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## OCCUPY IOWA CITY PROTEST

## Occupy IC numbers follow the mercury



The Occupy Iowa City camp at College Green Park is seen on Wednesday. People have camped out in the park since October to protest corporate greed and wealth inequality. (The Daily Iowan/Melissa Wilson)

About 85 percent of Occupy Iowa City protesters have left College Green.

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A note on the main bulletin board for Occupy Iowa City says "We are a nation left out in the cold."

But many Occupy Iowa City protesters are not out in the cold. Instead, they've migrated to their heated homes.

With a dozen empty tents left behind, the number of Occupy Iowa City demonstrators has dipped since mid-December, losing occupiers and gaining the homeless.

Since October, the number of protesters camping at College Green Park has slumped from 70 to around 10.

Franklin Lewis Keschull, an Iowa City resident and advertising executive for Occupy Iowa City, said he has been on the streets ever since his release from prison about two years ago. He has resided at College Green Park with Occupy Iowa City since October, with only a sleeping bag and a tent to keep him warm, saying he plans to endure the cold months ahead.

"I haven't gotten cold yet — compared to last year, this is nothing," he said.

Many other Occupiers, though, aren't putting up with the low temperatures.

"I set [my] tent up, then it got cold and I

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## UI tests new energy source

The boiler was produced by the Georgia company Hurst Boiler and Welding Co.

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University of Iowa officials are testing a new renewable energy source they hope could make the campus more green, but environmental advocates on campus say the move might not be enough.

The university's Oakdale Campus — located northwest of Iowa City — will soon start using a \$7.3 million biomass boiler that will replace a gas-powered boiler. The new boiler burns woodchips.

"We are taking the new boiler as an opportunity to update our infrastructure here at the Oakdale Campus," said Steve Kottenstette, the manager of the Oakdale Renewable Energy Power Plant. "We are able to try out new technology on a smaller scale at the Oakdale Campus, and if successful, we take those technologies down to the main campus."

However, Zach Carter — who founded the UI student chapter of environmental advocacy group the Sierra Club — said the university still has room to improve its renewable resource plans, as there is not enough biomass available to replace coal.

"If biomass is a 'stepping-stone,' then what is the next step?" he wrote in an email to *The Daily Iowan*. "The UI Vision 2020 mentions, in a token fashion, geothermal, wind, and solar options, but



University of Iowa officials are testing a new renewable energy source that could make for a greener campus. They hope to replace all the gas and coal burners at the university's Oakdale Campus. (The Daily Iowan/Jacklyn Couppee)

where are they? A major, major step to aspire would be for the UI to become coal-free, but that's not on the table yet. We seek a commitment from the UI to go coal-free."

Sierra Student Coalition member Carl Saxon said he appreciates the UI's sustainability efforts, but he also believes the school can focus on other energy-saving issues.

"There are still issues that we need to work on," he said.

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## UI offers new writing certificate

For the first time at the University of Iowa, all majors can receive a certificate in writing.

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The University of Iowa has a reputation as a prestigious writing school.

But now students in such disciplines as engineering and biology will be able to reap the benefits.

This year, the UI created a new writing center and a certificate in writing, which any undergraduate student — regardless of major — can pursue.

"Iowa is the only university that can offer what we offer," said Daniel Khalastchi, assistant director of the undergraduate writing certificate program.

UI alumna Marilyn Y. Magid made a \$1 million donation in honor of her late husband, Frank N. Magid, to help begin the new Magid Undergraduate Writing Center.

The Iowa Writers' Workshop is largely responsible for giving the UI a reputation as a writing school. Famous writers such as Flannery O'Connor, Raymond Carver, T.C. Boyle, and Jane Smiley all attended the UI's graduate writing program.

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences leaders say they've been planning the

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## City moves on eastern levee plan

Iowa City first received news in March 2011 that FEMA would provide \$3.9 million in grant money for the East Side Levee Project.

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Iowa City officials say plans to build a \$4 million flood levee are underway.

The proposed project — estimated to be completed in 2013 — would build a levee spanning from Highway 6 south to the CRANDIC railroad bridge on the east side of the Iowa River. The city commissioned the East Side Levee Project in response to the extensive damage sustained during the floods of 1993 and 2008.

City special-projects engineer Jason Reichart said that the project will most likely be completed within the boundaries

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### East Side Levee Project Information

#### Funding and information on the levee:

- The levee received \$3.9 million in federal money.
- The levee received \$100,000 from Iowa City.
- An estimated 30 businesses were affected by the flood in the area that the East Side levee will cover.
- City officials estimate the levee construction will finish in 2013.

Source: Iowa City special-projects engineer Jason Reichart

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Zumba participants work out to fast-paced music at a free event hosted at the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center on Thursday. Zumba is a Latin-influenced cardio fitness program (Asmaa Elkeurti/The Daily Iowan).

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# Officials ponder juvenile justice

Juvenile Justice and Youth Development Program addresses changing trends in the juvenile-justice system

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Johnson County officials said they're worried minority youth are running into legal issues at a higher rate than their white peers.

The county has set aside \$600,000 for the Juvenile Justice and Youth Development Program. The county is now accepting applications for projects to use that money.

Supervisor Terrence Neuzil — who is assigned to a county committee in charge of the Juvenile Justice and Youth Development Program — said he wants the committee to focus this year on addressing the disproportionate number of minority children in contact with law enforcement.

"We are seeing a particular trend that is very concerning — the number of African American kids

## Juvenile Justice and Youth Development

- United Action for Youth
- Big Brothers, Big Sisters
- MECCA
- Neighborhood Centers of Johnson County
- 6th Judicial District

entering the juvenile-court system," Neuzil said.

The county's budget allows the Grant Planning Committee \$600,000 every three years to be put toward different projects in the Juvenile Justice and Youth Development program.

Supervisor Janelle Rettig said the disproportionality has a lot more to do with poverty level than it has to do with ethnicity.

"When family members have had involvement with law enforcement or poverty

comes into play, risk factors go up," she said.

Neuzil said another problem identified in the community involves the gap between when school gets out and when parents get home from work. He said the committee will examine that gap in regards to developmental support and caring relationships with adults, as well as opportunities for community members to offer their support.

"We certainly want to see these dollars address these trends and fill some of these gaps to help these young people that are getting themselves into trouble," he said.

In previous years, county social-services coordinator Lynette Jacoby said, the grant money has gone to four or five different organizations. This year, she hopes groups in the community will collaborate on

projects so they're not competing as much for the same resources.

"The committee thought there was so much competition between agencies with everyone trying to survive and go after funding," she said. "Collaboration creates more effective and creative programs, takes the competitive nature out, and creates commonalities."

Agencies interested in receiving grant money for the Juvenile Justice and Youth Development program are required to reapply and submit proposals every three years. These proposals will be submitted to the Board of Directors and the Juvenile Justice and Youth Development committee March 2. Recipients of grant money will be announced April 5, a date subject to change. New programs and initiatives will take effect July 1.

## METRO/NATION

### Man charged with indecent exposure

An Iowa City man was charged on Jan. 9 with indecent exposure.

According to an Iowa City police report, Donald Fennelly, 58, was seen at an Iowa City gym lying on a mat in front of a treadmill. A female witness then saw Fennelly take his penis out of his pants and proceed to "masturbate vigorously."

The female witness then left the room and reported the actions to gym staff. The report said Fennelly stopped masturbating and put his pants back on after the witness exited the room.

Indecent exposure is a serious misdemeanor and is punishable by up to one year in jail and a maximum fine of \$1,875.

— by Conrad Swanson

### Area man charged with theft

A North Liberty man was charged Dec. 29 with third-degree theft.

According to an Iowa City police report, Nathaniel Matiyabo, 26, stole a bottle of Patrón Tequila Café from the Liquor House in downtown Iowa City.

Officers recognized Matiyabo in the security video; he has at least six previous theft charges, the report said.

At the Johnson County Jail,

Matiyabo allegedly admitted to stealing and drinking the tequila. Third-degree theft is an aggravated misdemeanor.

— by Conrad Swanson

### Man charged with absence from custody

A Coralville man has been charged with absence from custody from the Hope House.

Jonathan Lovell was assigned to the Hope House, a community corrections facility, 2501 Holiday Road, on Dec. 22, 2011. Lovell allegedly signed out of the facility on a recreational furlough to the Coralville Wal-Mart.

According to a report from the 6th District Court, Lovell's scheduled return time was 4:42 p.m. on Dec. 22.

Lovell allegedly failed to return at that time and any time following. When the report was issued, Lovell's whereabouts remained unknown.

Absence from custody is punishable by up to one year in jail and a maximum fine of \$1,875.

— by Conrad Swanson

### Woman charged with assault

A Clinton woman has been accused of committing assault causing bodily injury after an altercation in downtown Iowa City.

Jordan Miller, 19, was charged Jan. 18 with assault causing bod-

ily injury after she allegedly fought another female at the Blue Moose Tap House, 211 Iowa Ave. According to a report by Iowa City police, Miller told law-enforcement officials that she "just lost it."

The report said Miller spit in the face of the victim and then punched her in the face, which resulted in pain, swelling, and a possible broken nose. According to the report, several people witnessed the fight, and independent witnesses identified Miller as the aggressor.

Miller then allegedly told officers that the fight had been "brewing" for some time and is "drama" related to a former boyfriend.

Assault causing serious injury is a serious misdemeanor.

— by Conrad Swanson

### Council eyes wastewater project

City officials are asking the Iowa City Council to approve design details for the Wastewater Treatment Facilities Consolidation Project — a project that will cost the city roughly \$40 million.

The plan calls to eliminate the north plant — 1000 S. Clinton St. — and move all wastewater treatment operations to the south plant, 4366 Napoleon St. S.E.

The north plant was inoperable for around a month after the

2008 flood; the south plant continued to operate because of its higher location.

Officials plan to eventually convert the north plant site into green space as part of the Riverfront Crossings project.

A public hearing will be held at the City Council's formal meeting on Jan. 24. A bid date is scheduled for March 20.

— by Kristen East

### City wants traffic signal at Melrose/Highway 218

City officials are proposing the construction of a traffic signal at the intersection of Highway 218 and Melrose Avenue.

The Metropolitan Planning Organization of Johnson County conducted a study in July 2011 at the intersection. The group recommended the installation of a traffic signal to reduce stalling and delays on the off-ramp approach.

The traffic signal at the intersection of Melrose Avenue and Camp Cardinal Boulevard would be interconnected to the proposed traffic signal.

The project would cost an estimated \$111,000, and construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in March.

A public hearing will be held at the Iowa City Council's formal meeting Jan. 24.

— by Kristen East

## TOP STORIES

Most-read stories on [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com) from Thursday.

1. Two UI assistant deans lose positions due to expansion
2. Locals, websites protest Piracy Act
3. Ice-fishing, beer, and football take center stage
4. Beer of the week: Sierra Nevada's Ruthless Rye

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## BLOTTER

Reynaldo Alvarez, 22, 511 S. Johnson St., was charged on Jan. 19 with possession of a controlled substance.  
 Terry Embree, 49, 515 S. Governor

St., was charged on Jan. 18 with public intoxication.  
 Katey Finn, 19, 302 Hillcrest, was charged on Jan. 18 with providing

tobacco products to minors.  
 Gennita Lee, 34, 2446 Lakeside Drive, was charged on Jan. 18 with keeping a disorderly house.

Nicholas Logan, 25, 1238 Pheasant Valley St., was charged on Jan. 18 with providing tobacco products to minors.

**OCCUPY**

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never made it back," said Occupy Iowa City member Meghan Carter.

Kebschull expressed concern with the lack of presence in the park, saying people that could help the movement are no longer around.

"The people who could help us aren't here," he said. "People come and go, but they don't always stay here; they go to their house — their warm little house."

Carter said the Occupiers are still maintaining a devoted presence outside the park, with general assembly meetings of 20 to 60 people every Tuesday and Sunday. Those meetings are held indoors.

"I feel that we've already passed a large hurdle as a

group of people," she said. "When [the Occupiers] first started dwindling down, everyone was sad, and no one knew what was going to happen, but we rose to the occasion and we evolved," Carter said.

According to a *Des Moines Register* article, Occupy Iowa protesters in Des Moines are being evicted from their park. But Occupy Iowa City members still claim to maintain a good relationship with the police and local government.

"The police here are actually really nice. They've never bothered us or nothing," Kebschull said.

"I know the police, they know me personally, and they think it's nice that I'm actually doing something like this."

Iowa City police Sgt. Denise Brotherton said the police have not responded to any more problems in the park than they would

**Occupy Iowa City's current projects**

Occupiers meet on Tuesday and Sunday nights to discuss upcoming protests, involving:

- Anniversary of Citizens United
- National Defense Authorization Act
- Protect Intellectual Property Act
- Stop Online Piracy Act

Source: Occupy Iowa City member Meghan Carter

without the Occupiers.

However, Carter expressed concerns about the homeless citizens and the group's overall lack of presence in the park being misinterpreted by authorities.

"We take the heat for [the homeless], so really, even though they're there, it becomes our responsibility to make sure what happens there is kosher,"



A portrait of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. sits in the Occupy Iowa City camp in College Green park on Wednesday. The number of protesters has dipped by approximately 85 percent. (The Daily Iowan/Melissa Wilson)

Carter said.

Iowa City Director of Parks and Recreation Mark Moran said he will discuss renewing the permit — which currently

expires Feb. 28 — at the end of the month. Key factors in the renewal will focus on how Occupy Iowa City protesters followed the permit requirements dur-

ing their four months.

"Half of the camp is Occupy folks and the other half is homeless, so it has developed into a split camp, unfortunately," Moran said.

**BIOMASS**

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"We need to lower the carbon footprint by turning off lights in buildings when they aren't being used and turning down temperatures of air conditioners in buildings around campus."

The Oakdale Power Plant began looking into more energy-efficient

designs in 2009 to support resource-demanding buildings such as the UI Data Center and the UI State Hygienic Lab. Though the UI is moving toward more renewable energy sources, Ferman Milster, the associate director of utilities & energy management for Facilities Management, said gas use will most likely never stop at the plant.

"We'll probably always have gas as a peaking and backup fuel," he said. "We will never rely on just one source of energy, but we

are hoping to install more biomass equipment out there."

Kottenstette and Milster both said the amount of money the new boiler will save depends heavily on the price of gas.

UI engineers are surveying nearby land to expand the power plant's biomass fuels beyond woodchips alone. Current fuels consist of expired corn seed, with future plans to use expired seed plating and mixes of woodchips, corn, and soybeans.

**Sustainability**

The University of Iowa's goals of becoming a more energy-efficient campus include:

- Using landfill gas to operate gas engines at the Oakdale Renewable Energy Power Plant.
- Employing new energy sources by using biomass alternatives and exploring solar energy, wind energy, and hydroelectric technology.

Source: UI Facilities Management

**WRITING**

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new center — an idea of Associate Dean Helena Dettmer — for about a year, and the project was given a boost by Magid's donation.

"We developed the idea with the Magid family," Liberal Arts Dean Linda Maxson said. "[They] always felt that writing was the most critical part of one's education."

Students pursuing the certificate take 20 semester hours of coursework, including a capstone course to develop an online portfolio of work.

"If we create this center and create an umbrella, we can give students that are already interested in something, you can still leave with a writing certificate," Khalastchi said.

There is no major requirement for the program; all majors are able to

obtain the certificate.

"We want people across majors to realize how important writing is," Khalastchi said. "We think if we can get a bunch of people from different academic backgrounds in the same room, we can learn more about ourselves. The goal is that we don't want to scare anybody away."

Khalastchi said the administrators of the center want all students to recognize how useful a certificate in writing can be and how it can help them in finding a job.

Students are already participating in the program.

"I was either going to be a literature major or business major," said UI sophomore Benjamin Lederer, who decided on business and will now try to get the new certificate. "It's a good way to go to make your application [for a job] different, and it sounds simple enough that you ought to [get the certificate]."

**LEVEE**

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of the budget.

"We're not planning on going over the budget," he said. "We feel confident with our numbers."

Paul Anderson of MMS Consultants said the project is in its preliminary design phase, which is meant to include field surveys, mapping, and environmental studies prior to beginning construction.

"We're working on the study, and the city says it's OK. Believe us," Anderson said after a local resident asked whether the proposed levee would raise water levels at other points on the river.

Anderson predicted the top of the levee would be 14 feet across and almost 648 feet above sea level. Federal Emergency Management Agency regulations require levees to be built at least three feet higher than a 100-year flood elevation of 644.5 feet.

Engineers are also dealing with how to drain water from flooding and rain, proposals for combinations of pump stations

and storm sewers, and a specific gate to drain water that closes as the river level rises.

Anderson said Iowa City officials and MMS Consultant members have slated the project to finish its preliminary stages and develop a cost estimate by December, after which they will address business owners again for their

input. Final design should be finished between December 2012 and March 2013, with potential for the project being finished later in 2013.

Iowa City Village Inn general manager Gary Mariman, whose restaurant suffered severe water damage and required complete renovation after the

2008 flood, said he supports the levee but does not expect another flood in the near future.

"They said the level of flood in 2008 is only supposed to happen every 500 years," he said. "The law of averages says that we won't see another like it in our lifetimes, but maybe we'd better brace for the 1,000 year flood."

**Celebration of Excellence And Achievement Among Women**

Committee is accepting nominations for the 2011-2012 Distinguished Achievement Award

The Distinguished Achievement Award is given to a UI staff and faculty member who has distinguished herself/himself and the University by her or his record of achievement in a professional or service capacity within the University. The award is given annually individuals whose achievements have made her or him a role model and mentor for women and/or girls; and whose contributions demonstrate leadership, innovation, and/or subject matter expertise.

For a nomination form or for more information, Please contact Jan Warren at the Belin-Blank Center, 600 BHC, or by email at [jan-warren@uiowa.edu](mailto:jan-warren@uiowa.edu) Nominations due by Friday, February 10, 2012

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## Editorial

## Are red-light cameras in Iowa City a good idea?

## No

Iowa City officials ought to take another look at the possible Constitutional consequences and safety violations of the installation of red-light cameras at city intersections. Despite their good intentions, there is a wealth of dissenting evidence that must be taken into account.

It is true that the Iowa Supreme Court ruled in *City of Davenport v. Seymour* that there should be no expectation of privacy under the Fourth Amendment while driving on public roads. This essentially made these cameras legal, because there is no state law that neither confirms nor denies their legality.

What the court case does not address is the Sixth Amendment to the Constitution, which, among other things, gives people the right to face their accuser in a court of law.

John Bowman, the communications director of the National Motorists Association, agrees that this is a significant problem.

"A piece of machinery cannot testify in court as to what you did or did not do," he said.

This reveals a flaw in how violators are ticketed: When a driver runs a red light, the camera will take a photo of the license plate and send a ticket to the title owner of that vehicle. The fault lies in that the title owner may not necessarily be the one driving the car.

This could lead to false ticketing and a slew of lawsuits that could cost the city massive amounts of money in legal fees that would far outweigh the cost of sending police officers to heavily violated intersections.

"You will also find that accident rates have gone up at intersections in which cameras have been installed," Bowman said.

Red-light cameras were installed at various intersections in Washington, D.C., in 1999. The *Washington Post* reported in 2005 that from 1998 to 2004, overall accidents went up by 107 percent, with fatalities jumping 81 percent. Fort Collins, Colo., has seen similar results. Between 1998 and 2004, crashes involving injuries or fatalities increased 81 percent at red-light camera intersections, while only a 54 percent increase occurred at intersections without the cameras.

Bowman maintains that there are alternatives to red light cameras that are safe and legal. "There are ways to control traffic and increase safety at intersections without having to use the [red-light] cameras altogether ... The primary one is increasing yellow-light times by a second," he said. This is just one of the many alternatives proposed and proven by civil engineers.

A fundamental truth behind traffic safety is that drivers must employ personal responsibility by paying attention to their surroundings and avoiding being under the influence while behind the wheel.

City officials must consider these facts before making a hasty decision that could put lives and liberty at stake.

— Joe Schueller

## Yes

Controversial though it may be, I would like to applaud the recent 4-3 decision by the City Council to introduce traffic cameras to a select number of accident-prone intersections in Iowa City. Not because I think that it will bring an end to all traffic accidents but because it is a practical cost-saving measure that promises benefits that far outweigh any foreseeable costs.

First and foremost, let me dispel the illusion that traffic cameras are an unconstitutional invasion of privacy. In 1983, the U.S. Supreme Court opined in *United States v. Knotts* that "a person traveling in an automobile on public thoroughfares has no reasonable expectation of privacy in his movements from one place to another."

Second, the cameras will save the Iowa City police countless man-hours that would otherwise be wasted observing benign activity. Many people argue that traffic cameras are superfluous because they mostly observe benign activity. This, counter to the contention of the critics, is a reason for introducing traffic cameras. With cameras in place, Iowa City police personnel will be freed up to respond to emergencies.

Speaking of eliminating waste, if we all agree that resources spent observing benign activity are resources wasted, then we should all be in favor of using traffic cameras. Whether we use cameras or police personnel, these intersections need to be patrolled. And unlike the latter, cameras operate at a rather low fixed cost — promising to save the city money in the long run.

Third, traffic cameras will result in the more consistent and equal enforcement of the law. And there is good evidence that when the risk of getting caught is high, noncompliance with the law goes down. Moreover, if the risk of getting caught serves as the primary deterrent for breaking the law, it eliminates the need for excessive punishments (monetary or otherwise) to deter criminal activity, a point made quite succinctly by the National Bureau of Economic Research in its 1999 paper "The Economic Theory of Public Enforcement of Law."

Traffic cameras save police resources, save city dollars, and result in the consistent administering of the law. Traffic cameras are neither unconstitutional nor some slippery slope leading us toward an Orwellian police state. They are instruments for eliminating inefficiencies and inconsistencies in law enforcement, and that is why we should all welcome the City Council's recent decision as a prime example of good governance.

— Daniel Taibleson

Your turn. Are red-light cameras necessary?  
Weigh in at [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com).

## Controlling Cuba

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As America's representative do their best to curtail our freedom of speech with the Protect IP Act and the Stop Online Piracy Act, I couldn't help but think of a place where Lamar Smith and his cosponsors could learn a lot about censorship. It's a place that seems to be stuck in time, where I and 12 other University of Iowa students studied over winter break: Cuba.

Being there provided a fascinating look at the results of America's Cuban foreign policy and a unique perspective on the embargo.

The hotel we stayed at had Internet stations, which was the only part of the lobby that didn't look like it was right out of the movie

*Casablanca*. Certain sites that didn't line up with the ideology of the glorious revolution were blocked. Censorship is so severe that any new websites must be approved by the government, and the government even uses proxy servers to obtain citizens' usernames and passwords.

Driving through the Vedado district of Havana, one of Cuba's relatively more affluent areas, you will find brightly colored Spanish-style houses with pillars in front that were built in the 1920s. Old colonial mansions may now be home to three or four families raising chickens in the front yard.

Continuing east along the seaside Malecón road, alongside Cuba's famous 1950s American cars, will lead you to Old Havana, much of which is restored to the way it looked in the 19th century. The cobblestone streets there are narrow to provide shade from the Caribbean sun, and they wind through a series of stone forts and cathedrals and plazas.

One of the most common sayings we heard in Havana was "no one starves in Cuba." The government pays for food and housing and medicine, so even if people are malnourished or don't get to eat what they want, they get by. Unlike anything else in the country, health and education do work.

This scene was incredibly charming for us Americans, but it's not what Cubans want. They want access to new cars that don't break down and basic needs such as soap and shampoo. They want to be able to use high-speed Internet and buy cheaper electronics (an old CD stereo cost \$500). Musicians want to be able to send their music to California and New York. Writers want to be published at American universities.

Cubans refer to the embargo as "el bloqueo" — the blockade. It's a restriction on commercial activity between Cuba and the United States, including a travel restriction preventing American citizens from spending money in Cuba. There are some loopholes that allow American companies to sell Cubans food.

It's a 21st century country whose problems are continuously being tackled with a 20th century mindset. There's no Cuba-Soviet alliance anymore, and the idea that the United States is pursuing its Cuban foreign policy for humanitarian reasons is a joke, because the restrictions on medicine and supplies hinder Cuban lives far more than they help. In addition, our track record of picking and choosing dictators to support is abysmal and hypocritical, so our leaders have no moral high ground from which to berate Fidel Castro.

But it's important to think about what exactly an immediate end to the embargo would mean. A graduated policy change would be better than a sudden one. The second-world haven of Havana would become America's hottest new tourism destination, and American corporations would have a new populace to exploit. Imagine if Iowa students on spring break turned the beautiful streets of Havana into the massive resorts and dirty Bud Light bars of Cancún or if JP Morgan Chase started investing Cuban money. The Cuban infrastructure would be overwhelmed, and the island could lose some of its unique flavor and culture.

Still, even though many of Cuba's problems are self-inflicted (or government-inflicted), when I was there, I did not hear a single way in which the embargo has helped any Cuban citizen. It would be fair to allow them control over their own island's future. ■

## Letter

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## Stop defending porn

I recently saw the journalist Chris Hedges on C-Span. At one point, he said that those who wish to defend pornography had

better make sure they understand what they are defending.

I am sure Adam B Sullivan feels quite sophisticated inviting porn stars to Iowa, but I would strongly

urge him to read the chapter on pornography in Hedges' book *Empire of Illusion: The End of Literacy and the Triumph of Spectacle*. Perhaps then he might

understand that he is not defending freedom but degradation and brutality.

Jo Conroy  
Coralville

## Guest opinion

## Shifting taxes doesn't solve the problem

The governor and Legislature continue to address the inequity between commercial and residential property taxes, and we applaud them for their efforts. This is a difficult job that has been attempted many times, and to navigate the political and policy minefields is no easy task.

Iowa didn't develop this system overnight. It has been tweaked and amended several times over the last three decades, and it is a system that could use reform. We support reforms that will help us continue to grow and encourage economic development in our urban centers.

The cities of the Metropolitan Coalition, an association of the 10 largest cities in the state, have made budget cuts, frozen staff

levels, and reorganized city government to operate leaner and more efficiently in the last few years. Our cities are running extremely efficiently, and we continually look for ways to stretch the tax dollars we collect.

Cedar Rapids has cut nearly \$30 million from its budget over 10 years, and Des Moines has cut \$28 million over seven years. The cuts mean efficiencies and reorganizations, but they can also mean loss of jobs and services to our citizens. Over the last 12 years, Sioux City has cut 112 employees — a 12 percent reduction overall — and Des Moines' cuts will result in the elimination of 315 full-time positions since 2002. In addition, cities face the same rising

costs of doing business that the private sector experiences: inflation, health care, and other personnel costs, just to name a few.

While we are support efforts to equalize the costs of local government services, we believe most of the current proposals offered will simply shift the property-tax bill from commercial property owners to homeowners.

The heart of the matter is how local governments are funded. Currently, local governments are almost entirely dependent on property taxes to provide the services they offer. Because of limited alternative revenue sources for a city, any decrease in property-tax revenue would have a significant detrimental effect on city budgets. Real

reform should address this issue and not simply reduce taxes for a single class of taxpayers. Doing this could have the effect of shifting the burden from commercial property owners to the residents of our cities.

The proposals advocated by Gov. Terry Branstad and the Iowa House of Representatives shift the entire tax burden to local governments. This is why we support an approach that more closely resembles the plan passed out of the Iowa Senate last year. A system of income-tax credits that are based on their commercial property tax bills would provide much-needed relief without shifting the burden to local government or other property classes.

The cities of Iowa have reached a critical point

when it comes to cuts. Any further reduction in revenue will mean drastic changes to the essential services we provide. First and foremost, we have a duty to provide police and fire protection. This protection is critical in every community and must be protected from further cuts. Yet one of the fastest-growing costs for cities is the pension contributions for our police and fire personnel using a state-mandated formula. State support is critical for the cities' ability to keep up with pension costs, yet the state has eliminated its support, shifting this burden to the local taxpayer.

We work hard to partner with businesses to find ways to help them grow. More service cuts will end

our ability to grow businesses and encourage redevelopment in our urban centers.

We embrace efforts to provide a business climate that promotes growth in our state, but we urge the governor and the Legislature to be mindful not to craft any plan that shifts the tax bill to the homeowners and at the same time results in less service being provided by our cities.

The Mayors of the Metropolitan Coalition is a coalition of Iowa's 10 largest cities. It consists of the following: Mayor Ann Campbell, Ames; Mayor Ron Corbett, Cedar Rapids; Mayor Tom Hanafan, Council Bluffs; Mayor Bill Gluba, Davenport; Mayor Frank Cownie, Des Moines; Mayor Roy Buol, Dubuque; Mayor Matt Hayek, Iowa City; Mayor Bob Waterloo, Sioux City; Mayor Buck Clark, Waterloo; Mayor Steve Gaer, West Des Moines.

# Study eyes blood shelf life



Thomas Raife, the medical director of the UI DeGowin Blood Center, talks about his latest research — whether twins' red blood cells' storage length is inherited, at the UIHC on Wednesday. So far, 14 pairs of twins have participated in the study. (The Daily Iowan/Ya-Chen Chen)

The study is funded through a \$50,000 grant.

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A group of University of Iowa researchers hopes to help increase the shelf life of blood.

Currently, blood for transfusions and other treatments is good for only 42 days. To study whether longer-lasting blood is inherited, researchers are enlisting the help of 14 sets of twins.

"We can appreciate that anything we put in the refrigerator, such as cottage cheese for an example, over a period of time it decays, and red blood cells are no exception," said UI DeGowin Blood Center medical director Thomas Raife, who is leading the study.

Doctors hope to find out if the rate at which red blood cells decay is inherited. Knowing that will help them predict cells' longevity, said UI neonatology Professor Jeff Murray, who oversees the genetics lab for the study.

"Many traits we think of as normal, such as height and blood pressure, have a strong genetic component," he said.

Successfully storing red blood cells is one of the biggest concerns in blood banking and transfusion, Raife said. The cells are stored for 42 days, during which they begin to deteriorate, change shape, and lose hemoglobin, making them less effective for transfusion.

Murray said the cells'

longevity is critical for blood transfusions.

"If we can find safer ways to store blood longer and more safely, it will have important clinical implications, and genetics is one tool to find these factors," he said.

The 14 pairs of twins who volunteered for the study donated blood that will be sampled and analyzed every two weeks, Raife said.

"We should see the same rate of decay in red blood cells in a pair of identical twins, and in non-identical twins, we should see different rates," Raife said. "Twin studies are very powerful ways of studying inheritance of traits because it allows you to separate nature versus nurture."

The Institute for Clinical and Translational Science in the UI Carver College of Medicine is funding the study with a \$50,000 grant.

Co-investigator Garry Buettner is analyzing the blood from the twins. He said red blood cells also remove oxidants, waste products formed by white blood cells fighting infections.

The scientists are investigating the capacity of red blood cells to remove the oxidants over time, he said, and testing if the starting capacity is different between individuals — how fast it declines while being stored, for example.

"As storage time increases, things get used up in the red blood cells

and capacity goes down," Buettner said.

This unique twin study follows a 1960s University of Chicago study suggesting some people's blood may deteriorate more quickly than others when stored.

But Raife said finding that information was a complete accident.

"It was a bit of serendipity," he said. "I was looking up an answer to a very simple clinical question in a textbook, and I ran across a paragraph that said red blood cells' storage had a heredity component, which was a completely new idea to me."

If the results — which will arrive in May — should prove that red blood cells storage is inherited, Raife will likely collaborate on a larger study to determine what specific genes are responsible for blood storage.

Raife said the genetic approach is a practical way of looking at blood storage.

"A genetic approach is a completely different way of understanding the storage properties of blood," he said. "And the results [of the twin study] so far look promising."

# The lure of internship

Officials say volunteer student interns benefit the county and the school.

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Funding issues are making paid student internships a scarcity in Johnson County, but county officials say interest in unpaid internships is on the rise.

Johnson County Planning and Zoning administrator Rick Dvorak said that while students do paid internships for the Johnson County government, the need for paid or unpaid positions varies depending on what funding the projects need.

"In the last couple of years, we've wanted to see students do unpaid internships," he said. "Our funds are kind of limited, so kids are looking to get other options."

UI sophomore Drew Lakin was selected by the Johnson County Board of Supervisors to intern at the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee in December. Lakin is the 25th intern to be involved with Johnson County government since 2010, according to county records. Supervisor Terrence Neuzil said members are excited to include him.

"As a former UI student senator, I know firsthand the importance of community involvement," Neuzil said. "Having a U of I student on [the committee] will provide all of us a new perspective and will fill a void and younger voice

## Internships

Officials say students who intern often to stay to work after college.

- Johnson County Council of Governments: Human service intern
  - Historical Society, education assistant intern, special-events intern
  - Department of Natural Resources
  - Housing Authority
- Source: Garry Klein, UI Pomerantz Center career adviser

that has been missing for years."

Dvorak said he would like to recruit more students for future projects, such as researching the cost of development for rural areas. However, he expressed caution about hiring additional students because of the uncertainty of future projects.

"It's hard to say because it depends on the issue," he said. "It's something we would consider."

Officials from other counties said they've seen growing student interest in internships, likely because of colleges pushing internships as résumé builders.

"There's more [students] this year than in the past," Woodbury County Board of Supervisors head Marc Monson said. "I have a suspicion it's a part of the programs in the colleges ... they're asking students to be more involved."

Five students from Briar

Cliff College have interned for Woodbury County officials in 2011, Monson said, an increase over previous years.

UI Community-Based Learning Program coordinator Mary Matthew Wilson said the Career Center sees three to four students looking for community internships per week. Volunteer internships are becoming more popular, she said, partially because of the UI stressing the "Iowa Challenge" — a program that began last semester and emphasizes service work.

"I think having a volunteer [experience] on your transcript gives you a more competitive edge," Matthew Wilson said. "In a way, that's better for students, and it's better for the employer or the supervisor."

Career advisers at the Pomerantz Center work to develop internships with University Heights' community-relations committee, covering fields such as event planning, recycling initiatives, and web development.

Matthew Wilson said she expects the number of UI student volunteers to continue to rise because of the perceived benefits.

"Research shows the more involved students are involved, the more they stay in school," she said. "It benefits the student, it benefits the community, it benefits the school."

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## Yachting into No. 9, No. 9

The Yacht Club will celebrate its ninth anniversary with nine hours of live music.

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The Yacht Club has hosted countless regional and national acts since its opening in 2002, and many local bands call it home.

The basement club, 13 S. Linn St., will celebrate nine years of live music on Saturday with an anniversary party. Beginning at 3 p.m., the evening will center on the venue's age. It will cost \$9 to see performances from nine bands, and 90-cent pints will be available until 9 p.m.

"The Yacht Club has been our favorite place in Iowa City for years," said Matt Skinner of local band Tallgrass. "An underground home made from great music, friends, bricks, and booze. We're lucky to have it here."

Tallgrass is among the bands that will perform on Saturday. The Enz, Gone South, Dream Thieves, Limbs, Whistle Pigs, Aaron Kamm & the One Drops, OSG, and Big Wu will also perform.

"Nine bucks for nine bands over 10 hours averages out to less than 10 cents a song," Skinner said. "That is 1950s jukebox prices, plus it's live."

In addition to the show, audience members will receive free CDs. The

### Yacht Club Anniversary Party

**When:** 3 p.m. Saturday  
**Where:** Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn  
**Admission:** \$9

album is a collection of songs recorded live in the Yacht Club in 2011.

Yacht Club owner Scott Kading said the album has been an anniversary tradition for four years, but this year's CD is better than ever.

"If you listen to the old CDs, it was just a two-channel recording," he said. "But this year, because of our new soundboard, it is a digital album. We were able to record every track individually and mix them, which gives the album a very professional sound."

The album features many recognizable acts, and most are from Iowa. Artists include Dead Larry, Eufórquestra, High and Lonesome, Pimps of Joytime, Gglitch'd, Tallgrass, Smokin' Joe and Friends, Pert Near Sandstone, Natty Nation, Radio Moscow, Uniphonics, and Big Funk Guarentee.

Kading said he was "bummed" to find that recordings of live shows in Iowa City were hard to come by, so he started the

tradition of the anniversary albums.

"The CD represents 2011 at the Yacht Club very well," he said.

The album not only sonically represents what happened at the Yacht Club in 2011, it does visually as well.

"Inside the album are photos from the fire that happened last year," Kading said. "We never forget how lucky we are to have made it through that and still be around."

In September 2011, the club suffered water damage from a fire that destroyed neighboring business Bruegger's. But Yacht Club regulars, such as Jon Weight, the lead singer and guitarist of Jon Wayne and the Pain, were happy to learn that the club was reopened soon after the fire.

"[The Yacht Club] is a place in Iowa where we can go and know that we are going to play for people who dig what we do," he said. "Also, we know that we can walk in and Scott and Pete are going to take care of us. It's really one of our most favorite places in Iowa to play. Not because it's the biggest, or sounds the best, but because the good vibe there is just undeniable."



The Macpodz plays in the Yacht Club on Oct. 7, 2011. The band played for the reopening of the club after the fire at nearby Bruegger's temporarily closed it. (The Daily Iowan/Jacklyn Couppee)

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**BASKETBALL**

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her two guards as main reasons for the positive outcome.

“When we went on a run, we hit high-percentage shots,” Bluder said. “Jaime hits a lay-up, Kamille hits a couple of lay-ups, Jaime goes to the free-throw line, Kamille goes to the free-throw line. Those are high-percentage shots, and that’s what we got when we went on that run after about the 10-minute mark.”

Iowa did just that with the game tied at 47 by going on a 14-0 run that sealed the victory. The Badgers closed the deficit to within 9, but couldn’t get any closer.

The matchup featured numerous momentum swings throughout both halves, including a 9-0 Hawkeye run early in the first half and a 19-3 run by Wisconsin shortly thereafter.

But Iowa fought back and closed the deficit within 1 at halftime, 28-27.

Bluder’s squad will now



Iowa guard Jaime Printy fights Wisconsin forward Cassie Rochel for the ball at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Thursday. Printy scored 25 points in the Hawkeyes' 69-57 win over the Badgers. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

travel to State College, Pa., to take on Penn State (14-4, 4-2) on Jan. 22. The Nittany Lions rank 22nd in the nation and feature two of the Big Ten’s best

guards, Maggie Lucas and Alex Bentley.

But despite Penn State’s success this season, the Nittany Lions have lost twice at home — and

Printy said the Hawkeyes will try to use that to their advantage when they visit over the weekend.

“Road games are always tough, and just knowing

that Penn State lost twice on its home court in Big Ten play is huge for us,” Printy said. “We’ve just got to go in there knowing we can do the same thing to them.”

**BACKCOURT**

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“I’m looking to be a little more aggressive, looking a little bit more on my shots instead of being passive,” Wahlin said. “I was passive earlier in the season, and

now I’m just letting things happen and taking what’s there.”

The backcourt partners scored 40 of Iowa’s 69 total points, while shooting 50 percent on field goals and 100 percent on free throws. Iowa as a team was a perfect 16-of-16 at the charity, tying a school record.

Printy and Wahlin took over after an Iowa time-out with 10:32 remaining in the second half and the score tied at 47.

The duo scored 12 of the team’s final 17 points in that 10-minute stretch as the Hawkeyes took control of a game they needed to win. Those 12 points that

stifled the Badgers all came on high-percentage shots, either from lay-ups or from the free-throw line.

“It’s important for us to definitely get wins here,” Wahlin said. “Every year, the goal is to get into that NCAA Tournament. We’ve let a few opportunities slip away — we’ve put our-

selves in this position — but we’ve been here before. We just need to handle it, and take one game at a time, and kind of get ourselves back in it.”

**GYMNASTICS**

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peting in the arena on a regular basis will help the team prepare for the biggest meet of the year.

“Everything from the lighting to the setup has some sort of an effect, so it’s good we get to work on it,” Reive said.

Illinois was also the

opponent in Iowa’s last meet in Carver-Hawkeye, in 2010. The Illini were the preseason No. 1 before a third-place finish at the Windy City Invitational dropped the Illini to No. 6.

Reive said the challenge for the Hawkeyes in their first home meet will be to handle their nerves better than they did in the season-opening Windy City Invitational on Jan. 14, where the Black and Gold

placed last of the six competing teams.

Reive said he expects his team to emulate what they do in practice after the disappointing season-opener.

“I just want to go out and do what we do in the gym,” Reive said. “I don’t want

them to be afraid to do something that they do 100,000 times a week, and that’s the biggest thing for us — to have and not be afraid.”

**WRESTLING**

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returned to the lineup.

Grant Gambrall finished third at the NAAs last season, but an off-season concussion forced him to move up from 184 pounds to 197. Gambrall has strug-

gled enough at the higher weight and has fallen out of the rankings entirely.

In other words, stellar performances from McDonough, Ramos, and Marion won’t be enough. Iowa needs help from somewhere. It needs St. John to return to the lineup and wrestle at full strength. It needs Telford to rediscover

his offense and snap out of a four-match losing streak. It needs Lofthouse to break through and beat Ruth or for Gambrall to adjust to heavier opponents.

Iowa will need wrestlers to step up and fill a few of these holes if they hope to beat Penn State — either on Jan. 22 or in March.

**Men’s track has tough test**

Jeff Thode and the Hawkeyes were excellent in their last time out, but Nebraska presents a different challenge.

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The Iowa men’s track cruised at home in its season-opener, but it will face its first chance to see where it truly stands this weekend when it takes on No. 5 Nebraska at the Adidas Invitational in Lincoln, Neb.

The Hawkeyes — the defending Big Ten champions — say they want to take the fight to conference newcomer Nebraska.

“We want to step it up from last weekend, for sure,” head coach Larry Wiecek said. “I think our goal is a team-oriented goal of competing against Nebraska in every event and outscoring it.”

Nebraska will likely be the Hawkeyes’ most powerful opposition on Saturday, but the Black and Gold will also share the track with Houston, Wichita State, and Air Force.

As they face their first major challenge of the season, the Hawkeyes will also have the opportunity to acclimate to the track on which they’ll compete at the 2012 Big Ten indoor championships next month. Senior Eric Sowinski said the opportunity to compete on the Devaney Center’s hydraulic-banked track — one of only eight in the world, according to the school’s athletics website — will be especially important for freshmen and new squad members.

“I doubt any of them ever raced on a banked track in high school; it’s a lot different than running on a flat, 200-meter track like we have here,” he said. “I think [competing at Nebraska] will boost their confidence when they’re back there in a month.”

The Black and Gold kicked off the season with a confidence boost at home in the New Year’s Classic. The un-scored meet gave the tracksters a chance to put themselves back in competitive form before their first major tests of the indoor season, at Nebraska and at Arkansas on Jan. 27-28.

“All across the board, we saw pretty good perform-

ances,” Sowinski said. “It was a rust-buster for a lot of guys. We had some guys who didn’t compete a month ago and were injured, [and] a lot of guys hadn’t raced for a month. It was a chance to get back in the swing of things.”

Junior Jeff Thode stole the show at the Classic with his record-breaking 8:53.91 time in the two-mile run. Wiecek, who set the now-broken record when he ran for Iowa 44 years ago, said he likes to add the two-mile — a race seldom run on the college circuit — to the New Year’s Classic as an added incentive for his distance runners to come bounding out of the winter break in chase of his long-standing mark.

Thode did just that, and he can now add another Hawkeye record to a impressive career.

“Through most of my career here at the university, I’ve been breaking records,” he said. “I see it as

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## Hawks rally past Badgers



Iowa guard Jaime Printy goes airborne for a lay-up past Wisconsin guard Jade Davis in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Thursday. Printy finished with 25 points, 5 assists, and 3 steals in Iowa's 69-57 win over the Badgers. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

Iowa received a much-needed win on Thursday, in part due to Jaime Printy's 25 points.

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Maybe this was the kind of game the Iowa women's basketball team wanted.

Maybe this is what Iowa — a team that could be in jeopardy of snapping its streak of four-straight NCAA Tournament berths — needed to get on a sizable winning streak.

Maybe Thursday's win against Wisconsin can propel Iowa further up the crowded Big Ten standings.

That all remains to be seen, but it's not improbable, given the Hawkeyes' performance on Thursday night against the Badgers. Iowa (11-8, 3-3 Big Ten) defeated Wisconsin (5-13, 1-5) in Carver-Hawkeye Arena, 69-57.

"It was an extremely important game for us," senior Kamille Wahlin said. "We needed [the win] big-time. Now, it put us up back at .500 in the conference ... you definitely want to protect the home court and get those home wins."

Jaime Printy has perhaps been Iowa's most consistent player this season, and the Marion native put a dagger into the opposition. She tallied 25 points on 7-of-15 shooting from the floor and 9-of-9 from the free-throw line. The 5-11 guard scored 16 of her points in the second half.

Printy's effort means she is now 10th all-time on Iowa's career scoring list, with 1,364 points.

Wahlin added 15 points and 5 assists on a night in which

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the Athletics Department distributed bobblehead dolls in her likeness. The point guard was also perfect from the charity stripe — she made all six of her attempts.

Head coach Lisa Bluder defined the victory as "big" for the program and singled out

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## Printy, Wahlin spark Hawks

Whenever Iowa needed a bucket, it turned to its leaders in the backcourt

By BEN WOLFSON  
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The Iowa women's basketball team headed into Thursday's game against Wisconsin needing a win to keep its NCAA Tournament hopes alive.

The Hawkeyes and Badgers traded offensive runs in an up-and-down first half. Iowa mounted a 9-0 spurt early in the half, then the Badgers scored 13 unanswered points as part of a 19-3 run.

The Hawkeyes closed the half on a 6-0 run to come within a single point at halftime. Junior guard Jaime Printy and senior guard Kamille Wahlin paced the squad with 9 and 5 points, respectively, after the first 20 minutes.

"Both teams just got hot at different times," Printy said. "They went on a good run in the first half, but we were able to stay composed. Both teams shot the ball really well at certain times of the game."

The pair of Hawkeyes turned in an even better second half. Printy dueled fellow Marion native Morgan Paige while scoring 25 points to lead Iowa; Paige scored 20 points to lead the Badgers.

Printy shot 7-of-14 from the floor, and 9-of-9 at the free-throw line, as she moved into 10th place on Iowa's all-time scoring list. The junior now has 1,364 career points.

"They've played together for so long now, three years playing together," head coach Lisa Bluder said about her backcourt pair after the victory. "They really enjoy playing together, you can tell that. They feed off of each other. When they're going to cut, they look for each other."

Wahlin averaged 9.5 points during the nonconference season, but has seen her offensive production rise during Big Ten play. The Crookston, Minn., native is averaging almost 14 points per game in the past six contests.

Thursday night was no different, as Wahlin ended the game with 15 points on 4-of-8 shooting and 6-of-6 at the charity stripe.



Bluder  
head coach

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## Gymnasts happy to be back in Carver

The Iowa men's gymnastics team returns to Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Saturday for the first time in nearly two years.

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This weekend's home-opener for the Iowa men's gymnastics team will bring the Hawkeyes back to Carver-Hawkeye Arena, a venue in which they have not competed since March 2010.

No. 13 Iowa will take on No. 6 Illinois at 5 p.m. Saturday. The men's team will compete at the same time as the women's squad, which will also face the Illini.

Head coach JD Reive said competing in Carver-Hawkeye

— as opposed to the Field House, which was the team's home in 2011 — gives the meets a more intense atmosphere. "It makes it feel a lot more realistic, and it has a much different feel," said Reive, who will coach in the arena for the first time. "It has a championship feel."

He noted that the bigger venue puts his team on a large stage instead of the more intimate environment in the Field House.



Reive  
head coach

"There's a different energy in the Field House, but realistically, the guys put themselves in a bigger pressure situation there [Carver-Hawkeye] — which I think will help us," Iowa's second-year head coach said.

Junior Matt McGrath said competing in Carver-Hawkeye Arena is an adrenaline boost for him and his teammates.

"It's a big venue, and it lets the fans get a little louder," he said. "The energy level shoots through the roof."

Fellow junior Brody Shemansky agreed. He said the Carver-Hawkeye environment is also beneficial for spectators, who can sit all the way around the competition space; seating in the Field house is limited to two sides of the space.

"It's exciting, and it feels like a real meet," Shemansky said. "People can see a lot more at Carver with the surrounding seating."

The team's entire home schedule will be contested at Carver-Hawkeye Arena, including the Big Ten championships in April, and Reive said comment

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## COMMENTARY

# Some holes in mat lineup



By SAM LOUWAGIE  
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The Iowa wrestling team typically lets its visiting opponents choose which weight class goes first for dual meets. A traditional wrestling meet begins at 125 pounds and works its way upward through the heavyweight match.

But not when Hawkeye opponents have a say in the matter.

Illinois came to Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Dec. 2 and chose to start at 149 pounds. Iowa's Mark Ballweg lost an 8-4 decision.

Northern Iowa visited on Dec. 8, chose to start at 184 pounds, and earned its only victory of the night over the Hawkeyes' Vinnie Wagner.

Oklahoma State and Northwestern both elected to begin at 285 pounds this month, and the heavyweights from both teams beat Iowa's Bobby Telford.

Opposing teams want to begin a meet with their best chance of victory, and the weights they have chosen to get that chance are illustrative of where the holes lie in Iowa's lineup this season.

While the Hawkeyes entered the season with a No. 1 ranking behind a handful of dominant wrestlers, they do have



Iowa's Ethen Lofthouse and Oklahoma State's Chris Perry compete in the 174-pound bout of the Iowa-Oklahoma State dual meet in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Jan. 7. The Hawkeyes need Lofthouse, who lost to probable Jan. 22 opponent Ed Ruth twice last year, to come up big for the rest of the season if they want to have a shot at a national title. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

some significant problems to address. One of Iowa's top two competitors for the national championship, Oklahoma State, exposed those holes on Jan. 7. The other waits for its chance to do the same in Happy Valley on Jan. 22.

Penn State, the defending national champion, took over the top spot in InterMat's rankings after Iowa's loss to Oklahoma State. And the Nittany Lions have a championship contender waiting to pounce at nearly every spot where the Hawkeyes are most vulnerable.

Mike Kelly has struggled to a 1-3 record in dual meets since taking over as Iowa's starter at 149. Penn

State's Frank Molinaro is ranked No. 1 at that weight, undefeated this season, and a three-time All-American.

Iowa 174-pounder Ethen Lofthouse lost to the Nittany Lion's No. 2-ranked Ed Ruth two times last season.

Iowa 184-pounder Wagner has performed admirably and picked up a few gritty wins this season, but he's unranked. Penn State's Quentin Wright won the 184-pound NCAA title last season and is ranked second at the weight this year.

Iowa's lower weights are as good as ever, though. Matt McDonough has dominated since dropping an

early upset, and looks like the nation's best 125-pounder. Tony Ramos was transformed from fringe All-American to strong title contender at 133 pounds. Montell Marion has won 18 of his 19 matches this season.

But things look more dicey for Iowa as the weights get higher.

Penn State and Oklahoma State have the nation's top two wrestlers at 149, while Iowa is unranked at the weight.

The Hawkeyes' Derek St. John would be a title contender if he were healthy, but he hurt his knee more than a month ago and hasn't

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