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## Some back legalizing ONLINE POKER



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Playing cards and poker chips are strewn all over a surface. An Iowa state Senate committee approved a bill on March 1 that would legalize and regulate intrastate-only online poker in Iowa.

Iowa would become the first state to regulate online poker if a the bill becomes law.

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Kyle Devaney once walked away from a game of Texas Hold 'Em \$500 richer. But the 23-year-old didn't win the money in a casino or in a friendly game with his friends — he did it online. Devaney, a University of Iowa senior, has been playing online poker for nearly six years. And, technically, he is breaking the law — but it's one that's rarely enforced. Online gambling is illegal, untaxed, and unregulated in all 50 states, but that could change under a bill winding its way through the Iowa legislature. Federal law allows states to legalize online gambling within their borders. On March 1, an Iowa Senate subcommittee approved a controversial bill that would legalize and regulate intrastate-only

online poker. It will now need to pass the full Senate, and then the House, to become law. If passed, Iowa would be the first state to legalize online poker, though similar legislation is being considered in Florida and California. "My friends and I all went off to college, and it was easier to play online," Devaney said. "I think [the regulation of online poker] would be better." Under Senate Study Bill 1165, Iowa would be the first state to issue online poker licenses to qualified businesses. People wanting to participate in the legal online poker would register for an account at one of the licensed businesses, put money into an account at a local casino, and play poker on a regulated website. The Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission would oversee the system.

Lobbyists say roughly 150,000 Iowans are illegally playing online poker; supporters contend that the move could bring in \$30 million to \$35 million in taxes each year. Supporters said the change could create a major source of revenue that the state is currently losing. "The online poker industry now is not contributing monetarily to society in the United States or in Iowa," said Ned Chiodo, a lobbyist in favor of the bill. "With the passage of this bill, the revenue that this industry will generate will be taxed." While it would likely bring economic benefits, the bill has drawn bipartisan concern from legislators concerning the ethics of gambling.

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## Jones claims prejudice

The former University of Iowa vice president filed a lawsuit against UI and Board of Regent officials in June 2009.

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Lawyers for Phillip Jones, the former University of Iowa vice president for Student Services, are asking a judge to add racial discrimination to his wrongful termination and defamation lawsuit against the university. Attorneys for Jones and the UI discussed the issue, and several more, at a status conference Tuesday. UI President Sally Mason fired Jones and former General Counsel Marcus Mills in fall 2008, accusing them of mishandling a 2007 investigation into a student's claim she was sexually assaulted by two Hawkeye football players in a Hillcrest dorm room. Jones sued the UI, Mason, and the state Board of Regents for wrongful termination and defamation. Mills filed a similar lawsuit more than a year later. The criminal case involving the former football players was resolved in January. Jones' lawyer, David Dutton, said attorneys also argued whether the defense should have access to communication between UI officials and lawyers for the Stolar Partnership, the St. Louis-based firm that investigated the case. They have access to some documents but asked for more. Attorneys for the UI argued the communication falls under lawyer-client privilege. Attorneys for the UI and Sally Mason also questioned whether Jones' attorney could depose Sandra Schuster — who was hired by the UI to evaluate its sexual-assault procedures — because they believe she would serve as an irrelevant witness. Dutton said Schuster would be a relevant expert witness, because she was referred to as a person hired by the regents to take a look at policies and procedures of the UI — after Jones' termination — to determine if they were consistent with "best practices" of sexual-assault policy. During the conference Tuesday, Dutton said attorneys also discussed whether certain communication between Stolar and

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## Language division melds programs

The UI has 35 open positions in the new languages division.

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Russell Ganim believes in the notion that there is strength in numbers. The newly hired director of the University of Iowa's Division of World Languages, Literatures, and Cultures — which recently merged 16 languages offered at the UI under one umbrella — said he believes having a single division can mean more attention and funding for the language programs. "When you look at the lan-

guages together, and you look at the enrollments, and you look at the student credit hours that are produced by the unit, you can produce a lot more clout than if you exist in separate smaller departments," said Ganim, a University of



Ganim  
new director

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## Mr. Wikipedia comes to UI

Jimmy Wales said he intends to collaborate more with libraries, galleries, and museums.

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Audiences chuckled Tuesday evening when the cofounder of Wikipedia asked if they had ever accessed the website before. Almost all raised their hands. The open access reference work is admittedly used throughout higher education by both professors and students, and it has made its mark in academia. "People are now able to get access to information

on the whole history of the world," said Jimmy Wales, the cofounder of Wikipedia. After its launch in 2001, many academics disregarded the website's credibility because anyone can submit information and edit articles. "I used to say never go there, but now it's sort of one of the tools I teach with when doing research," said Tim Havens, a UI associate professor of communica-



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Jimmy Wales, the founder of Wikipedia, presents a lecture titled "Democracy and the Internet" at on Tuesday in the IMU Main Lounge.

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— Wikipedia founder Jimmy Wales

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# Coralville sets budget

Coralville's 2012 property tax increase stems from the roll-back determined at the state level.

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Coralville residents will soon have to pay more in property and water taxes.

The Coralville City Council voted unanimously with no discussion to approve the fiscal 2012 budget proposal Tuesday night during its formal meeting. The city's total budget is more than \$16.1 million.

For the second-consecutive fiscal year, Coralville's tax levy will be set at \$13.52 per \$1,000 of assessed value on property.

"That's always our goal," said Terry Kaeding, the city finance officer. "To not increase [the tax levy]."

## Budget

Coralville budget expenditures stem from a variety of departments:

- Public Safety
- Public Works
- Health and Social Services
- Debt Services
- Capital Projects

Source: Terry Kaeding, city finance officer

However, an increase in the percent of a property which can be taxed — set by the state — will cause residents' property taxes to increase and the city "has no control over it," Kaeding said.

The effect of that change increases the taxable value of property to \$656.50 for every \$100,000 dollars of assessed value, an increase of \$21.95 from fiscal 2011.

Despite the city's lack of control over the taxable assessment increase, Coralville resident Rex Brandstatter, who spoke at Tuesday's meeting, said he still thinks increasing prop-

erty taxes is the wrong way to go.

"Let's be clear, the property taxes in Coralville are going up," the fifth-generation resident said. "You cannot keep coming after the taxpayer year after year."

Property taxes make up around 36 percent of taxpayers' total tax bill.

The water rate will also increase in fiscal 2012. The budget includes a 50 cent increase for the first 200 cubic feet and for every additional 100 cubic feet, residents will see a 25 cent increase. The increase is supposed to generate about \$135,000 of revenue for the city.

"I've been following the budget from the get-go," said Coralville resident, Jill Dodds. "The city has done a really good job keeping it steady."

Dodds was one of the nearly 15 residents who attended the meeting.

Sewers, solid waste, storm-water management

among others make up the fund, though water is the only faction that will increase.

The budget estimates revenues of about \$117 million from city taxes, inter-governmental sources, licenses and permits, uses of money and property, charges for fees and services, among other sources.

Expenditures stem from the general fund — areas such as public safety, culture and recreation, and general government — and the special revenue fund — areas such as traffic safety, street lighting and cleaning, snow removal, roadway maintained.

The city's general fund appropriates \$3.6 million to the police, \$3.4 million to recreation, \$1.5 million to the library, and just shy of \$1 million for parks.

"I'd just like to thank the staff for all their hard work," said Councilor Tom Gill. "There's been a lot in these hard times — I'm just really proud of the staff."

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## METRO

### UI to produce new classification scheme for staff members

University of Iowa officials are working to implement a new program that they say will more accurately classify and compensate the university's employees.

They presented an update on the plan to the UI Faculty Council on Tuesday.

The Classification and Compensation Redesign Project is aimed to produce a new framework for making future classification and salary decisions for about 5,200 non-organized professional and scientific staff members, including research scientists and nurses, according to a presentation given at the meeting.

Kevin Ward, the UI assistant vice president for Human Services, said the new system, if put into place, will help recruit and retain talent to the UI.

The current system has been in place for more than 30 years; the redesign project has been underway since 2008.

"The wheels haven't fallen off completely, but it needs to be rebuilt," Ward said.

The new system will not affect the amount of salary funding available for staff members, but it will affect how the salaries are divided.

Staff Council President Amber Seaton said the new system will do a much better job of creating a fair balance for staff members' salaries.

Appeals to the staffers' classifications can be made until March 29; the new system is set to make the transition after July 1.

— by Allie Wright

### Athletics panel under review

Officials are continuing to review the University of Iowa Presidential Committee on Athletics, but they haven't reached any decisions yet.

UI Faculty Senate President Ed Dove, one of five members of a group chosen to review the committee, updated the Faculty Council on Tuesday.

Dove said the group meets and reports to UI President Sally Mason whenever needed on a periodic basis.

After the meeting, he said the reviews have nothing to do with communication struggles in relation to the Hawkeye football team members' hospitalizations earlier this year. Rather, the reviews are required by university guidelines.

"[The reviews] are totally independent of that event," he said.

Dove said the group has not yet decided on what to present to Mason later this academic year.

Staff Council President Amber Seaton, and members of the UI Student Government, Executive Council for Graduate and Professional Students, and the Graduate Student Senate are on the committee with Dove.

— by Allie Wright

### Coralville businesses hit by fire

Two Coralville businesses were significantly damaged by fire, and emergency personnel worked for more than two hours to extinguish the flames on Monday.

Officials said the fire began at 2421 James St. around 11:30 a.m., primarily damaging No. 1 Cab & Auto Repair and Auto Toyz.

At least four business located in the building sustained smoke and heat damage, Coralville Fire officials said.

The fire was extinguished by 2 p.m., and fire personnel remained on the scene until 5:30 p.m. checking the adjoining buildings for hot spots and removing heat and smoke, officials said.

Coralville fire officials said no one was injured in the fire; the cause remains under investigation.

— by Hayley Bruce

### Tailgate for RAGBRAI

The Coralville stop of this year's RAGBRAI will have a tailgate theme, officials announced.

Entertainment and hospitality plans will be developed around the motto "Tailgate tested, tailgate approved."

Officials are encouraging riders to wear their favorite sports-team jersey as they leave Grinnell and cycle toward "Coralville U." Entertainment will be held in S.T. Morrison Park.

Coralville is one of the overnight towns on the seven-day bicycle ride across Iowa; riders will stop there July 29.

— by Regina Zilbermints

### Branstad names Richardson to transportation panel

Gov. Terry Branstad appointed Iowa Department of Transportation Director Nancy Richardson, of Coralville as a co-chairwoman of the Governor's Transportation 2020

Citizen Advisory Committee.

She will serve with 15 others; Allan Thomas is the co-chairman.

Iowa Code requires the Department of Transportation to review the current revenue levels of Iowa's road-use tax fund and whether it will be sufficient for the construction and maintenance needs of Iowa's roads.

The next report is due Dec. 31.

The committee will schedule six public meetings across the state this summer.

— by Regina Zilbermints

### Iowa House OKs K2 bill

A hallucinogenic drug is one step closer to being illegal under a bill the Iowa House passed Tuesday.

K2, a synthetic form of cannabis, would be classified as a Schedule I controlled substance.

The Iowa Pharmacy Board banned the drug in July with an emergency order.

The bill now goes to the state Senate for consideration.

— by Regina Zilbermints

### Teen-driving bill passes Senate

A bill that would require teens to spend 12 months under supervised driving before applying for an intermediate license — an expansion from the now-compulsory six-month period — passed the Iowa Senate today.

The bill would require drivers to be accident- and violation-free for 12 months before qualifying for a license. The drivers would not be allowed to have more than one other minor in the car, with the exception of siblings, for the first six months while they had an intermediate license.

"We want to make sure we're giving them the most valuable opportunity to keep the roads safe," Sen. Tod Bowman, D-Maquoketa, the vice chairman of the Transportation Committee, told *The Daily Iowan* last month.

The legislation passed the Senate by a vote of 38-11; it now moves to the House.

— by Sam Lane

### Johnson County added to fingerprint database

Five Iowa counties — including

Johnson County — were added to the U.S. Immigration and Custom Enforcement's Secure Communities fingerprint database on Tuesday.

The program uses information sharing to "quickly and accurately identify aliens in law-enforcement custody," according to a report from the Immigration and Custom Enforcement website.

Activated in 2008, the program has helped Immigration and Custom Enforcement to identify and remove more than 62,000 convicted criminals from the country.

In addition to Johnson County, Benton, Black Hawk, Linn, and Woodbury Counties were added to the database Tuesday. They join Polk, Pottawattamie, and Hardin Counties as the state's involved counties.

— by Sam Lane

### Board iterates no-signs policy

The Iowa City School Board emphasized Tuesday that it will not allow public wishing to speak at its meetings to use multimedia, placards, or visuals.

Such signs, the board said, may intimidate other members of the public wishing to comment at meetings.

"If it's going to cause someone else to not speak who wanted to, I think that's something we need to address," said Mike Cooper, the School Board vice president.

Phil Hemingway, and Iowa City resident, told the board he believed the ban on signs was a restriction of free speech.

"This seems to limit the community involvement that you so desperately need," he told the board. "We're all in the business of free speech — is this going to be done by limiting our children's opportunities on free speech?"

Hemingway said he believes he and other members of the community should be able to use the projectors and computer displays that his tax dollars paid for at School Board meetings.

"A picture says a thousand words, but we're supposed to verbally convey what would be on screen," he said.

Members of the School Board said they welcome all respectful public comments but said they did not believe multimedia was necessary.

— by Luke Voeltz

## TOP STORIES

Most-read stories on [dailiowan.com](http://dailiowan.com) from Tuesday.

1. More than 150 with criminal convictions can now carry guns
2. Iowa students urge lawmakers to stop the cuts
3. Ron Paul: education, abortion, marriage should be up to states
4. Iowa/Nebraska to play Thanksgiving Friday
5. Commentary: Iowa-Nebraska on Black Friday a perfect match

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## BLOTTER

**Dominique Conway**, 24, 409 S. Dodge St. Apt. 4, was charged Tuesday with public intoxication.  
**Lakesha Cotton**, 28, Marion, was charged Monday with second-degree theft.  
**Brad Horswell**, 28, 454 Westside Drive, was charged March 5 with OWI.  
**Walter James**, 26, 1312 Sandusky Drive, was charged March 5 with possession of a controlled substance.  
**Ryan Johnson**, 19, 2237 Quadrangle, was charged March 4 with PAULA.  
**Jessica Kukielka**, 19, 405B Mayflower, was charged March 3 with falsifying driver's licenses and presence in a bar after hours.  
**Alexis Lata**, 20, 325 E. College St.

Apt. 1615, was charged March 4 with presence in a bar after hours.  
**Stephen McEleneey**, 21, 2547 Sylvan Glen Court, was charged March 5 with public intoxication.  
**Leigh McGinnis**, 20, 522 N. Clinton St., was charged March 4 with PAULA.  
**Matthew Mitchell**, 20, 922 E. Jefferson St., was charged March 5 with PAULA.  
**Katherine Moore**, 18, 4549 Burge, was charged March 3 with PAULA.  
**Sarah Reed**, 40, 1319 Foster Road, was charged March 4 with OWI.  
**Danielle Richard**, 19, 437 Stanley, was charged March 3 with presence in a bar after hours.  
**Matthew Roberts**, 20, 505 E. Burlington St., was charged Tuesday with OWI.

**Esteban Rodriguez**, 21, Wilmington, Ill., was charged Sunday with OWI.  
**Antonio Russell**, 24, Coralville, was charged Sunday with OWI.  
**Donnell Sanders**, 19, 2301 Hollywood Blvd., was charged Monday with third-degree harassment.  
**John Schroeder**, 19, N322 Currier, was charged March 3 with PAULA.  
**Jennie Seffinga**, 46, Marshalltown, Iowa, was charged Sunday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.  
**Tennille Smith**, 34, 1946 Broadway Apt. A, was charged March 5 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.  
**Jerald Struder**, 19, E355 Currier, was charged March 3 with falsifying driver's licenses.

**Richard Thompson**, 26, Iowa Falls, Iowa, was charged Sunday with public intoxication, interference with official acts, and disorderly conduct.  
**Barrington Vaxter**, 24, Coralville, was charged Sunday with interference with official acts, disorderly conduct, and public intoxication.  
**Joseph Velazquez**, 25, Coralville, was charged Feb. 2 with violating a harassment/stalking protective order.  
**Patrick Weigand**, 19, C204 Hillcrest, was charged Sunday with possession of a controlled substance.  
**Rachel Wirtshafter**, 19, 735 Mayflower, was charged March 4 with PAULA and falsifying driver's licenses.

# Roots of music

The Roots, a Grammy award-winning hip-hop band, visit Iowa City today in a Hancher-SCOPE collaboration.

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For the first time since Hancher lost its facility to the 2008 flood, the organization has teamed up with SCOPE to bring the musical act the Roots to campus. Hancher Executive Director Chuck Swanson said the program remains committed to serving University of Iowa students.

"This is a way to partner with SCOPE again. We used to rent them the building, and we could work directly with the students and the SCOPE committee. We always enjoyed that, and we miss that," Swanson said. "This is a great with our 'Can't Contain Us' theme to be able to connect again and bring some great things to the university."

The 2011 Grammy winners for best hip-hop album, the Roots is taking a week off from playing as the house band on "Late Night with Jimmy Fallon" to perform live shows. The group will play at 8 p.m. today in the IMU Main Lounge. Admission is \$21.

Based in Philadelphia, the group is known for its heavy jazz sound and instrumentation. Since its formation in 1993, the band has gained popularity with such albums as *Things Fall Apart*, *Phrenology*, and most recently *How I Got Over*. The group has gained critical acclaim and influenced hip-hop and R&B musicians, collaborating with such artists as Jay-Z and John Legend.

SCOPE public-relations coordinator Zachary Isom is excited to see the Roots perform again because of the high intensity shows that include a hybrid of hip-hop elements and live-band energy.

"[The musicians] do a lot of really sweet stuff in between sets, like make a lot of songs by playing instrumental versions of popular songs that goes into one of their own. It's



Grammy award-winning The Roots performs at the IMU today.

## CONCERT

### The Roots

When: 8 p.m. today  
Where: IMU Main Lounge  
Admission: \$21

just this really loose jam-feel," Isom said. "I feel like people who pay to go are going to get their money's worth. I don't think they'll prove me wrong; they've only ever proved me right."

Hancher Programming Director Jacob Yarrow has been familiar with the group for nearly 20 years. He believes the group has been a leader in the hip-hop world for decades.

"One of our goals is to present the leading artist in whatever genre they perform in," he said.

Swanson said the Roots has been one of the most popular names in hip-hop,

especially in recent years. He believes appreciation for the group has grown over the years as it has refined its musical abilities.

"I think what sets [the musicians] apart is probably the passion they play with and even some of the different artists they've collaborated with over the years," Swanson said. "They've had great experience working with artists from a lot of different backgrounds, and I think that's helped them really become well-known."

Yarrow said he expects a very entertaining show, one that people with varying interests in music can enjoy. Yarrow attributes the band's appeal to wide ranges of interests to its complex and fascinating levels in the words and music.

"It's really smart and interesting music," Yarrow said. "But also very visceral at the same time."

## PUBLIC NOTICE OF STORM WATER DISCHARGE

South Slope Cooperative Communication Company plans to submit a Notice of Intent to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to be covered under the NPDES General Permit No. 2 "Storm Water Discharge Associated with Industrial Activity for Construction Activities".

The storm water discharge will be from the installation of buried fiber optic facilities located in Sections 32, 33, 34, Township 81N, Range 7W; Sections 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 0, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 22 32, Township 80N, Range 7W; Section 32, Township 81N, Range 6W.

Storm water will be discharged from one point source and will be discharged to the following streams: Iowa River, Muddy Creek, Buffalo Creek, and Clear Creek.

Comments may be submitted to the Storm Water Discharge Coordinator, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division, 502 E. 9th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319-0034. The public may review the Notice of Intent from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the above address after it has been received by the department.

# Women build a future

Officials expect more than 150 women to volunteer.

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Jan Down loves construction.

After 16 years of volunteering with Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity, the 71-year-old Iowa City resident has a special connection with Women Build, which focuses exclusively on women's involvement in construction.

She has even participated in Women Build projects in South America and India.

"Women feel empowered to do something that perhaps they thought they couldn't," she said.

Down attended Tuesday's groundbreaking ceremony for the third Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity Dottie Ray Women Build.

The future home, located at 2705 Whispering Meadows, will go to the Kraina family from Kosovo with two small children.

Organizers also chose to honor Iowa City fixture Dottie Ray for her community spirit. Ray has been the host of an Iowa City morning radio show for 51 years, was inducted in the University of Iowa School of Journalism and Mass Communication Hall of Fame in 2008. She was the first female editor of *The Daily Iowan*.

What sets the Women Build apart is its focus on the recruitment of female staff and volunteers. And officials said projects such as these are even more important, because the number of women in construction has decreased nationally.



ROB JOHNSON/THE DAILY IOWAN

Muscet Kraina shows his gratitude with Women Build on Tuesday. Habitat for Humanity is building a house for Kraina and his family through the organization that allows women to learn about construction through building homes.

According to the National Association of Women in Construction, more than 1 million women were in the industry in 2005, with 970,200 in 2009. Roughly 8.7 million men are in the construction industry.

Like the Women Build, the national association is also working to change commonly held misconceptions about women's abilities.

"Women need to be educated about the variety of opportunities in the industry. One of the best ways to do this is for organizations such as National Association of Women in Construction to continue to introduce girls to the construction industry," Debra Gregoire, the president of the association, wrote in an e-mail.

Habitat for Humanity has consistently provided opportunities for women to be coached in construction, Gregoire said. Women Build, in particular, allows women to learn comfortably at their own pace, she said.

Christy Shipley, the construction manager for Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity, said she too often sees how this field of work continues to be "a man's world."

"With the Women Build, we get to offer women the chance to see that there is nothing in the construction trades that they cannot do and do as well as our male counterparts," she said.

In conjunction with the Women Build, Lowe's Home Improvement, 2701 Second St., Coralville, is offering a series of Saturday morning workshops for women. The lessons — including electrical, plumbing, roofing and siding, and framing — provide hands-on experience for home maintenance and construction.

In addition to the skills learned, Down said, working with girls is one of the best parts of the Women Build.

"Working with so many women and girls from all over the community ... just knowing that together we can do something that is just so special," she said.

Ultimately, she said, constructing homes is about having fun. Her favorite part: roofing.

"People, particularly my age, they don't think that they can wield a hammer sufficiently to build a wall," Down said. "But I'm an example of 'yes we can.'"

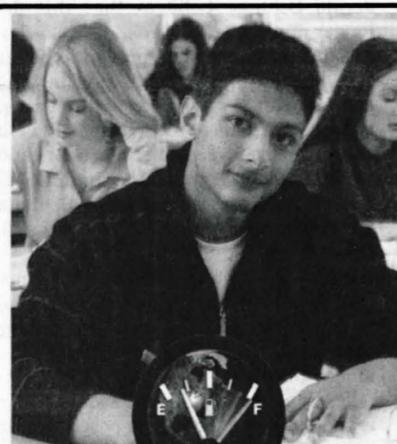
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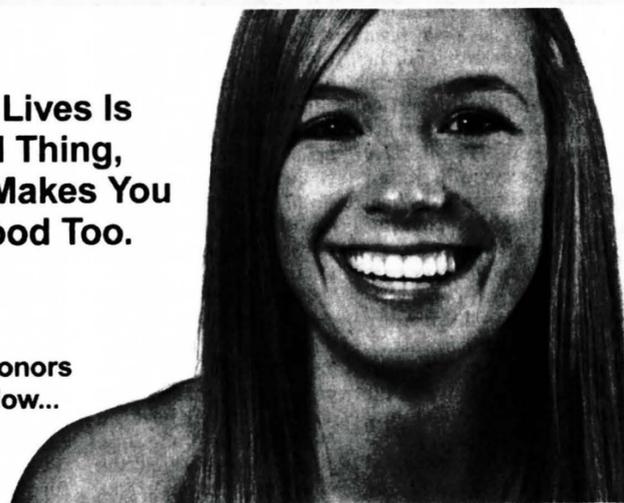
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## Editorial

## Invest in nuclear, but don't forget solar, wind

Over the past decade, Iowa has been struggling to advance toward renewable energy — and for good reason. Coal emits myriad harmful waste products, including carbon dioxide, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, sulfuric acids, arsenic, and ash. The burning of coal leads to acid rain, and coal mining damages entire ecosystems.

Coal-generated activity accounts for 55 percent of U.S. electricity production and more than 70 percent of Iowa's electricity production.

In order to help combat the state's dependency on coal, a panel of Iowa legislators has voted unanimously to allow for the expansion of nuclear power.

While nuclear power has many advantages over coal, and we welcome its expansion, it is important not to lose sight of the most beneficial, wholly renewable energy technologies: wind and solar power.

The most attractive benefit of nuclear energy is its minimal contribution to climate change. Nuclear energy does not burn any materials, unlike coal or natural-gas plants. Instead, nuclear energy is produced through the fission of uranium — which does not release greenhouse gases.

UI physics Professor Emeritus Edwin Norbeck welcomes a future fueled by nuclear power. "It uses almost no resources," he told the *DI* Editorial Board. "Using nuclear reactors, there is enough uranium to supply all the energy we would need for thousands of years. It's not entirely renewable, like a windmill for instance."

However little uranium is required for nuclear power, it does require mining, and mining uranium does have consequences. Uranium itself is mildly radioactive, comparable with granite, but large amounts of chemicals are often needed to leach uranium ore from the mined material. The environmental degradation that is typically associated with coal mining applies to uranium mines as well.

The historically predominant criticism of nuclear energy is its safety, but UI engineering Professor Jerald Schnoor believes that this denunciation no longer applies.

"Nuclear energy has proven to be quite safe in the U.S., and with the exception of the three mile island accident, there have been few releases of radioactivity," he said. "These technologies have been superseded, and most agree that the new generation will be safer than those currently running." The Three Mile Island accident occurred in 1979, and although it did not result in any injuries or deaths, financial repercussions neared \$1 billion.

Norbeck said nuclear energy's extensive safety precautions contribute to its relatively high costs, costs that are comparable with coal energy. "Things are over-designed, so it's incredibly safe. It does cost money to have that."

The most concerning consequence of nuclear energy is the long-term problems posed by nuclear waste.

"With nuclear waste, we have a bunch of problems right now [such as economics, public acceptability, and a lack of place to put the waste]," Schnoor said. "We don't have a nuclear-waste-storage program. The Obama administration curtailed our Yucca Mountain storage facility."

Further complicating the disposal of nuclear waste is the lack of federal support for reprocessing, which separates useful components, such as rhodium, from the waste.

"If we had a new generation of nuclear-power plants, we would have to come up with a method for storing wastes up to 40,000 years until the half-lives have expired on those transuranic elements," Schnoor said.

Iowa is the second largest producer of wind energy in the U.S., trailing only Texas. A study conducted by the bipartisan Iowa Policy Project found Iowa produced 3,670 megawatts of electricity in the state, enough to power 940,000 homes. The generated power is transferred to an interstate electrical grid, but if all the power was used within the states borders, it could power roughly 75 percent of Iowa's households. Politicians are taking notice, too: 2010 Secretary of Agricultural candidate Francis Thicke ran on a platform that included broad, small-scale wind production that would, he claimed, give farms and households access to low-cost sustainable energy.

Solar power is also starting to gain momentum nationwide. In a guest opinion for *The Daily Iowan*, Sen. Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa City, cited a report by the iSuppli Corp. that predicts two gigawatts of solar photovoltaic power will be added to U.S. grids in 2011, or enough to power between 1.5 million and 2 million homes.

Schnoor thinks there is plenty of room for immediate improvement. "They are intermittent sources of power, so you have to schedule the loads must more carefully," he said. "A better grid system is needed for more flexibility. I think that solar and wind could be stored into short-term storage like batteries, for electric or hydroelectric cars, but long-term storage is also needed. As storage capacity increases, we could phase out the coal plants."

Given the recurrent uncertainties of nuclear energy, and an expected ten-year waiting period for nuclear energy following the initial investment, it makes more sense to invest in two truly sustainable energy resources with more immediate benefits: wind and solar power. By all means, let's seek to liberate ourselves from coal and oil, but we must make sure to use our resources wisely.

Nuclear is better than conventional coal, but it plays second fiddle to the benefits offered by wind and solar energy.

Your turn. Which energy technology should Iowa prioritize? Weigh in at [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com).

## Place bets, clear debts

CHRIS STEINKE  
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Click the mouse and lose your house — er, just kidding.

Let's try this: We love it. Click to balance our budget.

That's right, ladies and gentleman. Senate Study Bill 1165 is gaining momentum in the state Legislature, passing in committee 9-6 to move it toward debate on the Senate floor. If passed, the bill would legalize intrastate online poker and provide regulatory commissions in hopes of creating safe, legitimate, Internet portals that Iowans can frequent — and that would generate tax revenue.

Believe me, fellow Iowans: This is a good thing. Around \$30 million to \$35 million of tax revenue on an annual basis can fund a lot of state scholarships.

This bill will confuse those under the impression the Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act outlawed Internet gambling in 2007. But that is not the case, even if some news publications calling it the "Internet gambling ban" led you to believe so.

Rather, it is illegal for a gambling website to operate in the United States without a license — and no state is granting online gaming licenses at present. This means players in the United States, who may represent the largest Internet gambling market, take their business to unregulated, untaxed, off-shore operators. The Internet-gambling act banned U.S. banks from working with these international gambling sites.

Senate Study Bill 1165 would allow Iowa to be the first state to issue online poker licenses to qualified businesses (mostly casinos, presumably). Iowans would be able to register online accounts at these licensed operators, and they would have to log on within the state's borders in order to play legally.

Those in favor of the 2007 federal bill cited public morality while defending online gambling restrictions. In 2006, then-Rep. James Leach, R-Iowa, characterized online gambling with the phrase, "You just click your mouse and lose your house."

Golly, thank you, lawmakers. Us lowly citizens would not know

what to do without your moral guidance. If drugs weren't already illegal, simpletons like us would all probably think they were A-OK. The rejection of individual liberty in order to prevent victimless crime is rightfully pious and far from fascism.

Wait, no. The more likely reason behind U.S. legislators' opposition to online gambling is its difficulty to tax and regulate. Evidence? The same 2007 bill restricting online poker allows specific exemptions for online state lotteries.

So, if online gambling can be taxed, it's legal. If it can't, it's immoral. See? In case you were wondering, the same standards apply to intoxicants (you dirty hippie).

If this bill passes, Iowa will be the first state to legalize, regulate, and tax online poker, but it will not be the first government entity to do so. European countries (often synonymous with "progressive" countries) such as France, Denmark, Italy, and the United Kingdom have all legalized and regulated online gambling, tapping into the continent's \$12.5 billion industry.

Of course, in order to ensure online poker's long-term sustainability, regulation will have to be the utmost priority. There are too many ways for tech-savvy gamers to gain an unfair virtual advantage. Two players collaborating at the same table, for instance, puts the others at a significant statistical disadvantage.

For instance, AbsolutePoker was accused in 2007 of stealing between \$500,000 and \$1 million over a two-week span by allegedly sitting in on tables and using its administrative omniscience to favor company accounts.

Right now, U.S. wiring laws cover sports betting, not games of skill. This makes it difficult for Iowa's estimated 150,000 online poker players to sue international, unregulated, and cheating online poker providers to recover lost funds.

Iowans and Americans have been deprived of the ability to play online poker in a safe, regulated environment for years. Morality is not the issue; tax revenue is the issue, and Iowa has the ability to pioneer what could evolve to be a nationally lucrative taxation strategy.

So, pass the legislation and give us regulation. Then we can place bets to clear our debts. ■

## Guest opinion

## Regents Day only the start for student advocacy

On Monday, more than 300 students from the University of Iowa, Iowa State University, and the University of Northern Iowa descended upon Des Moines to engage state lawmakers. Regents Day is held every March, but this year's event was held during a critical point for our universities — unprecedented appropriations cuts are being proposed by state Legislature and Gov. Terry Branstad. The large mass of students banded together with a single voice and delivered a simple message: Stop disinvesting in our education and our state's future. Over the last two years alone, state funding for our universities has been reduced 20 percent, and lawmakers and Branstad are proposing cutting an additional 6 percent (\$42 million) this year.

At the event, students from all three institutions spoke passionately about their school, their education, and their college

experience with legislators. The wide range of students who addressed their concerns on Monday demonstrated that higher education doesn't benefit just Democrats; it doesn't benefit just Republicans. It benefits everyone in Iowa, because it provides countless intellectual, cultural, and economic benefits to our state.

The proposed cuts and those previously enacted will not only force students around to state to pay more overall tuition dollars, but they have led to fewer course offerings, larger class sizes, and the elimination of programs for all Iowa public universities. The tens of thousands of students who attend our public universities today will become tomorrow's teachers, lawyers, doctors, legislators, artists, business leaders, and entrepreneurs. They will go on to make a profound difference in their communities. If our state continues to disinvest in us, can our

state expect that we will invest in it?

Again, our message is clear: Iowa legislators and Branstad need to stop the cuts and stand up for public education in Iowa. The large number of students who joined together at our State Capitol on Monday and those who have been reaching out to legislators all year know as well as anyone that we are in difficult economic times. They feel it at home when their parents get laid off, deal with it when working to pay their rent and tuition, and see it at graduation when competing for scarce jobs. UI students and their families have made, and continue to make, their fair share of sacrifices; the state Legislature should not continue to balance the budget on their backs.

We also want to strongly emphasize that Iowa's public universities have never been more important to our state's future. Through the education of successive gen-

erations of students, no other institutions do more to grow Iowa's population, create well-paying jobs, support Iowa industry, increase family incomes, and improve overall quality of life.

Although Monday's event at our Capitol sent a strong signal to our elected officials, many lawmakers are still not making students and their education a priority. They blame the state Board of Regents, administrators, faculty members, and a receding recession, yet they remain the root cause of our despair. Until every legislator understands the negative consequences of cutting appropriations for our universities, our efforts must not cede, our spirits must not break, and our fight to defend public higher education in Iowa must continue.

John Rigby is the president of UISG. Lee Henely is the UISG government-relations liaison.

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Spotlight Iowa City

# A true passion for a cappella

One University of Iowa senior sings, promotes, and flies.

By NINA EARNEST  
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Gray skies threatened rain on a late Friday afternoon, but a curious crowd still gathered on the brick-paved walkway of the Pedestrian Mall.

Intersection — the University of Iowa's all-male a cappella group — was singing.

And Paul Spooner had the solo. The UI senior swayed to the background harmony as his clear tenor voice rang out. Onlookers listened as he belted the main section of "One Day," by Matisyahu.

In addition to serving as the group's event manager, the journalism and communication-studies major is also president of the UI chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America. And he enjoys flying — he's had a private pilot's license since October 2009.

Yet, the 21-year-old said, Intersection remains the highlight of his college years.

Music has long been part of Spooner's life. The Waukee, Iowa, native participated in speech, musicals, and three choirs in high school.

"Marching band was my sport," he said and laughed.

He said he wanted to pursue music in college and decided to try out for Intersection — recognized as a student group in 2005 — during his freshman year at the UI.

Now, four years later, Spooner said the group has evolved into a "singing fraternity."

The 14 young men contribute every necessary part to the harmonies — bass, tenor, baritone, and beatbox — to

songs including a mashup of 'N Sync's "Tearin' Up My Heart" and Lady Gaga's "Bad Romance" as well as Brian McKnight's "Superhero." Intersection has performed at all manner of events — private parties, UI events, for nonprofits, and even last year's Obama speech.

Spooner dedicates three hours every week for practice with the group and an extra one to three hours for his role as events manager.

Nick Dawe, the 21-year-old president of Intersection and one of Spooner's close friends, said Spooner is known for his sense of humor.

"He's a hilarious guy," Dawe said. "I'd like to get in his head for a day."

The singers were more than an hour into a Monday night practice when they circled around the piano, scattered with sheet music for a "Mario Kart Lovesong," to practice one last piece.

Everyone appeared ready to go after one final run through — but Spooner spoke up.

"Can we sing the song with the solo?"

The others groaned.

"It'll only take a minute," Spooner pleaded, feigning exasperation.

They erupted in laughter. Music sheets shuffled, the piano keys rang, and the group started the song again.

Brittany Caplin, the vice president of the student public-relations group, said Spooner is very personable and one of the nicest people she knows.

"He'll just walk up to any-

## Paul Spooner

- Age: 21
- Originally from: Waukee, IA
- Favorite song to sing in intersection: "One Day" by Matisyahu
- Favorite movie: Garden State
- Favorite class in college: Reporting & Writing
- Favorite music group: Death Cab for Cutie

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body and start a conversation," she said.

His willingness to approach people has enabled him to promote the a cappella group.

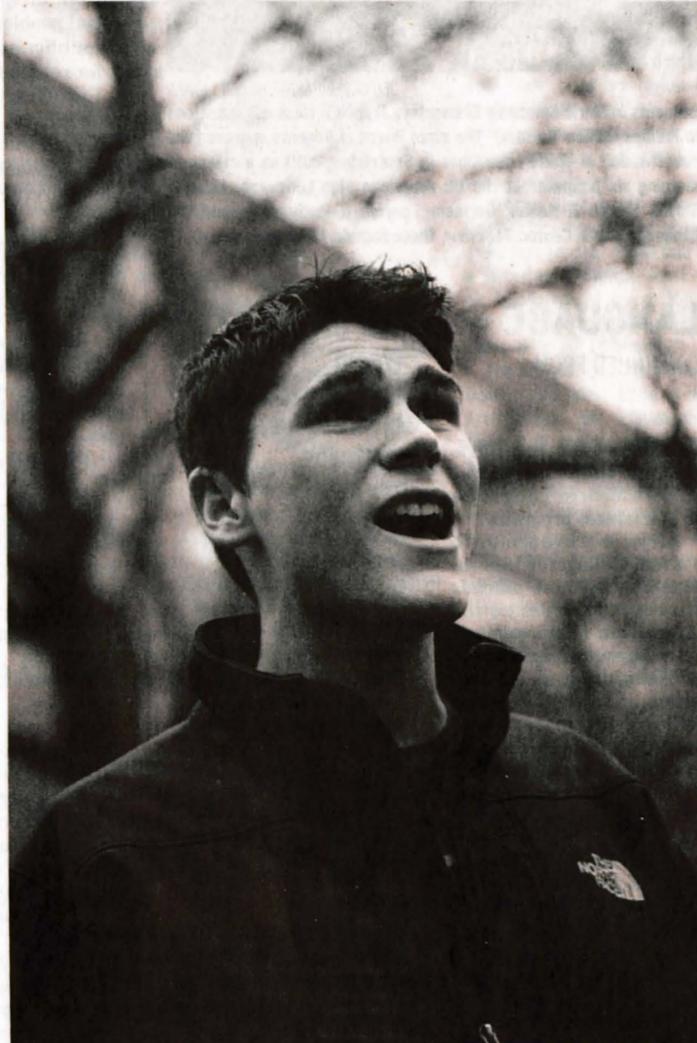
"Being events manager has helped me out with public relations," Spooner said. "It is fun combining both worlds, music and PR."

But his time with Intersection is coming to an end as his graduation nears.

He said he hopes to combine two of his other interests — public relations and aviation — into working for airline or airport communications.

And his bandmates value his contribution to the harmony of the group.

"He's a good guy," Dawe said. "And you'll never meet anyone like him."



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UI senior Paul Spooner sings with other members of Intersection, an all-male a cappella group, during a performance on the Pedestrian Mall on March 4. Spooner, who has been a member of the group since his freshman year, is in charge of scheduling events.

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Students in Marie Samzun's Elementary French II class ask questions in Phillips Hall on Tuesday. The state Board of Regents approved the new Division of World Languages in September 2010 as a means of merging six programs at the UI: American Sign Language, Asian & Slavic, French & Italian, German, Spanish & Portuguese, and the Language Media Center. Together, these include 16 languages.

## LANGUAGE

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Nebraska-Lincoln professor and chairman of the school's Modern Languages & Literatures program.

After a seven-month search, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences officials announced Ganim as the director on Monday. He is set to begin in July.

"[Ganim] had all the kinds of things we were looking for in terms of research, teaching and overall experience," said UI Professor Steve Duck, who headed the search committee.

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Roughly 65 tenure-line and nontenure teachers and scholars make up the division's faculty. Professor Marc Armstrong has served as interim director.

UI officials decided on the merger to provide more collaboration among programs with similar missions, with a bonus of potentially cutting costs.

Duck said in April 2010 the UI could save upwards of \$100,000 with the consolidation. But officials have not yet conducted any cost analysis, said liberal-arts Dean Linda Maxson.

"The division wasn't put together to save money," she said. "It was put together to find better ways of interacting and offering students courses and to get better interaction with faculty perceptions in literature and culture."

Maxson said the UI also aims to improve specific areas in the division, especially concerning faculty.

The UI has 35 ongoing searches for faculty members, including a digital humanities cluster search for which it is currently negotiating offers. Maxson said the division will next look to hire faculty to teach Japanese, using "targeted dollars" set aside by officials; she did not specify a figure.

Some faculty members in language departments were wary of the merger months ago, but now, some

## METRO

### House votes for preschool scholarships

The Iowa House voted 55-45 Tuesday to approve legislation to create a preschool scholarship program for 4-year-olds.

The bill, proposed by the House Committee on Education, makes recommendations for improving childcare collaboration between educational departments including Head Start and the statewide preschool program.

In January, House Republicans proposed a budget that included eliminating universal preschool. This bill was considered a compromise.

The bill now moves to the state Senate.

— by Ariana Witt

## The Division of World Languages, Literatures, and Cultures

### On-going projects include:

- 35 searches for faculty and administration
- Improving the office space in Phillips Hall
- Potentially adding a second elevator in Phillips
- Re-establishing department heads

Source: Linda Maxson, dean of UI College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

said they believe they are adjusting.

"Right now, we're just working on collaboration," said associate Spanish and Portuguese Professor Mercedes Niño-Murcia.

But with a new division and director comes reworking the structure of faculty members, which Maxson said officials are still working on.

Under Ganim, two UI faculty members will serve as the division's overall executive officers: Nino-Murcia, the head of Spanish & Portuguese, and Roland Racevskis, the head of French & Italian and the head of German.

Beneath them, Maxson said, officials are working to restructure individual language department heads.

UI spokesman Tom Moore officials are also still determining Ganim's salary, which will be determined based on work experience and Ganim's previous salary.

Ganim has served as chairman of Nebraska's Department of Modern Languages and Literature for the past decade. His 2010-11 salary for the position totaled \$58,118 according to Nebraska's personnel roster.

## POKER

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"This issue reaches past party lines," said Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville. "Democrats won't want to vote for it because gambling breaks up famil[ies] and causes social problems, and some Republicans are against it for religious reasons."

Rep. Greg Forristall, R-Macedonia, said he has not read the bill, but said that he would need "serious convincing" to support it.

Jacoby said he supported the bill but predicted it will take at least two years before it reaches the full House.

In addition to state revenue, supporters said the bill would protect gamblers.

"[Players] can be cheated — they can be taken advantage of," Chiodo said about the current system.

## Casino gambling

Iowa casino revenue for fiscal years:

- 2004: \$1,051,515,709
- 2005: \$1,096,436,947
- 2006: \$1,149,059,504
- 2007: \$1,319,964,125
- 2008: \$1,415,377,851

Source: 2009 Iowa Gaming Market Analysis

But Jacoby said not knowing who is dealing a player's cards and taking her or his money is a concern — and one that's drawn national controversy.

"It's not like a casino, where you can see the person walk in the door and walk out," Jacoby said.

Another potential downside would be loss of business for people going to local casinos. But Dan Franz, the general manager of Riverside Casino & Golf Resort, said he

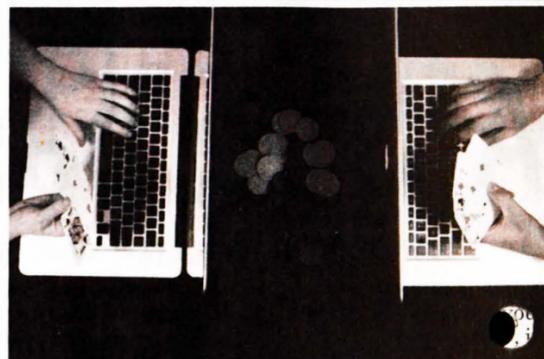


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Playing cards and poker chips are scattered over a surface. Online gambling is illegal, untaxed, and unregulated in all 50 states, but that could change under a bill winding its way through the Iowa legislature.

supported the bill.

"We are for the legalization of Internet poker ... because it provides a regulated and safe place to gamble," he said. "I don't think the bill will change [Riverside Casino] business substantially. A great majority come in for the environment and entertainment."

UI freshman Alex Elaty said he believes playing

online is easier than regular gambling. He's been playing online poker for a year, since he turned 18.

"There's not much interaction, so it's easier in terms of concealing your emotions, and you don't have to go off of other players' emotions," he said. "You can just worry about the actual game."

## JONES

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the regents should be submitted for review, but no decisions were made during the conference.

Dutton refuted the claim communication between the state Board of Regents and the Stolar group was confidential.

"There is a claim that that's privileged information based upon the attorney-client privilege and they've provided a privilege log to the court," Dutton said. "We don't think

it's privileged and we're asking the court to make that decision."

UI law Professor Randy Bezanson said proving racial discrimination depends on two factors: evidence the accused party admitted he or she discriminated against the accuser or a pattern of discriminatory behavior based on hiring and firing practices, documents, or witness testimony.

"More commonly, you find no overt comments but patterns of hiring or tenure that suggest one group is disadvantaged," said University of Califor-

nia-Los Angeles law Professor Steve Yeazell. "You get statistics and patterns over time."

Persuading a judge to add the clause depends on the individual lawsuit.

"Judges have to consider whether they can add to [the lawsuit] and have they made a general claim broad enough to include discrimination," Benzanson said. "Or whether statute of limitations had not run out and attorneys are still entitled to claims."

And whether a jury agrees with the plaintiff depends entirely on the evidence, Yeazell said.

## Case timeline

- **Oct. 14, 2007:** A female student athlete is assaulted by two former Hawkeye football players
- **Sept. 23, 2008:** The Stolar Report, which is highly critical of the UI's handling of the case, is released
- **Sept. 23, 2008:** UI President Sally Mason fires then-Vice President Phillip Jones
- **June 10, 2009:** Jones files a lawsuit against the UI, Mason, and the state Board of Regents

Source: UI archives

## WIKIPEDIA

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tion studies.

It has also changed the way educators teach, said UI history Associate Professor Marshall Poe.

"It used to be the case that in order to find a fact, it was buried in a book and was hard to get. You could not access it very easily," he said. "We don't have to do that anymore because anybody with a computer, with Internet connection and a knowledge of what search engines work ... can find information quickly."

Poe said the website has also spawned other academic search engines like Citizendium.

However, some educators still tread cautiously because the information

## Wikipedia founder

Jimmy Wales discussed several issues during his lecture:

- Internet and Democracy
- Wikipedia and the Media
- Censorship

can be easily altered.

"You never turn your back on information but remember it might be misinformation," said Don Wyatt, a professor of history at Middlebury College in Vermont. "If you approach it with that sort of caveat in mind, you're going to be in a better position."

The college installed a policy in 2007 banning citing any open source references such as Wikipedia.

The policy defends research against people such as UI junior Jeff Hunt, who took on an elaborate effort his senior year in high school to sabotage Wikipedia entries. He wrote that Adolf Hitler invented sunglasses on the German dictator's page and listed him as the inventor on a page for sunglasses.

"We personally thought it was hilarious," Hunt said.

Other students turn to Wikipedia because of its convenience.

"It's really easy to find information quickly because of its organization," said Danny Vial, a UI engineering major who attended the lecture Tuesday.

And the website founder said he is equally cautious of using Wikipedia as a serious source.

Wales said the website was not intended for use as a source for in-depth research, and it should only be seen as background information.

Over the years, however, as the website grew in popularity, it has been able to take measures to better monitor the accuracy of its information.

During the lecture, Wales showed a Twitter entry posted by a teacher who asked her students if they knew what an encyclopedia was. They thought she meant Wikipedia. Wales said such examples demonstrate the website's influence.

Wales also discussed the future "wiki" plans, including pop-culture sites.

"This idea of a participating culture doesn't have to end with Wikipedia," Wales said.

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President Obama speaks to students at TechBoston Academy in Boston on Tuesday.

# Obama warns GOP on education

By JIM KUHNHENN  
Associated Press

BOSTON — Placing a limit on his own willingness to slice spending, President Obama issued a not-too-veiled warning at Republican budget cutters Tuesday and characterized any reductions in money for education as irresponsible and harmful to the long-term health of the nation's economy.

In his most vigorous defense yet of his education-spending proposals, Obama conceded that after years of deficits, the government needed to embrace fiscal discipline. And in a restrained speech to Democratic donors, he cautioned the partisan crowd not to equate compromise with failure.

"Not everything is a fight, not everything has to be a battle to the death," he said to top-dollar contributors as they ate, surrounded by Renaissance paintings in Boston's Museum of Fine Arts.

Earlier, however, Obama set down a marker for the ongoing budget battles in Washington, illustrating just how far the compromise theme can go.

"I want everyone to pay attention. Even as we find ways to cut spending, we cannot cut back on job-creating investments such as education," he told a crowd at TechBoston Academy in Boston's Dorchester neighborhood. "There's nothing responsible about cutting back on our investment in these young people."

Obama was joined by philanthropist Melinda Gates in the latest stop on his monthlong push for an education agenda aimed at garnering bipartisan support for more flexibility and accountability for teachers, and more innovative standards for students.

In choosing TechBoston, the White House sought to showcase a school in a working-class neighborhood that had turned around its graduation rate thanks to new flexibility for its leaders and plenty of help from private foundations.

Offering a recitation of challenges, however, the president stressed the cost of carrying out an effective education agenda that corrects trends that show U.S. pupils falling behind their counterparts in other countries. In doing so, he set the parameters of the debate under way in Washington on how to continue to pay for government operations through the end of the fiscal year and avert a government shutdown.

"Fixing our schools will cost some money," Obama said. "Recruiting and rewarding the best teachers costs money. Making it possible for families to send their kids to college costs money. Making sure that some of the state-of-the-art equipment all of you are working on ... that costs money."

The quick day-trip also had a political subtext, as do most things on the president's agenda now that the 2012 election is approaching. Boston is a Democratic stronghold with a strong donor base

and Obama coupled his education speech with a dinner to raise money for House Democrats, who lost their congressional majority in the November midterm elections.

The event raised \$1 million and cost a minimum \$5,000 per seat. Dinner, a VIP reception, and participation in a photo line with the president cost \$30,800 per person or \$50,000 per couple, according to the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

Obama was greeted upon his arrival in the city with opinion pieces in the rival *Boston Globe* and *Boston Herald* newspapers by Republican Sen. Scott Brown and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, also a Republican.

"Washington has lost the faith of the American people," Brown wrote. "If we are going to tackle the huge challenges of creating jobs and addressing the debt, the American people need to be able to trust Washington again. Shining a light on our spending habits is the first step."

Romney was far tougher on Obama in his *Herald* piece, comparing Obama to President Herbert Hoover.

"Obamanomics, which at extraordinary cost has accomplished extraordinarily little, is earning our president his own dubious place in our history books," Romney wrote.

Obama did have time for a friendlier welcome. An avid basketball fan and player, the president took time before the Democratic dinner to meet with members of the Boston Celtics.

TechBoston, a grades 6-12 pilot school in the Boston School District, opened in 2002 with money from the foundation funded by Melinda Gates and her husband, Bill Gates, the billionaire cofounder of Microsoft Corp. It has made big strides academically through combined efforts of government, businesses, philanthropists, and community groups.

Pointing to that success, Obama sought to cast public education as a joint effort by all sectors of society.

"Reforming education is the responsibility of every single American, every parent, every teacher, every business leader, every public official and, yes, every student," he said.

The president's emphasis on money harked back to the debates following passage of President George W. Bush's No Child Left Behind act, when Democrats in particular became disillusioned because they said the Bush administration never spent the money that would have been needed to make the law work.

By now both parties have come to agree that the law is overly prescriptive and should be changed, although it's not clear Congress will have the appetite for a major education bill at a time when jobs, spending, and the deficit are at the forefront.

## NATION/WORLD

### Manchin attacks Obama on deficit

WASHINGTON — A freshman Democratic senator accused President Obama on Tuesday of failing to provide leadership on a worsening national deficit as top Republicans and Democrats on Capitol Hill spent more time pointing fingers than seeking common ground on a must-do measure to fund the government for the next six months.

Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., called on Obama to lead "tough negotiations" on wrapping up last year's unfinished budget work and said that "right now, that is not happening."

"When it comes to an issue of significant national importance, the president must lead," Manchin said. The freshman senator faces re-election next year in a state where voters are generally hostile to Obama.

White House press secretary Jay Carney countered by saying that Obama's "leadership and seriousness about the need to live within our means, cut spending where we can is quite clear."

At the Capitol, the top Democratic leader continued his assault on the House-passed spending measure, which contains bruising cuts to many domestic programs. A vote looms on the GOP-drafted legislation, as well as a Democratic alternative, in the Senate later this week.

in Phelps County, Mo. That would put it on a path to leave the region by midcentury.

"The geography is clearly shifting, with the West beginning to emerge as America's new heartland," said Robert Lang, a sociology professor at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas who regularly crunches data to determine the nation's center. "It's a pace-setting region that is dominant in population growth but also as a swing point in American politics."

The last time the U.S. center fell outside the Midwest was 1850, in the eastern territory now known as West Virginia. Its later move to the Midwest bolstered the region as the nation's cultural heartland in the 20th century, central to U.S. farming and Rust Belt manufacturing sites.

### Gadhafi forces stymie rebels

TRIPOLI, Libya — After dramatic successes over the past weeks, Libya's rebel movement appears to have hit a wall of overwhelming power from loyalists of Moammar Gadhafi. Pro-regime forces halted their drive on Tripoli with a heavy barrage of rockets in the east and threatened Tuesday to recapture the closest rebel-held city to the capital in the west.

If Zawiya, on Tripoli's doorstep, is ultimately retaken, the contours of a stalemate would emerge — with Libya divided between a largely loyalist west and a rebel east as the world wrestles with the thorny question of how deeply to intervene.

President Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron agreed to plan for the "full spectrum of possible responses" on Libya, including imposing a no-fly zone to prevent Gadhafi's warplanes from striking rebels. According to a White House statement, the two leaders spoke Tuesday and agreed that the objective must be an end to violence and the departure of Gadhafi "as quickly as possible."

A spokesman for the opposition's newly created Interim Governing Council in Benghazi, meanwhile, said a man who claimed to represent Gadhafi made contact with the council to discuss terms for the leader of four decades to step down. Mustafa Gheriani told the Associated Press the council could not be certain whether the man was acting on his own initiative or did in fact represent Gadhafi.

"But our position is clear: No negotiations with the Gadhafi regime," said Gheriani, who declined to say when contact was made or reveal the identity of the purported envoy.

### 21 priests suspended in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Philadelphia archdiocese suspended 21 Roman Catholic priests Tuesday who were named as child-molestation suspects in a scathing grand-jury report released last month. The priests have been removed from ministry while their cases are reviewed, Cardinal Justin Rigali said. The names of the priests were not being released, a spokesman for the archdiocese said.

"These have been difficult weeks since the release of the grand jury report," Rigali said in a statement. "Difficult most of all for victims of sexual abuse but also for all Catholics and for everyone in our community."

The two-year grand-jury investigation into priest abuse in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia resulted in charges against two priests, a former priest, and a Catholic school teacher who are accused of raping young boys. And in an unprecedented move in the U.S., a former high-ranking church official was accused of transferring problem priests to new parishes without warning anyone of prior sex-abuse complaints.

— Associated Press

### U.S. population shifting west

WASHINGTON — America's population center is edging away from the Midwest, pulled by Latino growth in the Southwest, according to census figures. The historic shift is changing the nation's politics and even the traditional notion of the country's heartland — long the symbol of mainstream American beliefs and culture.

The West is now home to the four fastest-growing states — Nevada, Arizona, Utah, and Idaho — and has surpassed the Midwest in population, according to 2010 figures. California and Texas added to the Southwestern population tilt, making up more than one-fourth of the nation's total gains since 2000.

When the Census Bureau announces a new mean center of population next month, geographers believe it will be placed in or around Texas County, Mo., southwest of the present location

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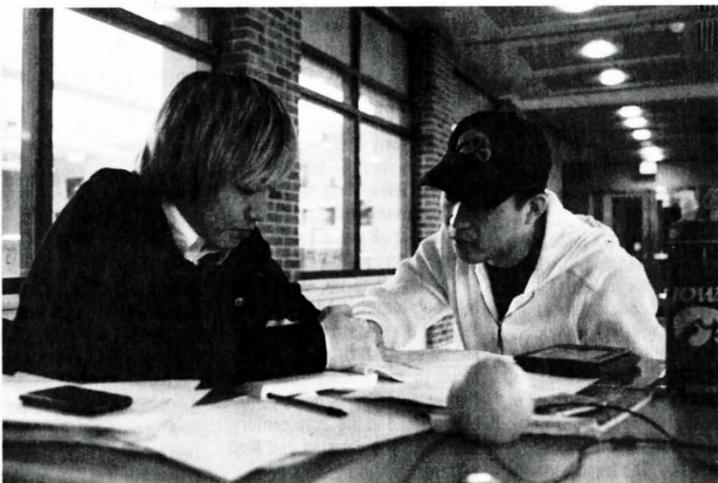
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### Today's To-do List:

- Find that peanut butter cup I lost in bed last night.
- E-mail that nice Nigerian fellow to see why the \$25 million isn't in my bank account yet.
- Finish burying the body. (Note to self: pre-dig next time!)
- Call to see if homeowners insurance will cover damage from indoor bull riding.
- Cut down the hedge that's blocking my view into the neighbor's bedroom window.
- Think of a good explanation for why I'm cutting down the hedge for the sixth time.
- Take monthly shower (if time).
- Freeze all that leftover panda meat.
- Go in to Tosche Station to pick up some power converters.
- Take down Christmas lights and bring in jack-o-lantern.
- Call CBS and see if it is taking applications for "Two and a Half Men."
- Organize my toenail collection. (But alphabetically or by toe size?)
- Pick up new binoculars and parabolic microphone at post office.
- Launch Operation: Stalk Jessica Alba v2.0.
- Go to the Library and paste pictures from *Playboy* into all the Dr. Seuss books.
- Make doctor's appointment. I really don't think it should be that color.
- End war, stop world hunger, cure cancer, and pick up a gallon of milk at the store.
- EDIT: Find out why my bank account is closed?!!

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## MIDTERM SEASON



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**UI freshman Jae-Hyung Kim tutors UI junior Alex Harrington in the Adler Building on Tuesday. Kim was helping Harrington prepare for a Korean midterm.**

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## UITV schedule

- Campus channel 4, cable channel 17
- 7 p.m. "Lynch Syndrome, the Navajo, and the Genetic Revolution," Micheil Cannistra, winner of the Sparks essay contest, Feb. 4
  - 8 Career Leadership Academy, Jocelyn Adams, State Farm VP, speaks at the Leaders Live Speakers Series, Feb. 20
  - 9 Talk Iowa, students discuss current events
  - 9:30 Daily Iowan Television News
  - 9:45 Book Fest 2010, Jeffrey Zaslow, July 2010
  - 10:30 Daily Iowan Television News
  - 10:45 "Java Blend" Encore, Music Videos from the Java House
  - 11 "Lynch Syndrome, the Navajo, and the Genetic Revolution," Micheil Cannistra, winner of the Sparks essay contest, Feb. 4

## horoscopes

 Wednesday, March 9, 2011  
- by Eugenia Last

**ARIES** March 21-April 19 Don't lose your temper when what is required is love, not criticism and name-calling. Refine your approach when dealing with people who don't see things the same way you do. Play fair.

**TAURUS** April 20-May 20 What you offer others will be appreciated and the favor returned. Getting involved in an activity or with an energetic group will help you look and feel your best. If there is something bothering you at work, talk to your superior.

**GEMINI** May 21-June 20 You can sway some of the people you deal with, but not everyone will buy into your charm. Prepare to answer some tough questions. Be straightforward. Do not give the impression you are hiding something.

**CANCER** June 21-July 22 Don't stop until you have exhausted all possibilities. What you do today can make a difference to the way the rest of your year will unfold. Being progressive and even a little bit pushy will pay off when it comes to advancement.

**LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 The best part of the day will be socializing with colleagues or friends. Trying to spice things up will entice someone you want to impress. Don't reveal how you feel just yet. Keep someone guessing if you want to get a successful response.

**VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Take action now, and you will learn a lot from what you experience. A change in attitude regarding money matters will help you clear up a misconception someone has about you. Play to win, and you will.

**LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Don't get caught in someone else's melodrama. You may not want to rock the boat, but if it means you will be blamed for something you didn't do, you had better speak up. Take a cordial but firm approach to any problem you face. Love is in the stars.

**SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Bury yourself in what you enjoy working at the most. Don't be afraid to take an unusual approach to life, love, and finding happiness. Alterations at home will make your life more interesting and allow you greater freedom.

**SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Not everyone will like what you are doing or how you are treating the people around you. Complaints can be expected, especially if you exaggerate or push others to do things your way. You cannot force anyone to be your friend or lover.

**CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 You can make some marked improvements to your surroundings both at work and at home. If you feel more comfortable, you will do better and excel further. Have patience when dealing with children, parents, or your lover.

**AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 If something isn't working, stop going against the grain when what's required is symmetry. You can have a lot more than you realize by offering help and suggestions and listening to the way the people you care most about are feeling.

**PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 Someone you meet is likely to play an emotional game with you. Cut to what's important, and intervene if you must. You must put your own plans first if you want to reach your deadline or goal.

## DILBERT

by Scott Adams



## 'NON SEQUITUR

BY WILEY



## Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



## today's events

- **Glass Shop Open**, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., W152 Chemistry Building
- **Staff Council Meeting**, 2:30 p.m., 2520D University Capitol Centre
- **Challenge a Police Officer**, 3:15-5:15 p.m., Mercer Park Aquatic Center, 2701 Bradford
- **Microbiology Seminar**, "Not Set in Stone: Peripheral T Cell Receptor Regulation and Revision," Paul G. Thomas, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 4 p.m., 283 Eckstein Medical Research Building
- **Stained Wine Tasting**, 5 p.m., The Mansion, 538 S. Gilbert
- **Bingo**, 6:30 p.m., Eagle's Club, 225 Highway 1 W.
- **Gray Knights Chess Club**, 6:30 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **All Good Things**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **Peace Corps Application Writing Workshop**, 7 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Centre
- **Trainer Talk, Flexibility - Five Ways of Getting to Gumby**, 7 p.m., Campus Recreation & Wellness Center Meeting Room 1
- **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** Chang-Rae Lee, fiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque, and UI Writing University website, <http://www.writinguniversity.org>
- **PJ Story Time**, 7 p.m., North

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- Liberty Community Library, 520 W. Cherry
- **Travelogues with Patrick Nefzger**, 7 p.m., Senior Center
- **UI Jazz Jam**, 7 p.m., Blue Moose, 211 Iowa
- **School of Music Recital, Cory Mixdorf**, trombone, 7:30 p.m., University Capitol Centre Recital Hall
- **SCOPE Concert**, The Roots, 8 p.m., IMU Main Lounge
- **Made in Dagenham**, 9 p.m., Bijou
- **Jimkata**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- **Roots Post-Show Party**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club
- **The Jam**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club
- ONGOING**
- **Cedar County, Iowa: A Door to Freedom**, stories of the Underground Railroad, Herbert Hoover National Site, 110 Parkside Drive, West Branch; through April 30
- **Chaos and Creation on the Pentacrest**, Old Capitol Museum; through May 22
- **Jane Chukas: Landscapes in Oil Pastel & Acrylic**, Iowa Artisans Gallery, 207 E. Washington; through April 17

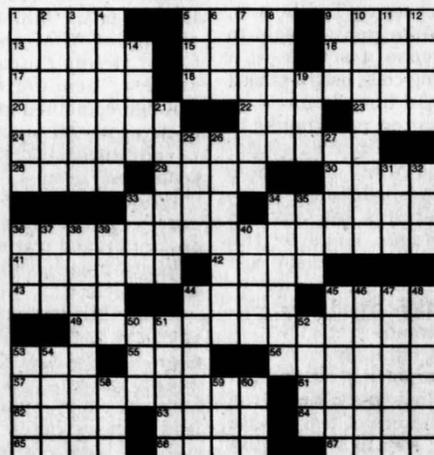
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- Across**
- Remain
  - Feeling down
  - See 47-Down
  - Anderson, Super Bowl XXV M.V.P.
  - Kentucky senator Paul
  - 15-Across and allies: Abbr.
  - Start of an old Army recruiting line
  - "After the maid cleans out the going to polish the fireplace doors"
  - Zombies might be on it
  - Org. for 9-Down
  - Caste member
  - "The note accompanying the that all money should go to charity"
  - Relax
  - Sorority letters
  - Take \_\_\_ (lose one)
  - 33 Accept a contract
  - 34 Long-legged waders
  - 36 "The reporter heard the New York \_\_\_ his coach"
  - 41 "\_\_\_ Nacht" (Christmas carol)
  - 42 One-quarter of "Whose woods these are I think I know"
  - 43 Club for knights
  - 44 Latin 101 verb
  - 45 Alone, on the stage
  - 49 "At the organic market, the price of \_\_\_ from moderate to ridiculous"
  - 53 Penny collector
  - 55 John, to Paul, George or Ringo
  - 56 Young salmon
  - 57 "The teacher found that \_\_\_ -a-longs helped her pupils remember their ABCs"
  - 61 Rocky ridge
  - 62 Tex-Mex fare
  - 63 "\_\_\_ that cute?"
  - 64 "\_\_\_ to you!"
  - 65 Whizzed
  - 66 Hwys.
  - 67 Lith. and Lat., once
- Down**
- Tennis player, at times
  - Loose
  - Turns over, as an engine
  - Fight with
  - Part of a two-piece suit?
  - \_\_\_ Cruces
  - 7 Doffs one's lid
  - Plant swelling
  - 9 Members of the 22-Across
  - 10 Went over again
  - 11 Welcoming customers
  - 12 "Hey there!"
  - 14 Blind component
  - 19 Rode the pine
  - 21 Happen
  - 25 Graybearded sort
  - 26 Stirring time?
  - 27 Make
  - 31 Suffix with magnet
  - 32 Old Dungeons & Dragons co.
  - 33 Weekly NBC staple, for short
  - 34 Glue brand

### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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- Flap one's gums
- Suffix with magnet
- End of the line, say: Abbr.
- Center of Good & Plenty candy
- Tiger, e.g., informally
- Lip
- Self-promoter
- 51 Response to a general question?
- 52 Asian nanny
- 53 Sticks (out)
- 54 P.D.Q.
- 58 Bobblehead movement
- 59 Houston-to-Chicago dir.
- 60 Some muscle cars
- 45 Sounds from barracks, maybe
- 46 Lascivious lookers
- 47 With 9-Across, post office mail slot ... or a hint to this puzzle's theme
- 48 Evaluate
- 50 Class with many functions: Abbr.

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**COX**

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because she wasn't living up to the team's expectations in practice.

Then, leading up to the first meet on Jan. 7 in East Lansing, Mich., Cox was suffering from an ankle injury. Paired with a lack of motivation to keep herself physically conditioned and mentally ready to compete, that injury kept Cox out of the regular lineup for the season's first few meets.

"Tesla loves to compete, but she doesn't like to practice," Libby said. "On this team, you have to prove yourself in the gym before you can get out on the competition floor. And that was really difficult for her because she felt like she was capable, but she never proved to us that she was."

Training at a club gym in South Carolina since her

elementary-school days, Cox was the only level-10 gymnast — which indicates one can perform the most difficult routines — on her team. Without performing well in practice, she was automatically guaranteed a spot to compete in meets.

"I came from thinking that I was the best thing, the greatest in the world, a superstar, and then I came here, and it was a reality check that I'm not the best," Cox said. "I realized that I'm going to have to work — and work really, really hard — for my spots because they're not just going to be handed to me."

After being confronted by her teammates, including senior Houry Gebeshian, and her coaches, Cox slowly adjusted to team expectations and became willing to work hard in order to earn her place. As a result, she was awarded spots in the lineup as the season progressed.

"I think it was a hard

realization for her because there are 13 other athletes on this team who are competitors who are pushing and fighting to be in the lineups," assistant coach Caleb Philips said. "But because she absolutely loves competing, she finally realized she was willing to fight for her chance to do it."

By the GymHawks' home meet against Denver on Feb. 11, Cox was in the lineup for bars, beam, and floor exercise. But after her floor routine, she limped off the mat and said, "I think I heard my foot pop."

The mild ankle injury took Cox out of competition for two meets, but within two weeks, for the GymHawks' home meet against Iowa State Feb. 25, she was back in the lineups on bars and beam, scoring 9.725 and 9.75. She recently rejoined the lineup on floor in an exhibition spot on March 5 against North-ern Illinois.

"She did a lot better coping with her injury the second time," Libby said. "Anything she could do without her foot, she did it. She definitely learned the first time that on this team you can't sit around if you want to compete."

Cox's change in attitude is the result of "a lot of work" from the coaching staff and her teammates and "a lot of growing up" by Cox, said Libby, and the gymnast is grateful for the way her team held her accountable.

"Larissa doesn't just try to focus on our attitudes just in the gym," Cox said. "She wants us to carry our good attitudes all the way through our jobs that we're eventually going to have. She's taught me that what I'm saying and doing is going to affect other people. She always tells me that they're trying to build my character, and I'm just starting to realize what that means."

**WRESTLING**

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"After Kennedy took him down, Montell Marion was a bearcat to keep down," Brands said. "Two, three, four explosive moves, and he's out. You can't get to your feet and then slow down. You've got to get to your feet, and there have got to be hip-whips and explosions and using momentum against your opponent."

In Ramos' third-place match against Illinois' B.J. Futrell, he saw the benefit Iowa's opponents were getting when they kept the Hawkeyes on the mat.

After scoring two first-period takedowns, Ramos held Futrell down for almost the whole second period, locking up a riding time point and tiring Futrell.

Ramos said he is often tempted to think working on riding is "a waste of time," but the coaches have been persistently urging him to do it.

"The coaches have been on me and on me about it," he said. "You're going to score a point if you keep him down for a minute, and you're going to wear him out. I finally put it to use. And that guy was dead tired."

**MEN'S TRACK**

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the most special seasons ever."

A two-week stretch in late January started the attack on the record book. Three marks fell at the Jack Johnson Classic on Jan. 21-22 in Minneapolis. Justin Austin set a new time in the 60-meter dash, and Steven Willey and Jordan Mullen broke records in the 600 meters and the 60-meter hurdles.

The following weekend at the Razorback Invitational in Arkansas, Troy Doris shattered a two-decade old triple jump record with a leap of 54 feet. Joining Doris in the



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Iowa track runner Erik Sowinski practices in the Recreation Building on Feb. 10, 2010. Nine school records were broke at least once this year in the 60, 200, 600, 800, mile, 3,000, 60-meter hurdles, 4x400 meter relay, and the triple jump. record book that weekend was Erik Sowinski, who broke the 800 meter record for the first of two times. Austin also broke the 60-meter time on the second of three occasions at the meet in Fayetteville, Ark.

The Jan. 28-29 meet was also a coming-out party of sorts for Ethan Holmes. Considered by Wiecezorek to now be in the team's "core group" of performers, Holmes ran

his first ever 400 meters in under 48 seconds. The native of Clinton also ran in the 4x400 meter relay for the first time at the Arkansas meet, an event that will compete at the NCAAs this weekend.

"That meet was a major breakthrough," Holmes said. "It got my confidence built up. It helped me reassure myself that I am capable of running that fast and faster."

A year ago, that same 4x4 event — ran by Sowinski, Willey, Patrick Richards, and Chris Barton — earned All-American status during the outdoor season. This year, with Holmes now in the mix, the relay continues to be one of the best in the country. Following a first-place finish at the Big Ten meet, Richards, Holmes,

Sowinski, and Willey ran a 3:06.66 school record time at the last-chance meet.

"We came off a good outdoor season last year and just built upon that," Sowinski said. "Being in the top-25 [as a team] shows how far we've come in a year, which is a pretty short amount of time."

**WOMEN'S TRACK**

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This year, the mile, 800 meters, weight throw, and 4-by-4-relay records have all been broken. The Hawkeyes crowned senior Bethany Praska the Big Ten champion in the 600-meters with a time of 1:28.14, an event that unfortunately is not held at the indoor or outdoor NCAA championships. Although her 600 time didn't break a school record, it falls within a second of the record, set in 2008.

Sophomore captain Kelsey Taylor broke the record in the weight throw Feb. 18 with a toss of 18.40 meters. Junior McKenzie Melander broke the school record in the mile with a time of 4:39.78 at the last-chance meet March 5. The

4-by-4-relay team of freshman Ashley Liverpool, senior captain Tiffany Hendricks, junior Nicole Erickson, and Praska broke the school record at Big Tens with a time of 3:37.58 on Feb. 27, and Praska broke the record in the 800 at the last-chance meet March 5 with a time of 2:05.36.

Even though only two athletes, Praska in the 800, and Melander in the mile, will travel to College Station, Texas, this weekend for NCAAs, there should be even more Hawkeyes going.

Junior Betsy Flood in either the 3,000-meter or 5,000-meter should be heading south this weekend. So should a handful of other athletes.

This indoor season, a couple of underclassmen made statements about the future of the program, too.

Liverpool took second in the 400-meter final at the



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UI senior Karesa Farley (center) and sophomore Mariah Jordan (right, hurdling) run in the 100-meter hurdles during the 11th annual Musco Twilight Meet at Cretzmeyer track on May 1, 2010.

Big Tens. Freshman sprinter Erin Jones competed March 5 in the last chance in the 200 meter and took fourth with a time of 24.21. If they made this splash as freshmen, what does that say about the future?

Only a season ago there wasn't the bold attitude this year's squad has and

the confidence the coaches have in the program. Yes, there are still areas that need to be "beefed up," as Anderson said, but if two freshmen made it to the finals, for example, the future looks strong.

And here's the real kicker — there's still the outdoor season.

**HAWKEYE SPORTS**

**Melander, Praska head to NCAAs**

The waiting game is over for Iowa's senior McKenzie Melander and junior Bethany Praska. Both found out Monday night that they will compete in the NCAA championships this weekend.

The Hawkeyes took advantage of the last opportunity they had to make it to the championships at the last-chance meet on March 5. They will head to College Station, Texas, this morning with the coaching staff to compete in the 2011 indoor women's track and field NCAA championships.

In a historic weekend for the Hawkeyes, Melander ran the mile at the meet at Notre Dame in 4:39.78. She said her goal going into the season was to record a time around the 4:40 mark, and her time in South Bend was low enough for a school record and to qualify her for NCAAs. Her mark

from last chance gives her the 17th-best mile time in Division I. She is the first female Hawkeye to run a sub-4:40 mile.

Praska, who ran the 800 meters at the last chance meet at Iowa State, made the cut running the event in 2:05.36, also a school record.

Neither Melander and Praska have ever been to the NCAAs before.

— by Amy Tiffany

**Six Hawkeye men to compete at NCAAs**

The field for the 2011 NCAA men's indoor track and field championships was completed Monday night. Of the 270 entries, six were claimed by members of the Iowa men's track and field team.

All the athletes traveling to College Station, Texas, this weekend will head into the meet with

some of the top times in the country.

Of the six, five automatically qualified at numerous points throughout the season.

Troy Doris will bring the country's fifth-best triple jump mark to the meet. The junior's season-best leap of 54 feet is the longest in school history.

Junior Justin Austin holds the school record in the 200 meters, and he will be one of 16 competitors in the event at nationals. Austin holds the 10th fastest time in the nation at 20.83 seconds.

Sophomore Jeff Thode became the fourth Hawkeye to automatically qualify when he ran the mile at the last-chance qualifier in 3:58.72 last weekend.

Erik Sowinski holds the 14th-best time nationally in the 800 meters — one of two events the captain will race in at the NCAAs.

The junior will also compete in the 4x400 meter relay. Last

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# Ketelsen's return sparks Hawks

Senior Ben Ketelsen coming to full competition has given the Iowa men's gymnastics team a boost.

By RYAN MURPHY  
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Ben Ketelsen had not competed in his full set of events in over a month. But for the senior, it was as nothing had changed.

At the Hawkeyes' March 5 meet against Minnesota and Penn State, Ketelsen returned from a knee injury, recording a team-high score of 13.600, good for a fourth-place finish on pommel horse. Ketelsen was also the second-highest scoring Hawkeye in three other events.

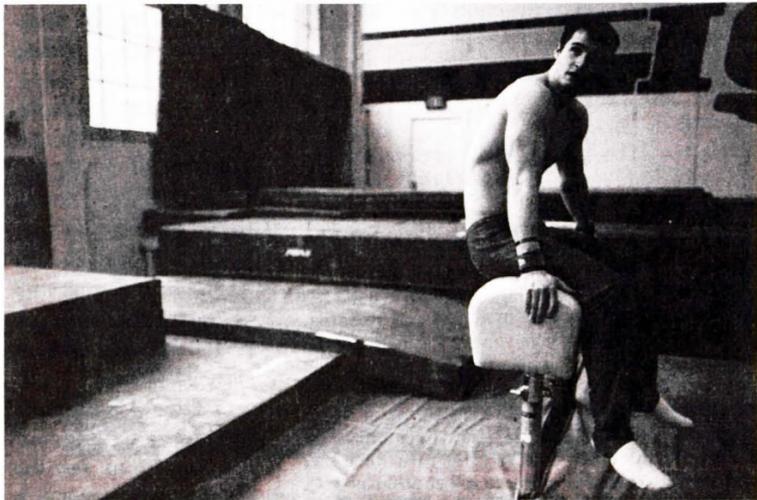
For the senior, it was just good to be able to support his teammates with his routines instead of only being able to give verbal support.

"It feels really good to be back. Last weekend, I was able to go out, and hit sets, and get the morale going out there," he said. "It's a different kind of morale when you can go out and hit sets."

Entering the Feb. 11 meet against Minnesota, he was having a smooth final season. He had victories on both pommel horse and vault, and he had been a leader for the Hawkeyes in both events.

Then came the injury that shook the team.

On Iowa's first event of the night, the floor exercise, the Lancaster, Ohio, native hyperextended his knee and was unable to finish. After struggling on the pommel horse, he was done for the night. The Hawkeyes had lost



RICKY BANNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa senior Ben Ketelsen rests in between attempts at his pommel horse routine on Monday in the Field House. Ketelsen returned after recovering from a hyper-extended knee injury on March 5 during the team's meet against Minnesota and Penn State.

one of their senior leaders, and the result was Iowa's lowest dual meet score of the season.

A knee injury typically keeps a gymnast out of competition, or at least well short of 100 percent, for weeks. Not Ketelsen.

Once the injury was discovered to be less than catastrophic, it was a matter of his working his way back to being ready for competition.

It didn't take long — Ketelsen competed on pommel horse on Feb. 19 against Nebraska.

"Once we knew there wasn't any structural damage, it was a matter of him getting to where he was ready to compete again mentally," Iowa head coach JD Reive said. "I was really impressed

with how quickly he was able to do that."

Ketelsen returned to full competition on March 5, competing in all five of his events — the only event in which he does not compete is rings.

His full return has come at a good time, both for him and the Hawkeyes. With senior Mike Jiang, Iowa's other stalwart on pommel horse, out because of a concussion, Ketelsen has been able to fill in for his teammate and has become Iowa's star on the event.

"He's able to step up on the events I'm missing out on," Jiang said. "He's got me covered, especially on pommel horse."

Reive said having Ketelsen fully back in the lineup makes his job easier, because it fills some of the "gaping holes" left by injuries. The first-year coach said the highlight of Iowa's meet against the Gophers and Nittany Lions was getting Ketelsen back.

With two meets remaining in the regular season, he feels his return has come at a great time to build momentum for the two biggest meets of the year: the Big Ten and NCAA championships.

"It was an almost perfect time for me to get my things back in order before having to crank out my ultimate goal sets at Big Tens and NAAs," he said.

# The short & the short of it

Practicing outside will help the Iowa women's golf team get back its 'feel' for the short game.

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If the Iowa women's golf team is going to recuperate from its disappointing spring season-opener, the players need to step up their short games.

But regaining the "feel" for approach shots and puts after a long break can be especially challenging when Iowa's winter weather has only allowed the team to practice outside a few times.

"I think our chipping affected our scores the most [at the season-opener]," senior Lauren Forbes said. "We were able to spend hours on our short game when we arrived in Kiawah Island, S.C. [for the Edwin Watts/Kiawah Island Classic], but unfortunately, you can't

really get all of your feel back in a matter of 24 hours."

A golfer can never pay too much attention to the short game — that's why the Hawkeyes have dedicated every practice to improving it.

"Your short game is never too good," senior Laura Cilek said. "I definitely could save a few shots every round by improving my short game. Our entire team has focused hard on working on our short game these past couple weeks."

The team focuses on the technique of various pitch shots from 20 to 70 yards on certain days. On other days, golfers attempt to land the ball in a targeted spot every shot.

Half of their week's practice is spent in the Field House, sharpening putting and chipping skills as well as brushing up on basic mechanics in the newly revamped short-game room.

"In the short-game room, we are able to

work on chips around the green that may range from 5 to 15 and 20 yards," Forbes said. "The new putting turf is as good as it gets for indoor putting."

No matter how well simulated the indoor facilities are, members of the team said it's no comparison to playing outside. There are no substitutions to create the conditions that wind and real grass provide.

"Although we do practice a lot in our facilities, nothing compares to real grass," junior Chelsea Harris said. "It takes a little while to adjust. It was pretty difficult for me to trust my feel and trust my reading of the green."

It is essential for golfers to trust their mechanics in order to develop that "feel" for the green, Harris said — something that can only be done outside on the course.

Since its season-opener at Kiawah Island, the team has only been able to practice outside a few

times. The Hawkeyes agree that even the small amount of outdoor practice will be reflected in the overall team score they produce at the Jackrabbit Invitational in Primm, Nev., March 14-15.

"We have been very lucky to get outside a couple days a week to hit balls and wedge shots off grass and in bunkers," Forbes said. "Any practice we can get on grass will most definitely be reflected in our scores for the Jackrabbit Invitational next week."

Whether the team is in competition or practice, chipping and putting is key in a golf round. An individual's short game can decide where the entire team finishes.

"If [the short game] is sketchy from not practicing, it will show," sophomore Kristi Cardwell said. "I feel that you can never put enough time into the short game; it is just something that has to be focused on every single day."



Forbes golfer

## MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

### UConn downs DePaul in Big East opener

Hard to believe Connecticut had gone six years since its last victory in the Big East Tournament.

Kemba Walker and the Huskies stopped that skid against an opponent.

The star guard scored 26 points, and UConn won a Big East tournament game for the first time

since 2005, beating DePaul, 97-71, on Tuesday in the opener of a conference showcase loaded with NCAA contenders.

"We had a nice bounce-back game," UConn coach Jim Calhoun said. "We're happy to get a win. It's been a while."

Jeremy Lamb, playing on a sore knee, had 17 of his 19 points in the first half for the 21st-ranked Huskies (22-9), who got back on track after losing four of their final five regular-season games. No. 9 seed UConn advanced to play today against No. 22 Georgetown, the No. 8 seed at Madison Square Garden.

UConn beat the Hoyas, 78-70, at home on Feb. 16 in the only meeting between the

teams this season.

The Huskies had lost six-straight Big East Tournament games since beating Georgetown in the 2005 quarterfinals, a surprising streak of futility for a school that has won two national championships and six Big East tournament titles under Calhoun, its Hall of Fame coach.

The slide included that classic, six-over-time loss in the 2009 quarterfinals to Syracuse, which handed the Huskies four of those six defeats.

Alex Oriakhi, left out of the starting lineup following a recent slump, had 13 points and 19 rebounds for UConn,

which held a 46-22 edge on the glass against the undersized Blue Demons.

"I just think we look different when he's rebounding, blocking shots, and playing defense like that," Calhoun said. "He's been struggling, and I keep telling him, 'It's simple — go get the basketball.' It's never that simple, but it gets in your head. And today he went and got the basketball — a lot."

Oriakhi tied a school record for rebounds in a Big East Tournament game. Travis Knight also grabbed 19 boards against Seton Hall in 1996.

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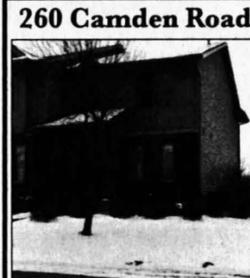
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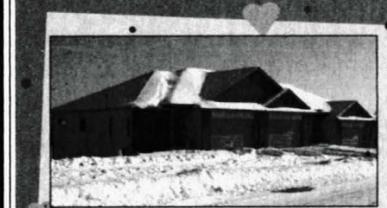
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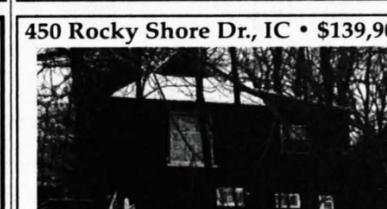
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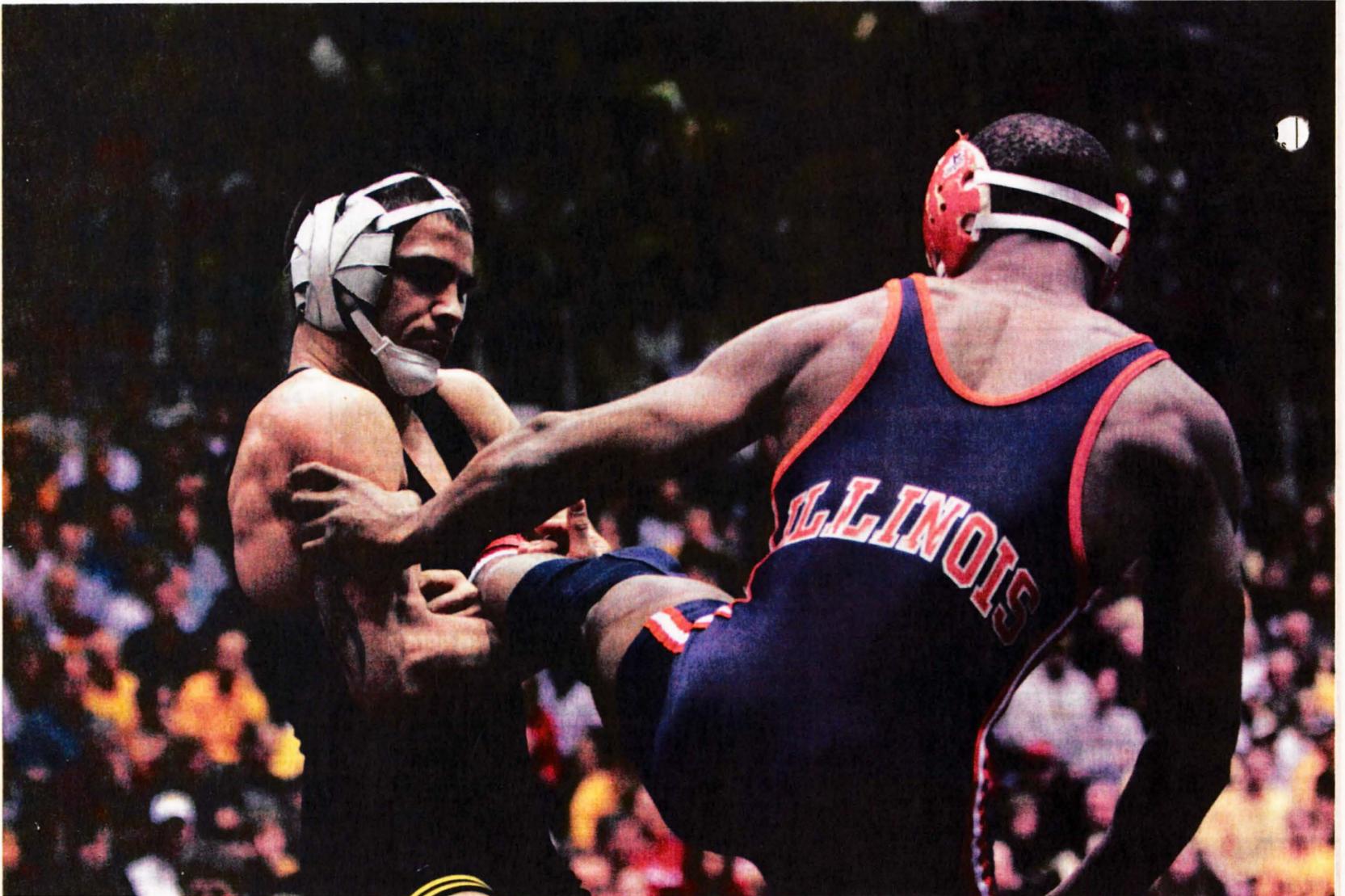
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## MEN'S GYMNASTICS

Ben Ketelsen's full return from an injury gives the Hawkeyes a spark. **10**



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Iowa 133-pounder Tony Ramos wrestles Illinois' B.J. Futrell for third place in the Big Ten wrestling championships in Evanston, Ill., on Sunday. Ramos won by decision, 6-2.

# No escaping Big Ten lessons

An inability to earn escape points hurt the Iowa wrestlers in the Big Ten meet this past weekend.

By **SAM LOUWAGIE**  
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Tom Brands dropped down to his hands and knees in front of a throng of reporters at Welsh-Ryan Arena, engaging in an impromptu technique session on March 5.

"If I'm down here," Brands said from the starting position. "And I get up to here," he said as he stood up, "I can't go back down to

here," he said as he dropped to his belly.

The fifth-year wrestling head coach was providing a lesson on how to wrestle from the bottom position. The inability of his wrestlers to get out from the bottom for an escape point, especially in the tournament's semifinal round, proved to be costly for the Hawkeyes.

Redshirt freshman Tony Ramos and senior Aaron

Janssen both lost matches that went into tiebreaker sessions, meaning both had 30 seconds to earn an escape and advance to the finals.

Ramos dropped a 3-1 decision to Wisconsin's Tyler Graff, and Janssen fell, 3-2, to the Badgers' top-seeded Andrew Howe.

"I let it slip away," Janssen said. "And I need to capitalize on occasions like that."

It wasn't only tiebreaker sessions in which an inability to escape hurt the Hawkeyes. Montell Marion lost his semifinal match in overtime, and Ethen Loft-house lost to top-seeded Ed Ruth of Penn State by 1 point in regulation.

Both Marion and Loft-house were ridden for the entire second period of their matches, which kept them from scoring an

escape point and essentially guaranteed their opponent a point for riding time, which requires one minute of control from the top position.

Loft-house lamented the second period of that match.

"I watched film on the way home, and I can see what I'm doing wrong," he said. "Just a little bit more pizzazz and just a second

more of energy, and I'm out — numerous times. I watched that match, and I don't know how he was holding me down. Because I'm pretty much out almost the whole period."

Brands praised Marion for his work from the bottom in Marion's third-place match against Illinois' Jimmy Kennedy, the day after his semifinal loss.

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## COMMENTARY

# Future bright for tracksters

Four Hawkeyes broke school records this indoor season, and the future of the program is stronger than it has been in years.



**AMY TIFFANY**  
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The Iowa women's track and field team broke only one record in the previous two seasons. But this season, the squad has shattered four school marks.

Distance, middle distance, and throwers all have record holders, and some records were broken more than once. At the Big Ten meet, the Hawkeyes crowned one individual champion, and finished in the top three places numerous other times.

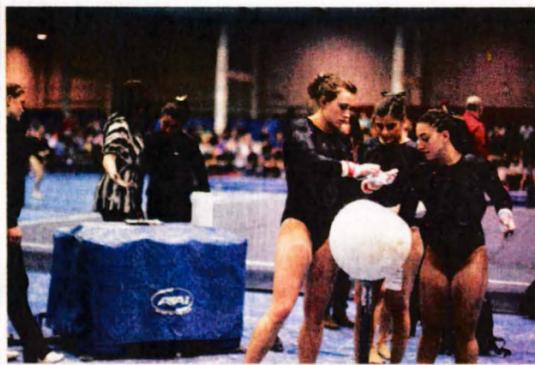
What does it mean? It's a step in the right

direction in the process of turning the entire program around. Head coach Layne Anderson said the program is "light years" ahead of where it was two years ago. This season is a big deal.

It's a season of firsts. A program that was struggling only a few years ago is stepping up to the front row. The results from the Big Ten championships and athletes traveling to the NCAA meet might not show it, but this year's accomplishments range further and stretch longer than previous years.

In the 2009 and 2010 indoor seasons, no school records were set except for Karessa Farley's 60-meter-hurdle mark in 2009. That event had no Iowa competitors this indoor season.

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Iowa gymnasts Emma Stevenson (left), Tesla Cox (middle) and Houry Gebeshian (right) prepare before competing in the uneven bars against Northern Iowa on March 5 in the Field House. The Hawkeyes won the event with a team score of 49.275.

# Cox works her way into lineup

Iowa freshman gymnast Tesla Cox learned to work for her spots in the bars, beam, and floor lineups

By **MOLLY IRENE OLMSTEAD**  
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Before freshman Tesla Cox mounts the beam or uneven bars, or steps onto the floor exercise mat, she seeks out Iowa women's gymnastics head coach Larissa Libby. In a brief moment of eye contact, Cox simply nods her head. It's her way of saying, "It's all

right, I've got this."

Cox's confidence is "settling" for the GymHawks, Libby said, but a controlled aura of self-assuredness has been a while in the making.

The season started with Libby limiting Cox's participation at the Black and Gold intrasquad meet

SEE **COX**, 9

# Men tracksters break records

Nine school records highlight a successful indoor season for the men's track and field team.

By **BEN SCHUFF**  
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The Iowa men's track and field team's record board inside the Recreation Building may be deceiving. As soon as it is updated, the large board hanging near one end of the track will read like a 2011 season-best performance list instead of an all-time school record board.

And that is just how assistant coach Joey Woody envisioned it at the beginning of the year.

"Honestly, I wrote down 10," he said in reference to how many school records he thought the team had a shot at the beginning of the year. "We still have another weekend, so who knows what could happen."

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This year's set of Hawkeyes broke and re-broke school records seemingly every weekend.

Nine school records were broken at least once this year in the 60, 200, 400, 800, mile, 3,000, 60-meter hurdles, 4x400 meter relay, and the triple jump.

Adding to that impressive list is the consistency with which the records fell. The squad never had two consecutive meets in which a school record wasn't broken.

"We could probably pick a half-dozen or a dozen moments and say, 'Boy, I'd like to repeat that,'" 15-year head coach Larry Wiczorek said. "Certainly in my coaching career, it's one of

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