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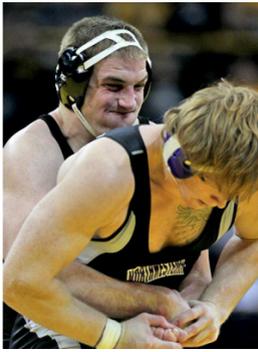
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Yes - 30 percent

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VIDEO: Students talk about how they're dealing with snow and cold on campus during the first week of classes.

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CORRECTION

In the Jan. 17 article "UI Students Help Catalogue History at Red Avocado," *The Daily Iowan* incorrectly reported that the architectural materials donated by Allen Homes were taken out of the Red Avocado and Defunct Books. The materials were taken out of 511 E. Washington St. and 517 E. Washington St. The *DI* regrets the error.

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Plummer trial to move

Branden Plummer's hearing to discuss five motions took place Tuesday at the Johnson County Courthouse.

By **BETH BRATSOS**

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Branden Plummer's request to move his attempted-murder trial out of Johnson County was approved Tuesday morning.

Plummer — a 20-year-

old who attended classes at the University of Iowa last semester but who is no longer listed in the UI directory — was charged with attempted murder after he allegedly assaulted police Sgt. Brian Krei on Nov. 18, 2011. Police reports said Krei

approached Plummer because he was disrupting traffic at the intersection of Linn and Burlington Streets. Plummer allegedly proceeded to strangle Krei and hit his head against the sidewalk, causing him to lose consciousness.

Mark Brown, Plummer's attorney, requested the change of venue because of heavy media coverage of the incident. The new location of the trial has yet to be determined.

University of Iowa law Professor James Tomkovicz said publicity

in high-profile cases is unavoidable, and a change of venue may be logical in certain situations.

"The question is about the quantity of the publicity and what the nature of it is," he said. "If it's

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Bus-stop fights draw police presence



People wait to board a bus at the Old Capitol Town Center on Jan. 10. The police have stepped up their presence near the central bus stop because of an increase in fighting recently. (The Daily Iowan/Jacklyn Coupee)

Student passes or fares accounted for nearly 94,000 of the rides taken on Iowa City buses in 2011.

By **ALISON SULLIVAN**

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A string of recent fights outside the Old Capitol Town Center near the end of the school day have prompted police officials to increase enforcement near the downtown hub.

But some community members have said officials should rely on

more than just police presence to end the conflicts.

Iowa City police Sgt. Denise Brotherton said the creation of more University of Iowa office space in the mall — where many local kids wait for Iowa City buses — has made the area busier, which brings more attention to unruly behavior.

"[Fighting] had been going on

in the past, throughout the school year, but now we have a more stable presence down there, and people are tired of the behavior," she said.

According to police records from Aug. 4, 2011, to Monday, six calls have been made in response to juvenile fights from 3 to 6 p.m.

SEE **TRANSPORTATION**, 5

Storm racks up collisions

An official says public buses are one of the safest modes of transportation in the winter.

By **CHASTITY DILLARD**

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Many University of Iowa students fought blustery winds to get to their first day of classes Tuesday.

University of Iowa graduate student Kyle Barton said he left to go to classes earlier to make sure he didn't experience trouble on the road.

"I left about 20 minutes earlier than I normally would," the 26-year-old said. "I have a small car that slides everywhere, and it's my first winter here."

Tuesday's snowfall caused six reported vehicle collisions by mid-day, a majority occurring on Highway 218 and I-80, said Iowa City police Sgt. Denise Brotherton.

"What you have on the inter-



A pickup is stuck in the snow near Highway 218 south of the I-80 interchange on Tuesday. There were six reported vehicle collisions around Iowa City on Tuesday morning, mainly on the highway, because of slippery road conditions. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

state, and what you don't have in town, is the high speed," she said.

Slick conditions often contribute to collisions, she said.

"If you do have that collision [in town], there are usually alternative routes to take and less traffic backup," she said.

Though the number of collisions were average for this time

of the year, Brotherton said, drivers need to remember to be particularly careful during bad weather.

"One of the major factors in the crashes are distance and speed," she said. "You don't want to be a hazard yourself. If you are not comfortable driving

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Moped law pleases some

By **RANA MOUSTAFA**

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Justin Metzler relied heavily on parking his moped at downtown bike racks on to get class every day last fall as a University of Iowa freshman.

But now the rack is off limits to Metzler. City officials recently banned sidewalk parking and set up street parking for mopeds and motorcycles. Those new spots require a permit from the city.

"I really like the new ordinance because it has provided lots of parking spots for people who drive mopeds so that we don't have to park in the bike racks," he said. "It makes it a lot safer for those who are walking on the sidewalks."

Tony Rossetti, the operational supervisor for Iowa City Transportation Service, said officials haven't yet given any tickets but they have handed out around 20 warnings so far this year.

Rossetti said violators of the ordinance will be slapped with a \$15 ticket in a few weeks, depending on the num-

SEE **MOPED**, 5



Turning over new leaves

After the release of its newest album, Tea Leaf Green will return to Iowa City for a show at the Mill.

By **JORDAN MONTGOMERY**
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Tea Leaf Green's record *Radio Tragedy!* brings together every lesson the musicians have learned about songwriting in their nearly 15-year run as a jam band.

The San Francisco-born group will perform at 9 p.m. today at the Mill, 120 E. Burlington St., with Ha Ha Tonka. Admission is \$15.

"We have a lot of experience," said Tea Leaf Green guitarist and vocalist Josh Clark. "We figure out new things every time we make a new record. It may not be a 180 from our records in the past, but it is a product of learning from every record we've made before. You can hear that we have a lot more confidence in this record."

The band members attribute their confidence to the immense amount of time spent perfecting the album in the studio, which belongs to percussionist Cochrane McMillan.

McMillan, also a producer and sound engineer, joined the band two years ago after producing its last record, *Looking West*.

"We basically have our



The band Tea Leaf Green will perform at the Mill at 9 p.m. today. (Contributed Photo)

Tea Leaf Green

When: 9 p.m. today
Where: Mill, 120 E. Burlington
Admission: \$15

own studio," he said. "Which means we don't feel the rush that can sometimes happen. It's like making a record in your living room."

But not all the work is done at home.

The band performs almost 150 shows per year, causing the members to be away for weeks at a time, but the songwriting process is constant.

"We are always writing, whether we're at home or on the road," McMillan said. "Things develop everywhere. Right now,

we're working on another record, so we'll work on it while we're on the road."

A major part of Tea Leaf Green's touring regimen centers on summer music festivals. The group has performed at Bonnaroo, Wakarusa, and High Sierra, yet the band still embraces the opportunity to perform in more intimate venues such as the Mill.

"They do have an established history in town, they used to play the Green Room, a great venue on the South Side [of Iowa City]," said Mill talent buyer Chris Wiersema. "And they've played the Mill in the past and people really enjoyed them, because of their tremendous live show."

"Smaller venues are usu-

ally packed, and there's nothing better than playing in a packed room full of people who are pumped," McMillan said. "No matter where we play, we bring the same energy to the stage, and we feed off the crowd's energy."

During the shows, the jam band works to expand on the ideas listeners can hear on its records and try to provide an in the moment and inclusive experience for the audience.

"It is a two-way street; we try to be aware of the relationship between the audience and us," McMillan said. "They express themselves by dancing and moving to the music, and when we see that, it makes us really excited to be up there performing for them."



Indian bull tamers hold on to a bull during Jallikattu, a bull-taming sport played as part of the harvest festival of Pongal, in Palamedu India, on Tuesday. (Associated Press/Arun Sankar K.)

METRO

Council amends Lower Muscatine project

The Iowa City City Council voted to approve an amendment to the Lower Muscatine Road reconstruction project in a 4-0 vote Tuesday, a move that will cost the city approximately \$50,000 more.

The second amendment to the consultant agreement will allow Foth Infrastructure and Environment LLC to provide further engineering services following previous delays in the project.

General obligation bond proceeds will fund the amendment, which costs \$52,500.

The 2009 consultant agreement was previously amended last June to extend the project's limits and schedule and include designs for additional public-utility improvements.

The new construction cost of the Lower Muscatine Road improvements from Kirkwood Avenue to First Avenue Project is

now an estimated \$5,488,000.

— by Kristen East

Gingrich blasts Romney, Bain

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Republican candidate Newt Gingrich on Tuesday leveled a forceful new attack on Mitt Romney, calling the GOP front-runner's former private equity firm "exploitive."

Gingrich had attacked Bain Capital before, but his comments before a gathering of business leaders in Columbia contained some of his harshest rhetoric yet and came just four days before the South Carolina primary, a critical benchmark for the Gingrich campaign.

After lagging behind in the Iowa caucuses and the New Hampshire primary, Gingrich is hoping a strong showing in the nation's first Southern primary will re-energize his White House bid.

Gingrich gained an endorsement of sorts from former Alaska

Gov. Sarah Palin, the party's vice-presidential nominee in 2008. The Fox News contributor told the network Tuesday night that she would vote for Gingrich in the South Carolina primary if she could to extend the GOP primary race and help the candidates become fully vetted.

"Iron sharpens iron, steel sharpens steel," Palin said. "In order to keep this thing going, I'd vote for Newt."

Gingrich was holding little back in his criticism of Romney, saying that, in at least some instances, the Bain model has meant "leverage the game, borrow the money, leave the debt behind, and walk off with all the profits."

"Now, I'll let you decide if that's really good capitalism," he said. "I think it's exploitive. I think it's not defensible."

Gingrich continued that what Romney engaged in "is not venture capital."

"Venture capital is when you go in, and put in your capital, and

you stick it out," he said.

— Associated Press

Area man charged with theft

An Oxford, Iowa, man has been charged with second-degree theft for allegedly stealing a car.

According to Iowa City police, Derek Dawson, 24, allegedly took possession of a motor vehicle on Jan. 12 without authorization of the owner and with the intent to deprive the owner of the car.

Dawson allegedly went to his former girlfriend's apartment and took her car keys from her bedroom. Dawson then allegedly drove away in the car, a red Pontiac Sunfire valued around \$3,000. The victim allegedly tried to persuade Dawson not to leave; she had not given him permission to take the car, the report said.

Second-degree theft is a Class D felony, punishable by up to five years in prison and a maximum fine of \$7,500.

— by Conrad Swanson

BLOTTER

Kelly Byron, 20, 619 E. Burlington St., was charged on Jan. 13 with public intoxication.

Markie Casagrande, 19, North Liberty, was charged on Jan. 17 with public intoxication.

Maurice Ghoston, 27, Alsip, Ill., was charged on Jan. 15 with possession of a controlled substance.

Ken Nakato, 24, Coralville, was charged on Monday with driving

while license under suspension or canceled.

Warnell Wright, 31, 58 Regal Lane, was charged on Monday with driving while license under suspension or canceled.

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Board votes to open Roosevelt bids

Board members said they'd like to complete the sale of the Roosevelt building by Sept. 30.

By **JORDYN REILAND**
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Community members were disappointed Tuesday evening at the Iowa City School Board's decision to begin the bidding process for Roosevelt Elementary.

The board voted 8-1 to authorize opening bids for the sale of the elementary school, 611 Greenwood Drive.

The decision represents the next step in a process that began in 2009, when the board voted unanimously to close the school — which is now almost 81 years old.

The board will use a new process of bidding for the sale including a universal form — that all bidders will use — spelling out what the buyer can and cannot

do and initial bidding prices.

Restrictions include allowing no renovations, leaving undeveloped land as is, and not allowing the property to be used for retail space. These restrictions were developed by School District attorney Jane McAllister.

She told the board that the having all bidders go through the same process is important to maintain organization when the district selects a bidder.

"You can consider bids apples to apples," McAllister said. "I believe [the form] is a very fair, even-handed approach."

Board members said they plan to have the property sold by Sept. 30, though they caution that the date is not set in stone.

Several said they would like to hand over the property to another owner soon.

Superintendent Steve Murley said if the board doesn't select a bidder by the end of September, the district will put the school up for sale.

"We should get rid of this as quickly as possible, so more expenses do not incur when it is not in use," said board member Tuyet Dorau.

Board member Sarah Swisher was the only member to vote against the authorization, because she was unsure about rezoning issues following the sale. She said she wanted to wait until further zoning discussions took place with city officials.

"You haven't had any discussions with Iowa City

Roosevelt Elementary

The School Board plans to adhere to the following restrictions while putting Roosevelt Elementary up for bids:

- Property is being sold in its current condition
- Property can be used for educational, religious, and/or health purposes
- Undeveloped land has to be kept in its original condition

Source: School District attorney Jane McAllister



The road to Roosevelt Elementary is seen on March 2, 2009. The School Board voted to open bidding for the school on Tuesday. (The Daily Iowan/Christy Aumer)

about zoning?" Swisher asked Murley.

Community member Paul McLaughlin said he didn't want the property to be sold at all; he believes the facility should be transformed into a fourth junior high.

"It would alleviate overcrowding," he said. "Having

four junior highs could have kids go to a school closer to them."

Iowa City resident Lori Enloe presented a petition with roughly 160 signatures in support of either transforming the school or establishing contingencies if the district decides to sell the property.

"I remain concerned [about] selling the property in a prime location," she said. "One that can serve the district for potential use [in the future]."

If more changes need to be made in the bidding process, the board will hold an additional meeting.

Transparency stressed in school audit

By **JORDYN REILAND**
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More transparent direction and detailed goals are what some Iowa City School District employees and parents want from the district leadership.

Results from the district-wide system audit by the Synesi Associates were presented to the School Board Tuesday. The district paid roughly \$60,000 for the audit, which was initially completed in October 2011.

The meeting marked the board's first formal discussion of the audit following its release earlier this month. The audit allowed district parents and employees to comment anonymously on such issues as food service, technical infrastructure, and perceptions of board transparency.

A majority of the survey participants were concerned about the financial security and spending of the district.

"I was concerned regarding the information in the paper this fall regarding missed appropriations within the [district] budget," said one anonymous

comment in the report about the possible cuts in teaching positions. "We need to be assured that accurate data are represented across the board."

Participants were least concerned about the schools' physical structure.

Synesi Associates Chief Academic Officer Phil Hansen presented the survey results to the board.

"There is an educational system functioning well and efficiently," he said, "But there is a lack of standard operating procedures."

Though district staff and faculty are working hard, Hansen said, members in the district need to be able to follow more concrete operations and procedures regarding payroll, purchase, accounts payable, and budget.

"People are working hard, but they are not necessarily working smart," he said.

Some community members said they were pleased to see the projected change the report offered. City High parent Phil Hemingway said that though he is upset it took an audit for the district to acknowledge the problems, he was glad

to see Synesi did.

"We owe Synesi a huge round of applause," he said. "The board has lacked the intellectual curiosity to make change; ignoring problems does not make them go away."

District parent Julie Van Dyke echoed Hemingway's desire for change but said the report's results should not be a surprise.

"The community has been standing up and has been ignored," Van Dyke said. "Nothing here should be a surprise."

Board President Marla Swesey said she would be willing to discuss implementing more concrete procedures for the district, specifically with processing software for improving research planning.

"We didn't have an idea of the cost of the software or possible recommendations," she said.

Other board members, including Tuyet Dorau and Jeff McGinness, were concerned by Superintendent Stephen Murley's lack of detailed timeline to fix the recommended trouble areas.

Dorau said she asked Murley about specific dates

and goals but wasn't given a direct answer.

"I am looking for consistent reporting back to the board and the community," Dorau said. "We need to have progress and benchmarks to make Steve accountable."

The items outlined in the report, she said, were not new to the district.

McGinness said he agreed with Dorau's persistence in consistent board updates.

"We should have an update from each meeting about what is going on," he said.

Following the community discussion, McGinness said the Synesi report should be used as a positive opportunity for the district.

The district will start assigning leadership roles as early as today and plans to set long-term and short-term deadlines on solutions by the Feb. 7 board meeting, Murley said.

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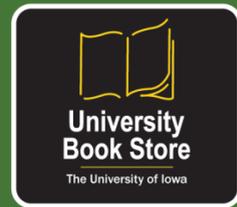


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Editorial

Learn from Iowa, shift tax breaks to working class

If the state of Iowa over the past 10 years is any indication, it seems that relying on tax breaks for large businesses to grow the economy is not the ideal model for long-term prosperity. In addition, the top 1 percent of earners should be subject to additional taxation, shifting the economic relief to those who stimulate the economy fastest: the working class.

In the recent political sphere, it's been all economy, all the time. Hourlong debates each week highlight only one aspect of an incredibly complex democratic system, drawing attention to the national arena of economics. While the spotlight is on the national stage, Iowans forget to investigate the state to explore the local economic policies and their consistency with personal ideology.

Those who find their frustrations with national candidates should focus their attention on their local leaders, who perhaps more closely affect their economic difficulties. We grasp at uncertain and drastic change in hopes that it will change our current situations, though we need look only to our state for a projection into what conservatives propose to be our economic future.

Iowa's economic policy since 2003 looks much like the economic policies of Reagan-era conservatives; state leaders have provided tax breaks amounting to \$809 million to the more profitable businesses in the state. The general idea in this theory is tax breaks to the job creators will in turn create more jobs and have a direct effect on stimulation of the state's economy.

Since 2005, poverty statistics for Iowa have risen, with more than 16 percent of Johnson County's working population living with incomes under \$15,000 per year, according to a recent study by Iowa State University. It also reports that 19 percent of the total population in Johnson County lives in poverty, higher than the statewide estimates of 11.4 percent.

The general argument for governmental economic-stimulus policy is giving cuts or monetary relief to the people who will spend the most money, creating a basic demand for products, decreasing the supply, thus increasing the need for a workforce. But people should understand, the government does not create jobs; the private sector creates jobs. Government can increase bureaucracy, yes, but it does not create jobs. In a capitalist society, the private-sector earners do. So in order to allow for growth, private-sector earners need be given incentives to spend.

A more prosperous working-class market is a very attractive incentive, and the government can aid in its development.

The Iowa Fiscal Partnership, a joint budget and tax policy initiative of two nonpartisan, Iowa-based organizations, the Iowa Policy Project in Iowa City and the Child & Family Policy Center in Des Moines, released statements regarding a national report focused on this issue. The report by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities depicts Iowa's income-tax system as archaic, being one of 15 states imposing income taxes on two-parent working families of four with incomes at, or even below, the poverty line.

Charles Bruner, the executive director of the Child and Family Policy Center at the time, noted the implications of overly taxing impoverished working families as "harmful" to states' economies.

"Lower-income people spend nearly all of the money they make, mainly on necessities," he said. "High-income people are likely to save a larger part of any extra income they receive, so for every dollar they lose due to a tax increase, total spending drops by less than \$1, say, 90 cents. Thus, tax increases that mostly affect higher-income families and corporations have less of an impact on overall demand and are preferable for economic and job growth."

Of course, this raises the question about the sustainability of the current economic growth plan for Iowa. If lower-income earners are more likely to spend, as Bruner suggested, then the state should provide tax relief to the workers instead of the high-earners, who are more likely to save a larger portion of their income. Inevitably leading to the necessity of increasing taxes on the higher-earners, the seemingly cyclical debate over two opposite ends of the income taxation spectrum continue.

As with most debates, the answer is no doubt somewhere in the middle. But where in the middle? Providing tax breaks to those that need it most (the working class) as well as to those that can provide the most opportunities (business owners) seems like a viable answer. Right now, the tax-break weight is shifted toward the latter. A bit of balance will go a long way.

Your turn. Who should receive tax breaks?
Weigh in at dailyiowan.com.

Guest opinion

Thanks for relieving overcrowding

On behalf of the Longfellow PTA and community, I would like to express our sincere gratitude regarding the impending hiring of additional teachers to alleviate overcrowded classrooms, not just at Longfellow but also at several other area elementary schools.

While our situation at Longfellow may have been representative, it was not unique. We're glad that your solution to overcrowding recognizes that this was not just one isolated school at risk but rather addresses a series of large outlier classes sprinkled throughout the district. We're are pleased that the district is taking a comprehensive and equitable approach to keeping class sizes down at all schools and grade levels in our community. Literally hundreds of kids at our school will be positively affected by the recent initiative you worked together to bring about, and we appreciate that you took action on behalf of our children and their best interests, when we came to you with our appeals.

I commend you for demonstrating a willingness to accommodate the community's input and to

respond directly to parents' concerns, in hosting an open forum with parents where you patiently and thoroughly explained the regulatory and budgetary hurdles that have made it such a challenge to respond swiftly to increased enrollment this year. I also commend you for your transparency, in holding an intelligent and comprehensive public debate on proposed solutions to overcrowding during your School Board meeting in early December. Many of us have come away from this process reassured that we have leadership that hears our concerns when voiced, that cares for the welfare of all the children in this district, and that puts a premium on a quality educational experience for each child in the Iowa City School District. Thank you for standing with us in support of our community's values and a principled belief in educational equality.

We fully recognize the extent to which you and the board had gone out on a limb last week in order to counteract the stifling budgetary regulations that disadvantage school districts such as ours that

are experiencing exponential growth (more than 450 additional students just this year). While it was not an easy decision to make, and while we appreciate that you did not enter into it lightly, we are convinced that hiring more teachers to reduce overcrowding was the right thing to do.

We'd like to iterate our community's support for this key goal — protecting manageable and educationally effective class sizes — and we'd also like to pledge our continued support in the future to help you advocate for legislative change that will strip away the regulatory handcuffs and allow you to implement corrective action much more quickly, when unexpectedly large class sizes appear early in the school year. We recognize that, moving forward in years to come, it will take more than just the good will and compassion of local administrators and School Board members to ensure that our classroom staffing is adequate and that reasonable class sizes are protected. It will also take some regulatory change to allow for (1) planning and budgeting formulae that can accommodate the needs of a

high-growth school district, and (2) flexible spending authority limits that allow you to intervene quickly when educational quality is under threat.

We urge the other parents and concerned citizens in our community who feel that reasonable classroom sizes are important, that a child's one-on-one time with our talented and dedicated classroom teachers is essential to their educational success, and that 35 kids in a classroom is just way too many, to do this: Write to, call, and email our state legislators and state school officials. Let them know that you feel reasonable classroom sizes need protecting, and let them know that the state-mandated school-budget regulations need to change if that goal is going to be attainable in a high-growth school district such as the Iowa City School District. Our kids' futures are worth the time it takes to make yourself heard.

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Say it ain't SOPA, Congress



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Many University of Iowa freshmen hoping to cram ahead before their first discussion may find themselves out of luck this morning.

That's because today Wikipedia, along with dozens of other popular websites such as Reddit and Google, are leading the charge in an Internet "blackout" aimed at bringing public attention to two innocuously named cyber-security bills attempting to steamroll their way into legislation in Washington.

Known as the Stop Online Piracy Act in the House and as the Protect IP Act in the Senate, both bills are meant to protect American intellectual property by preventing Internet users from visiting sites deemed malicious by the U.S. government.

Unfortunately, as is the case with most legislation promising increased security, both bills work to strip freedom-of-speech rights and actively control information accessibility.

While both bills have seen a tremendous response from the Internet world, the real world has recently become involved in order to slow the progress of the legislation. Thankfully, the operation seems to be having the intended effect. Over the weekend, Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., a vocal critic of both bills, released a statement that the House of Representatives would not deliberate on the Piracy Act until a consensus had been reached by members of the chamber. The White House also (more or less) came out against both bills in their current iterations.

But don't make the mistake of thinking the worst is over when it comes to digital and cyber security: Protect IP is still very much alive in the Senate. The truth is, with each passing day, lawmakers are treading ever closer to making long-term consequential decisions on how technology regulations will be interpreted for future generations. Generations that probably understand the technologies

at hand much better than that of their elders.

So in the end will either act help make the Internet a safer place for American consumers and American business?

Almost certainly not; Internet pirates will continue to scheme the system no matter what strategy we choose to implement. In fact many Silicon Valley companies, including Google and Facebook, believe it may do more harm than good, having voiced concerns that the legislation would fundamentally alter the current cyber-security apparatus and instead impede technological innovation.

Thus, as we move further into the 21st century, it is vital we maintain hypervigilance of the constantly evolving freedoms we are "endowed" with. For this moment in time, it would seem the Internet, as it exists now, falls into this realm. But given the turbulent times we now live in, that may not always be the case. We must remain on guard to prevent information totalitarianism from rooting itself in our great nation's legislation.

Lest we forget, no document produced throughout history has proved to be infallible in curbing humankind's will to exert power over others. If we prove naive enough to believe solely in our Constitutional rights and lose the propensity to defend those rights, we will soon find ourselves in a world vastly different from the one we now know; one in which information is not as freely flowing.

While the Internet undoubtedly poses an immense problem for intellectual property rights, we must come to recognize and understand that there's a great deal more at issue here than preventing kids from pirating the newest Coldplay song. Instead, we're actively challenging the independent and unregulated nature of the Internet as a whole. Whether you're willing to give up your freedom in order to prevent such behavior is a decision each of you will have to make for yourself.

In the meantime, may all take the opportunity today to inform themselves about the two proposed laws. ■

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PLUMMER

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inflammatory publicity, a change of venue may be logical. It isn't enough that jurors heard the facts. It's as if they can't put them aside."

Tuesday's hearing also addressed a number of Brown's other motions. But the lawyer's request to receive Krei's post-incident medical records — part of the basis for Brown's

motion to dismiss Plummer's trial — had been fulfilled.

Brown detailed part of the medical records to 6th District Judge Paul Miller, saying a Nov. 18 record indicated Krei showed no evidence of neurological deficit or difficulty breathing or swallowing. A Nov. 19 medical record said the patient's condition was stable and he was discharged with no head trauma or major conditions.

The state's evidence does not show the necessary ele-

ments to charge Plummer with attempted murder, a Class B felony, Brown said. Without proof of serious bodily injury, he said, Plummer clearly did not put "a chain of events into motion that were likely to cause death."

"The state's own medical records rebut its own attempt to commit murder charge," Brown said.

The prosecution, led by Assistant County Attorney Anne Lahey, said the state has sufficient evidence in Krei's testimony to support

the charge.

"You don't need serious injury to show attempted murder," she said. "Certain signs don't mean he didn't attempt to murder."

Brown also requested the case be reassigned to the state Attorney General's Office. He said the alleged victim being a peace officer may place pressure on the County Attorney's Office to "overcharge" the case. Brown addressed more than 10 cases with similar injuries in Johnson and Linn Coun-

ties that did not go above a misdemeanor charge of assault on a peace officer.

Lahey said the alleged victim being a police officer does not create a conflict of interest for the County Attorney's Office. She noted a case in which an individual was convicted of attempted murder for choking someone who was not a police officer.

Miller will issue a written ruling to address Tuesday's motions.

Plummer's trial is set to begin Feb. 21.

Undecided Motions

Judge Paul Miller will soon issue a written ruling to address Tuesday's motions.

- Motion for dismissal
- Motion challenging attempted-murder charge
- Motion to reassign case to state Attorney General's Office

Source: Court officials

TRANSPORTATION

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at the mall, 201 S. Clinton St. Though, Brotherton said, additional complaints could also have been filed under nearby locations. Transit employees, mall security, and Iowa City police have collaborated to enforce the area.

City High student Starr Williams, who takes the bus regularly, said she doesn't like being watched by officers.

"It makes me feel judged," she said as a nearby mall security guard eyed

Bus fares

City officials are discussing plans that would increase bus fares in the next fiscal year.

One-way fare:

- Current rate: 75 cents
- Proposed rate: \$1

31-Day Pass

- Current rate: \$25
- Proposed: \$32

Student Semester Pass

- Current rate: \$80
- Proposed rate: \$100.

Source: Iowa City 2013 Proposed Budget

her and her friends. "We don't do anything wrong; they just come to us."

But the number of kids who use the stop outside the mall to transfer buses can make confrontations

unavoidable.

"In my view, there's a difference between loud and boisterous behavior and anything that appears to be criminal behavior," said City Councilor Jim Throgmorton.

Police presence alone won't fix everything, he said.

"If that's all that happens, it will push troubling behavior to other parts of the city," he said.

Sue Freeman, the program director at the Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County, said that because all high-school students must go to the stop to connect to different routes, officials should look at alternatives to decongest the area. An alternative might be a

direct route from the schools to students' neighborhoods, Freeman said.

"The route to school should not be a barrier," she said. "That's the one thing we should be able to fix."

City councilors won't even discuss alternatives unless a "broader community response" arises, Throgmorton said.

Henri Harper, the director of the Mayor's Youth Empowerment program, said solutions to the behavior downtown and alternatives begin with discussion.

"It's not about blame; it's deciding what type of downtown you want, what type of community you want ... what type of school system you want," Harper said.

O'Brien said department employees last month began supervising bus stops and are now boarding buses, if necessary. In addition to fights at the Old Capitol mall stop, supervisors have seen "disruptive behavior" on the Westwinds, Lakeside, and the inbound Court Hill routes, O'Brien said.

Of the 1.9 million rides taken on Iowa City buses in 2011, student passes or fares paid for nearly 94,000, O'Brien said.

O'Brien's department is initiating an educational approach to quell the noise on the buses and at the Old Capitol mall stop specifically. The approach includes reconstructing the system's Code of Conduct and

emphasizing the code to student bus riders.

"We're trying to make sure behavior is fine coming downtown," he said, and the education measures give students "an opportunity to see what is acceptable riding behavior."

Though Brotherton couldn't disclose the specific number of patrol officers for safety reasons, she said there are no additional financial costs besides the officers' removal from other areas.

"That's your biggest deterrent," Brotherton said, "officer presence."

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MOPED

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ber of warnings given out.

"We don't want to punish people from the beginning, because it's still a new law," he said. "We want to educate people on the new laws first."

The Iowa City City Council approved the new ordinance last summer and began enforcing it at the beginning of the year.

Rossetti said repeat offenders during the grace period will still receive citations.

He attributed the winter break to low warning numbers, but anticipates warn-

ing and tickets will pick up when warmer weather approaches.

The city has also seen a gradual increase in the number of permits sold since the ordinance took effect. Iowa City Transportation Services Director Chris O'Brien said only nine to 10 permits have been purchased as of Tuesday.

"I hope the \$15 fine will get people to go out and buy the permit, comply with the regulations, and stay out of the bike-rack areas," he said.

Not all moped parking downtown will be required to have permits, O'Brien said. Mopeds can also park in any metered parking space.

Fourteen new locations are now set aside just for moped drivers, located downtown and in other surrounding areas. These specially designated parking spots require a \$45 annual fee.

O'Brien said he hopes the new ordinance better organize parking throughout the city.

"There are really two reasons why we enacted these regulations," he said. "The first one is because of the increasing number of mopeds and scooters being parked in bicycle racks, and that results in less spaces for bicyclists to park their bikes. The second reason is because there a lot of safety issues behind it."

SNOW

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in it, there are lot of alternative ways to get around or wait it out. It'll pass."

Some drivers weren't able to wait out the storm, leaving Campus Towing busy responding to derailed cars and trucks. Debbie Lipcamon, the company's office manager, said business was bustling as workers responded to tire changes and jump-starts — usually the most common requests.

"We have a lot of people in the ditch," she said. "I've probably had over 100 calls just today."

Even though the number is high, Lipcamon said, the number of calls were still normal for this time of year.

"People forget how to drive until after the second or third snowfall," she said.

Brotherton said using public transportation is one

of the safest ways to travel in the winter and is often indicators for the severity of weather conditions.

"If the buses aren't driving, then you shouldn't be," she said.

Iowa City Public Works Director Richard Fosse said the city's snow services had an easier time responding to the most recent storm compared with December's winter weather.

"This morning when we were plowing and putting down the salt, the air temperature and the pavement temperature were perfect in melting the salt."

The city used salt rather than a salt-and-sand mixture because the sand in the latter is used to weigh salt down during windier storms, Fosse said.

Brotherton said having a later winter finds people

not used to the conditions.

"Especially [on the highways], you may have people who haven't been through here whereas we have had time to adjust," she said. "That's why we encourage people to not go out in it. Even if you are being careful, you hit that ice and that's what's going to happen."



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Mubarak trial reveals splits

By **HAMZA HENDAWI**
Associated Press

CAIRO — Hosni Mubarak, on trial for his life, is ferried to court by helicopter from a presidential hospital suite. His sons and codefendants swagger in wearing designer track suits and no handcuffs. His security chief is treated with near reverence by police in the courtroom.

For activists in Egypt, the scenes only deepen their feeling that the authoritarian system the ousted president oversaw remains largely in place, almost a year since the 18-day uprising that toppled him.

When Mubarak's trial began five months ago, many hoped it would bring not only punishment but a clear sense of victory for a movement that aimed to wipe the slate clean and start again.

Instead, it has boiled down to a bare-knuckled showdown between sup-

porters and foes of the "revolution," reflecting the tensions that have been gripping the country.

Those divisions were clear in court Tuesday as Mubarak's defense began its arguments. His chief lawyer, Farid el-Deeb, went for maximum effect with flowery language depicting him as an unjustly maligned victim who tried to improve Egypt during 29 years in power.

"This man before you, who is 83, has been fatigued and burdened by ailments and mauled by the malice of cunning people," el-Deeb said.

"He is looking to your justice to save him from the oppression that surrounds him from every direction, after his reputation and history have been targeted by tongues and pens."

The courtroom erupted when he said that Mubarak in fact supported the revolution. El-Deeb quoted from a letter he said Mubarak wrote to his life-

time friend Ahmed Shafiq — who was prime minister at the time of the uprising — saying that protesters were exercising their right to stage peaceful protests but were infiltrated by criminals and Islamists who destroyed public property and challenged the regime's "legitimacy."

"Lies, lies" and "Execution for Mubarak" screamed the lawyers representing the families of protesters killed by police during the revolution.

They rushed at el-Deeb and nearly set upon him, but court police quickly moved to keep them back.

Mubarak, who has worn an unwaveringly grim expression ever since the trial began on Aug. 3, looked content as el-Deeb praised him. For the first time in the trial, he sat in a wheelchair in the courtroom cage where the defendants are kept, rather than lying on a hospital gurney as he has in previous sessions.



An Egyptian girl carrying a photo of ousted Egyptian President Mubarak stands next to riot police outside a courtroom in Cairo, Egypt, on Tuesday. (Associated Press/Khalil Hamra)

Mubarak, his former security chief Habib el-Adly and four top security officers are charged with complicity in the killing of hundreds of protesters and could face the death penalty if convicted. Mubarak's sons Alaa and Gamal, along with their father, are

charged with corruption in the same trial, a crime that would carry a prison sentence.

But the near-melee over el-Deeb's speech gave a peek into the issue running under the surface of the trial: what the revolution has really meant for Egypt.

That issue has polarized Egyptian politics since Mubarak's Feb. 11 ouster and the takeover of the reins of power by army generals widely believed to be beholden to him, led by his loyal defense minister of 20 years, Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi.

Iowa's property-tax battle begins in earnest

By **LYNN CAMPBELL**
IowaPolitics.com

DES MOINES — Iowa business leaders Tuesday urged lawmakers to be bold and reduce commercial property taxes so the state can be more competitive, while local government officials warned the loss of revenue would increase tax rates for homeowners.

"This problem we all acknowledge exists," said longtime Des Moines developer and property manager Jim Conlin, founder and CEO of Conlin Properties Inc., which manages 7,000

residential units and 250,000 square feet of commercial, retail, and industrial space.

"I respect and appreciate your wrestling with it, but we've been wrestling with it for 35 years. It's time to make a decision," Conlin said. "I think we need a bold approach to create jobs, to move the state forward."

Iowa's commercial property taxes are among the highest in the nation. Conlin said the high taxes affect about 80 percent of the population, including

people who rent and those who work inside commercial buildings.

But Scott Sanders, finance director for the city of Des Moines, pleaded with lawmakers to make up for the anticipated \$415 million-a-year drop in revenue that local governments would experience.

"There's something missing — an alternative revenue, a second option to shift those costs," Sanders said. "It's not like any local governments have any surpluses. It's not a matter of, 'There's extra money; who should the tax break go to?'"

This is truly eroding the base year after year for 14 years."

The public got one of its first chances Tuesday to weigh in on a plan to reform Iowa's property taxes.

House Study Bill 500, introduced by House Republicans, would cut property taxes for smaller businesses immediately and phase in the cut for larger businesses over the next 14 years.

Businesses would get a 20 percent tax exemption on the first \$100,000 of property value in the first year. That would ramp up each year until it applies to \$1 million of property value in the seventh year. After that, the tax exemption would increase to 40 percent and would apply first

to properties worth up to \$500,000, and eventually apply to all properties in the 14th year.

Sanders said the move will lead to higher taxes for homeowners.

"What you're really doing is a tax break," Sanders said. "It's saying, 'Look, we feel like commercial properties are paying too much in taxes.' However, simply giving commercial property taxpayers a break puts more pressure on the balloon. It takes away part of the tax base and it puts more pressure, then, on local governments to actually raise rates."

Sanders said the plan puts at risk local governments' ability to provide services. Already, he said the City of Des Moines is looking at \$4.2 million in

cuts to next year's budget while raising property taxes about 2 percent. He argued that the plan to reduce commercial and industrial property taxes would make things worse.

A slow-moving, 14-year reduction in Iowa's commercial and industrial property taxes "is not very exciting" to businesses that would like to see tax relief now, business leaders told lawmakers Tuesday.

"They certainly would like to see a much more aggressive approach," said John Gilliland, senior vice president for government relations for the Iowa Association of Business and Industry, the state's largest business trade group representing 1,400 Iowa businesses employing more than 300,000 Iowans.

DOING THE IOWA STROLL



People walk near Schaeffer Hall in the snow on the first day of spring (ha-ha) classes on Tuesday. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)



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Michigan edges Spartans

By LARRY LAGE

Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Tom Izzo was in a foul mood after No. 20 Michigan beat his ninth-ranked Michigan State Spartans, 60-59, on Tuesday night.

As angry as Izzo was with the officials and as disappointed as he was lamenting that some of his player lacked toughness, he was more upset with the man in his mirror.

"I think I had a worse night than my team did," Izzo said somberly at the end of his news conference.

He blamed himself for not having a rotation that would have allowed Draymond Green and Keith Appling to rest more so that they could have played better late in the game.

Green scored a season-low 7 points and played 37 of 40 minutes, perhaps leading to him coming up short on a shot near the free-throw line that potentially could have won the game.

Appling had 10 points — his fewest in a Big Ten game this season — and almost had as many turnovers (4) as assists (5) in 31 minutes.

"Draymond and Keith had to play a lot of minutes in stretches," Izzo said. "The way we play, that's not good."

Stu Douglass made a lay-up with 36.5 seconds remaining, and Michigan (15-4, 5-2 Big Ten) held on through a wild final sequence to win its third straight against Michigan State (15-4, 4-2) in the first of two scheduled games this season.

On Michigan State's last possession, Appling drove to the basket and had his shot blocked by Jordan Morgan. Brandon Wood of the Spartans came up with the ball but didn't appear as if he wanted to shoot, leaving Green to create a shot that he missed.

"I got it up on the rim," Green said. "I just couldn't get the bounce."

After the buzzer, Izzo tracked down the officials for an animated conversation — about "a lot of things," he said — that seemed to center on a turnover by the Spartans at midcourt late in the game.

"You have to have possession of the ball before you can be over and back, and I don't think there was possession," Izzo said.

Michigan freshman Trey Burke scored 20 points and looked like best player on the court.

"I thought he played well and made some big shots," Izzo acknowledged.

Derrick Nix led Michigan State with 13 points, but tugged his shirt to be taken out of the game at least once and played just 24 minutes because his improved conditioning hasn't gotten to the point that he can play much longer.

Nix made a shot to put the Spartans ahead 57-53 with 4:21 left — around eight minutes after they trailed by 11 — but then they were outscored 7-2 in the final frantic minutes.

"We had our chances," Izzo said softly.

Nuggets sweep past Bucks

ASSOCIATED PRESS

MILWAUKEE — Corey Brewer and the Denver Nuggets turned on their high-scoring offense and left the Milwaukee Bucks behind.

Brewer came off the bench and scored a season-high 22 points as the Nuggets started their five-game road trip with 105-95 victory Tuesday night.

The Nuggets came in averaging 104.1 points per game and have scored 100-plus points in eight of the last 14 games.

With guard Rudy Fernandez out with a right Achilles tendon strain, coach George Karl turned to Brewer for a spark and wasn't disappointed.

Brewer, playing a season-high 34:19 minutes, was 8-of-14 from the floor and made 3-of-6 from behind the arc.

"Corey is playing well enough to the point where we are going to have find minutes for him," Karl said. "I think he brings energy to our team. Usually energy and aggressiveness are positive personali-

ties of a successful team."

Denver went on a 19-4 run midway through the second quarter and opened up a 19-point lead. Six fast-break points sparked the surge and the Nuggets finished with 17 in the first half.

Brewer hit a 3 and made a fast-break lay-up to add to the surge.

"Personally, when I come into the game, I just try to pick up the pace," he said. "Try to bring some energy. Try to get everybody going up and down, because when we are playing fast,

we are at our best."

The Bucks were neither playing fast nor at their best.

Brandon Jennings did his part in the fourth quarter, but it just wasn't enough.

He scored 12 of his 30 points in the fourth and first-round pick Tobias Harris added for 14 for the Bucks, who lost for the first time in five home games.

Milwaukee last opened a season with five-straight home wins in the 2007-08 season.

Jennings' driving lay-up

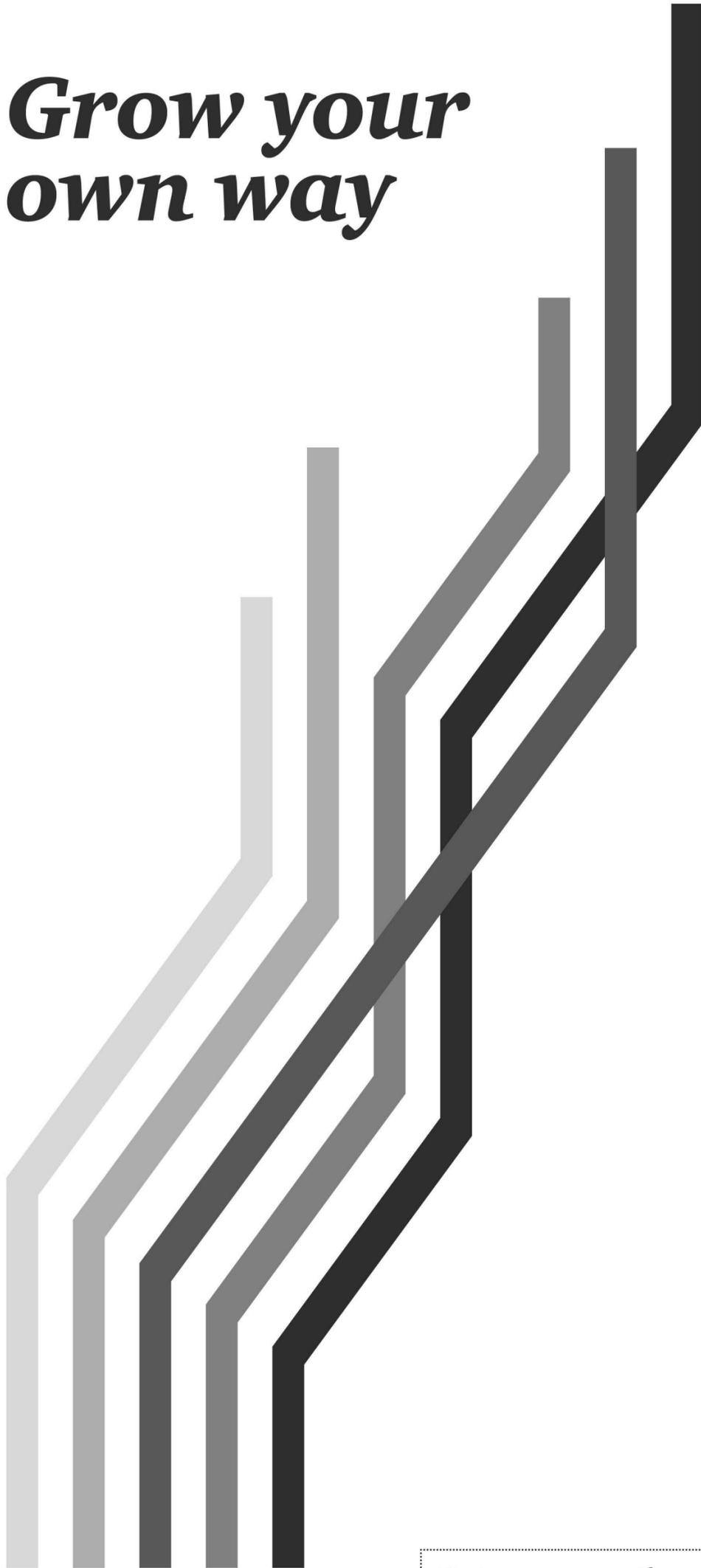
got Milwaukee to 100-91 with 2:47 left, but Danilo Gallinari made two free throws and a 3 that stopped the Bucks from creeping any closer.

Al Harrington added 16 points, Gallinari and Nene each had 14, Arron Afflalo and Ty Lawson had 11 apiece.

The Nuggets easily capitalized on a poor performance from the Bucks' starting frontcourt and swept the two-game series this season.

Denver beat Milwaukee, 91-86, on Jan. 2.

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POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Which team has a better chance of an undefeated season?

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No. 1 Syracuse (20-0, 7-0 Big East)

Baylor's 18-point loss to Kansas on Monday showed that when the mighty fall, they fall hard.

But Syracuse is too mighty to fall at all, and will finish the regular season as the lone undefeated team in the country.

Granted, the Orange have to play a schedule that stands heads, shoulders, knees, and toes ahead

of Murray State's in terms of difficulty. Syracuse is ranked No. 1 in RPI; its remaining slate is against nine teams — three ranked in the top-25 — with a combined record of 105-53, and it still has to face No. 13 Connecticut and No. 23 Louisville twice.

Murray State is No. 27 in RPI, and it will face a bevy of teams that have managed a 63-81 record. Its toughest remaining game comes at home against 10-8 Southeast Missouri State.

So yes, it's reasonable to assume the Racers will win at least most of their remaining 10 games.

Syracuse will win all of its 11, though.

The team's schedule is also about as favorable as it could be, considering the strength of the Big East. Two of its six road games

are against mediocre teams (St. John's and Rutgers), and none of them are against squads ranked higher than No. 133 in scoring. Syracuse is No. 15 in the stat, and hosts No. 10 Georgetown in their only meeting of the year.

Few teams in the country are as balanced as Syracuse, which has seven players scoring at least 7 points per game; Jim Boheim's bench is the most dangerous in the country, as proven by its 46 points in a 88-72 win over North Carolina State in December.

Just about the only thing the Orange doesn't do well is rebound; the team is No. 96 in the country, with 36.6 boards per game. But how much of that is simply because Syracuse doesn't miss many shots (.486

shooting percentage, No. 21 in the nation)?

Oh, and the Orange boast a roster featuring such names as Fab Melo, Scoop Jardine, Rakeem Christmas, and C.J. Flair.

The Racers can't compete with that.

— by Seth Roberts



No. 12 Murray State (18-0, 6-0 Ohio Valley)

Anybody who thinks Syracuse is going to run the table and finish the regular season undefeated

is utterly addled.

The Big East is too good. The Orange are bound to drop one game before the Big East Tournament, and they might not even win the tourney.

Syracuse's inevitable loss will leave one team as a contender for an undefeated regular season. Let me be the first to say that Murray State can definitely do it.

The Racers will do it because nobody is in their conference. Well, nobody good, that is.

They're sitting pretty at 18-0, with an important win against then-No. 20 Memphis in a 76-72 thriller. Now that they're into conference play — the Ohio Valley Conference, mind you — they're in prime position to make a complete sweep.

Before you count them out, take a peek at these

numbers.

Murray State is undefeated against ranked teams this year. The rest of the conference is 0-13 against the top 25.

The Racers average 76 points per game and only give up 61. The rest of the conference, on average, scores 66 and surrenders nearly 70.

As if that wasn't bad enough, the next closest record to Murray State's perfect 1.000 winning percentage is Tennessee Tech's dismal .611. The Racers handily defeated the Golden Eagles on Jan. 14, 82-74.

So let's review: Would you rather put money on Syracuse running undefeated through the Big East or Murray State against the Ohio Valley?

Let's not make this harder than it really is.

— by Cody Goodwin

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Then-Indianapolis Colt head coach Jim Caldwell walks off the field after the Jacksonville Jaguars defeated the Colts, 17-3, in Indianapolis on Nov. 12, 2011. The Colts fired Caldwell, who played his college football at Iowa in the 1970s, on Tuesday after the Colts finished the season 2-14. (Associated Press/Michael Conroy)

Notre Dame beats Pitt

Devereaux Peters scored 20 points in 18 minutes to lead No. 2 Notre Dame to a 120-44 victory Tuesday night against Pittsburgh, the most lopsided Big East victory ever for the Fighting Irish.

It was the second-highest scoring game for the Irish this season. They scored 128 against Mercer in December. It was also the second time this season Notre Dame had won a Big East game by at least 50 points. The Irish beat Marquette 95-42.

Seven other players scored in double figures for the Irish (18-1,

6-0). Pittsburgh (8-11, 0-6) was led by Ashlee Anderson's 14.

Notre Dame had 33 assists on 48 baskets in its 15th-consecutive win.

Pitt went 10:34 without a field goal in the first half, and Notre Dame led at intermission, 54-19.

Notre Dame held a 24-9 rebounding edge. The Irish forced 12 turnovers and made as many baskets (23) as Pitt attempted.

The second half was more of the same. Notre Dame broke the 100-point mark with 7:24 remaining on a 15-footer by Kaila Turner.

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Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery shouts from the sideline during Iowa's 81-72 win over Boise State on Dec. 22, 2011. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

MCCAFFERY

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matched its win total from last season with roughly half of the schedule remaining, and it appears to have a good chance at doubling its conference win total from a year ago.

What's promising for the future is that McCaffery has turned Iowa City into a

destination for some of the top high-school talent in the country, as opposed to a place players want to leave. This is evident with the nationally ranked recruiting class he will bring to town next year.

The underlying theme in all of this is that McCaffery's animated coaching style from the sidelines and fiery determination are paying off and getting a positive response from his players.

McCaffery exudes an intensity on the sideline

that has been missing from the program for years. He's routinely seen on the sidelines in a defensive stance of his own, as if willing the five on the floor to a defensive stop. That's something Iowa fans couldn't have dreamed of under Lickliter.

When asked about how his players adjusted to the physicality of the Michigan State game during a press conference on Jan. 12, McCaffery said, "We weren't dealing with it. We addressed it. We talked about it, and then it was

time to take care of it, and we didn't take care of it. That won't happen — not on any team I coach, that's not going to happen. I'm telling you right now. It will not happen."

What McCaffery is doing is raising the expectations for Iowa basketball. He couldn't stand watching his team from the sidelines as they failed to simply compete against a highly-ranked Spartan squad. That's why he slammed the chair.

And that's exactly what the program needs.

BASKETBALL

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13 shooting, a tally 12.5 points higher than his season average. Devyn Marble turned in another good night with 18 points on 6-of-10 shooting, and Matt Gatens came alive in the second half after a quiet first stanza to finish with 12 points.

But Iowa's other two starters, Eric May and Melsahn Basabe, were close to nonexistent. Each finished with 1 point and struggled with foul trouble; Basabe only played seven minutes with four fouls, and May fouled out after 22 minutes of court time in which he couldn't get his offense going.

"Melsahn had a pulled groin; he didn't practice for a couple days, [but] he played and seemed like he was OK," McCaffery said. "... What I should have done is probably put him back in the game in the first half [after he picked up two quick fouls]. Put him back in and if he gets his third, he gets his third, but get him a sweat going."

McCaffery blamed May's struggles on tough luck, pointing in particular to two plays in the second half in which his forward drove "right to the rim — exactly what we worked on, exactly what we wanted him to do — and they just didn't fall for him."

The shots started falling for Purdue after the intermission, though. The Boilermakers shot 45.2 percent from the floor in the second half, up from just 36 percent in the first. Iowa, meanwhile, saw its shooting percentage dip from 48 percent in the first to 40 percent in the second.

Part of Iowa's offensive struggles could be attributed to increased defensive pressure from the Boilermakers, who lost a tight



Purdue forward Robbie Hummel celebrates after drawing a foul in the second half of Iowa's 75-68 loss in West Lafayette, Ind., on Tuesday. Hummel led the Boilermakers with 17 points and 11 boards in Purdue's second victory over Iowa this season. (Associated Press/Michael Conroy)

game to Wisconsin their last time out on their home floor.

"We knew coming in they were going to be fired up defensively, after what Wisconsin did coming here early in that game," assistant coach Andrew Francis said in a halftime radio interview. "We knew to expect a great deal of energy from them, to expect physical play on the defensive end."

Iowa now has more than a week before its next game, a home contest against Nebraska on Jan. 26. McCaffery said his players will use the break to settle into classes and nurse their various bumps and bruises.

McCabe said the setback in West Lafayette won't spell the end for the Hawkeyes.

"We're always having our heads up; we're really confident every place we go, we know we can get a win," the sophomore said. "Right now, we're 3-4. We want to get it to 4-4, 5-4. That's our mentality. It's not over; we're still going to keep pushing at it."



Purdue guard Lewis Jackson (center) completes a pass as he's defended by Iowa forward Devon Archie (back) and forward Melsahn Basabe in West Lafayette, Ind., on Tuesday. Purdue defeated Iowa, 75-68. (Associated Press/Michael Conroy)

WRESTLING

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view." The sixth-year coach admitted Tuesday he may have been too negative.

"I don't know if I give guys that are doing a good

job enough credit," Brands said. "I seem to be a sourpuss. And if I looked like I felt on that Mediacom interview, it wasn't healthy. It's not healthy for our

team ... I think what I said was understood. At the same time, I don't know how healthy it is to say those things publicly. But sometimes you need that."



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Purdue wears out Hawks



Iowa forward Eric May (center) loses the ball as he drives between Purdue forwards Robbie Hummel (left) and Sandi Marcius during Iowa's 75-68 loss to Purdue in West Lafayette, Ind., on Tuesday. May finished with 1 point in 22 minutes of play. (Associated Press/Michael Conroy)

The Hawkeyes fall apart in the second half of a 75-68 loss to Purdue.

By **SETH ROBERTS**
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The Hawkeyes played excellent basketball for the first half of their Tuesday showdown with Purdue in West Lafayette, Ind.

They shot the lights out and led by as many as 11 points; they locked down the Boilermakers' shooters; and they went into halftime leading 36-31.

But things went south from there for Iowa (11-9, 3-4 Big Ten), and Purdue (14-5, 4-2) pulled away to ice a 75-68 win.

"We had a chance to get [the lead] to 12; they got it to 5. Big momentum thing for them," Iowa coach Fran McCaffery said in a postgame radio interview. "They hit a 3 to start the second half ... I thought as the half went on, we got worn down. A physical

game is going to wear us out."

Iowa managed just one field goal in the first eight minutes of the second half, a stretch in which the Boilermakers seized a 52-43 lead that they didn't relinquish.

The Hawkeyes fought back to within a point, but poor ball security and shot choices, 9 offensive rebounds by Purdue, and a series of missed free-throw chances nailed the coffin closed.

"They were a little bit more tougher, and I think it wore us out a little bit," sophomore forward Zach McCabe said in a postgame radio interview. "But that can't be an excuse for missing free throws."

Iowa finished 19-for-30 from the stripe.

McCabe missed four freebies but still finished with a career-high 20 points on 7-of-

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COMMENTARY

Rah for the Wrath

The Wrath of Fran is the best thing Iowa basketball has seen in years.

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Fran McCaffery remained relatively calm during Iowa's loss Tuesday night against Purdue. It was a game that could have easily seen the "Wrath of Fran" — Iowa came out flat after halftime, blew a 5-point advantage, and was outscored 18-6 to start the second half.

A week ago, that "Wrath" was on full display in a game that saw Iowa thoroughly outplayed. It was a game in which Iowa "didn't bring it," as guard Matt Gatens put it — something the second-year head coach refused to accept. The result was McCaffery slamming a chair on the court in a team huddle during a time-out, an action that drew the attention of Big Ten Commissioner Jim Delany and caused him to get in touch with Iowa Athletics Director Gary Barta.

Barta has since said he maintains his support for Iowa's second-year head coach, adding in a statement that he likes McCaffery's "passion ... and his love for his guys."

While McCaffery's passion may have boiled over in a 34-point loss to Michigan State, his fire and enthusiasm is redirecting men's basketball at Iowa. His stated goal is much more significant than increasing the team's win total from previous years; instead, it's to "change the culture" of Iowa basketball.

Doing so has been very difficult. The Hawkeyes averaged a measly five conference victories a season under former head coach Todd Lickliter. The level of play seemed to dip as Lickliter's tenure progressed, and so did the team's competitiveness in the Big Ten. Iowa won six games in Lickliter's first year, five in his second, and four in his final season.

Whether because of a lack of success or not, the little talent Iowa did have appeared to leave every year under Lickliter. The Hawkeyes lost the likes of Tony Freeman, Jake Kelly, and Aaron Fuller in consecutive years.

But "changing the culture" is something McCaffery has proven to not to be out of the realm of possibility. Iowa has already

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Women's golf hires Cilek

The Iowa women's golf team announced Tuesday it has hired Laura Cilek as an assistant coach for the upcoming season.

Cilek has served as the team's interim assistant coach since August, and she is a 2011 Iowa graduate. She golfed for the Hawkeyes from 2007-11 and was a four-year letter winner. She was also a three-time Academic All-Big Ten selection, and in 2011, she was one of 22 Big Ten student-athletes to receive the Outstanding Sportsmanship Award.

"I am thrilled to have Laura return to our program as a member of our coaching staff," head coach Megan Menzel said in a statement. "I believe she is a great young talent in coaching, and she was an outstanding student-athlete at Iowa. As a native of Iowa City, Laura will be a tremendous ambassador for our university community and our women's golf program."

Cilek said in a release that she looks forward to the opportunity of coaching at home.

"Coach Menzel has a great vision for the future of Iowa golf, and I am very excited that she has given me the opportunity to help her achieve that vision," she said. "Having been a student-athlete at Iowa and growing up in Iowa City, the Hawkeyes have always held a special place in my heart, and it means a lot to me to be a part of a great program and institution."



Cilek
assistant coach

The Hawkeyes will open their spring season at the Claud Jacobs Challenge in Victoria, Texas, on Feb. 19-20.

— by **Tork Mason**

McNutt a finalist for award

Former Iowa receiver Marvin McNutt is a finalist for the Mercedes-Benz Receiver Performance of the Year.

The potential honor is in recognition of McNutt's performance on Oct. 22 against Indiana, when the St. Louis native hauled in 3 touchdowns. McNutt finished with 6 catches for 184 yards in Iowa's 45-24 win over the Hoosiers.

McNutt's first touchdown

that day vaulted him into the top spot for receiving touchdowns in school history. He finished the 2011 season with 82 receptions for 1,315 yards and 12 touchdowns. In his career as a Hawkeye — which began with McNutt taking snaps as a quarterback — he totaled 170 receptions for 2,861 yards and 28 touchdowns.

In addition to the career receiving touchdowns mark, McNutt also holds school records for career receiving yards, single-season yards, and single-season touchdowns. He tied Iowa's single-season mark for receptions and ranks second in career receptions.

McNutt is competing against 17 other nominees for the award. Fans can vote by visiting Facebook.com/AllStarFootball. Voting ends Jan. 22.

The winners will be announced during the All-Star Football Challenge special, airing on Feb. 5 at 3 p.m. on ESPN.



McNutt
former Hawkeye

— by **Matt Cozzi**

Telford tries to rebound

Bobby Telford struggles to break out of a four-match losing streak.

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People have told Bobby Telford he looks tentative on the wrestling mat lately. They've said he doesn't look like himself.

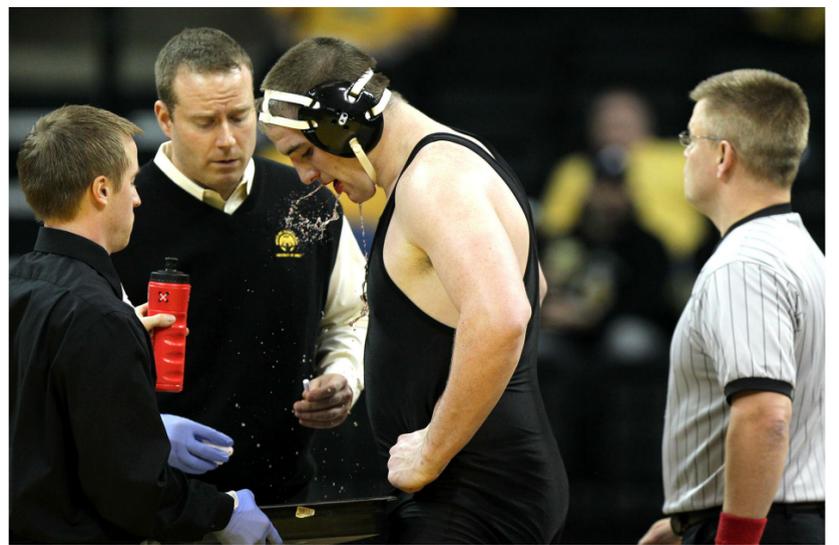
The results back that up.

After beginning the season with 15-straight victories, Iowa's heavyweight has lost four matches in a row, starting when he dropped a 3-2 overtime match to Central Michigan's Jarod Trice in the finals of the Midlands Tournament on Dec. 30.

Then he suffered a 10-2 major-decision loss to Oklahoma State's Alan Gelo-gaev on Jan. 7. That dual meet ended in a tie, and the Hawkeyes lost in a tiebreaker. Telford followed that up with a 4-1 loss to Nebraska's Tucker Lane and a 7-5 overtime decision to Northwestern's Mike McMullan.

Telford drew praise early in the season for being uncommonly aggressive for a heavyweight, but his offense has slowed significantly in his four losses.

"I'm just not getting to my attacks," he said on Tuesday. "I just need to get back on track. I've been having some good workouts. It's just about doing



Iowa's Bobby Telford receives treatment during his match against Northwestern's Mike McMullan in a heavyweight bout in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Sunday. McMullan defeated Telford, 7-5; the Iowa heavyweight has lost four matches in a row. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

what I need to do and getting in positions on the mat I'm good at."

Head coach Tom Brands said the heavyweight's issues are mostly mental.

"He's got to believe that he's got some good leg attacks. He's got to realize that," Brands said. "He's a super competitor, and it means a lot to him. When you see guys' guts get ripped out, and he's on a losing streak, he's aware of it. I know what my granddaddy and daddy and mommy taught me: When you're in a rut, you work hard, and you'll find your way."

Evans emerging

While Telford struggles, fellow redshirt freshman

Mike Evans is surging. Evans has risen to No. 6 in InterMat's 165-pound rankings after a 7-3 upset over third-ranked Robert Kokes of Nebraska on Jan. 13. Evans followed that with an 11-0 major decision against Northwestern's Pierce Harger.

"He has got to keep doing what he does," Brands said. "He has done a good job. We're on track there, but consistency is the key."

Evans will face top-ranked David Taylor of Penn State on Jan. 22. Taylor is 17-0 this season; nine of his wins have been pins, and five have been by technical fall.

Evans said Brands hasn't told him much about his match with Taylor yet,

though.

"He said it's going to be a dogfight," Evans said. "That's about it."

Brands: I don't give enough credit

Brands spoke critically of his team after the Hawkeyes beat No. 17 Northwestern, 24-13, on Jan. 15. He said he wasn't pleased with Iowa's four individual losses in the dual, and he seemed particularly frustrated with Grant Gambrell's lack of offense in a dual-ending 2-1 loss.

When approached by television reporters after the match, Brands said it was "a bad time for an inter-

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