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Egyptian protesters chant slogans on Tuesday while gathering in Cairo's Tahrir Square in preparation to mark the first anniversary of the revolution today. Egypt's military ruler on Tuesday decreed a partial lifting of the nation's hated emergency laws. (Associated Press/Khalil Hamra)

# One year later, Egypt moves on

Locals voice cautious optimism over progress made since the beginning of the Arab Spring a year ago.

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University of Iowa students offered mixed reactions to Egypt's progress since citizens there rebelled a year ago.

Egyptian and senior Amr El-bokl was taking classes at the UI when the protests began. El-bokl said he became more concerned about his family's safety in Egypt as the violence grew.

"My dad and brother had to

sit outside of our house all day and night to protect the house from [looters]," he said. "I was worried about my family, who couldn't go to work."

Though the revolution was a positive step for the country, he said, there is still a lot more progress to be made.

"[Today] should be a day to celebrate because it marks the first day the people had a voice against the dictating president," he said. "But the revolu-

tion needs to continue, because I've always been against military rule. It's not what I want for my country and my people, because it goes against everything I believe in."

Egypt wasn't the first Arab country to protest against the government — Tunisians had begun their revolt a few weeks earlier.

Egypt's revolt had a larger

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# Police can't investigate robbery

The victim's roommate said the victim was unable to clearly identify his attackers and chose not to contact police.

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Law-enforcement authorities will not investigate an alleged knife-point robbery near the University of Iowa campus unless the victim reports the incident to police, officials said Tuesday.

The alleged victim — a UI student — was reportedly walking back to his room in the Mayflower Residence Hall around 1:25 a.m. Sunday when he was robbed at knife-point by three men.

A friend of the alleged victim, who asked to remain nameless, said he found him lying in bed, "clearly in pain."

"He was walking back from Burge by the frats," the victim's friend said. "Three guys in hoods blindsided him, threw him to the ground, and kicked him in the ribs. He also had a cut by his ribs, but not too deep. The patterns almost looked like they were from a fork."

UI spokesman Tom Moore said UI officials decided to release the warning on the school's website rather than run a HawkAlert because the alert is meant for immediate danger. Timely warnings, he said, inform students about recent incidents that are not emergency situations.

"The police were notified," he said. "Word got passed along, and at that point, it did not appear to be an ongoing threat. Not to minimize the experience of the victim; he was clearly the victim of violence."

The alleged robbery occurred two days after an alleged sexual assault near the Becker Communication Studies Building.

The victim's friend said he and other

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# Dolan seeks GOP nod



Dan Dolan, a Republican candidate in Iowa's 2nd Congressional District, speaks to John and Sue Lind at the Coralville Public Library on Tuesday. Dolan is focusing his campaign on job creation. (The Daily Iowan/Melissa Wilson)

Dan Dolan will run against John Archer to challenge Rep. Dave Loebsack in the 2nd Congressional District.

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One GOP U.S. House hopeful signaled Tuesday his campaign will largely focus on economic issues this year.

"As someone who is in business ... I've started businesses from scratch at the kitchen table and grown them," Dan Dolan said to a small crowd at

the Coralville Library Tuesday evening. "My concern is for the people who are going to come after me... I feel like we are choking off the opportunity [for the next generation.]"

The Muscatine native hopes to challenge Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, as a Republican in the 2nd Congressional District. Dolan said he wants to

focus on job creation and deficit reduction, and he wants to create domestic energy policy.

But a University of Iowa expert said Iowa's job levels will not be as large an issue in the upcoming election, because Iowa's unemployment rates are much lower than the rest of the nation.

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# Obama to visit CR factory

Conveyor Engineering and Manufacturing began in 1977.

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Several experts say President Obama's visit to the Conveyor Engineering and Manufacturing company in Cedar Rapids today may be motivated by a push for job creation.

"Our unemployment rates were well lower than the national average before it did go up, but it still was not as much as the national average," said John Solow, a University of Iowa associate professor of economics. "It's improving, and Iowa is in better shape than other states are."

In December, Iowa's unemployment levels Union address.



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effect, however, said UI political-science Professor Vicki Hesli, because of its size, military, and regional power.

The two countries were among the first in a series of anti-government movements that spread throughout the region. The mass uprisings were soon labeled the Arab Spring.

Mubarak eventually stepped down, and Egypt has fought to rebuild since.

“The changes in Egypt in the past year have ramifications for the entire Middle Eastern region,” Hesli said. “We’re beginning to see incremental movement toward reform in places

**Egypt**

**Election results for the lower house of parliament:**

- Muslim Brotherhood (fundamentalist): 47 percent of seats
- Al-Nour party (conservative): 25 percent of seats
- Wafd (secular): 9 percent of seats
- Revolution Continues (liberal): 2 percent of seats

Source: Associated Press

such as Saudi Arabia, Jordan, and Israel.”

One UI senior who witnessed the revolution said he wishes the removal of the military’s power in the country would move faster.

Dan Olinghouse witnessed the protests at Tahrir Square when he was in Egypt to study last year.

“I saw people fighting for

things that we have in the U.S that we often take for granted,” he said. The protests became too dangerous, however, and Olinghouse was sent back to the United States two weeks after he arrived.

“I’m totally in support of the revolution, but as it stands now, there is still a lot of progress to be made,” he said.

Hesli said Egypt’s progress has been relatively peaceful compared with past revolutions.

“I think Egypt is making remarkable progress, in particular with regard to the free and fair elections that have brought the political party associated with the Muslim Brotherhood such a large number of seats in Parliament — especially considering the problems that the country

faces in terms of poverty and history of authoritarianism.”

Egyptian UI sophomore Abdullah Azkalany echoed Hesli’s outlook.

“I don’t think another revolt is necessary at all,” he said. “I think we’re on the right track.”

Egyptians have achieved what the country has not seen in a long time, he said.

“There is much less apathy with the Egyptian people now,” he said. “Before, if Egyptian citizens questioned Mubarak or the government, they’d disappear the next day, and God knows what happened to them. But now, people are more courageous to say what they want to say; the fear is finally gone.”

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students in Mayflower later informed resident assistants of the alleged robbery. Another resident then drove the victim to the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

The victim was released from UIHC at around 5 a.m. Sunday with “no permanent damage,” his friend said.

The victim’s friend

expressed surprise that such a crime was committed on a street as busy as Dubuque Street.

“We’ve been talking to people on our floor,” he said. “We need buddy systems. Even on busy streets, it’s better to have someone with you.”

Because the victim did not report the alleged assault to police, the Iowa City and University of Iowa police are not investigating the incident.

Charles Green, the assistant vice president for the UI police, said the delay

between the incident and when the police were notified could have damaged the integrity of any possible investigation.

“He didn’t go to the police at all,” he said. “Which further complicates this instance. We haven’t had the opportunity to talk to the person.”

Green also said the type of warning and how warnings are presented depend on each specific case as well as the reliability of information given to him — which, in the case of this robbery, was secondhand.

“We need to be very judicious with timely warnings and HawkAlerts,” he said.

Green advised students to avoid walking alone, especially late at night, and to avoid doing anything that could close them off from their surroundings — such as listening to portable music players or walking after consuming alcohol.

“You never think it would happen to you,” he said. “I remember I felt invulnerable when I was young.”

**PRESIDENT**

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dropped to 5.6 percent — lower than the national rate of 8.5 percent, according to the Iowa Workforce Development.

Obama’s visit to the factory — which mainly produces stainless-steel equipment for food and grain industries — will launch a five-state, three-day tour.

“A key factor in our suc-

cess has been the general work ethic in this area and state,” said Graig Cone, the plant’s co-owner. “I think Iowa work ethic is very high ... and this is just a prime area for our company, and I think that’s why we have been successful.”

The company employs 80 workers from around the Cedar Rapids area, Cone said. The equipment is mainly used by companies in the food and ethanol industry both statewide and across the nation.

Frederick Boehmke, a UI associate professor of political science, said there may

be other reasons for Obama to begin his tour in Iowa.

“Iowa extended a lot of attention from the caucuses,” he said. “It’s something somewhat symbolic to come back to Iowa since Iowa successfully jump-started his campaign four years ago.”

Boehmke said presidents often use the State of the Union Address to lay out their agenda for the remaining term and re-election.

“The timing is just a reflection of the symbolic beginning of his re-election campaign,” he said.

And choosing this business in particular may be a way to highlight manufacturing jobs, Boehmke said.

Economically, Iowa has not suffered as severely from the recession in comparison with other states, Solow said. The economy is getting better — just not very quickly.

“The biggest question is maintaining economic growth and accelerating economic growth so that the economy comes out of the recession and so that unemployment drops and people return to jobs,” he said.

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**Dolan**

**Dan Dolan said he plans to run on a few key issues:**

- Job creation
- Deficit reduction
- Domestic energy policies

Source: Dan Dolan

“Jobs are what everyone is going to be talking about,” political-science Associate Professor Cary Covington said. “It is less compelling than in Iowa, but [unemployment] is still higher than we are used to.”

Iowa had an unemployment rate of 5.6 percent as of December 2011, compared with 8.5 percent unemployment nationally, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Johnson County has an unemployment rate of 4.2 percent, according to statistics from the Iowa Workforce Development.

Dolan said creating jobs can be helped with capital gained by deregulating banks.

“The pendulum has swung too far,” he said. “We look at the banking regulations, the way they have changed ... and it just doesn’t make any sense. It almost seems like a Paul Revere moment. I’ll get calls saying, ‘The regulators are coming, the regulators are coming,’ and I say, ‘Stand up to them.’”

Dolan has owned Dan Dolan Homes for almost 20 years — a business spanning Davenport, Muscatine, Blue Grass, Clinton, LeClaire, and Iowa City, according to his campaign website.

He emphasized the importance of budgets for



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both business owners and politicians.

“We need a budget,” he said. “I am sure everyone in this room has a budget, whether it be in your head or on a computer.”

Dolan will compete for the Republican nomination against John Archer in the state June 5. The winner of the Republican nomination will go on to challenge Loeb sack in November.

Brian Fritsch, Loeb sack’s political director said regardless of the opponent, Loeb sack will run a campaign similar to the ones he has in the past.

“Right now, Dave is focused on what Iowans care most about — creating good jobs and investing in a sound economic future,” Fritsch wrote in an email.

“I’m confident that Mr. Dolan will also run a spirited race, and we look forward to engaging him on the issues.”

Iowa City residents Sue and John Lind, who attended the Dolan event, said they attended to oppose Loeb sack.

“We need people in the House and Senate who understand the dilemma our country is in,” John Lind said.

Loeb sack is serving his third term in the U.S. House. Being a member of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, he is running on platforms including job creation, grade- and high-school education, and training for Iowa workers, according to his website.

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**BLOTTER**

**Fermin Lagos**, 18, 2401 Highway 6 E., was charged Monday with PAULA, keeping a disorderly house and interference with official acts.  
**Melanie Lawson**, 21, 109 E. Prentiss St., was charged Tuesday with public intoxication.

**Stephanie Pipkin**, 25, Coralville, was charged Tuesday with fifth-degree theft.  
**Barbara Rife**, 53, 34 Navajo Trail, was charged Monday with fifth-degree theft.  
**Travis Schaapveld**, 23, 2127 Kountry Lane, was charged Jan.

19 with possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver and possessiof drug paraphernalia.  
**Matthew Shultz**, 27, 333 S. Gilbert St., was charged Jan. 12 with providing tobacco products to a minor.

**James Stauner**, 22, 317 N. Lucas St., was charged Tuesday with public intoxication.  
**Sunday Walker**, 33, 2127 Kountry Lane, was charged Jan. 19 with possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver and possession of drug paraphernalia.

# IC red-light cameras closer

City councilors approved a second consideration of the proposed red-light-camera ordinance on a 4-3 vote Tuesday night.

By KRISTEN EAST  
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Many residents aren't happy that the Iowa City City Council is one step closer to giving red-light cameras the green light.

Several spoke in opposition to the ordinance, which would install red-light cameras at 10 different intersections in the city.

"You start to believe it's your job to protect the people," Blake Whitten, a University of Iowa statistics lecturer, told councilors. "Red-light cameras are ... intended to monitor us electronically. There is essentially no end to busy-body laws."

Councilors are almost evenly split on the issue — they voted 4-3 in support of the technology during the proposal's second consideration Tuesday night.

Councilors Connie Champion, Michelle Payne, and Jim Throgmorton opposed the measure.

"These camera companies are making a fortune," Champion said.

Throgmorton said there's still a bit of research that needs to be done.

"The main thing that induces me to vote 'no' is that I'm aware of a substantial amount of literature that red-light cameras can increase the number of rear-end collisions," he said.



Traffic moves through the intersection of Clinton and Burlington Streets on Nov. 15, 2010. On Tuesday evening, the City Council on a 4-3 vote approved traffic-light cameras for a second time. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

The red-light cameras would be one of several city laws restricting residents — including curfews and the 21-ordinance — said Whitten and other community members.

Only one supported the ordinance, saying the cameras would increase safety at busy intersections.

City Council has received an onslaught of correspondence — both favoring and opposed to the red-light cameras — since its first consideration of the ordinance Jan. 10. Councilors are required to consider ordinances three times before they can be passed.

Several Iowa City officials said red-light cameras will increase the safety of both pedestrians and motorists.

Police Chief Sam Hargadine said the cameras' main purpose would be to prevent crashes and increase pedestrian safety rather than catching violators. He cited Iowa City police surveys that found red lights at some intersections are run up to 300 times per day.

"With [the University of Iowa], we've got about 30,000 pedestrians around," he said. "When you have that dense num-

ber of pedestrians and with that number of people [running red lights], that's an unsafe condition."

Cities such as Cedar Rapids, which use the technology, have found that red-light cameras promote voluntary compliance with the law, Hargadine said.

"That's what it's all about," he said. "If people voluntarily comply with existing traffic laws, then we're open to reduce the number of crashes."

Iowa City transportation planner John Yapp said drivers would be less likely to run red lights at intersections if they weren't sure about a camera's presence.

"From a safety perspective, cameras reduce red-light-running collisions and overall collisions," he said. "People have more of an expectation that when the light goes red, people will actually stop. That helps both motorists and pedestrians."

City councilors will vote on the third and final consideration of the ordinance at their next meeting, Feb. 21. A shorter work session will be held before the meeting to address public comments.

## METRO

### Man charged with forgery, ID theft

An Iowa City man has been charged with identity theft and forgery.

According to Iowa City police, Pablo Gomez, 25, 500 Second Ave., allegedly received a check in the mail addressed to someone else. Gomez allegedly endorsed it with the person's name and made it payable to himself, cashing it into his account at the Hills Bank in Iowa City, the report said.

Gomez later admitted to a bank employee he had cashed the check, valued at \$555, the report said. Police said Gomez later admitted to police he had forged the check.

Forgery and identity theft are a Class D felonies punishable by up to five years in jail and a maximum fine of \$7,500. Third-degree theft is an aggravated misdemeanor punishable by up to two years in jail and a maximum fine of \$6,250.

— by Conrad Swanson

### Man charged with sexual abuse

An Iowa City man is being charged with sexually abusing two underage girls.

According to Iowa City police, Brice Widstrom, 20, 628 N. Linn St., allegedly provided a 15-year-old girl with vodka on Oct. 27, 2011, until she became intoxicated and then proceeded to have sex with her. The report said Widstrom knew the girl was 15-years-old.

Widstrom is also charged with allegedly providing a different 15-year-old girl with marijuana and synthetic drugs on Dec. 17, 2011, and proceeded to have sex with her numerous times, again knowing that she was 15-years-old, the report said.

Third-degree sexual abuse is a Class C felony, punishable by up to 10 years in jail and a maximum fine of \$10,000.

— by Conrad Swanson

### Council changes PAULA ratio

Iowa City restaurants will face tighter policies regarding the PAULA ratio and 21-ordinance exceptions.

The Iowa City City Council voted 7-0 to pass a resolution

setting the PAULA ratio — which compares the number of PAULAs given at an establishment to the number of police visits — at 0.25 Tuesday.

Other implemented policies include defining a "bar check," setting an audit deposit amount at \$2,500, and limiting establishments to one "new business" exception every year.

City Attorney Eleanor Dilkes said the ratio is fair.

"It's a reasonable standard that a true restaurant should not have any difficulty meeting," she said.

Establishments with an entertainment exemption previously had to meet a 0.5 PAULA ratio. In November, *The Daily Iowan* reported no establishments with entertainment exemptions had a PAULA ratio above 0.25.

Kelly Bender, the University of Iowa coordinator of campus community harm-reduction initiative, said the Partnership for Alcohol Safety and various bar and restaurant owners are hopeful about the changes.

"They're feeling optimistic that it's going to be beneficial in changing practices," Bender said. "These really are recommendations that were initiated by bar owners who want to play by the rules."

— by Kristen East

### Council moves ahead with water project

Iowa City officials will spend roughly \$40 million to revamp the wastewater-treatment facilities.

The Iowa City City Council approved design details for the Wastewater Treatment Facilities Consolidation Project Tuesday.

The north plant, 1000 S. Clinton St., will be eliminated, and all wastewater-treatment operations will be transferred to the south plant, 4366 Napoleon St. S.E.

City officials said the north-plant site will eventually be converted into green space as part of the Riverfront Crossings District.

The councilors approved the project on a 7-0 vote.

— by Kristen East

### Man charged with indecent exposure

An Indianapolis man has been charged with indecent exposure.

Robert Renzi, 22, allegedly unzipped his pants and pulled out his penis while "masturbating" and swinging his hips around in the Vine, 330 E. Prentiss St., on Tuesday.

The alleged events took place after after Vine employees had asked Renzi to leave the business.

According to Iowa City police, Renzi showed signs of intoxication including slurred speech, poor balance and poor judgement. Renzi also admitted to drinking alcohol, the report said.

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

— by Conrad Swanson

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## Editorial

## New UI writing certificate can be very valuable

Some might argue English is slowly dying, but it's not dead. The University of Iowa is trying to do its part in reviving a language perpetually plagued by txtspk, curse words, and improper use of semicolons.

The UI has a reputation for literary excellence. Historically, Iowa City has maintained the its stature as a UNESCO City of Literature — the only one in North America — and the Iowa Writers' Workshop has bred world-famous authors since its creation in 1936.

This year, the university's incorporation of a writing certificate will give all students — not just those studying English — the opportunity to capitalize on all that the university has to offer. The certificate's availability to all students reflects an admirable and intelligent mindset on the part of the university administration.

The writing certificate plays to the UI's strengths, providing added value to an increasingly expensive degree. Those seeking a degree classically devoid of literature — whether it be business, engineering, or computer science — will have a chance to differentiate themselves in the workforce with a certificate from the literary mecca of the Western Hemisphere.

The institution of the new certificate program is a promising cry against a stark and unrelenting truth: Universities' emphasis on science and mathematics at a national level has become a potent reality, swinging literary prowess to the academic back seat.

The progression of society as a whole is reflected most apparently in the nation's systems of education; as technological advancement becomes increasingly sophisticated, the focus on literacy begins to dwindle.

Studies suggest that literacy in the traditional sense is failing. In an evaluation of the literacy-related habits and aptitude of the general American public, the National Endowment for the Arts discovered a disturbing trend: The average American seldom reads and comprehends little.

What's more disturbing, the findings reveal that while reading and comprehension is traditionally aligned quite directly with the college education, the percentage of college graduates who read actively has declined. The agency's study, fittingly titled "To Read or Not to Read," suggests another contradiction to a common belief: Reading and writing skills are, in fact, quite necessary and increasingly marketable.

According to the report, for four-year graduates, writing in English is the skill most commonly per-

ceived as "very important" by employers at 90 percent. Reading comprehension ranked third out of five. Math and science were fourth and fifth, respectively.

But even as important as these skills seem to be employers, the same survey found that most new employees were deficient in these areas. Only 35 percent of corporate employers reported that the majority of their new employees possess this skill — providing those seeking a UI writing certificate an eventual upper hand in a competitive workforce.

While the top-earning degrees continued to be dominated by the field of engineering, the perceived importance of English-language proficiency continues to falter — resulting in a waves of hopeful job-seekers missing a key skill. Of course, the debate between science and the liberal arts is nothing new.

Consider C.P. Snow's notable 1959 lecture "The Two Cultures," in which the British scientist-novelist argues that the ideals and strategies of the Western world as a whole are constantly pitted in the paralysis of a rather imminent paradox: Modern intellectualism is split between the humanities and the sciences. Snow argued, most famously, that this is academic divide is no good. With an emphasis on the sciences comes, ultimately, a loss of culture and a decrease in critical thinking skills, specifically in relation to communicative comprehension.

"Technology is ... a queer thing. It brings you gifts with one hand and stabs you in the back with the other," Snow said.

In an increasingly technology- and science-driven world, the prospect of a program that allows for a diverse student body, made up of hundreds of majors and minors, to indulge and specialize in the art of writing is a refreshing one.

In a city that for generations has prided itself on its standing as an international literary mecca, increasing the availability of literature-related resources is a progressive and much-needed stride.

In order to preserve its reputation as a beacon of hope for the maintenance of literature and the humanities as an important pillar of the American education, the university should continue to not only create such programs but continually improve and invest in them.

Your turn. Is an English degree worth the money?  
Weigh in at [dailyi-owan.com](http://dailyi-owan.com).

Unaware?  
Unengaged?  
Uncool.By ADAM B SULLIVAN  
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We have a rule in journalism that if you're not a public figure and you're not breaking the law, we'll mostly leave you alone.

The idea is that private citizens, minding their own business, don't likely deserve widely publicized criticism. But in a democracy — where a patient, dedicated 51 percent of people can do almost anything they want to the other 49 — it might be OK to bash minding-their-own-business private citizens.

That's why things such as Tuesday's On The Street in *The Daily Iowan* frustrate me so much. We asked four students on campus whether they planned to watch Tuesday night's State of the Union address. If you missed that, here's what they had to say: "I'll definitely go online and read a summary of it. I don't have a TV."

That's mostly reasonable, but there is a livestream online. And it's always best to hear things from the source rather than reading about someone else's account of them.

"No, I have other stuff like homework to do."

It only takes an hour to watch the debate, and I'm not sure what "other stuff" might consist of.

"No, I won't have time or I'll forget."

Well, which is it? If you don't have time, it won't matter if you forgot. And if you forgot, it won't matter if you had time. Sounds like a fake excuse to be disengaged.

And here's my favorite:

"No, because I have shows I want to watch."

She gets points for honesty, I guess, but this is a very weak excuse.

(Luckily for these sources' employment and academic prospects, their quotes in Tuesday's feature aren't searchable online and I won't name them here.)

Certainly the four kids we found standing around in a residence hall who were willing to have their picture taken aren't a representative sample of anything, but as more anecdotal evidence, these types of comments are what I see when I talk to my non-

*Daily Iowan* friends (I, uh, still have a couple of those, I think) about the issues of the day. Young people can't be bothered, it seems, to govern themselves.

Indeed, a 2010 study from Marist College showed that while 74 percent of Americans can identify the country from which the United States declared independence in 1776, only 60 percent of 18- to 29-year-olds could do so.

One might argue people's choice to be historically ignorant and civically disengaged is their own. They're only hurting themselves, one might suppose.

But this is a democracy. No matter how little you know about the American Revolution or how few presidential addresses you watch, you're still allowed to vote. And voting means you're making decisions about my money, my body, and my life.

So a laissez-faire approach to apathy and ignorance shouldn't be acceptable. A college student ignoring current events isn't just a college student ignoring current events. It's the part ruler of a country ignoring current events. You have the right to get upset about that. ■

## Letter

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## Legalize the respite from my depression

I am all for the legalization of marijuana.

I've suffered from chronic depression for all of my life and have been prescribed many drugs over the years. These drugs have done nothing but make matters worse in the long run.

Marijuana in the past has eased the depression and mood swings without any side effects. I currently do not have any access to the plant, but I wish to lend my support to

legalization in any way possible.

If there is anyone I can contact or support, please let me know.

Geoffrey Steven Kunkler  
Iowa City resident

## Column

## Early Iowa caucuses preserve the classic campaign



By BENJAMIN EVANS

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Choirs of dissenters sing their displeasure at the Iowa Republican Party for its inefficiency with the delayed release of the final results of the caucuses, which finally declared former Sen. Rick Santorum as the official winner. Many pointed to the dying and archaic caucus system as the reason for the confusion, while others pointed fingers at Matt Strawn, the chairman of the Iowa Republican Party, for the delay.

But the fault of the confusion surrounding the

Iowa Republican Party's official declaration of Santorum as the winner does not lie with the GOP but with the confusion of what the Iowa caucuses really mean for presidential-nomination candidates and for Iowa: It's not about the number of votes or the delegates distributed — it's about the rigorous process allowing the weak to become polished and the strong to be challenged.

With the aftermath of University of Iowa Professor Stephen Bloom's bitterly reflective piece in *The Atlantic*, mixed with the state's single, highlighting moment in the national political arena, the cocktail of stoic pride and heightened self-consciousness intoxicated Iowans during

the caucus season. Seemingly, people forgot what politics in Iowa really is: the chance to make something out of nothing, perhaps better characterized as the American Dream.

The romantic, perhaps idealistic notion of a poor peanut farmer becoming president of the United States through the means of the political climate bred in our state is unrealistic. Of course there is always money and adaptation of ideologies to suit our specific brand, but there is one thing an ill-funded, media-starved candidate cannot manufacture: name recognition.

Ask any political scientist, and she or he will describe in simple terms the supreme importance of

name recognition in elections: the common sense adage explaining the relative success of such candidates as Rep. Ron Paul, Ralph Nader, and Stephen Colbert. The more a person recognizes the name of a candidate, the more likely the person is to vote for him — the reason a poll by Public Policy Polling found Colbert would rake in 13 percent of the vote in a third-party bid for president next to President Obama and Mitt Romney. No one really knows his policies, but they know his name.

Iowa supplies the stage for small candidates, such as Santorum and Obama in 2008, to become powerhouses in their respective races. Before the Iowa cau-

ses in 2008, Hillary Rodham Clinton was thought by the majority of the Democratic Party to be the presumptive nominee, but as Obama spoke one-on-one at homes and rallies in Iowa, his grass-roots base become more enthusiastic and his name more pronounced, leading to his eventual caucus victory.

The Iowa caucuses give prospective nominees a chance to fine-tune their campaigns, streamlining their processes, while still maintaining the grass-roots skills they need to win a general election. It is a dress rehearsal for the national stage. Certain candidates' performances in debates and on-camera slanders leading up to the caucuses proved complete-

ly necessary to the success of each campaign.

In Iowa, each drop of sweat perspired by a candidate is a vote, with TV spots and handshakes being equally powerful. Iowa is the great equalizer in the realm of Super PACs and frontloading, giving each candidate an equal chance to make a name for themselves. The caucuses are not as much about the exact number of votes a candidate gets, but which candidates get the votes.

Iowans need to achieve a level of comfort with the idea articulated crudely by Jon Huntsman: Iowans do not pick presidents. We train them.

You must learn from the mistakes of others. You can't possibly live long enough to make them all yourself.

- Sam Levenson

# Daily Break

## the ledge

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### Things I Learned During the Internet Blackout:

- The sky is blue.
- Putting one foot in front of the other and falling forward is called "walking."
- The temperature outside changes.
- Oh, yeah, there's an outside.
- There's programming on TV that is regulated according to some sort of arbitrary schedule imposed by someone at a "station" and interrupted every few minutes by a series of pop-up ads that can't be closed.
- Books are heavy, bulky, and take forever when loading the next page.
- You totally have to censor your eye-rolls and disgusted outbursts when talking to someone face-to-face.
- Your wireless keyboard doesn't manipulate real people like it does the Sims.
- Magazines and newspapers cost money.
- Restaurants don't have progress bars to let you know your food's ETA. (But they should.)
- They have movies in theaters now. Most of them are terrible and really shouldn't be paid for.
- Without the Internet, the world just keeps rolling along without a care, just like the Internet.

- Brian Tanner is very happy he can Googlebook Yahoopeedia again.

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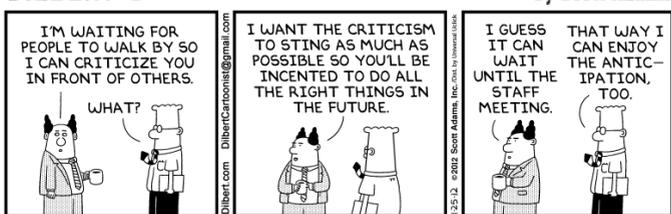
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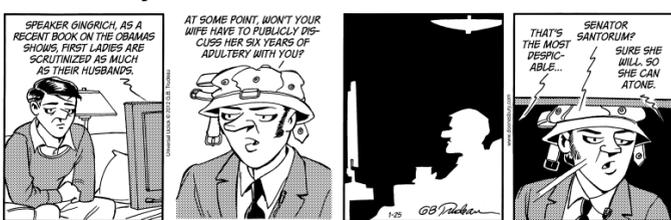
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## today's events

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- Spring Volunteer Fair, 11 a.m., IMU Main Lounge
- Celebration of Human Rights Cultural Potluck and PanAmerican Steel Band, 11:30 a.m., C217 College of Public Health Building
- Celebration of Human Rights, The Heart of the Drum: Enter Cultural Respect, 12:30 p.m., Gilmore Hall third-floor atrium
- Inorganic Seminar, "One-Electron and Two-Electron Signaling in Redox Biology: A central role for metals and metal-containing enzymes," Garry Buettner, 12:30 p.m., W323 Chemistry Building
- Anatomy and Cell Biology Department Seminar, "Fascin - a novel target of prostaglandins," Tina Tootle, and "ER stress and lipid metabolism: cellular conflicts of interest," Thomas Rutkowski, 1 p.m., 1-561 Bowen
- Stanley Grant Essay Workshop, workshops to help students prepare for the Stanley Undergraduate and Graduate Awards for International Research, deadline: Feb. 22, 3:30 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Centre
- Tips for Maximizing Finan-

- cial Aid, 3:30 p.m., 1015A Main Library
- Celebration of Human Rights, "LGBT Community and Allies Welcome," 4:30 p.m., LGBT Resource Center
- The Cab, 5:30 p.m., Blue Moose, 211 Iowa
- Readers and Writers Group, 6 p.m., Uptown Bill's, 730 S. Dubuque
- Socks Toe Up, Two-at-a-Time, 6 p.m., Home Ec Workshop, 207 N. Linn
- Gray Knights Chess Club, 6:30 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- Melancholia, 6:30 p.m., Bijou
- Ink Magazine Reading, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- Peace Corps Information Session, 7 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Centre
- Spoken Word Open Mike, 7 p.m., Uptown Bill's
- Peter Yarrow (of Peter, Paul, and Mary), 7 p.m., CSPS, 1103 Third St. S.E., Cedar Rapids
- Celebration of Human Rights Film Screening, *At the River I Stand*, 1968 striking African-American sanitation workers in Memphis and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's final days, 8 p.m., 348 IMU
- Jam Session, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

## UITV schedule

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- 1 p.m. Tippie College of Business Special Lecture, Ursula Burns, CEO of Xerox, March 31, 2011
- 2:30 WorldCanvass Studio, "Roy Bennett & the Hard Road to Democracy in Zimbabwe," Joan Kjaer and International Programs, 10/3/2011
- 3:30 "Time to Remember Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.," Convocation event at the Old Capitol, Jan. 15
- 5:30 Tippie College of Business

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- 7 "Time to Remember Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.," Convocation event at the Old Capitol, Jan. 15
- 9 UITV Student Summer Movies, UITV students produce a series of movies about the UI this past summer
- 9:30 Daily Iowan Television News
- 9:45 Afro-Cuban Dance Performance, Dance Department, Nov. 13, 2011

## horoscopes Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2012

- by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 Consider what you offer and what you can get in return. It's a give-and-take world, and you must be willing to take what you deserve without feeling guilty. Gracious acceptance will make others feel important and enhance your relationships as well.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Get to know people outside business or school. The relationships you build by exploring the human aspect of the lives of those you deal with at work will give you greater leverage in the future. Love is in the stars.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Sensitive issues must be handled with diplomacy. You will jeopardize your chance to advance if you are oblivious to what others are going through. Don't show anger when what's required is understanding and sympathy. Reach out with love.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22 Your sensitivity toward others will be noted and appreciated. Love is on the rise, and making a promise to someone you cherish will be well received. A change at home will be beneficial for everyone involved. A pleasure trip is highlighted.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 Watch your spending habits, your health, and your emotional well-being. Make sure you can afford purchases before you commit financially. Charity begins at home, and keeping things within reason will be key to your future success.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 You'll be drawn to personal matters that can generate a lot of passion regarding the things you want to do and the people you want to spend time with. Follow your heart. Be open about your needs and what you want to accomplish.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Listen carefully to what's being said. Complaints may not be voiced in simple terms. Focus on home, family, and domestic improvements. Use your imagination and foresight to make things happen. Don't question; just do.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Put your heart into whatever you do. Make changes that will allow you to fit in and contribute adequately. Don't allow emotional problems to escalate into something you cannot control. Take action, but do so courteously.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 First and foremost, you must look at your situation and your behavior honestly. Assess what you may have done wrong, as well as what you can do not only to improve your relationships with others but also to better take care of you.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Check out your options, and make plans to start something new. You will come up with a plan that can be very lucrative by capitalizing on past experience and the trends you see unfolding. Love is in the stars.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Show your strengths by helping others. Your intuition will guide you to do the right thing for those you influence and those who influence you. Strive for perfection, but don't let frustration set in. Take breaks, and you'll accomplish more.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 Create enthusiasm, and stir up feelings with your wit and charm. Taking action is required to turn your dream into a reality. Love is on the rise, and a special relationship will be enhanced if you are attentive.

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OBJECTS OF ART

## The New York Times Crossword

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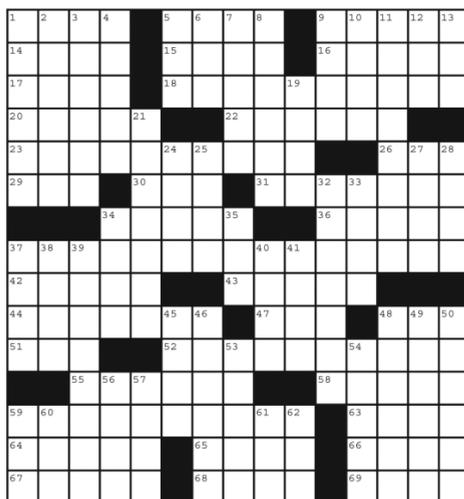
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- 5 Egg pouches
- 9 Bus. cards in commercial mailings, e.g.
- 14 Janowitz who wrote "Slaves of New York"
- 15 Dept. of Labor agency
- 16 "M\*A\*S\*H" setting
- 17 "Little Caesar" gangster
- 18 Movie about La Brea Tar Pits' formation?
- 20 Sharp-tongued
- 22 Does a post-meal chore
- 23 Movie about a Nobel-winning chemist?
- 26 Our sun
- 29 Word after Farm or Live
- 30 Craving

- 31 Humble oneself
- 34 Curtain material
- 36 Surfer wannabe
- 37 Movie about Wall Streeters' excesses?
- 42 So far
- 43 Bridge bid, briefly
- 44 Wild West badge
- 47 William Tell's canton
- 48 Brit. military honor
- 51 \_\_\_ Tomé
- 52 Movie about the early life of Lassie?
- 55 \_\_\_ Creed of A.D. 325
- 58 Nonsense word said while pointing a finger
- 59 Movie about the memoirs of the Duke?
- 63 Saint Philip \_\_\_
- 64 Packing heat
- 65 The "a" in a.m.

### Down

- 1 Geologic layers
- 2 Meditative exercises
- 3 Acted the host
- 4 New Zealand native
- 5 Boozehound
- 6 Bat wood
- 7 "S.N.L." alum Oteri
- 8 Texas/Louisiana border river
- 9 Ticker tests, for short
- 10 Snoop (around)
- 11 Bygone Toyota sedan
- 12 Jeans brand
- 13 Syrup base
- 19 "Young Frankenstein" woman
- 21 Certain protest
- 24 Soft ball brand
- 25 Put in stitches
- 27 "The Plague" setting
- 28 Bygone Fords
- 32 Precarious place, metaphorically
- 33 \_\_\_ death (overwork)
- 34 Dams and does



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- 35 Unit now known as a siemens
- 37 Musical with Mungojerrie and Jennyanydots
- 38 Home to billions
- 39 Prim and proper, e.g.
- 40 Plenty, informally
- 41 Garr who played 19-Down
- 45 Knuckle draggers
- 46 Takeoff site
- 48 Do-re-mi
- 49 Evening affair
- 50 "The Iceman Cometh" playwright
- 53 Lowly laborers
- 54 Mortise's mate
- 56 Supermodel Sastre
- 57 Hand over
- 59 Cartoon baby's cry
- 60 "Chances \_\_\_," 1957 #1 hit
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## ON THE STREET

### Do you think Iowa City should have red light cameras?



"No. If there's not an officer there and it's a red light, go for it." **Jack Hasso** UI freshman



"I don't really like it, but if they need the money, I don't see it being a bad idea." **Jacqueline Bannon** UI freshman



"No, it's cheating." **Olivia Hanchett** UI junior



"I don't think so. It leaves an open liability to the driver." **Stephanie Nelson** UI senior

## BASABE

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"It was crazy because he just got every rebound," he said. "That's how he dominated the game, and everything else fell into place."

The same mentality

allowed Basabe to prosper in high school.

"That's what I'm going to do from here on out ... just try to get every rebound," Basabe said. "That's how I started my career, and then I let everything else come."

## Iowa prepares for first game in nine days

The Hawkeyes' game

get out in transition, forward Melsahn Basabe said, "I definitely think we have."

"We play a fast tempo, but I still think we could get to the point where we literally run every time," he said. "We're close to there — we're faster than we were last year. As we keep getting used to the system and as long as Coach McCaffery is here, I think

against Nebraska on Thursday will mark their first contest since a 75-68 loss at Purdue on Jan. 17. Iowa continued its regular practice schedule, though players received two days off.

"For us, I think it was a good thing in terms of where it was timed," McCaffery said. "We just started the new semester

we'll get quicker and quicker when we run out."

Several teammates echoed Basabe's thoughts about how the team wants to play.

"We want to push the ball," forward Zach McCabe said. "Teams have been trying to stop us in transition, and that's our big thing ... [McCaffery] wants us to attack the basket, and that's what we take pride

academically, so they had a chance to refocus there. We had a couple of guys with nagging injuries, they got a chance to take care of those."

McCaffery said the squad was able to largely forget about any opponent during the layoff, instead sharpening up its own offensive and defensive sets. Freshman guard Josh

Oglesby said the team is implementing 15 to 20 new plays. But in the midst of his first college season, the Cedar Rapids native was particularly thankful for the break for another reason.

"It helped us get everything settled for the rest of the year," Oglesby said. "It's a long season — especially for the freshmen. I'm dead

tired."

McCaffery also acknowledged the possibility of a negative effect from the layoff. He said teams naturally fall into a routine of playing two games a week with two-day prep periods in between.

"Will we be a little rusty?" he said. "We'll find out."

## 2-POINT

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attempts is also the biggest in the conference.

When asked on Tuesday if Iowa has established itself as a team that likes to

off the bench to get back into the lineup.

Brands said his staff had reasons for pulling Bobby Telford from the lineup other than his four-match losing streak.

"It's interesting talking to some of our guys or listening or being a fly on the wall and how Telford was

very driven in the preseason months to run anybody out of the room that was his competitor — and then, maybe, has gotten complacent," Brands said. "He doesn't happen to agree with it, and I happen to like that he doesn't agree with it."

Rasing was raring to go.

in: getting in transition and not just settling for jumpers."

McCaffery praised the play of a few players in particular on Tuesday for their play inside the arc, including Devyn Marble. He said the sophomore guard has a "terrific pull-up game."

Marble said he wasn't aware of the team's significant number of 2-point attempts but noted if that's

what it takes to score, "then that's how it is."

"I think every team [emphasizes getting to the hoop]," said Marble, who is second on the team in scoring at 11.2 points per game. "Everybody loves to take baskets as close as you can get. We just happen to have one of those teams that is really good at getting to the basket."

## Raining 2s

The Hawkeyes lead the Big Ten in 2-point field-goal attempts.

1. Iowa: 899
2. Ohio State: 876
3. Michigan State: 830
4. Indiana: 768
12. Northwestern: 591

## WRESTLING

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returning Big Ten heavyweight champion, got the nod from Brands against the Buckeyes and jumped

off the bench to get back into the lineup.

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With his team hopelessly trailing Ohio State, 21-6, the heavyweight won the final match of the night with a 6-2 decision.

"I didn't take a back seat just because I wasn't 'the guy,' " Rasing said. "I always knew that, with an injury or something, I could be the next man in. That's

something I was training for, and I was ready for."

The New Hampton native said stepping back onto the mat wasn't necessarily a pressure situation, because his experience at the 2011 Big Ten championships prepared him for pressure. Instead, it was a motivating opportunity.

"It's also motivation when your teammates are going down to right the wrong a little bit," Rasing said. "I was wrestling for both [my team and myself]. First, it's for me. I want that win for myself, and then for the team as well."

## CURRY

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break down her technique to make her a better thrower.

"I basically wanted to enjoy getting my college degree as well as performing at a high level," she said. "I didn't want to waste

this opportunity."

Curry said the additional focus has led to more consistency in her throws.

"I used to throw all over the place. Now I'm always in the high 40s [feet] on my throws," she said. "Eventually, I want to start throwing in the 50s and even break the school record. I always wanted to keep improving. I never put a cap on myself."

"I know I've got the tools to succeed. I just have to go

and do it."

Cappos wanted that kind of attitude out of his leaders, and he said Curry shows the qualities and work ethic of a team captain.

"The throwers needed that kind of leader," he said. "Both Rachel and Majesty [Tutson, another junior] have taken on the role. They lead by example. Rachel definitely shows the younger athletes everything that is necessary to

succeed."

Iowa's head coach agreed.

"We feel like she's poised to break the 50-foot mark," head coach Layne Anderson said. "She's just got to put it all together in one magical throw. She believes she can do well this season. And everybody can talk big, but to sincerely believe that you can is a whole different story. We feel she has that ability."

## Balboa finds all-around niche

Junior Javier Balboa has become the leader for the Iowa men's gymnastics team in the all-around competition.

By RYAN MURPHY  
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Competing in all six gymnastics events in one meet is not an easy task.

For the Iowa men's gymnastics team, the gymnast to stand up to the task is junior Javier Balboa.

He has competed in the all-around in both of Iowa's two competitions this year. He recorded the top Hawkeye score in three events against Illinois on Jan. 21 and in two events at the Windy City Invitational on Jan. 14.

Balboa said his work for two years as a Hawkeye — and for years before that at the junior national level in Mexico — has been geared toward being an all-around competitor.

"It's what I've been training my whole life for," he said.

Balboa placed fourth in the all-around against Illinois — behind two U.S. national-team members and the Big Ten's top freshman — with a 84.200 score, which Iowa head coach JD Reive said was "huge" for the junior.

The coach said Balboa could have been an all-arounder in his sophomore season. Now that he's a junior, he has become a person the 14th-ranked Hawkeyes can look to on all six events.

"We wanted to do it last year, but it just didn't work out for him to do it — but it



Iowa gymnast Javier Balboa practices on the pommel horse in the Field House on Tuesday. Balboa, a junior, has emerged as Iowa's most consistent performer in the all-around this season. (The Daily Iowan/Ya-Chen Chen)

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is a big thing for him this year," Reive said. "It's really important for me to have an all-arounder who can be a leader in those events."

Balboa was an NCAA qualifier in his first season as a Hawkeye in the parallel bars, and placed 13th in the nation in the event. He fell just short of qualifying for the final day of competition, which determines All-American status. His achievements in the 2011

season were recognized by the Big Ten before the 2012 campaign; Balboa was named as one of the conference's "Gymnasts to Watch" for the second year in a row.

That success on the parallel bars has continued this year. Balboa is ranked No. 7 in the nation with a 14.800 average in the event, No. 17 in the all-around, and he is the only Hawkeye ranked in the top 15 nationally of any event.

Junior Brody Shemansky, who also competed in the all-around against the Illini, said Balboa is able to excel as an all-arounder because of his focus and his ability to transfer success from one event to the next.

"He's really focused when he competes, and it helps when you are an all-around guy and you can get into that competition mode," Shemansky said. "He does really well at

picking up momentum. If he does well on one event, he carries it over into the next one."

Reive said Balboa is able to manage the different expectations of competing in the all-around as opposed to a handful of events.

"There's a much different mentality going behind competing in the all-around and competing in two or three events," Reive said. "He's going to be a really good all-arounder by the end of the year."

Balboa said competing in select events is good practice, but nothing that compares with competing in all six events in one night.

"I feel like a complete gymnast when I do the all-around," he said. "Not that I don't like doing three of four events — but I feel like when I do the all-around, it's a real competition."

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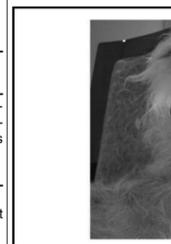
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Junior Javier Balboa has emerged as Iowa's go-to guy in the all-around. 6

### NOTEBOOK

# For Basabe, back to basics

Melsahn Basabe hopes a renewed focus on rebounding will end his sophomore slump.

By **JORDAN GARRETSON**  
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Fran McCaffery's goal for Melsahn Basabe is simple. Be yourself.

The sophomore forward appeared to have figured things out after a cold start to the season. Basabe averaged better than 13 points per game and shot better than 57 percent from the floor during the month of December.

But Basabe's slump appears to have resurfaced. He scored 4 points per game over Iowa's last five contests. Basabe's lack of productivity is also partially responsible for his average of just 16.8 minutes in those games.

The second-year coach said Tuesday Basabe will remain in Iowa's starting lineup, but he wants him sticking to his basketball identity.

"I'm just trying to get him to go back to doing what he does," McCaffery said. "That's run the floor, rebound, and block shots. Don't try to be what you're not ... I think players who do that get into trouble."

Basabe's recent performances are certainly disappointing for a player who averaged more points (11.0) and rebounds (6.8) last year on the way to being selected to the Big Ten's All-Freshman team. But the Glen Cove, N.Y., native might be his own most heated critic.

Asked to grade his performance thus far this season, Basabe said, "C-minus, D. I'm a hard grader on myself, so, really, if you ask me, I might say F."

Basabe said he's placing a renewed emphasis on rebounding. Watching star Kansas forward Thomas Robinson yank down 10 boards on TV Monday night reminded him of the importance of attacking the glass and the good it can lead to for the rest of a player's game.

SEE BASABE, 6



Iowa sophomore Melsahn Basabe fights for a rebound in the Hawkeyes' 81-72 win over Boise State in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Dec. 22, 2011. Basabe's points, rebounds, and minutes per game have all dropped from his freshman campaign, and he said he would grade his play this year as a C-minus or D. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

# For Hawks, 2's good company

Iowa's shot selection has drastically changed in the year and a half Fran McCaffery has been head coach.

By **BEN SCHUFF**  
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No team in the Big Ten has attempted more 2-point field goals this season than the Iowa Hawkeyes.

In fact, very few squads in the country have.

Heading into Tuesday's games, only seven Division-I teams had shot more from inside the 3-point line than the Hawkeyes.

Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery said that statistic is a result of what his team does well.

"We're a driving team, we're an up-tempo team," the second-year head coach said. "We don't have a multitude of 3-point shooters ... I think you take advantage of what your strengths are, and I don't think it makes sense to start jacking [up 3-pointers], especially guys who aren't traditionally good 3-point shooters."

The 899 2-point attempts Iowa have taken are a direct reflection of the up-tempo style McCaffery has implemented. Last season, the Hawkeyes finished second in the Big Ten with 1,278 2-point attempts — four fewer than Illinois, which led the league.

Those numbers are a glaring contrast to the totals Iowa accumulated in the three years under former head coach Todd Lickliter. The Black and Gold placed last in the Big Ten in 2-point attempts all three years under Lickliter, never attempting more than 876 (2009-10).

Conversely, the Hawkeyes finished second, third, and fifth among in the conference in 3-point attempts during Lickliter's tenure. In the first season under McCaffery, Iowa took the fewest 3-pointers of any Big Ten team (465), and the team's total of 280 this year ranks 11th.

Iowa's difference between 2- and 3-point

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### NOTEBOOK

# Wrestlers try to break slump

The Iowa wrestling team tries to work past its 'losing skid.'

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The Iowa wrestling team is 9-3, 2-2 in the Big Ten, and has fallen from a No. 2 national ranking to No. 5 — a place head coach Tom Brands said the Hawkeyes haven't been in a long time.

Three losses in three weeks can hurt a team so accustomed to perfect seasons and national championships, and Brands said he fears last weekend's loss to Ohio State may have affected the team's poor performance against Penn State two days later.

"I know one thing: Their heads aren't right when you're losing seven bouts in a match," Brands said. "Your head isn't right when your teammates are going down like flies in front of you and you don't do anything to stop it."

Iowa's first step to dealing with the loss is acknowledging it and then figuring out how to do things differently.

"You've got to be woken up by something like that," junior Matt McDonough said. "You can't just go, 'Oh, well, we lost.' ... We've got to get it figured out, and we've got to

improve our wrestling. Win or lose really isn't as important as how you're wrestling, and obviously losing shows you need to work on things."

Brands has placed an added emphasis on the importance of each wrestler doing his job by continuing to train hard and to wrestle aggressively.

"We're not in a team sport where each guy can give a little percentage, and it collectively can add up," McDonough said. "Every guy's got to go out there to be the best in the country."

Brands said the Hawkeyes know what they need to do.

"We have to prove ourselves capable in tough matches," Brand said. "Lately, it hasn't happened. You look at the Oklahoma State meet; [if] we win that last match, we win the dual. You look at Penn State; we win the last two matches there, we win the dual."

"And that's simple to me — but there's a lot of fight that goes into that."

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# Thrower on track for success

Rachel Curry has finally settled into Iowa City, and she is ready for a break-out season of throwing.

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Rachel Curry finally calls Iowa City home.

The junior thrower commuted to Iowa's campus for two-straight years from her hometown of Homestead, Iowa. The commute was around a 20-minute drive, meaning she had to add anywhere between 40 minutes to an hour onto her daily schedule to accommodate the traveling.

Curry said she enjoyed the comfort of being at home, because she is close to her family. In fact, she'll say her family is a lot closer than most.

This is because her father passed away from a heart attack right before Curry was about to move to Iowa City for her freshman year.

"It was really tough. I thought I should've taken a year off, but I knew I had to push forward through it all," Curry said. "It made me a lot tougher, both mentally and physically."

Assistant coach Scott Cappos, who serves as the throwers' coach for Iowa's track and field program, became an immediate



Rachel Curry throws the shot put in the Recreation Center on Jan. 24, 2011. Curry, a junior, commuted 20 minutes to campus every day prior to this year, but she has moved to Iowa City and says the change of scenery is helping promote consistency in her throws. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

source of support for Curry and her family.

"It was definitely a tough situation," he said. "We did everything we could to make sure she would be OK. Our support staff did well, as they always have."

It was that kind of coaching and support that Curry truly appreciated from Cappos.

"He was really good with everything that had happened," she said. "He was a big reason for me coming [to Iowa]. He had a huge role in me adjusting here as an athlete. He always checks up on me, but it's a lot more than just throws. He'll ask me about grades, life — everything, really."

The then-freshman spent long days on campus

while living at home. She took classes, went through track practice, and made time to study. Once home, she had to make more time for her mother, who struggled after her husband's death.

Curry was the only child left after her older sister moved out, meaning she was not only there to comfort her mother but also to help out around the house.

Curry took care of the few pets the family kept and attended to yard work. She always had something to do, but Curry said the time she spent with her mother meant the most.

"The whole situation brought us closer as a family," she said. "But at the same time, it changes your

view on life."

She decided it was time to make the move to Iowa City after her sophomore year.

"I understood I needed a little bit of freedom," the 20-year-old said. "I wanted to get the feel of the college experience. I thought I'd try it out."

Making the move helped Curry immensely, both in terms of school and athletics. She found more time to study and focus on academics, and her grades remained stable. She was also able to focus more on her throwing, and she said the extra time for practice gave her more time to develop mentally and

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