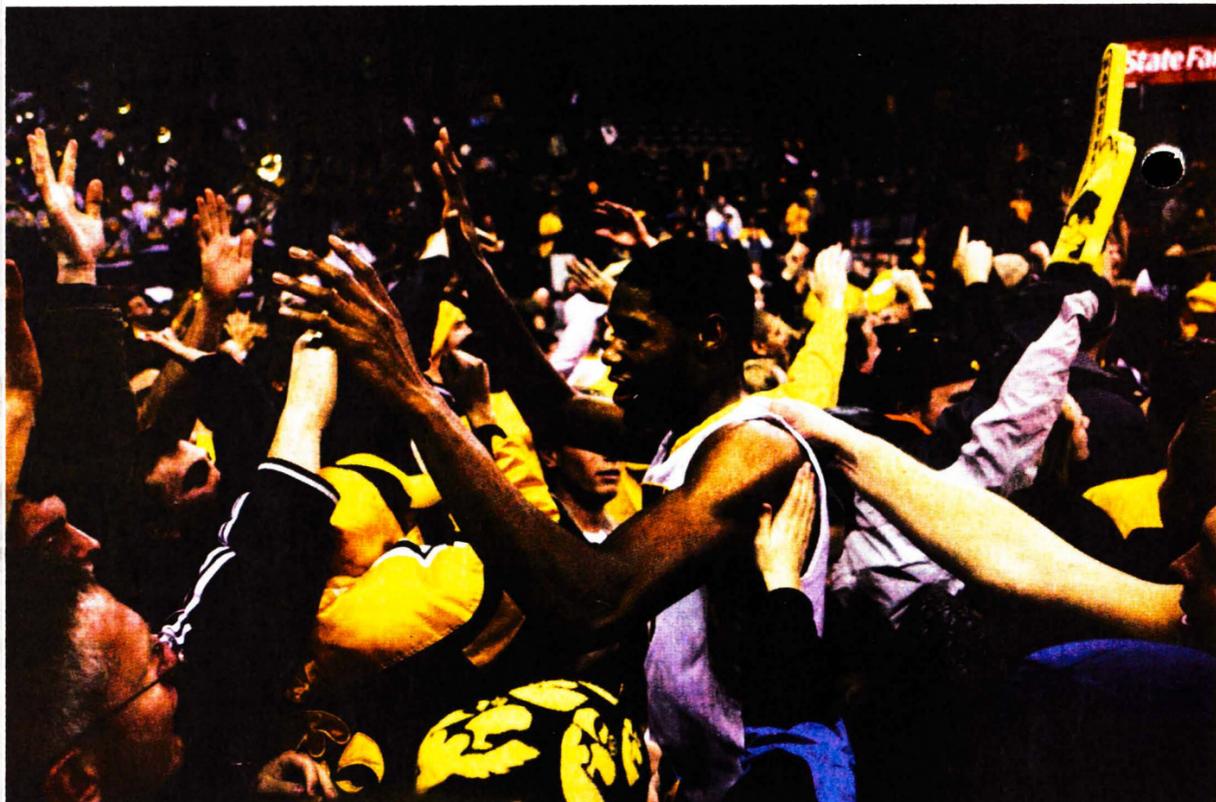
Ohio State defeated Iowa in last year's Big Ten Tournament championship game, and the two squads split this year's regular-season series. The Buckeyes (19-9, 10-6) begin postseason play with a streak of their own, winning the previous six games. And they still boast two of the league's best players — senior center Jantel Lavender and junior point guard Samantha Prahalis.

"I think [the Buckeyes are] playing a lot better basketball than they were earlier in the season," Iowa sophomore Jaime Printy said. "They've had some good wins since we played them, so they're playing well. But then you look at us, and we've been playing just as good. I think it will be a really fun game."

Toward the end of the season, the Hawkeyes have distributed the ball much more effectively than when the Big Ten season began in late December. Iowa has also become a very dangerous second-half team, piling up unreachable margins against Northwestern, Minnesota, and Illinois.

In those contests, Iowa either was trailing or had a slim lead at halftime, but shot at least 48.1 percent from the field in the second half to pull out a victory.

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Iowa freshman forward Melsahn Basabe is congratulated by fans in the student section following a 72-52 win against Michigan State in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Feb. 2. The Iowa basketball team has struggled to build a large student section in recent years.

Hunt for hoops mania

By **IAN MARTIN**
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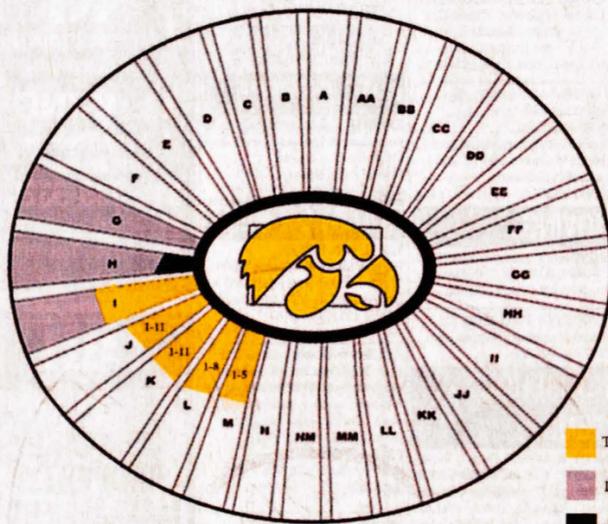
In 1980, Dave Collins and his friends on the 11th floor of Slater had no choice. They had to go to the basketball game.

Of course, the arena was near; the Iowa basketball team played in the friendly, old Field House, which was right across the street. But had the crew members lived on the East Side, they would have attended every game as if going to Hawkeye church.

"Basketball was as popular as football," said Collins, who graduated from the university in 1983. Hawkeye fans sat on top of the action — three rows of courtside seats were on the floor — and the facility was packed for every game. The upper decks were made of steel, and Hawkeye fans stomped their feet in unison during rallies and critical moments, turning the Field House into a steel-drum nightmare for visiting teams.

"That's what everybody looked forward to in the winter," Collins said.

On Feb. 9, the Iowa student section in Carver-Hawkeye was the best it had been all season. During the overtime thriller against Wisconsin, almost a third of the 4,000-seat HawksNest were filled



with fans clad in black and gold. But still, sections H and G — two of the largest in the 15,500-seat Carver-Hawkeye Arena — had only the Pep Band to keep its seats warm, leaving well more than 1,500 seats folded.

Not so long ago
As recently as 2005 — at the height of the Steve Alford era — the student section was full. No one believed that the section was too big, because students were able to consistently fill the approximately 4,000 available seats.

Former Iowa forward J.R. Koch, who played for the Hawkeyes under Tom Davis from 1995-99, fondly remembered how juiced the acoustic-friendly arena could be. Other Big Ten players often said how intimidating it was to go about their business surrounded by the bowl of Iowa fans. "They always said that Iowa was one of the toughest places

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to play," Koch said.

Any player who says fans don't affect the game — especially a college-basketball game — is lying. Just ask any man who's had the unfortunate task of in-bounding a

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Wrestlers aim for tourney run

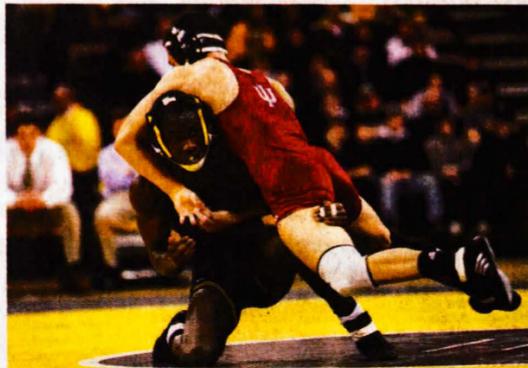
The Hawkeyes look to leave their mark at the Big Ten championships.

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Iowa wrestling is all about winning championships. It's a mentality that was cultivated under Dan Gable, the legendary head coach who led the Hawkeyes to 15 NCAA titles and 21 Big Ten titles. It's a mentality that continues under Tom Brands, who won three national championships wrestling for Gable and guided Iowa to wins in the last three NCAA and Big Ten Tournaments.

The mindset permeates the wrestling room, from head coach to the freshman grapplers.

"[Championships are] what Iowa wrestling has been about for years now, and this team is no different," senior 197-pounder Luke Lofthouse said. "It might be young, and it might be the first for a lot of us to be excited there, but we're all excited, and we all know how to compete.



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Iowa 141-pounder Montell Marion wrestles Indiana's Mitchell Richey on Feb. 4 in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

Our mentality is full steam ahead, and we're ready to compete."

The Hawkeyes will begin their drive to a postseason title Saturday in Evanston, Ill., for the Big Ten championships. But as Lofthouse noted, this Iowa squad is short on college-tournament experience.

Only three wrestlers

have competed in the Big Ten championships — Matt McDonough, who placed second last year, Montell Marion, who finished third last season, and Lofthouse, who suffered two defeats as a true freshman in 2005 as a 174-pounder.

No one is worried about an alleged lack of experience or increased pressure hindering this Iowa team,

though. Lofthouse said the only difference from the regular season to Big Tens is intensity, which every wrestler has handled before in national tournaments and even during this season.

"It's a bigger stage now, but each match is going to be the exact same, and it's going to be a dogfight to the end," the native of Avon, Utah, said. "And everyone is going to be fighting a little bit harder because it means more. But added pressure? I don't think so. The stakes are higher, but the pressure isn't any greater."

Lofthouse noted the tough competition Iowa has faced all season long, some of which came at the Midlands Championships, the last tournament setting the Hawkeyes wrestling in — and with underwhelming results. But since Midlands, each Iowa

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GymHawks not dwelling on goodbye

The Iowa women's gymnastics team will compete against Northern Illinois in its last home meet.

By **MOLLY IRENE OLMSTEAD**
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The seniors on the Iowa women's gymnastics team will say goodbye to the Field House during the Senior Night meet against Northern Illinois at 5 p.m. Saturday. The GymHawks remain undefeated at home, but the Hawkeyes aren't focusing on their record going into the meet.

The No. 16 GymHawks are focusing, as they have all season, on continuing to raise their team score. After consistently scoring in the 195-point range, the team

members are happy with where they are, and they hope to maintain that momentum, head coach Larissa Libby said.

Seniors Houry Gushian, Andrea Hurlburt, Rebecca Simbhudas, and Arielle Sucich will be recognized after the meet for the four years they have competed wearing the Black and Gold.

Despite the ceremony, the GymHawks are treating the meet against the Huskies as "just another meet," Simbhudas said.

"I don't think I'm treating this weekend any different than any of the other meets," Sucich said. "We do have to go out there, and do our normal things, and think about that until after



Sucich senior

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