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In the Jan. 23 article "Public pension plans face scrutiny," the *DI* incorrectly reported Iowa City Police Chief Sam Hargadine will receive \$3.7 million in pension payouts. The information was obtained from a Taxpayers United of America document, which cited an inaccurate number. The *DI* regrets the error.

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## INTRAMURAL SOCCER



Sasha Abdalla (left) of PWB fights for a ball against Aaron Hunt of Minutemen in the Bubble on Monday. Minutemen won, 4-0, in the opening game of the intramural-soccer season. Log on to [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com) for the full story. (The Daily Iowan/Melissa Wilson)

# Winter break break-ins up

The Iowa City police received 51 reports of break-ins between December 2011 and Jan. 17, 2012.

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Alyssa Makropoulos returned to her apartment after winter break to discover that several hundred dollars of electronics had been stolen. One of her windows had a sliced screen.

"We were really bummed that they took our stuff, but it was more weird that they were in our apartment," the University of Iowa junior said.

Makropoulos and her roommates lost a TV, a music player, Wii controllers, and luggage. Iowa City police statistics show this was one of 51 Iowa City residential burglaries committed between December 2011 and Jan. 17 — an increase of 11 reported burglaries over the same time last year. Thirty-two burglaries were committed over the time in 2009-2010.

While the warm weather at the start of the year brought out shorts and T-shirts, police officials said it may have brought out criminals as well.

"Criminals are no different from anyone else," said Iowa City police Sgt. Denise Brotherton. "If we're having a snow-

storm, they're not going to be as active. [This year's burglaries are] not a major increase, but it could be up because the weather was nicer."

It is difficult to determine whether the number of break-ins during winter break is a true increase or decrease, she said, because many residents are reluctant to report thefts.

Though Makropoulos and her roommates reported the burglaries, police told her most stolen items are usually sold by the time the criminals are caught. She said she's now more vigilant to prevent break-ins.

"They went in through the window and cut the screen," she said. "When I got home, I could tell they went out the front door, because it was open and our doors are rarely unlocked. Now, we have a wooden bar that we put on our window to prevent people from entering."

Iowa City police Crime Prevention Officer Jorey Bailey said it is not unusual to see an increase in crime during winter break while so many residents are away.

"Crime is based on opportunity," he said. "We see way too many buildings with the doors unlocked, which increases the chances for burglaries."

Brotherton said criminals tend to steal small items because they are easier to hide and less likely to attract attention.

"Burglaries happen when you leave the small electronics such as iPads, laptops, and gaming systems," she said.

"Criminals are no different from anyone else. If we're having a snowstorm, they're not going to be as active. This is not a major increase, but it could be up because the weather was nicer."

Iowa City police Sgt. Denise Brotherton

"Those are easy to grab and easy to conceal. People are going to look really suspicious carrying a really big TV."

Some apartment companies have taken extensive precautions to ensure safety while their tenants are gone.

"We're not affected because we monitor all our buildings, and we do routine checks," said Mike Oliveira, the general manager of Prestige Properties.

Oliveira said apartments that are not secure and without outside security lights are more likely to be broken into.

Though the Iowa City police increase patrols during winter break, Bailey said, officers cannot be in numerous places at the same time.

Brotherton said burglars know how to victimize their targets.

"Unfortunately, there are always people who choose [crime] for their profession," she said. "We see it as a problem that we are continuing to address."

## ELECTION 2012

# UI senior eyes Iowa House seat

Jake Highfill — a 21-year-old University of Iowa student — volunteered in the pro-19 campaign leading up to Iowa City's the 21-ordinance vote in 2010.

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Jake Highfill could become the youngest member of the Iowa Legislature.

The 21-year-old University of Iowa student said he honed his interest in politics during a high-school government class, and he is now seeking a Republican nomination for a Iowa House of Representatives seat, with plans to reduce the state budget and balance tax distribution. Highfill will run for the seat of incumbent Erik Helland, R-Johnston.

One main focus, he said, lies in reshaping alcohol regulations.

"There are laws that have been passed recently that directly affect businesses in Iowa, such as 'businesses can't deliver alcohol,'" he said. "As an employee, I know this actually affected Hy-Vee. If an old lady who needs [a] delivery ordered a bunch of groceries and a bottle of wine, we couldn't deliver that to her."

Highfill also volunteered with the organization Yes to Entertaining Students Safely, which supported keeping the Iowa City bar-entry age at 19 during the 21-ordinance vote in 2010.

Matt Pfaltzgraf, the organization's former campaign manager, said Highfill recognized the ordinance was an issue that resonated with many fellow UI students and did his part to help the cause.

"Jake was another concerned student who saw the results [of the ordinance] firsthand," he said. "... it pushed more people to house parties that are unregulated and where there's more of a chance for things to go wrong."

Highfill's youth would put him in the minority of elected officials in Iowa.

Raj Patel, the former UI junior who ran for and lost an Iowa City City Council seat last year, said he thinks college-age politicians are an under-represented population.

"Holding political office is an awesome responsibility," he said. "A lot of people get involved in city council elections who wouldn't be involved if it weren't for a young person. I think even older people want to see more young people running."

But Tim Hagle, a UI associate professor of political science, said a lack of experience

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# Lawmakers eye drinking law

Iowa officials attempt to tack on one more fine for underage drinking.

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A bill in the Iowa Legislature could help local law enforcement crack down on house parties.

While it's already illegal to supply alcohol to minors, a Republican-sponsored proposal would allow officers to fine anyone who has minors drinking on their property. The bill also adds language to the Iowa Code to make "consumption" of alcohol by minors illegal rather than just "possession."

Rep. Lee Hein, R-Monticello, introduced the bill in February 2011. He said he is concerned about underage drinking, especially in rural areas. Heins' home county has a population of just around 20,000.

"What I would like to see is making [underage-drinking laws] more uniform across the state," Hein said.

Under the proposal, those caught allowing minors to drink at their home would face a fine of \$500. Underage consumers would also take at least a \$500 hit.

One alcohol expert on the University of Iowa campus said the bill is a good idea.

"There is significant rea-

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Beer bottles and playing cards sit on a table during a house party in 2010. A Republican-sponsored bill under consideration by the Iowa Legislature would give police the authority to fine people who are found to have minors consuming alcohol on their property. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)



# Study: Fewer tie the knot

The Pew Research Center has reported new marriages in the U.S. fell by 5 percent between 2009 and 2010.

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Alyssa Love often gets weird looks when talking about her married life.

Today — four months after her wedding — the University of Iowa freshman remembers being very excited about sharing the altar with now-husband Tyler Love.

“Originally, it was kind of scary,” the 18-year-old said. “I was like, ‘I just graduated from high school.’ It was kind of intense, but I had a lot of help from his family and my family.”

The couple are in the minority — more young people have chosen to delay marriage in recent decades. Last month’s Pew Research Center study showed only 20 percent of adults ages 18 to 29 are married — significantly lower than the 59 percent married in 1960.

Roughly 51 percent of Americans ages 18 and older are married today — a record low — while in 1960, 72 percent were married. According to state numbers, slightly more than 20,000 Iowans were married in 2010, down from more than 21,000 a year before that.

Christie Boxer — a UI sociology doctoral student who is working on a dissertation on marital trends — said people often put off marriage because of financial issues.

“[Marriage has] become a middle-class ideal,” she



The rate of new marriages for younger couples has decreased in recent years. However, college-educated Americans are more likely to stay in marriages than those who don't have degrees. (The Daily Iowan Illustration/Ian Servin)

said. “A lot of people are postponing marriage until they feel like they hit a financial point. Now, people feel like they want to have financial stability before they combine with a new partner.”

People tend to view expensive weddings and home ownership as important parts of marriage, Boxer said. This leads marriage-interested couples today to delay getting married until they can afford those goals: The Pew Study showed the median age at which people first get married is the highest ever, with women marrying at 26.5 years and men marrying at 28.7 years.

Although recent data show non-college graduates are marrying later, Boxer said education plays a role in the decision to marry.

“Women are more educated than they were in the past, and not only do they have degrees, they are more likely to go into the workforce,” Boxer said.

“Men and women are now sort of equal in that they go to college and go to work.”

And though divorce has eroded a share of currently married adults, the Pew study said, divorce rates have leveled off and play less of a factor.

Brad Wilcox, the director of the National Marriage Project, said he interprets marriage trends very positively for college students.

“That is because divorce has been coming down for college-educated Americans since the 1980s, and college-educated families have been more stable since the 1980s,” he said.

Wilcox said college-educated adults have more resources to build strong marriages.

“They are more marriage-minded, and it’s more likely for them to connect,” he said. “At a cultural level, college Americans are more likely to want to have their kids in marriage, and that makes a more safe and stable married life. To put it in colloquial terms, because they are able to

## Marriages

Iowa marriage numbers have seen slight changes in recent years.

- 2010 – 20,880
- 2009 – 21,139
- 2008 – 19,566
- 2007 – 20,060

Source: Josh Lunding, Iowa Department of Public Health

put childbearing after marriage, they are more likely to not have ‘baby mama drama.’”

Alyssa Love said her original plan was to marry in a courthouse before Tyler Love was to be deployed overseas. But when deployment was canceled, the two decided to have a full-out wedding ceremony.

“Both of us want to succeed in our college careers, and we have a set plan for what we want to do, and I think that helps a lot,” she said. “... I want to have [the degree] to fall back on. I want to be a stay-at-home mom. I don’t know why I want to do that, but I know that’s what I want to do.”

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3. Time to reform a flawed bus-system
4. Iowa wrestling falls to Ohio State, Penn State
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## METRO

### Man charged with interference

Police charged an Illinois man after he allegedly ran from officers.

Chris Noreikis, 19 was charged Jan. 21 with possession of a fake ID and interfering with official acts.

According to a report, police found Noreikis, near the intersection of Ronalds and Gilbert Streets following reports of a prowler, prompting him to run from officers.

During the chase, the report said an arresting officer slipped on snow, causing a knee injury.

Once apprehended, Noreikis’ eyes were allegedly bloodshot, and he was unaware of where he was. The report said police found Noreikis in possession of a fictitious driver’s license.

— by **Conrad Swanson**

### Candle started fire, officials say

Iowa City Fire Department investigators have determined that an unattended candle caused the Jan. 21 fire at 1132 Ash Street. The fire began when the candle flame ignited nearby combustibles inside a bedroom, according to the city’s report.

— by **Luke Voelz**

### Area man faces numerous charges

A West Branch man has been charged with burglary and assault.

According to North Liberty police, Larry Slocum, 41, arrived at his girlfriend’s home on Jan. 20, where the two reportedly started arguing. Slocum allegedly threw the woman to the ground and tried to strangle her. While fighting Slocum, the

woman broke a fingernail off and stated she “thought she was going to die,” the report said.

The woman suffered bruising around her neck and damage to the soft tissue in her larynx, the report said.

The woman allegedly asked Slocum to leave and also attempted to flee, which sparked the alleged assault, the report said.

First-degree burglary is a Class B felony, punishable by up to 25 years. False imprisonment is a serious misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year and a maximum fine of \$1,875. Willful injury causing bodily injury is punishable by up to five years and a maximum fine of \$7,500. Domestic-abuse assault is an aggravated misdemeanor, punishable by up to two years and a maximum fine of \$6,250.

— by **Conrad Swanson**

## BLOTTER

**Amber Bates**, 21, 707 N. Linn St., was charged on Jan. 21 with providing tobacco products to a minor.

**Jack Boyd**, 20, 411 N. Linn St., was charged on Jan. 22 with public intoxication.

**Adriana Espinoza**, 20, 2401 Highway 6 E., was charged on Jan. 23 with keeping a disorderly house and public intoxication.

**Katey Finn**, 19, 5302 Hillcrest, was charged on Jan. 18 with providing tobacco products to a minor.

**Zen Gatton**, 21, 821 Melrose Ave., was charged on Jan. 22 with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**Douante Harris**, 33, Cedar Rapids, was charged on Jan. 21 with providing tobacco products to a minor.

**Ashley Harris-Johnson**, 23, Coralville, was charged on Jan. 19 with providing tobacco products to a minor.

**John Hentges**, 19, 2305 Burge, was charged on Jan. 21 with possession of a controlled substance.

**Anne Kaminsky**, 21, address unknown, was charged on Jan. 22 with public intoxication.

**Thomas Klocke**, 19, 5205 Daum, was charged on Jan. 20 with public intoxication.

**Francesca Lavallo**, 23, 401 S. Gilbert St., was charged on Jan. 21 with providing tobacco products to a minor.

**Jeffrey Larak**, 18, 1310 Burge, was charged on Jan. 20 with public intoxication.

**Nicholas Link**, 25, Coralville, was charged on Jan. 22 with public intoxication.

**Nicholas Logan**, 20, 1238 Pheasant Valley St., was charged

on Jan. 18 with providing tobacco products to a minor.

**Alexander Patch**, 18, 640C Mayflower, was charged on Jan. 22 with public intoxication.

**Bionca Rogers**, 18, 904 Benton Drive, was charged Monday with driving while license was revoked.

**James Sandry**, 19, Keosauqua, Iowa, was charged on Jan. 20 with an OWI.

**Blanche Smith**, 40, Wheaton, Ill., was charged on Jan. 22 with criminal trespass.

**Douglas Timmerman**, 27, Cedar Rapids, was charged on Jan. 22 with public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

**Lisa Werkmeister**, 47, Waterloo, was charged on Jan. 20 with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

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can hinder younger people in a run for political office.

“People are usually going to want to see someone who has established themselves in something before running for office,” he said. “Something that would cause voters to say, ‘Yeah, that person would be a good representative for me.’”

Hagle said the possibility of a young person winning a political position arises when the person’s name is known in the district before running or when the district is smaller. He mentioned Iowa Rep. Pat Grassley, R-New Hartford, who won in a district in which voters knew his grandfather — Iowa Sen. Chuck Grassley.

“My advice for young people running for political office is to work really hard in terms of articulating a message and getting their names out,” Hagle said. “Name recognition is critical.”



Jake Highfill, 21, is seeking a Republican nomination for a seat in the Iowa House of Representatives. Highfill is running partially because of his opposition to recently passed alcohol laws in the state, including Iowa City’s 21-ordinance. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

# Spring break in the cloud forest

By RANA MOUSTAFA  
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Some University of Iowa students will delve into the Costa Rican forests during a time other college students choose to party or relax.

The UI Office of Study Abroad will allow students to spend this spring break studying environmental sustainability in and around the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve in Costa Rica.

UI civil and environmental engineering Assistant Professor Craig Just said the trip is meant to spur

students to be more sustainable in their daily lives after exploring an environment that’s largely been untouched by industrial growth.

“You can see the impacts on species, plants, and animals,” said Just, who will also lead the program in March. “There aren’t many humans in that particular part.”

The program will provide students with a learning opportunity during a time other students often spend on non-academic vacations, he said.

“It’s important that the project they do has a last-

ing impact rather than a short spring break spent in Miami,” he said.

This will be the first UI international program to occur solely over the week of spring break, said John Rogers, an assistant director of the Study Abroad Office. He said the “alternative spring break” program will cater to an increasing interest from students to study abroad.

“We continue to grow, somewhat more slowly because of the economy,” he said.

According to a 2009-10

Study Abroad report, 1,365 UI students studied abroad, up from 1,283 students in the previous year.

Rogers said that so far, six students have applied to the program, though he expects the number to rise before the Wednesday deadline.

The program, which costs \$765 plus around \$500 for airfare, will be based in the University of Georgia’s campus near Monteverde, Costa Rica. Students will learn about societal, economic, and environmental interactions by visiting with local fami-

lies and sustainable farmers and touring reserves.

UI sophomore Sydney Johnson said she plans to use the program to work toward her sustainability certificate.

“I’m mostly excited to go to the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve and also go waterfall and night hiking,” said the international-studies major with an emphasis on global resources and the environment. “I’m also really excited about looking at the endemic animal and plant species in Costa Rica.”

Rogers said he hopes

more students are encouraged to travel the world and appreciate different cultures and traditions while learning at the same time.

“Our hope for study-abroad students, no matter where they go, is that they learn about the country they travel to,” he said.

But not all students are interested in academics during their week off.

“I feel like spring break is supposed to be a week to step away from the learning environment for and just relax” said UI junior Logan West.

**DRINKING**

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son to reduce access to alcohol,” said Kelly Bender, the UI coordinator for community and campus alcohol harm-reduction initiatives. “It’s always been about putting the pieces of the puzzle together. People say that [this bill] is just one piece.”

“There are a lot of other things [the UI] can do and things we are working on,” she said. “The university has an alcohol harm-reduction plan. It includes numerous goals and numerous strategies [to reduce underage drinking].”

The plan was established last fall to decrease the number of UI students who binge drink by 15 percent in a span of three years. The university is also involved in the Partnership for Alcohol Safety, a combined effort between the

city and the UI to combat risky drinking.

Some say current alcohol restrictions for minors are sufficient.

“I am concerned about language in the bill that specifically targets consumption of alcohol,” said UI Student Government President Elliot Higgins. “People under the age of 21 are already faced with numerous codes that target consumption. Enlarging the scope of what is against the law is what concerns me.”

He said that if the bill was reworked, it would be more beneficial to the Iowa City area.

“I think that it’s important that the university takes underage drinking seriously, especially binge drinking,” Higgins said. “I do not like the University of Iowa being portrayed as a party school; I think it damages the value of the degree.”



The scene at an Iowa City house party in 2010. A Republican-sponsored bill under consideration in the Iowa Legislature would give police the authority to fine people who are found to have minors consuming alcohol on their property. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)



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## Editorial

## Claim federal railway funding while it's still there

The Iowa Legislature and Gov. Terry Branstad should heed the results of an ongoing study on the construction of a passenger rail system connecting local cities to the Chicago area and accept federal funding for the project.

The Federal Railroad Administration last year approved a \$782 million funding package, including a \$230 million grant for new locomotives and cars for a passenger rail system that would effectively connect every major city in the Midwest — including routes from Iowa City to Chicago via the Quad Cities.

If executed correctly, the project would carry immediate and long-term benefits. The required construction would put thousands of Iowans to work and breathe some much-needed fresh air into the ailing American manufacturing industry. In the long term, the railway would enable more cost- and fuel-efficient travel for tens of millions throughout the Midwest.

But this train has encountered plenty of barriers.

Branstad and the Legislature have withheld support of the project because of a significant statewide subsidy that would be needed to keep it running — millions each year, the administration estimates. Currently, there is not much funding available for transportation. Even without the proposed railway costs to consider, state officials are mulling an 8-cent gas-tax increase to offset the state's road-construction deficit.

An additional 2 cents has the potential to raise \$44 million in state revenue — just \$6 million shy of Branstad's savings and efficiencies quota. Though higher fuel prices are often viewed in a negative light, it would make sense that a state devoid of highway tolls pay an additional gas tax. Also, the higher the cost of gasoline, the more likely people will opt to board a passenger train, thus offsetting the costs further.

Critics also fear that the project could fall to the same fate as California's high-speed rail system through Los Angeles, which incurred extremely high costs. But the Midwest project is much leaner and has much more potential benefits.

Combating a volatile political and physical landscape, California has seen the projected costs of its railway triple since it was first proposed, according to the *Los Angeles Times*. The latest plan, released in November, projects the total costs to exceed \$98 billion — around \$2,669 per California resident. For comparison's sake, Iowa's contribution to the project should cost around \$137 million, or approximately \$46 per resident.

While state funds are tight, and the current political climate deters this type of spending, the benefits of the rail project could outweigh the costs if it were to be implemented correctly.

According to estimates by the Office of Rail

Transportation, nearly 600 jobs per year would be created over four years during design and construction. Even though the unemployment rate in Iowa is one of the nation's lowest at 5.7 percent, the rate in the construction industry is more than double that at 13.3 percent, according to September data from the Associated Builders and Contractors Iowa Chapter. These newly employed workers would contribute millions to the state's economy.

While difficult to predict, there will surely be an increase in economic activity at each of the rail's stops. It is estimated that an increase of \$25 million in business activity would occur each year after the completion of the rail. This increase would also contribute to the tax base, which would help fund the project.

Funding could also come from the municipalities that would directly benefit from the creation of the rail service. Some form of a local tax increase or fee in order to help pay for the project could be created through a council vote or ballot initiative. If a municipality declines to contribute funding for the project, the rail would pass through a different town instead. These free-market principles are already employed through the bidding system used by independent contractors throughout the state for other developments.

The project is being currently studied by the Iowa Department of Transportation.

Amanda Martin, the freight and passenger rail policy coordinator for the Office of Rail Transportation, says that the study is largely due to federal regulation.

"We have to look at several routes in the state," she said. "Federal requirements [demand] an evaluation of potential service and ridership and impacts on the environment."

Environmental consciousness has contributed to public demand for the rail service. As with bus and subway systems, passenger rail reduces each passenger's carbon footprint. American locomotive companies such as CSX have developed technologies that sharply cut emissions and still maintain speed and economic efficiency. The resources are available to make the rail viable in all senses of the word.

As Iowa Sen. Matt McCoy, D-Des Moines, pointed out in a letter to Branstad, there is \$87 million in federal funding earmarked for the project that could be lost because of delays by Iowa leaders.

Action is needed as soon as possible. The potential benefits from the project are numerous and ought to be considered in today's economic, political, and environmental atmospheres.

Your turn. Is a Midwest rail-system feasible?  
Weigh in at [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com).

Science —  
or sigh-enceBy BEAU ELLIOT  
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As we all know (well, at least those of us who have a glancing acquaintanceship with science), the Republican candidates for Obama catcher know nothing about science — or, at least, they profess to disdain science in order to get elected.

(Sort of an odd position to take in the Information Age, but, oh, well.)

Which says miles — many thousands of miles — about their perceived electorate. (Take Jon Huntsman, who, in an unguarded moment, revealed that he knew a bit about science and global climate change; he surged to the front of the GOP pack. Right? Right? Do we even remember Jon what's-his-name?)

Or, in the case of Mitt Romney, who seems to be obsessed with Europeans recently, that distance would be many thousands of kilometers. Those sneaky Europeans and their sneaky kilometers — how did they get into Mitt's brain? (And how did they find the way in?)

(Don't try this at home — it takes way too much time and far too many meters. Pretty soon, the meter man comes around, wondering why you have so many hundreds of thousands of meters in your home. There's no easy explanation. Just trust me on this one.)

There's no global climate change, Republicans profess, hands patriotically on their hearts. Well, at least not climate change caused by humans going about the business of freedom. (Who knew freedom was a business? Does it have a dot.com address?)

For the GOP, climate change is caused, if it exists at all, by Sun spots. It's caused, if it exists, by an over-abundance of mosquitoes in West Africa beating their wings faster than normal simultaneously. It's caused, if it exists, by blue donkeys, and we all know how they vote. Hee-haw.

And, as it turns out, Republicans don't know arithmetic, either. Take Iowa (which we might as well do, since we live here). Not even a month ago (but who's counting?), Mitt famously won the Iowa caucuses by a whopping eight votes, then won the New

Hampshire primary, becoming the first Republican to do so. On to the White House for Mitt, most pundits agreed.

Well, maybe not, pundits (who are called that because they're good with puns). Iowa Republicans redid the math — which, technically, would be arithmetic, but who's counting? — and it turned out that Mitt didn't win Iowa, Rick Santorum did, by a whopping 34 votes. (With eight precincts not being counted because, well, somewhere in the wilds of Iowa, there's a black hole that swallowed them up. Not to dabble in science or anything.)

Well, OK, no science, no arithmetic. Conservatives are at least consistent, right? Sure.

Well, except in the case of Juan Williams.

You remember him. NPR sparked enormous outrage when when it pushed him out not all that long ago after Williams made some untoward comments about Muslim — people dressed in "Muslim garb" — airplane passengers. The sort of comments that, if you were to substitute the words "African-American passengers" for "Muslim passengers," you would land yourself in the pot of lava-hot boiling public indignation. If it is indeed lava-hot. If there is indeed some creature named public indignation.

(I should point out that Juan Williams is an African American, in the same manner in which I am not.)

Did I say Williams' firing "sparked outraged support"? It was more a full-throated tsunami of conservative indignation — NPR was emblematic of the elitist liberal establishment that ruthlessly oppresses poor conservatives, etc., and then some more etc.

Imagine my astonishment, then, when Williams, working for that famous liberal outfit Fox News, questioned Newt Gingrich about the overtones, ethnic or otherwise, of calling President Obama the "food-stamp" president. Gingrich snapped back, attacking Williams for asking the question with the pedal-to-the-metal indignation he is famous for. The conservative audience went wild with enthusiasm. So Williams went from a conservative darling to the symbol of the hated liberal media.

Go science. ■

## Letters

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## Sing the national anthem properly

I have been described by some as the biggest Hawkeye fan here at the University of Iowa. Through the seasons, however, one thing has bothered me, and the women's basketball game Jan. 19 in Carver-Hawkeye Arena was the last straw.

The "Star-Spangled Banner" is not a show tune. It does not need to be embellished with extra notes, slurs, and pitches. Sing it in the dignified manner as it was intended and written.

Many people around here are veterans, including me. My military service landed me in a situation where the raising of the American flag while the "Star-Spangled Banner" played brought intense emotion and tears to every man involved. This anthem is sacred to me and millions of other people, and to hear it butchered by people who think it sounds cool when they jazz it up makes me want to scream. It took all the control I could muster to wait until this woman finished before I yelled, "Sing it right."

Many people do a wonderful job singing the national anthem at events here, including Wayne Neuzil, Sue Sample, and others. I strongly urge the Athletics Department, when it auditions people to sing, to select only those who can do it properly. I invite anyone who agrees to come to the University of Iowa Veterans Center, 111

Communications Center, and sign a letter supporting this.

I would be remiss if I did not note that this is a nationwide trend and not just here at the university. I am also proud of my fellow students who place their hands over their hearts and sometimes start to sing until the notes get too convoluted to continue. I salute you.

There is one final thing for which I would like to thank the Athletics Department and Carver-Hawkeye staff. I arrived late for a game last week while the national anthem was being sung. All doors were closed and entry was denied until the singing was completed. That is the kind of respect the national anthem deserves.

Randy Miller  
UI student

## Remembering a railway heroine

In the middle of the night on July 6, 1881, flooding waters had weakened the railway bridge at Honey Creek, near Boone, Iowa. An inspection engine, with a crew of four, sent ahead of the midnight express, plunged into the surging torrent.

Nearby, in an isolated farmhouse, the tumult awoke a teenage girl. Over objections from her widowed mother, she arose from her bed and went into the raging storm to investigate.

She heard the cries of engine crewmen who clung precariously to debris in Honey Creek below. She called to them to hold on

and that she would go for help. She proceeded to crawl on her hands and knees across what remained of the Honey Creek Bridge.

Vastly longer and more frightening was the Des Moines River Bridge. There was no walkway, only slippery rain soaked rails spanning ties 2 feet apart. Storm winds buffeted her, and rain extinguished her lantern. Only the occasional flash of lightning lit her way over a wide, abyss above raging flood waters far, far, below. Hand-over-hand, she crawled steadfastly on.

Finally across, bloodied and exhausted, she ran a half-mile to Moingona Depot, where word was sent to stop the midnight express, narrowly averting tragedy for another crew and hundreds of passengers. She then led a rescue party back to the two stranded men, saving their lives as well.

A century ago, she herself died, much too young. Let us never forget this true Iowa hero, Kate Shelley.

Daniel Lee Daly  
Iowa City resident

## Sloppy caucus counts can be rectified

Correcting our current sloppy caucus counts is easy.

If everyone gets triplicate tri-color ballots, voter keeps pink copy, white copy goes to county-level counting, and blue copy goes to precinct chairman. Like our Constitutional legislative, executive, and judicial checks and balances, multi-recorded

voting data keep everyone honest and accurate.

In case of errors or stealing, there are two other sources to prove and rectify. For better security, each replicated ballot could have a serial number on it, and the voter decides whether to tear it off. After-voting doubts? Just make the precinct/county officials cough up the questionable ballot if a voter decided to leave his serial number on. Voters should be able to make up a 9-digit code (only one chance in a billion of error) and graphite-bubble it on their ballots also.

This forces election officials to be accountable over the Internet by anonymous code number that only the voter knows. This forces party bosses to be honest and accountable to We the People. When the individual voter spots errors or fraud, he can then alert newspapers and prosecutors to ensure honest elections.

A receipt for a 50-cent pack of gum has more security and verification numbers on it than our current ballots, and in the computer age, there is no excuse for our primitive, easy-to-tamper ballots. Afraid of marks identifying ballots? Bribers and blackmailers can already force absentee votes to see how their victims are voting. Honest people need an honest voting accounting system.

Randy Crawford  
Coralville resident

## the ledge

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### Ask your local Ledge writer:

- **Q:** Would it matter to you if your children didn't like whom you were dating?  
**A:** Why would my children care whom I was dating? They don't even know who I am.
- **Q:** When you eat, does the fork or the knife go in the right hand?  
**A:** When I eat, the foot-long sandwich goes in the right hand. And the left.
- **Q:** What is your favorite show on the Disney Channel?  
**A:** The one with that really hot seventh-grader. I think his name is Eric.

- **Q:** How many chairs are in your bedroom?  
**A:** Just three. But there are five beds in my chair room. I've been thinking about moving the furniture around to make the rooms' names more logical, but all the toilets in my kitchen make that hard.
- **Q:** Who is the last friend you made?  
**A:** His name was Ethan. I used mostly sausage and sawdust. He rotted in the heat, but before that, he was both delicious and nutritious.

- **Q:** How many "enemies" do you have?  
**A:** I try to have zero. This requires several murders each week, though.
- **Q:** What are your plans for the rest of the day?  
**A:** Probably a short nap on the couch sometime at 3:15 — hopefully, with a dimple-cheeked blonde.

- **Q:** Is your name Hebrew?  
**A:** No, my name is Andrew.

- Andrew R. Juhl welcomes any of your questions, and he thanks the readers who submitted these.

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### DILBERT

by Scott Adams

WHY DON'T YOU CHANGE THIS BOX TO SAY "VIRTUAL"?  
BECAUSE I DON'T WANT IT TO LOOK LIKE IT WAS WRITTEN BY AN IGNORANT BLOB IN AN UGLY WOOL SUIT.  
YOU PROBABLY SHOULDN'T PUT YOUR SUGGESTIONS IN THE FORM OF QUESTIONS.

### NON SEQUITUR

BY VIEV

WHOA...WHAT THE HECK IS THIS ALL ABOUT?  
I WENT ONTO WIKIPEDIA, AND ALL THIS BOGUS STUFF ON ME CAME UP!  
SEE FOR YOURSELF.  
...IT'S ALL COMPLETELY ACCURATE.  
I KNOW! SO WHAT HAPPENED TO THE STUFF I WROTE?!

### Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

GOVERNOR ROMNEY, AS A CAREER POLITICIAN, HOW IS IT YOU CAME TO BELIEVE IN TERM LIMITS?  
ROLAND, THE TRUTH IS, FOR ME, POLITICS IS NOT A CAREER. MY CAREER WAS BEING IN BUSINESS AND STARTING A BUSINESS AND MAKING IT SUCCESSFUL!  
BUT, GOVERNOR ROMNEY... PLEASE DON'T CALL ME THAT.  
CALL YOU WHAT?  
"GOVERNOR" IS A CHEAP SHOT.

## m.c. ginsberg

OBJECTS OF ART

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## today's events

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- **Surgical Audit**, 7 a.m., 1502 UIHC Colloton Pavilion
- **Burn Rounds**, 8:30 a.m., Burn Unit, 8 Colloton Pavilion
- **College of Public Health Aging Mind and Brain Faculty Candidate Seminar**, 9:30 a.m., S030 College of Public Health Building
- **Department of Pharmacology Visiting Seminar Speaker**, 10:30 a.m., 1117 Medical Education & Research Facility
- **Department of Psychiatry CME Grand Rounds**, 11 a.m., 1502 Colloton Pavilion
- **Pediatric Surgery Teaching Rounds**, 11 a.m., 2966-Z Pappajohn Pavilion
- **Student Organization Fair**, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., IMU Main Lounge
- **Shared Governance and Staff Council Election Process Update**, Michael Schueller, Staff Council president, noon, C44A General Hospital
- **Ceramics Class**, 12:30 p.m., 1155 Medical Education & Research Facility
- **Faculty Council Meeting**, 3:30 p.m., 2520D University Capitol Centre

- **Tips for Maximizing Financial Aid**, Office of Student Financial Aid, 3:30 p.m., 1015A Main Library
- **Vascular Conference**, 3:30 p.m., 1502 Colloton Pavilion
- **Occupational and Environmental Health Seminar**, 4 p.m., S030 College of Public Health Building
- **Grand Rounds**, 4:30 p.m., Ziffren Auditorium, 1502 Colloton Pavilion
- **Life in Iowa Career Series**, Résumé Workshop, 5 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Centre
- **English Conversation Group**, 5:30 p.m., UIHC Atrium Room A
- **Trainer Talk**, "Motivation," Recreational Services, 6 p.m., Campus Recreation & Wellness Center Meeting Room 2
- **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** Adina Hoffman and Peter Cole, nonfiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Bassoon Recital**, Ricardo Rapoport, David Rachor, and Benjamin Coelho, bassoon, 7:30 p.m., University Capitol Centre Recital Hall
- **Flight School**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

## UITV schedule

Campus channel 4, cable channel 17

- 12:15 p.m.** Celebrating the Life of Helena Perce-Ponsetti, May 1, 2011
- 1:30** Memories of Oakdale Sanatorium, "Iowa's Tuberculosis Hospital," Kathy Pait, librarian, UI State Hygienic Laboratory, Sept. 22, 2011
- 2** Women at Iowa, interview with Kelly L. Johnson, Diana Harris, and Renee Sueppel, creators of the Women at Iowa TV Series, 2012
- 3** History of Medicine Lecture, "These Strangers Within Our Gates: Race, Psychiatry, and Mental Illness," Matthew Gambino, Yale School of Medicine, Dec. 1
- 4:15** Student Information, lifestyle, support, and activities for students
- 4:30** WorldCanvass, "Impact of *The Invisible Man*," by Ralph Ellison, a multidisciplinary collaboration, December 2011
- 6:30** Hawkeye News, coaches' news conferences
- 7** Women at Iowa, interview with Kelly L. Johnson, Diana Harris, and Renee Sueppel, creators of the Women at Iowa TV Series, 2012
- 8** Johnson County Landmark Jazz Band, John Rapson, conductor, Nov. 3, 2011
- 9:30** Daily Iowan Television News
- 9:45** Hawkeye News, coaches' news conferences
- 10:15** Student Information, lifestyle, support, and activities for students
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## horoscopes Tuesday, January 24, 2012

- by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 A disciplined approach to what needs to be done will enhance your reputation. The people who gravitate toward you will have something to contribute that will help you reach your goals. Push hard; success will come your way.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Not everyone will be honest with you, but if you listen carefully, you will be able to weed out who is on your side and who isn't. Remain moderate in all that you do or say, and you will come out on top.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Put greater enthusiasm into whatever you do, and you will draw attention. Your ability to utilize your imaginative originality, as well as your ability to bring logic and reason to whatever you do, will be most impressive today.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22 Put love first, and don't allow uncertainty to creep in, causing insecurity and doubt about what you have worked so hard to achieve. Self-doubt will be your enemy, so muster up a little bravado; you will run the show.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 You are on a roll, and nobody can stop you. Your ideas are unique and workable, and your ability to make a profit will push you to the head of your class. Enjoy your good fortune, but don't go overboard, or all will be lost.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Emotional deception can cause problems when dealing with colleagues, peers, and institutional matters. Keep things simple, and refuse to let anyone lead you down the wrong path. Call the shots, and avoid questionable people.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Interacting with other creative people will bring interesting results. Diversity is essential, and the more you bring to the table, the more valuable you will become. Don't let a personal matter slow your professional progress.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Not everyone will understand what you are trying to accomplish. Stick to the people who get what you are doing, and you will receive input that will allow you to finish what you start so that you can receive the benefits.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Taking a trip, whether it's a short or long distance, will result in rejuvenation and a better view of what you want to do in the future. Now is the time to contemplate things so you can move forward with clarity.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Money matters may have to be handled in an unorthodox manner. Separate your personal and professional goals to see your assets and liabilities clearly. A change at home will help you ease any stress you've been feeling.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Emotions will be difficult to hide. You can help eliminate your problems if you share your concerns with a partner, close friend, or confidant. Open up — you will find a way to turn any negative you face into a positive.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 Give help, and get it in return. The guidelines you set up now will help you accomplish your goals. Keeping things equal will be the factor that will allow you to continue to work in partnership with others.

## The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 1220

- Across**
- Serenade, as the moon
  - 4.0 is a good one
  - Exam for a future dr.
  - Colored part of the iris
  - Contents of some wells
  - Final measures?
  - Enter via osmosis
  - Dems' foe
  - Baby buggy, to Brits
  - \*Wish desperately
  - Guarantee
  - 1983 Barbra Streisand musical drama
  - Evening for Yves
  - \*Be worry-free
  - Sample passage
  - \*"Riddle-me-\_\_\_"
  - 34 "You got me there"
  - 35 Org. with the Sprint Cup Series
  - 40 Letters for a prince or princess
  - 42 Facebook competitor
  - \*Muhammad Ali ring tactic
  - 48 Caustic cleansers
  - 49 .454 kg.
  - 50 Holy, in Latin phrases
  - 53 \*John Constable or Camille Pissarro
  - 58 "Clair de \_\_\_"
  - 59 Cell messenger
  - 60 Like an acrobat's limbs
  - 61 Indians who gave their name to a state
  - 62 Whichever

**Down**

- Dinner from previous dinners
- Modern ice cream flavor
- Partner of "read 'em"
- \*Like some bunnies and puppies
- Not the real name
- Zesty flavors
- "You can do it!"
- Davy Crockett, e.g.
- Terrain of northern Italy
- 10 Writer John who won a Pulitzer for "Annals of the Former World"
- 11 Popular Mexican beer
- 12 Conforms as needed
- 13 Without excitement
- 21 Down Under land: Abbr.
- 22 "Go, go, go" sorts
- 25 D.C. legislator
- 26 Kitchen gadget brand
- 27 Here, to Hugo
- 29 Start of a playground rhyme
- 31 Fixes up, as an old house
- 32 Fellow cowboy
- 36 Kind of soup ... or a hint to the answers to the five starred clues
- 37 Many an island in the Bahamas
- 38 Good card in blackjack
- 39 \_\_\_ ipsa loquitur
- 41 Christian word of exultation
- 42 Word on a biblical wall
- 43 Furl
- 44 Acting without thinking
- 45 Writer
- 46 First in line to the throne
- 47 Tropical fruit
- 51 Homes, to José
- 52 "The \_\_\_ is out there" (catchphrase on "The X-Files")
- 54 Shore dinner staple
- 55 Destination for many a music download
- 56 Turn on a pivot
- 57 Holidays in Hanoi

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## ON THE STREET

### Question: Will you watch the president's State of the Union address today?



"I'll definitely go online and read a summary of it. I don't have a TV."  
**Eliana Parnas**  
UI Sophomore



"No, I won't have time, or I'll forget."  
**Carly Spencer**  
UI Freshman



"No, because I have shows I want to watch."  
**Mackenzie Keiser**  
UI Sophomore



"No, I have other stuff, like homework, to do."  
**Ryan Harris**  
UI Freshman



HITTING THE WALL



UI junior Sara Jeglum climbs the rock wall in the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center on Monday. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

NATION

Gingrich allows opening for illegal immigrants

TAMPA, Fla. — Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich says he would allow illegal immigrants to earn U.S. citizenship if they serve America in uniform.

Gingrich said during Monday's GOP debate that if he became president, he would veto a version of the proposed DREAM Act that would allow a path to citizenship for children who come to the United States with their undocumented parents if they complete college.

Gingrich said college graduation alone is not enough.

He said citizens of other countries have the opportunity to earn U.S. citizenship by wearing a uniform. He says that children of undocumented immigrants, too, should have that option.

— Associated Press

Romney blasts Gingrich on Freddie Mac

TAMPA, Fla. — Republican presidential-nomination hopeful Mitt Romney says Newt Gingrich's freshly released contract with mortgage giant Freddie Mac shows that he was not merely a historian as he first suggested.

Romney charged during Monday night's GOP debate that the former House speaker made millions as an "influence peddler."

Romney says that companies don't spend that much money for history lessons and that Gingrich's time since leaving office has been spent trading in on his connections. Gingrich is adamant that he never lobbied.

— Associated Press

# J-School upbeat about grad program

The school has received more than 50 applications for its graduate program.

By **AUDREY DWYER**  
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Leaders in the University of Iowa School of Journalism and Mass Communication said rebranding efforts are drawing in more students for the graduate programs, despite the recent loss of accreditation for the master's program.

So far, the school has received more than 50

graduate applications for next fall's graduate program, said Lyombe Eko, an associate professor and the associate director for Academic Graduate Studies.

Last year, the school received just under 45 applications, and Eko said he expects more in the coming months.

The school offers two graduate programs — the Master of Arts in Mass Communication and a doctoral degree.

"We have more applicants by far than we can hope to accommodate," Eko said, and he has also noticed an increase in international applications.

He said he is unsure how

many the Graduate Committee will accept in the coming year. Fifteen graduate students were accepted for the fall of 2011.

The school decided to rebrand the programs and revise the curriculum after the master's program lost its accreditation in July 2011.

According to a 2009 Graduate Programs assessment, the number of applicants to the Ph.D. program hasn't fluctuated since 2004, with 19 students enrolling on average per year.

The M.A. program has seen a drop in students, with 46 enrolled in 2007 and 38 enrolled in 2009.

David Perlmutter, the director of the journalism school, said the school's rebranding efforts have affected interest in the graduate program.

"If you offer it," he said, "they will come."

The branding is focused on showcasing the school's five additional faculty members and promoting the school through more media, such as revamping the website, fliers, and international outreach.

Perlmutter said he has expanded his outreach, visiting more schools to recruit potential graduate students.

"We have a good brand,"

Eko said. "It was just never promoted."

The curriculum will also be restructured, with plans to expand course offerings in a several media areas, including new technology, social media, Internet communication, visual communication, and political communication, Eko said.

Current doctoral student in the program Kyle Moody said his interest in digital media drew him to the UI.

"... it has helped shape me as an academic and maturing individual," he wrote in an email.

The school decided to rebrand and "revitalize" the graduate program last

spring because of the program's low numbers and loss of the accreditation for the master's program, Eko said.

Eko said all costs associated with the rebranding was minimal and done by staff.

The master's program was not compliant with several standards following a peer evaluation in October 2010. The UI agreed to become compliant with the standards over the next two years.

Perlmutter said next school year should be promising.

"We expect a robust class for the fall," he said.

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POINT/COUNTERPOINT

# Parker for defensive coach?

**Yes**

It has been 44 days since the retirement of Norm Parker was announced, and the Iowa football program is still without a defensive coordinator. Throughout the nearly month and a half, many names have been bandied about for the vacant position.

But the search will end with a man already in Iowa City: Phil Parker.

He is Iowa's current defensive-back coach, he has been on the Hawkeye staff for Kirk Ferentz's entire tenure, and he served as co-defensive coordinator during Norm Parker's health-related absence in 2010.

Ferentz will likely prefer the consistency of promoting a current assistant, as opposed to bringing someone in from outside the program.

Phil Parker would probably keep many of his predecessor's schemes while adding his own touches to the Iowa defense. This would provide a smooth transition for both coaches and players. Plus the players, instead of having to acclimate to a new coach, would simply have to adapt to the minor changes installed by a familiar face.

While bringing in someone like former Penn State coach Tom Bradley or

another big name may inspire more enthusiasm among the fans, Parker would be a good choice to keep the program stable. Parker has coached players now in the NFL, including 2007 NFL Defensive Player of the Year Bob Sanders and Super Bowl-bound Tyler Sash, and his successes as defensive-back coach would translate to the entire defense.

Whether or not hiring Parker is the right move for the Iowa football program is up for debate.

But when Iowa finally announces its new defensive coordinator, it will be Phil Parker.

— by Ryan Murphy

**No**

First of all, I have nothing against Phil Parker. He has proved to be a solid coach, and it would no doubt be a nice bit of sentiment to enter the new age of Iowa football with another Parker calling the defensive plays (Phil Parker isn't related to Norm Parker, but still).

And there's no doubt in my mind Parker should stay on Kirk Ferentz's staff; his track record — the Hawkeyes were among the top 15 teams in the country in interceptions in three of the last four years — is just too good to let him go elsewhere.

But Iowa's defense was called into question almost every single week this year, so Ferentz would be better served to outsource the head job than promote Parker.

The defensive numbers in 2011 were the worst the program has seen since 2007. Opponents' points per game skyrocketed to 23.8 points, up from 17.0 in 2010 — a jump of 89 total points over the course of the season. The Hawkeyes' interception total dipped from 19 in 2010 to 10 in 2011.

The defense looked predictable this past season, especially in the Big Ten, and a new face would shake things up and keep conference foes from feasting on Iowa's old plays.

The question about a rough transition for Iowa players is moot. People come and go in sports all the time, both on the field and on the sidelines; Iowa will adjust to a new scheme, just like it had to shake things up when 75 percent of the defensive line was drafted after last season.

Of course, the longer Ferentz waits to hire someone, the more likely it becomes that Parker will take the reins as other names drop out of the market. Parker 2.0 wouldn't be the end of the world; the system has

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largely been successful for more than a decade, and Phil Parker might add enough wrinkles to keep opponents off balance.

But the Hawkeyes have lost a lot of players this off-season on both sides of the ball; it isn't reasonable to expect the defense as it is to make up for the lack of Riley Reiff, Marvin McNutt, and a proven running game.

It's time to shake things up in Iowa City.

— by Seth Roberts

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be beating the person next to you by two body lengths, but you may have two other people behind you, and you don't know how they stack up against their [competition]. Each team is put together differently;

the other teams may have their fastest people go first, last, or in the middle."

Freshman Heather Arseth, who swims the anchor leg for both the 400-freestyle and 200-medley relays, said the team's camaraderie is critical for any relay and its chances for success.

"I think the most important part is the spirit of the

team," she said. "I know when I'm on a relay with some of the older girls like Daniela [Cubelic] and Danielle [Carty], we're always cheering for each other, pumping each other up. When I'm going last, I'm saying things like, 'Come on, get me out there so I can take us home.'"

The team says it takes pride in what it does, and

Carty — who first swam for both the 200- and 400-medley relays as a freshman in 2008-09 — said being selected for a relay is one of the highest praises a swimmer can receive from the coach.

"Being chosen as one of four people to represent the team is a serious accomplishment," she said.

**IZZONE**

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game. "But if they're going to say, 'I hope you tear your ACL again,' I'm going to say something. He doesn't deserve that. We've got guys in our student section who probably say things that are out of line, too, but I'm just not taking it. If he hears that, someone's got to fight for him."

Hummel is Purdue's leading scorer at 15.4 points per game, but his shooting percentages are well below his career average. He went 0-for-11 against Michigan State and is shooting only 39.1 percent from the field this season — down from 45.9 percent coming into the 2011-12 campaign.

"It's part of the game," Hummel told reporters after the Michigan State game. "They're one of the toughest places to play in America. I could give a crap what the Izzone says."

**Beilein compares Burke with Eli Manning**

What does Michigan freshman guard Trey Burke have in common with a Super Bowl-winning quarterback?

A lot, if you ask Wolverine head coach John Beilein.

Beilein, who is in his fifth season in charge of the Maize and Blue, said he conjured images of Burke while watching Eli Manning lead the New York Giants to an NFC championship win against San



Iowa sophomore Devyn Marble drives the lane against Michigan guard Trey Burke in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Jan. 14. Michigan coach John Beilein compared Burke with New York Giant quarterback Eli Manning on Monday, citing the resiliency of both athletes. (The Daily Iowan/Christy Aumer)

Francisco on Sunday.

"His court demeanor and his practice demeanor — forget about the numbers," Beilein said during Monday's Big Ten teleconference. "I thought about that yesterday, watching Eli Manning getting knocked

down, knocked down, and the next thing you know, he's calling the audible to the next play."

Burke's 4.9 assists per game rank as the Big Ten's third-best average. He's also 12th in scoring at 14.6 points per game.

"While Trey Burke has a long way to go to get to [Manning's] category, he possesses those qualities," Beilein said. "He can bounce back in adversity, and he can stay levelheaded during times that we're playing really well."

**TRACK**

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coming from the Big 12," she said. "It was just a new experience getting to see them."

Assistant coach Scott Cappos admitted the team isn't where it would like to be right now, but he said the athletes are slowly getting better each day. He said he couldn't take away from the solid individual performances at the meet.

"It's just early in the sea-

son. We have a long way to go, but we still had a lot of great performances to be proud of," he said. "The first meet on the road against a couple of powerhouse programs makes you look a little bit worse than you actually are."

**BULLS 110, NETS 95**

**Banged-up Bulls cruise**

By **ANDREW SELIGMAN**  
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Derrick Rose and Richard Hamilton each scored 22 points to lead the banged-up Chicago Bulls to an easy 110-95 victory over the New Jersey Nets on Monday.

Hamilton set season highs in points and assists (10). Rose added 8 assists and hung with Deron Williams after missing four games with a sprained left big toe.

Joakim Noah chipped in with 16 points and 10 rebounds, and the Bulls made it look easy, cruising to their fourth-straight win even though they're hardly a picture of health at the moment. They still turned in an impressive performance.

Rose seemed hobbled at times but was able to stick with one of the game's best point guards, hours after he said the injury could be an issue the rest of the season.

He got plenty of help from Hamilton, who delivered one of his best performances as a Bull.

Noah came up big, too, after missing a game with a sprained left ankle. Carlos Boozer had 14 points and 9 rebounds, and Ronnie Brewer (11 points) filled in nicely with Luol Deng sidelined by a sprained left wrist.

Williams had 16 points and 10 assists for New Jersey. Jordan Farmar scored 22. Anthony Morrow added 15 points, but the Nets simply were simply overwhelmed playing their third game in as many nights.

The Bulls led by as much as 17 in the first half and went to the locker room up 59-43 with Rose and Hamilton leading the way.

Rose scored 14 in the half even though he appeared to be hobbling a bit. That didn't stop him from hitting two 3-pointers in the half, from finding Hamilton with a neat feed for an alley-oop lay-up in the first quarter, or from wrapping two breakaway dunks around a steal during one 15-second stretch in the second quarter, although he went up

easy on those jams.

Hamilton was active from the start, whether he was converting lay-ups or burying jumpers. Brewer provided an early spark, too, with 9 points in the first quarter, and even seldom-used backup Brian Scalabrine had his moments in the first half.

That included a neat driving reverse lay-up and feed from underneath to Omer Asik for another lay-up.

The Bulls did all that even though they were missing one of their best players in Deng, who was injured Jan. 22 and might miss a few more games. Coach Tom Thibodeau said he's day-to-day and didn't completely rule out surgery, even though he doesn't think it will be necessary.

He said Deng is "still consulting some doctors." Losing him for an extended period would be a big blow, but the Bulls believe they have enough depth to overcome injuries.

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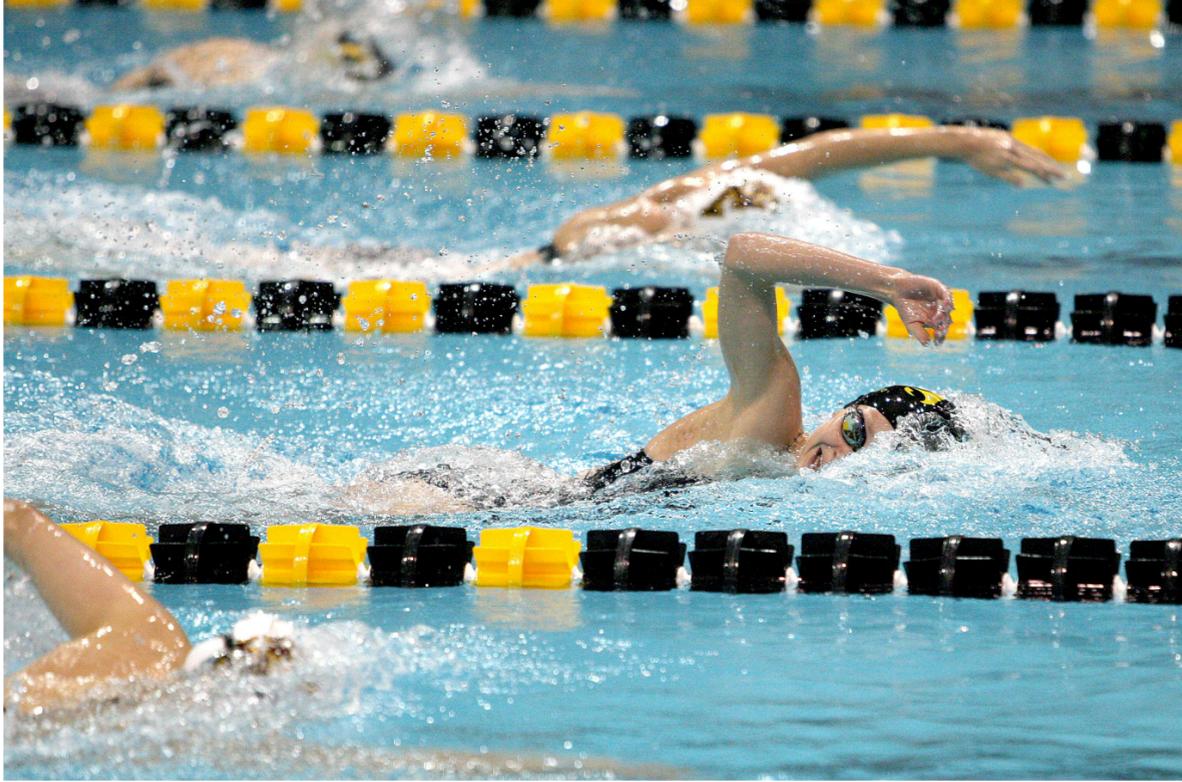
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## POINT/COUNTERPOINT

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# Inside the swimmers' relay



Iowa sophomore Emily Hovren swims the 200 freestyle against Minnesota in the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center on Nov. 4, 2011. Hovren is part of the Hawkeye 400-freestyle relay team that has won five of its eight races this season. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

The Iowa women's 400-freestyle team won five of its eight races this year.

By **TORK MASON**  
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Relay races are arguably among the most exciting events at swimming meets for fans who crave drama.

But what's the relay experience like for the athletes competing? Do they share in the excitement, or must they remain focused on the task at hand?

Can there be a right answer to that question?

The answer lies somewhere in the middle for members of the Iowa women's 400-freestyle team, which has won five of its eight races this season and placed second in all three losses.

"It's really important to stay focused," senior captain Daniela Cubelic said. "I always like to watch the swimmers in the water, just because it gets me really excited. But you always want to focus on your own race; you want to save your oxygen and not be yelling before your race."

But Emily Hovren said there can be a little room for yelling, although the sophomore admitted swimmers have to be careful about how much they shout.

"It's really challenging not to get up there and scream your heart out, getting [your

teammates] going," she said. "Some screaming, yelling, and cheering them on is good. But then you have to buckle down and get ready. It just comes down to experience when knowing where to draw that line."

Senior captain Danielle Carty said another important aspect for a successful relay team is trust.

"When the person in front of you is coming into the wall, you have to trust that they aren't going to take an extra stroke and that what we do in practices and duals is what we're going to do in championship season," she said. "It

just comes down to being confident in who's on your team."

Hovren echoed that, saying she has to realize her teammates are going to do their part, and she has to focus on doing hers.

That trust is something all team members must have, she said, and they have to keep it in mind when they're in the water with their team counting on them.

"It's not just you out there," Hovren said.

"No matter who you're racing, you have to make sure you're giving your all-out effort," Cubelic said. "You may

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## BIG TEN NOTEBOOK

# Knee talk raises some hackles

Tom Izzo agreed with Matt Painter and said the Izzone was out of line on Jan. 21 during the Michigan State-Purdue game.

By **JORDAN GARRETSON**  
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Coaches often talk about ignoring outside distractions, but Purdue's Matt Painter took issue with words from one member of the Michigan State student section on Jan. 21.

The Boilermaker head coach was involved in a verbal exchange with the "Izzone" after his team's 83-58 loss to the Spartans. Painter was upset after hearing someone shout for Purdue forward Robbie Hummel to tear his ACL a third time.

Izzo confirmed the injury-related heckling at his weekly press conference Monday, the *Lansing State Journal* reported. Like Painter, the dean of Big Ten coaches wasn't happy about the incident.

The Spartan head coach said he plans on emailing students to "let them know how big of an impact one idiot can have on a bunch of good people."

"Would I love to see that kid and tell him what I think of who he is and what he is? Yeah, I would," Izzo said. "I mean, it's below the belt when a guy's battled through two knee injuries, and you say something about his knee. It's just uncalled for, it's ridiculous. So if that made Matt Painter mad, I completely understand."

Hummel, a redshirt senior, suffered his first ACL tear in final weeks of the 2009-10 regular season. The injury derailed the then-24-3 Boilermakers' Final Four hopes. He re-tore the same ACL that October and missed the entire next season.

"I think the Izzone is great," Painter said at a press conference following Saturday's



**Hummel**  
Purdue forward

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## Derby transfers to Coffeyville

Former Iowa quarterback and linebacker A.J. Derby has officially transferred to Coffeyville Junior College, according to the *Des Moines Register*.

Derby is now enrolled at the school, located in Coffeyville, Kan.

The Iowa City native began his college career as a quarterback in the spring of 2010, and he moved to linebacker during this past season.



**Derby**  
former quarterback

Derby completed 3-of-6 passes for 30 yards in his short Iowa stint and recorded one tackle on special teams.

By transferring to a junior college, Derby can both commit to a Football Bowl Subdivision or Football Championship Series school and play immediately in 2013. The City High product would have two years of eligibility remaining.

Derby had numerous Division-I offers coming out of high school — including ones from Alabama, Florida, and Wisconsin — but chose his hometown college instead.

Coffeyville plays in the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference; it was 6-4 in 2011. The Red Ravens have an immediate opening at quarterback.

— by Matt Cozzi

## Hawks offer men's hoops ticket package

The Iowa basketball program will offer UI students a special ticket package that will cover the rest of the Hawkeyes' regular-season home games, according to a release.

The "6-for-5" package includes a student ticket for each of Iowa's final home contests, starting with Thursday's game against Nebraska. Those that buy the \$50 package will also be guaranteed a free seat for Iowa's game against Minnesota on Feb. 1.

The package includes tickets to Iowa's Feb. 4 game against Penn State, at which the program will honor the silver anniversary of its 1986-87 Elite Eight team, its Feb. 19 showdown with Indiana, the Feb. 23 game against Wisconsin, and the final home game of the year, on March 3 against Northwestern.

Interested students can place their orders either at the UI Athletics Ticket Office in Carver-Hawkeye Arena, or at the Iowa Memorial Union on Wednesday.

The Hawkeyes (11-9, 3-4 Big Ten) are 9-5 at home this season, including a 75-59 blowout win over then-No. 13 Michigan on Jan. 14.

— by Seth Roberts

# Tracksters off their game

The Hawkeyes said they're optimistic after facing real competition.

By **CODY GOODWIN**  
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Iowa's results from the Adidas Classic in Lincoln, Neb. last week weren't normal.

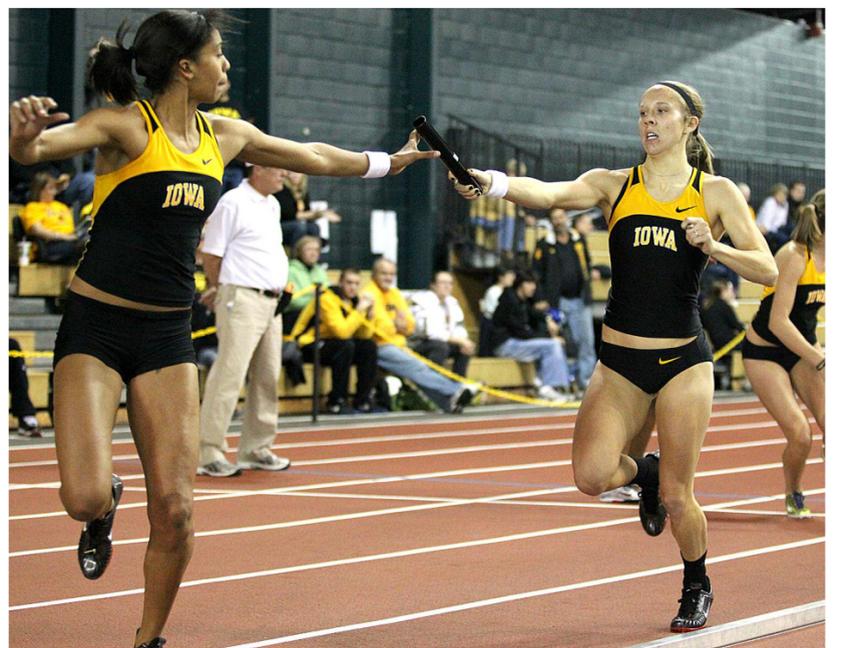
The Hawkeye women's track and field team is used to dominating performances, setting records, and — above all else — winning. But when the Adidas Classic rolled around, those same tracksters didn't post the results they grew accustomed to during the early part of the season.

Compared with the 12 individual event winners from the season-opening New Years Classic, the Hawkeyes only brought home two winners from Lincoln this past weekend. Those two — Nicole Erickson in the 600 meters and Mareike Schrulle in the mile — led Iowa to a third-place finish, helping the team tally 98 points. That was 19 points behind second-place Houston and more than 100 behind the meet champion Cornhuskers.

So what happened? "We seem to think there may have been some intensity lacking," head coach Layne Anderson said. "There were some areas where we were a tad bit off — but we'll get there."

Anderson said the coaches took some of the responsibility when it came to preparing their athletes.

"We try to get them to



Iowa senior Nicole Erickson hands the baton to sophomore Raven Moore during the women's 4x400-meter relay during the team's intrasquad meet last December. Erickson took first place in the 600 meters in the Adidas Classic last weekend. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

understand you may not always feel great, but you still have to line up and compete," he said.

One point he also made was the absence of certain key athletes. Many of the distance runners were coming off of the cross-country season at the start of the indoor track campaign. Anderson said training varies between the track and cross-country and that some women needed time to adjust to the different terrain.

This was true of senior Betsy Flood, who made her season debut in Lincoln and crossed the finish line in third place in the mile.

Two more Hawkeye ath-

letes continue to sit on the sidelines with injuries. Freshman Kayla Beattie, who was a junior national champion and Pan-Am champion in both the 3,000 and 5,000 meters, has sat out with a heel injury. Anderson said Beattie would have only run the mile had she been healthy, but that could have added as many as 10 points to Iowa's score.

The other injured athlete is Ashley Liverpool, a returning Big Ten runner-up in the 400 meters a year ago. Had Beattie and Liverpool both notched first-place finishes, the resulting 20 team points

would have vaulted Iowa into second at the meet.

While it would have undoubtedly been nice to have the duo back, many of the healthy athletes attributed the disappointing outing to possible nerves.

"We did well in some areas, but we could've done better in others," Erickson said. "It was our first big meet against big competition. We went in with the wrong mindset."

Erickson also pointed out the meet's location and that it was the Hawkeyes' first meet away from the Recreation Building this season.

"Nebraska's a new team,

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