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Some push for higher ed funding

Regents say Gov. Terry Branstad's budget proposal is not sufficient to cover all higher education needs.

By **RANA MOUSTAFA**
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Gov. Terry Branstad on Monday announced plans to restore \$20 million in public-university funding, but some regents and legislators say it's not enough.

Regent Robert Downer said the state Board of Regents recognizes the current economic hardships and appreciates the proposal, but the funding will fall short.

"I don't think the \$20 million will be sufficient enough to cover all of the elements of the regents' budget," he said.

The regents have requested a \$40 million bump to cover increases in costs such as union raises, Downer said.

"If we only get the \$20 million, there could be cuts in other areas, such as decreases in faculty positions, turning off heating or air conditioning in buildings at odd hours, and



Hawkeye Caucus board members Greg Branson and Abbey Moffitt welcome guest speaker Megan Hoffman, a Dance Marathon volunteer, on Monday in the IMU. It was the caucus' first meeting this semester. (The Daily Iowan/Melissa Wilson)

possible tuition increases," he said.

The state's universities aren't likely to see more support in the Iowa House, which is controlled by Republicans

Rep. Greg Forristall, R-Macedonia, said the Legislature will release budget guidelines by the end of this week, but he doesn't expect anything significantly larger than

Branstad's proposal because of the financial needs of other educational institutions within the state.

"We simply don't have the revenue to put \$40 million in the regents," he said. "If they believe they're going to get \$40 million, then they're living in a completely different world."

Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-

Coralville, said Branstad's proposal is a step in the right direction, but legislators need to focus on not cutting money from other important areas. One area Jacoby has worked hard to protect from cuts, for instance, is economic development.

"It's just reinstating what was already there

Branstad

Gov. Terry Branstad's education goals for the next two months include:

- Creating new jobs and careers for Iowans to significantly raise family incomes.
- Adopting common-sense solutions for schools to give children a world-class education

Source: governor.iowa.gov

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The kids' nurse



Mary Schlapkohl (left) plays with Eryn Clarke in the hallway of the University of Iowa Children's Hospital on Jan. 27. Schlapkohl has worked in Children's Hospital for 25 years. (The Daily Iowan/Ya-Chen Chen)

A nurse-practitioner says Dance Marathon is a great partnership.

By **CHASTITY DILLARD**
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Every day, Mary Schlapkohl wears a red *I AM LOVED* button pinned to the straps of her ID-card, dangling around her neck.

"A teenage girl gave this to me," the 50-year-old said, clutching it in her hand.

The nurse-practitioner said when she asked the young patient handing them out for one, the child replied, "Ugh, you're never going to wear it."

"And so I've never not worn it, just to spite her," Schlapkohl said and smiled.

Working at the University of Iowa Children's Hospital for the last two decades has allowed her to meet numerous

children and families facing cancer.

"I've worked here a long time, so everybody knows me, and I'm up here on the floor a lot," she said.

A UI nursing alumna, Schlapkohl worked for two years as a bone-marrow transplant specialist before becoming an assistant head nurse for the inpatient unit at UIHC. In 1992, she became a nurse-practitioner — beginning her work in the UI's second-level pediatric hematology oncology unit.

A few years after, Schlapkohl was invited to the first planning meeting for Dance Marathon. From there, she has witnessed its continued growth.

"I think of how [Dance

Mary Schlapkohl

The nurse-practitioner has been involved with Dance Marathon since the organization's first planning committee.

- Favorite book: *Exodus*
- Favorite movie: *The Sound of Music*
- Favorite color: Blue
- Favorite thing to do: Read

Source: Mary Schlapkohl

Marathon] has evolved to where it is now, and I can't believe it," she said. "It's not just the amount of money it has raised, but what this has grown to mean to our families has been just incredible and

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Course evaluations to go online

The paper evaluation form began at the UI in the 1990s.

By **KRISTEN EAST**
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Cayla Gorsh wants to know exactly what's in store before she signs up for University of Iowa courses.

As early as this coming fall, she and other interested students may be able to go online to view UI class and teacher ratings gathered through the school's Assessing the Classroom Environment forms. Students have not had access to the results of the paper forms, usually distributed in classes at the end of the semester.

"I think it would be easier for students to view evaluations online so they know what to expect," the UI junior said.

Joyce Moore, the director of the UI Evaluation & Examination Service, said the department expects to launch the online form in the fall for the next academic year.

"It'll be similar to the current paper form, but it will provide for much more flexibility and open-ended responses," she said.

Students will have the ability to search for evaluation responses by course numbers, professors, and departments.

"We've done some outline of how we want it to look, but we're just in the preliminary talking phase," Moore said.

Evaluation & Examination Service officials have teamed up with UI Student Government leaders in developing the online database.

Kevin Paulsen, the UISG executive associate to the president, spearheads the group's involvement in the project. He joins several previous UISG officials who have been working to establish online evaluation for the past decade.

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Marathon reaches out to teens

Fifty students signed up for the Morale Captain in Training program this year.

By **JORDYN REILAND**
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Joe Eckrich wants to one day attend the University of Iowa and participate in the Dance Marathon.

The North Liberty student participated in the Dance Marathon's Morale Captain in Training program last year, which allows teenagers to shadow morale captains while helping energize dancers during the Big Event.

"I think I like to help out for the kids — that's what it's all about," Eckrich said. "Also, raising money and helping the kids really makes me feel accomplished. It's really just a great opportunity to do that."

Eckrich was motivated to participate when little brother Jason Eckrich died after being diagnosed with leukemia.

"It was really fun, really awesome dancing for the kids, and it was really tiring," Joe Eckrich said. "I guess you really don't know what you are getting yourself into until you do it."

Ashley Wallett, the former Dance Marathon morale captain assistant chairwoman, said the Morale Captain in Training program was introduced as a way to incorporate older kids who participate in Dance Marathon.

"The Dance Marathon teenagers could possibly be captains one day, come to Iowa, and get involved in Dance Marathon," she said.



Dance Marathon volunteers sing karaoke. The armbands they sport signify they are part of the Morale Captain in Training program. (The Daily Iowan/Contributed Photo)

"I think it's great for any kid to be involved in something like that."

The Morale Captain in Training program is open to anyone 13 to 18 years old. Interested participants can sign up before or during the event.

Dance Marathon organizers first introduced the Morale Captain in Training program during last year's Big Event, but family representative head Caitie Malooly said it's more organized this time around.

"Last year, we talked about it but kind of got distracted with other things and kind of pulled it all together the week before," Malooly said. "[This year], we wanted to really improve the program and make it better."

Last year, approximately 40 people signed up for the training, but only roughly 10 were left at the final "meet-up" on the day of the dance. Fifty interested in the training signed up for this year's Big Event, and

Morale Captains in Training

The training program allows high-school students to get involved in Dance Marathon. Students receive:

- Morale captains in training wristbands
- Red and white tie-dye T-shirts
- Dance Marathon merchandise
- Panthero's gift cards

Source: Rachel Nash, Dance Marathon planning committee

Dance Marathon officials said they expect more sign-ups at the event itself.

During the Dance Marathon event, the trainees will shadow morale captains by attending meetings, learning the morale dance, and getting special nicknames from the older captains.

"The morale captains have become very close, and we want to initiate that rela-

tionship as well as give them someone to hang out with during the event," Malooly said.

The trainees will "police" dancers they find sitting, sending them to a "jail cell," where they are forced to stand or have a friend pay \$1 for their release.

Malooly said the new additions to the program are to keep the teens feeling involved.

"We wanted to get them more involved, because the little kids get a lot of attention, and some of these kids are just a few years younger than us," she said. "They don't need to be babied, they just want to hang out and do cool stuff."

Dance Marathon officials said the program keeps every age group involved.

"It gives them a glimpse of what the other side of Dance Marathon is like," said Lindsay Supple of the family-relations committee. "I think it'll grow each year as Dance Marathon grows."

MELLOW CELLO



Sam Rae performs on the cello in the Mill on Monday. Rae was one of the performers in the Open Mike, which is held every Monday night. The club has several local musicians to play at Open Mike, which has free admittance. (The Daily Iowan/Ya-Chen Chen)

METRO

Harney to seek re-election

Johnson County Supervisor Pat Harney said he will seek re-election this year.

"I want to continue serving the citizens of our community," he said. "There's been some challenges here and there, but I guess over the past few years a lot has been gained, and we've accomplished a lot."

Harney has been a supervisor since 2000; he is serving his third term on the board.

He told *The Daily Iowan* he'd serve at least one more term, if elected. Though he hasn't made up his mind yet, he said he would probably retire after that.

The primary is June 5, and the general election is Nov. 6. Fellow Supervisors Terrence Neuzil and Rod Sullivan have also announced their intention to run for re-election.

— by Kristen East

UI officials close to vest on Coker

Records released to *The Daily Iowan* on Monday show scant discussion among University of Iowa administrators on how to respond to controversy surrounding former football player Marcus Coker's departure from the team.

Coker was suspended from the football team's Insight Bowl trip in December 2011. Coker later left the team around the same time that local police confirmed that he had been investigated for sexual assault.

The records released Monday — mostly email messages — show officials were cautious not to release too much information about Coker's case.

"I wonder if the student-privacy issue has been mentioned and highlighted? You and Kirk are being pressed for information you can not provide, I would assume," Mark Abbott, the associate athletics director for legal affairs, wrote to Athletics Director Gary Barta on Jan. 10.

The messages also show the university's main communications staff, rather than the sports communications staff, handled much of the response. Officials forwarded questions about Coker to UI spokesman Tom Moore and Vice President for Strategic Communication Tysen Kendig. Kendig apparently approved press releases before they were sent out.

Steve Parrott, who handles records requests for the university, said some records were not released because of federal regulations protecting student infor-

mation, but it's not clear how many messages were withheld.

— by Adam B Sullivan

UI to hold flood-recovery update

University of Iowa officials will hold a community update on flood-recovery efforts for the Hancher Auditorium, the music facilities, the Art Building, and the IMU.

The event will be held at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 7 in the Art Building West large auditorium.

UI President Sally Mason, along with members from the UI Foundation and Facilities Management planning, design, and construction, will provide updated information on additional funding, construction timelines, and designs.

Those in attendance will also be able to tour the completed Art Building West. The presentation will be followed by a question-and-answer session.

— by Alison Sullivan

Illinois reactor shut down

BYRON, Ill. — A nuclear reactor at a northern Illinois plant shut down Monday after losing power, and steam was being

vented to reduce pressure, according to officials from Exelon Nuclear and federal regulators.

Unit 2 at Byron Generating Station, approximately 95 miles northwest of Chicago, shut down at 10:18 a.m., after losing power, Exelon officials said. Diesel generators began supplying power to the plant, and operators began releasing steam to cool the reactor from the part of the plant where turbines are producing electricity, not from in the nuclear reactor itself, officials said.

The steam contains low levels of tritium, a radioactive form of hydrogen, but federal and plant officials insisted the levels were safe for workers and the public.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission declared the incident an "unusual event," the lowest of four levels of emergency. Commission officials also said the release of tritium was expected.

Exelon Nuclear officials believe a failed piece of equipment at a switchyard caused the shutdown. The switchyard is similar to a large substation that delivers power to the plant from the electrical grid and that takes power from the plant to the electrical grid. Officials were still investigating the equipment failure.

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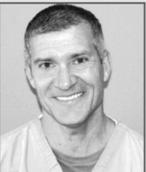
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how much the students just embrace our families and become so involved with them.”

For Schlapkohl, Dance Marathon is like a partnership. The volunteers bring joy to distract patients, she said, and the hospital staff members help children get better and provide information to the families.

“So I think it’s a great parallel way of treating our patients and working with them together,” she said.

Children’s Hospital nurse Kristie Febus, who has worked with Schlapkohl for the last seven years, said she has a knack for working with children.

“I can honestly say that I have not seen a kid who doesn’t love Mary,” the 31-year-old said.

Febus said Schlapkohl always maintains a lot of

energy around staff and patients.

“She figures out a way to put fun into the hospital,” Febus said. “This isn’t a very fun place, and somehow she is able to make the kids feel comfortable and make them feel like they’re at home. It’s always jokes and laughing with them, and she makes them feel like there’s a little bit of fun to be had here.”

Schlapkohl’s family has also been shaped by her efforts.

She said she is very proud to have her two children, Sara Petersen and Nick Petersen, involved with Dance Marathon.

Nick Petersen said he definitely gets his love for children and volunteering from his mother.

“She’s always trying to make the kids laugh and try to take their mind off of being sick,” the 21-year-old said. She really does care about every single one of them.”

Petersen said he always tries to be optimistic, like his mother.

“You could always tell when she was stressed out from work or disappointed because a patient passed,

but she’s always thinking positively,” the Iowa State University student said. “I think I’ve gotten some of that from her too, where I’m always trying to think positively and trying to affect someone positively every day.”

Though Schlapkohl has gotten to know most of the children involved with Dance Marathon over the years, some memories stick out more than others.

She said she remembers a young boy who wanted to toilet paper her for his end-of-chemotherapy party.

“I didn’t realize that’s what he wanted to do, and he wrapped toilet paper all around me,” Schlapkohl said and laughed. “He was all boy and just very active.”

She has a photo of the moment in her office.

She and other nurses often created games for the boy, such as baseball with wrapped up socks and a Kleenex-box bat.

Building relationships is what she loves most about her job.

“For me, the rewarding thing is you see a new family, and you just know that

place that they are in,” she said. “You just help the families along. Give them the strength and the knowledge to care for their child, and you really empower those parents.”

Bill Walz, who recently married Schlapkohl, said his wife has always been dedicated to her work.

“Those kids are her passion,” he said. “Aside of her own kids, who are No. 1 in her life, the kids and those families mean a heck of a lot to her.”

This year, Walz will experience his first Big Event.

“She is extremely sharp,” he said. “A family could not hope to find a better friend to help get them through the ordeal that they have to go through with a child. I don’t think they could possibly do better.”

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and got taken away,” he said. “We need to focus on the first Republican proposal this year to cut \$10 million from economic-

development funds. This potential cut would mostly affect the Oakdale Campus and the Old Capitol Centre, but we won’t let it happen.”

Jacoby will work with Hawkeye Caucus, a new student organization focused on lobbying state legislators. He trained interested students and alumni in lobbying techniques before the student

group was established, and he said he plans to continue training this year’s group for trip to the Statehouse this spring.

“[Legislators] listen to their message,” he said. “It’s always good to have eye-to-eye contact when discussing issues.”

Hawkeye Caucus member Joelle Brown said she

hopes the group’s lobbying will help make professional connections with state legislators.

“Our main goal is to positively represent the University of Iowa,” she said. “When we meet with legislators, we just want them to keep us in mind when making legislation and allocating funds.”

EVALUATIONS

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“Every UISG administration has been working on this for the last 10 years, or least for as long as I can remember,” he said. “It hasn’t been a priority as much this year, but it’s definitely something we want to do.”

Tim Hagle, a UI associate professor of political science who uses his own evaluation form, has posted responses online since 1997.

“It gives current and potential students something to look at,” he said. “You need to know what you’re getting into. Students may not be really thrilled about the class, but if they know what they’re getting into, they may enjoy the class more.”

Paulsen said despite the access, the information may not be that useful for students.

“Publishing this information probably isn’t going to be much of an assistance...” he said. “We’ve found that it’s not representative of all the classes.”

Paulsen said roughly

3,600 UI courses use Assessing the Classroom Environment forms, and students often fail to include such specific data as course numbers, sections, and professors’ names.

“It’s not consistent,” he said. “We’re hesitant to release the data because it’s not uniform.”

Moore said teachers are required to evaluate their courses, but not required to use the Assessing the Classroom Environment forms.

Hagle prefers using his own evaluation form because it allows him to

ask more course specific questions.

“The [standard] questions are all in the same direction, agree or disagree,” he said. “When you’re constructing surveys, you should order the questions differently so students don’t just run down the list.”

Though the evaluation data aren’t as helpful as he had expected, Paulsen said UISG leaders will continue to work toward making that information more accessible to students.

“We do want to see something happen,” he said. “We want students to have more access to that information if they’d like it.”

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Editorial

Spend more on childhood nutrition today, pay less later

There is no more primal instinct than the one that drives parents to care for their children. The extraordinary lengths parents will go when the well-being of their children is at risk can be awe-inspiring (and sometimes a little annoying).

So it is not surprising that area parents voiced extreme dissatisfaction upon the revelation that some area elementary schools allocated just 15 minutes for lunch. Opponents argue that short lunch periods lead to unhealthy eating habits.

Though this might be a worthwhile debate for the future, if parents are genuinely concerned with the nutritional well-being of their children, they should focus on the quality of the food their children eat more than how much time they have to eat it. Childhood obesity rates in the United States are alarming, and the country will be certain to pay for it with the world's only two certainties: death and taxes.

Given the projected health-care costs associated with Type 2 diabetes, federal and state governments should look into investing in higher-quality food supplied to and from the National School Lunch Program.

As *The Daily Iowan* reported Monday, 21 percent of low-income children in Iowa risk malnutrition. This is especially important when you consider these children are overwhelmingly likely to rely on school-sponsored lunches as a source of nutrition. Moreover, it is important to distinguish between the caloric and the nutritional substance of food. Even though the poor are disproportionately at risk of malnutrition, they are 70 percent more likely to be obese.

This would lead one to believe that school lunches are associated with higher rates of obesity. Several studies over the past decade confirm this suspicion. A 2003 study sponsored by the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* found that while school-sponsored lunches were associated with higher vitamin and mineral levels, they were also associated with higher fat and saturated fat intake. A 2009 study published in the *Journal of Human Resources* concluded that National School Lunch Program participants were more likely to be obese than nonparticipants.

A 2009 investigation conducted by *USA Today* found food standards for many fast-food restaurants, including McDonald's, Burger King, and KFC, to be higher than those of the lunch program. A different *USA Today* article reported that the government spent more than \$145 million on spent-hen meat for schools over the last decade. Campbell's stopped using spent-hen carcasses in its soups well more than a decade ago because of "quality considerations."

As of the last year data were available, nearly 32 percent of America's youth were either overweight or obese, of whom more than half were obese — in 1980, only 5 percent of American children were obese.

In Iowa, that number is 26.5 percent. No Iowan should take pride or solace in that fact. While the obesity rate in Iowa is comparatively low, no one should find comfort in the fact that 26.5 percent of children in the state have become more likely to develop Type II Diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, and numerous forms of cancer. And, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 70 percent of obese children exhibit at least one high-risk factor for heart disease.

Moreover, the costs of obesity are not solely borne by any one individual. Obesity has very real and measurable societal costs. The Society of Actuaries found that, in 2009, the average annual cost of obesity in the U.S. was nearly \$300 billion in additional medical costs and lost productivity. That cost is expected to surpass more than \$340 billion a year before the decade is out.

Lest anyone think that the costs are only borne in old age, the CDC found that the costs of hospitalizing children for obesity-related issues rose from \$125.9 million in 2001 to \$237.6 million in 2005. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation found that children treated for obesity-related issues are liable to cost either their parents or the government (if they are covered by Medicaid) \$2,500 to \$4,200 more than a normal-weight child per year.

By failing to make the right argument for the right reason, the implicit issue at the heart of this controversy — the alarming degradation of children's health in this country — has turned into a debate over minutes and seconds when it should be a debate over vitamins, minerals, and calories. If parents are genuinely concerned about the health of their children, there is no room for error. The individual costs are too high and the societal costs too grand for parents to waste boundless time and energy making the wrong argument, regardless of whether it is for the right reason.

It would be wise to spend a fraction of what would be future health-care costs on our children's nutrition today. Fighting to extend lunch hours is fine, but a community doing so for penny-wise, pound-foolish reasons speaks to a very fundamental problem.

Your turn. Should more be spent to ensure childhood nutrition? Weigh in at dailyiowan.com.

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Defending the defenseless

The 2012 March for Life in Washington, D.C., was an important and inspiring event. More than 100,000 pro-life Americans mobilized to demonstrate against the serious moral evils of the 39 years that have passed since the *Roe v. Wade* decision.

It is the duty of every human person to make a defense for those who cannot make one for themselves. In this principle lies the heart of the pro-life message. Compassion and empathy allow us to view children (and the rest of humanity) properly and not in terms of dehumanizing pejoratives.

There is an excellent quotation displayed on a wall of patrons in the Main Library that reads: "The health of our civilization, the depth of our awareness about the underpinnings of our culture and our concern for the future can all be tested by how well we support our libraries." A substitution of the words "unborn children" for

"libraries" makes one evaluate how poorly we, as Americans, have cared for ourselves as a society for the past 39 years.

Hateful partisan rhetoric won't solve the problem, but a reconnection to what it means to be human will.

Jacob Ridler
UI senior

Guest opinion

Give it up for those getting down at Dance Marathon

Once a year, the floor of the IMU Main Ballroom on the University of Iowa campus shakes with the power of thousands of dancing feet. They stomp, shuffle, hop, and jump — not just for joy, but for life.

That's because all those tapping toes are helping in the fight against cancer. And they will dance again — to everything from live bands to Zumba music — on Friday and Saturday at the 18th-annual Dance Marathon in the IMU.

As the largest student-run philanthropic organization on campus, Dance Marathon has raised more than \$9.8 million during

the last 17 years, and it still thrills and humbles me to reflect upon all the classes of UI students that have helped make this happen. Dance Marathon participants often use the phrase "for the kids" when describing their commitment to helping cure and treat childhood cancers. I find it incredibly moving and inspiring to know that their ongoing generosity "for the kids" also is made possible "by the kids."

I have been lucky enough to have participated in the last five Dance Marathon events with many of these "kids." Each time I do, I am awed by the dedication of the dancers, by the

courage of these remarkable patients and their families, and by the power of this grass-roots initiative — which UI students brought to life. For nearly two decades, these students of UI Dance Marathon have been able to provide vital emotional and financial support to patients and families facing childhood cancer.

In fact, Dance Marathon in recent years has made two very significant gifts to our university: an investment of \$1 million, in 2008, to establish the UI Dance Marathon Pediatric Cancer and Blood Disorders Research Laboratories, and a 10-year, \$5 million pledge, announced

in 2011, for the new UI Children's Hospital construction campaign.

This is certainly something worth celebrating — as are the countless UI students who give of themselves to Dance Marathon and other worthy causes throughout campus and in our community. I am so very proud to have the chance to interact with, and help support, this newest generation of Iowa leaders and volunteers. Congratulations to this year's Dance Marathon dancers and leadership team. Let's hear it "for the kids."

Lynette L. Marshall is the president and CEO of the University of Iowa Foundation.

Looking for Elba room



BY BEAU ELLIOT
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In a Newt Gingrich rally in a Sarasota, Fla., airplane hangar the other day, the *Washington Post* reports, the speaker warming up the crowd before the former Speaker spoke (you think you're confused) said this:

"Let's send Obama back to Chicago."

Well, OK. Standard political riff. Democrats do much the same thing with GOP incumbents. In fact, there are some liberal Democrats who would also love to send President Obama back to Chicago.

But at the Sarasota hangar rally, an elderly woman replied, "You mean out of the country."

And at another Republican rally in Florida, the crowd wanted to send Obama back to Kenya. (Never mind that Obama has never lived in Kenya, so, technically, it's not possible to send him back. That would be low tech, not high tech.)

Really? Out of the country? Back to Kenya? What? Chicago isn't far enough away from the White House?

Either there's something in the water in Florida, or the hangover from the Obama birth-certificate lie lingers on.

With that in mind, here's a thought (or perhaps merely a notion):

If Newt Gingrich loses in Florida today, does he have to go slouching toward Elba to be reborn?

Just wondering.

Which is easier than imagining. On the other hand, it's easy to imagine John Lennon — wait, no, that's hard these days. But it's easy to imagine Mitt Romney, because he's kind of imaginary, dressed in a sort of faux French Foreign Legion outfit, screaming, "Soylent Green is Newt Gingrich."

That's because it's so easy to imagine Newt as Soylent Green. He has played so many movie roles, including that of husband.

(It's amusing that so many conservatives who bash gay marriage themselves get married numerous times [See Gingrich, not to mention former Rep. Bob Barr, R-Ga., one of the authors of the Defense of Marriage Act.]

(So, "defending" marriage means divorcing and remarrying many times. By that reasoning, Henry VIII was the greatest defender of marriage in British history.)

Meanwhile, far from the national scene, con-

servative Republicans in Iowa are working against traffic-light video cameras because they're concerned about the balance between safety and individual rights.

We lefty-liberals are also worried about the balance between safety and individual rights. But here's the difference:

When conservatives worry about the rights/safety balance, they're concerned about video cameras at traffic signals.

When lefty-liberals worry about that rights/safety balance, they're concerned about torture, Guantánamo and black-hole prisons, abrogating the Constitution and holding prisoners without trial from now until the Earth skips into some event horizon, and Dick Cheney having anything to do with the rights/safety balance (not to mention shotguns).

So there you have it: The safety/rights debate comes down to traffic video cameras on one hand and torture on the other.

Um, yeah. Not much difference in importance there.

Meanwhile, back at the really, really important national scene, the Gingrich people have an ad out attacking Mitt Romney. Well, that's hardly news. The Gingrich camp has anti-Romney ads, the Romney camp has anti-Newt ads, and they're all full of half-lies, all-out lies (Gingrich says as House speaker, he

passed four consecutive balanced budgets — he was only speaker for two of them, and they were President Bill Clinton's budgets; Romney says Gingrich resigned from Congress in disgrace — the House censured Gingrich in 1997 for an ethics violation, he resigned in January 1999), and the truth stretched so much that if the truth were an ACL, it would be a season-ending injury.

But this particular Gingrich ad bashes Romney for being able to speak some French. You know, like John Kerry.

Mitt Romney speaks FRENCH? OMG.

Let's send Romney back to France, where he belongs. (Not that the French might agree. The French also might not agree that Romney can actually speak French.)

For that matter, let's send all people back to where they originally came from. And I do mean originally. There we'd all be, crammed more than shoulder-to-shoulder into the Olduvai Gorge. Talk about hard to get service.

Hey, it's close to Kenya. Sarah Palin will be able to see it from there. ■

Cats are intended to teach us that not everything in nature has a purpose.

- Garrison Keillor

Daily Break

the ledge

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The Heist:

• **The Target:** Find an establishment guaranteed to have a solid take. There's nothing more discouraging in all of heisting then trying to split two KFC buckets among three crew members.

• **Recruit:** Your team should be diverse in both skill and nationality. Every team needs (at the very least) a demolitions guy, a getaway dude, a really hot-chick love interest, a finger-man (two for the "Classy Stoner Gambit"), and a Judas who will betray the rest at some point.

• **NOTE:** the Judas will be easy to spot; he will be male, have 45-degree eyebrows, laugh maniacally, and possess subtly villainous name, such as "Sinestro" or "B. Trayus."

• **Reconnaissance:** Do lots, or you might find all-too-late that the KFC you had in mind is now an Arby's, and your hopes of purloined Double Downs have drowned in soggy sea of Beef 'n' Cheddars. (At least it's not Taco Bell. Oh, screw it; we strike at dawn.)

• **The Job:** Use walkie-talkies. Cell phones tend to roam in vaults, text messages arrive late, and we all know how unreliable Facebook IM is.

• **NOTE:** There will be no bouncy house/techno soundtrack to keep your blood pumping. Hum if you need to.

• **The Haul:** Keep your eyes on the Beef 'n' Cheddar prize. Don't waste time on straws or condiments; we have plenty back at the hideout. Ooooh, except for Arby's sauce. That stuff's awesome; get a bunch. And a few napkins. And a Jamocha shake.

• **The Getaway:** Make sure you're gassed-up and have shotgun decided before the heist. Keep Facebook status updates under 10 words.

- Nathan Wulf is still at-large ... and getting at-larger.

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today's events

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- **Tips for Maximizing Your Financial Aid**, 11 a.m., Currier Hall multipurpose room
- **Operator Theory Seminar**, "The Theorems of Nevanlinna and Pick: A Gateway to an Alternate Universe, Reprise," Paul Muhly, Mathematics, 1:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen
- **Gray Knights Chess Club**, 2 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **CINAHL Hardin Open Workshop**, 2 p.m., Hardin Library
- **Math/Physics Seminar**, "Equivalent Hamiltonians," Wayne Polyzou, Physics/Astronomy, 2:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen
- **Microbiology Seminar**, "The far-reaching effects of the Epstein-Barr virus on copro-tein LMP1," David Meckes, University of North Carolina, 3 p.m., Bowen Auditorium 3
- **Brain Gain: An Interactive Academic Resource Fair**, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Main Library North Exhibition Hall
- **Library-Community Writing Center**, 4 p.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Life in Iowa**, Preparing for the Fall Job Fairs, Career Services, 5 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Centre
- **CIVIC 2012 Annual Meeting and Potluck**, 6 p.m., Old Capitol Town Center
- **Into the Abyss**, 6:45 p.m., Bijou
- **Joe Michaud reading and book signing**, 7 p.m., Uptown Bill's, 730 S. Dubuque
- **Honor Choir**, Timothy Stalter, director, 7 p.m., IMU second-floor ballroom
- **Take Shelter**, 9 p.m., Bijou
- **Iowa Friends of Old-Time Music jam session**, 8:30 p.m., Hilltop, 1100 N. Dodge
- **Flight School**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

DILBERT

by Scott Adams

IN A FEW YEARS, COMPUTERS WILL PROGRAM THEMSELVES. THAT'S CALLED THE SINGULARITY.

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BY VIEV

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THE OFF-RAMP ON THE ROAD TO ENLIGHTENMENT

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU

"DEAR MIKE..."

"IS THERE ANY REASON WHY...?"

"... YOU DIVIDE THE STRIP VERTICALLY... INSTEAD OF HORIZONTALLY?"

"YES. WHAT?"

m.c. ginsberg

OBJECTS OF ART



The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 1227

- Across**
- Head off
 - See 13-Across
 - Deviate from a course
 - Sprays, as a crowd in a 6-Across
 - Petrol amount
 - A pitcher should have a low one, in brief
 - 1954 monster film setting
 - Busiest airport on the West Coast, informally
 - Franc replacement
 - Immense, in poetry
 - Friend in war
 - 1948 John Wayne western
 - Frozen waffle brand
 - Drinker's road offense, for short
 - 27 It may have an arch or a lintel
 - 30 What buoys do
 - 33 Battery terminal
 - 36 Course that you waltz through
 - 37 It gives a hoot
 - 38 Formidable opponents
 - 40 Nightfall, in poetry
 - 41 ___ Ste. Marie
 - 43 Baker who sang "Giving You the Best That I Got"
 - 44 "___ not what your country ..."
 - 45 Brahma, in Hinduism
 - 47 PC's brain
 - 49 The Bible, e.g.
 - 50 City that's home to the winner of the first two Super Bowls
 - 55 Pod contents
 - 57 Catcher's position
 - 59 Ontario tribe
 - 60 Dartmouth or Brown
 - 61 Some Winslow Homer art ... or what five answers in this puzzle are?
 - 63 Prefix with natal
 - 64 Sambuca flavoring
 - 65 Tighten, as laces
 - 66 Wildebeest
 - 67 Reasons for braces
 - 68 Hearth waste
- Down**
- Color of honey
 - Cherish
 - Virtual holiday greeting
 - 3 minutes 43 seconds for running a mile, e.g.
 - "Ba-a-ad!"
 - Harshness
 - "Like ___ not ..."
 - Start of a cry by Juliet
 - 9 Start of the end of a countdown
 - 10 It's between Korea and China
 - 11 Name on a map of Uzbekistan or Kazakhstan
 - 12 Like some crayons
 - 14 Swim meet assignment
 - 17 James of the Met
 - 21 Taj Mahal site
 - 23 "Count me in!"
 - 25 Loses it altogether
 - 27 Amaz of "I Love Lucy"
 - 28 Affirmatives
 - 29 Bronx Bomber
 - 30 Pear variety
 - 31 Man ___ (A.P.'s Horse of the Century)
 - 32 Linda Ronstadt hit co-written by Roy Orbison
 - 34 "ER" actor Epps
 - 35 Room with few or no windows
 - 39 "Blah, blah, blah ..."
 - 42 Neighbor of Thailand
 - 46 ___ Baiul, 1994 Winter Olympics gold medalist
 - 48 Fester and Remus
 - 50 Take a stab
 - 51 Hard to come by
 - 52 Very thin soup
 - 53 Eagle's nest
 - 54 Affirmatives
 - 55 Radar sound
 - 56 Deadlocked
 - 58 Stick in a medicine cabin
 - 61 Joker
 - 62 ___ pro nobis (pray for us: Lat.)

Puzzle by John Dunn

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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ON THE STREET

Have you gotten sick of the food at the Marketplaces yet?



'No, I don't eat here very often.'
Brian Poulter
UI sophomore



'I'm sick of it when I have more than five meals a week.'
John Gregory
UI sophomore



'I'm bored of it because I'm a vegetarian, and I can eat four things here.'
Oliver Hidalgo-Wohlleben
UI freshman



'Sometimes. It gets old fast.'
Josie Delgado
UI freshman



UI Libraries thinking about 'e'

By **BETH BRATSON**
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A growing wave of scholarly publications on the web means University of Iowa students are less at risk for fees that come from damaged or lost material.

University Librarian Nancy Baker said book-replacement costs will decrease as libraries get more books in electronic format.

"[These materials] don't disappear," she said. "It's a bright thing down the road that should help minimize the problem."

When a book needs to be replaced, she said, library personnel often purchase an electronic version if available because of user convenience and access.

"Numerous people can look at [the material] at the same time," she said. "There's no replacement problem. In effect, we're not buying it, we're paying a fee for access."

The Main Library has access to approximately 160,000 e-journals, said Ed Shreeves, the associate university librarian for collections and scholarly communication.

Shreeves said every UI library, except the Law Library, has access to approximately 160,000 e-journals. E-journals are purchased in packages at anywhere from \$250 to \$20,000, while e-books cost around \$80 to \$110 per book — comparable with print editions.

Janna Lawrence, an assistant director of the Hardin Library for Health Sciences, said almost all of its journals are available electronically, and the choice to purchase the electronic version is a title-by-title decision.

"We're definitely buying more electronic books," she said. "But sometimes, [they] are much more expensive, so sometimes not worth the money."

Library expenses are funded through the general fund.

Donald Szeszycki, the associate vice president for the Office of the Provost, wrote in an email that the general-fund acquisition budget for the UI Libraries is around \$16 million this year. Despite a 5 percent average annual increment, he said, the UI Libraries has had to make careful decisions on which publications to order and in what format.

A UI library book costs \$75 to replace on average, said Amy Paulus, the head of Library Access Services. If a book is recalled by another student and not returned

within a week, a \$4-per-day late fee is charged to the student's U-bill, with a maximum of \$40. The \$75 replacement cost is still assessed for books that are not returned.

"There is no fund that just tracks replacement costs," she said. "The \$75 is based on the average cost of what we spend to purchase books."

Replacing lost books becomes difficult, she said, when publishers print limited runs — sometimes only 500 to 1,000 books.

"In the end, when you add all the costs up, that's what makes libraries so expensive to operate. It adds to the overall cost of running the university," she said. "But the only reason we charge fines is for an incentive to get the book back. We can't always replace books anymore."



University of Iowa sophomore Jessica Ray shelves books in the UI Main Libraries on Monday. The UI is buying more electronic books instead of replacing old books. (The Daily Iowan/Chastity Dillard)

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Medical pot still stalled in Legislature

A Gallup Poll in October 2010 showed Americans in support of legalizing marijuana outnumbered those in opposition.

By **BAJ VISSER**
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Even those who support marijuana legalization admit this probably won't be their year in Iowa.

At least one Iowa Senate Republican is calling on lawmakers to consider legislation to legalize pot for medical use, the measure will likely stall in the Legislature again this year.

Sen. Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa City, who has supported legalizing medical marijuana for years, said conversation will keep the issue relevant, but any serious action will take some time.

"We still have a long way to go before we see a medical marijuana bill voted on and passed into law," he said.

Sen. Gene Fraise, D-Fort Madison, plans to introduce a bill this year which would legalize pot for medical use. Though the 79-year-old admits the bill is unlikely to have enough votes to pass, he said the its main purpose is simply to get Iowans talking about the issue.

"The harshest pain-killing pills have opium in them, which would be an illegal drug if it weren't in medication," he said. "So this is not a crazy new idea. We've done it before."

Fraise said a number of his constituents who suffer from cancer and multiple sclerosis have asked him to help Iowa's Pharmacy Board legalize access to medical marijuana. The board supported reclassifying the substance to a

Schedule II drug in 2010, which would recognize the substance as having medical benefits.

"Since I drafted the bill, I've had a lot of people call me and talk to me about their problems and how marijuana is the only thing that really gives them relief," Fraise said.

Bolkcom introduced medical-marijuana legislation last legislative session, but the bill failed to make it out of committee.

In recent years, some polls have shown growing support for legalizing marijuana at a national and statewide level. A Gallup Poll released in October 2011 showed Americans supported legalizing the substance outnumbered those who don't. A 2010 Hawkeye Poll found 62 percent of Iowans favored legalizing medical marijuana.

But marijuana still faces hurdles in Iowa.

For instance, Clel Baudler, R-Greenfield, says laws in the 16 current medical marijuana states are too lax. To prove his point, Baudler said he illegally obtained a medical marijuana prescription in California for nonexistent hemorrhoids.

"I couldn't think of anything stupider than hemorrhoids," he said. "If I could, I would have said that."

"If people believe they need marijuana for their pain or illness, go to California or Colorado. Keep it out of this state."

Fraise still has several weeks to decide whether to

Pot
Recent polls have indicated a national increase of support for legalizing medicinal marijuana.

- 2002 -- 34 percent support
- 2006 -- 36 percent support
- 2011 -- 50 percent support

Source: Gallup Politics

file the bill. He said that while he has some supporters, such as Bolkcom, in the Senate, House members' general opposition to the measure would make filing the bill a symbolic gesture at best.

One House Republican said he is open to conversation.

"I think this is a conversation we should have," said Rep. Greg Forristall, R-Macedonia. "I don't think it will come to the floor for consideration. Doctors should be able to prescribe medicine they think will be effective."

Viktor Crnkovic, the president of the Iowa branch of Students for Sensible Drug Policy, said Fraise's action was "a first step toward a more compassionate and rational policy."

The University of Iowa senior wrote in an email he was glad to see the potential of bipartisan cooperation on medical-marijuana policy.

"For far too long, government officials on both sides of the aisle have blocked reasonable progress out of fear and political maneuvering," Crnkovic said.

Guard students get help

By **CHASTITY DILLARD**
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Iowa legislators plan to put \$1.3 million in additional funds in the Iowa National Guard Education Assistance Program through surplus money from last year's budget.

Sen. Herman Quirmbach, D-Ames, who helped propose the bill in December, said Iowa's \$500 million budget surplus at the

year's end allowed legislators to follow through with the bill.

"It was something that we could well afford, and making good on the promises to those who have served us is a high priority," he said.

The bill follows the Iowa National Guard announcing cuts in December that would decrease tuition assistance from 90 percent to 50 percent, a result of

increasing student demand for the program. Iowa law guarantees all Iowa Guard service members at least 50 percent of the amount the state Board of Regents' universities offer for tuition coverage.

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Rivals.com reported that the Hawkeyes offered JuCo transfer Aaron Harris a scholarship, too; Harris ran for a cool 2,028 yards in two seasons at Southwestern (Calif.) Community College, and he has an official visit to Iowa City scheduled for Friday.

Wide receiver

The Hawkeyes only lose one receiver who pulled in a significant number of catches in 2011 — but Marvin McNutt was pretty damn good, and he is the

outright holder of four major school receiving records.

The immediate load of pass-catching duties falls to Keenan Davis, who roped in 50 balls but suffered from a recurring case of the butterfingers. Kevonte Martin-Manley was great as Iowa's slot receiver — for a while, anyway. He made noise with 15 catches and 4 touchdowns in four nonconference games but didn't do much in the Big Ten (15 catches, no scores).

The Newcomers: At least three wideouts are expected to sign with Iowa on Wednesday, all of whom are three-star prospects. Greg Mabin, Cameron Wilson, and Tevaun Smith are all

6-2 and within four pounds of 190; Rivals.com called Wilson the No. 79 wide receiver in the country. Mabin and Smith weren't ranked, but neither was McNutt (to be fair, he was a quarterback) or Derrell Johnson-Koulianos. Both had extremely productive careers catching passes for the Black and Gold.

Defense

No individual position is listed here because the entire defense needs help. Iowa lost three-quarters of the defensive line, its most senior linebacker, and half of the backfield — the majority of a unit that ranked in the bottom half of the Big Ten in each

major defensive category, including an 11th-place finish against the pass.

In other words, there will be plenty of opportunities for fresh faces to step in sometime in the near future; maybe not this coming season, but it won't take long.

The Newcomers: Ferentz will ink at least 10 defensive players this week, including a pair of four-star defensive linemen from Illinois. Faith Ekakitie is a 6-2, 255-pound end from Lake Forest; Jaleel Johnson, a 6-2, 277-pound tackle out of Lombard, kept Iowa guessing until last week, when Scout.com reported he canceled a planned trip to Michigan State.

SWIMMING

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us had even hoped for," Arseth said.

One of the biggest adjustments for many of

the freshmen was pushing through the intensity of their training. Arseth said most of them had never done much with weights, and the intensity of the dry-land work — not to mention the intensity of Big Ten swimming — was

something to which they had to adjust.

Long praised Carty and Cubelic — the lone senior swimmers — and their leadership in a time when guidance was at a premium, and he has high hopes for the future of the new class.

"I have to credit the upperclassmen for being able to handle such an influx of people and maintain the team chemistry," he said. "We just want to build on this racing attitude and continue to start new traditions."

TRACK

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One was the possibility that the younger athletes' inexperience on the big stage is showing. Freshmen Khanishah Williams and Brittany Holst, two promising Iowa athletes, have been solid in practice but haven't reached personal-

record heights outside the Recreation Building.

Sophomore sprinter Raven Moore agreed that nerves have played a role.

"We worked hard in the fall season," she said. "But when we face someone else who is also good, we tend to get a little freaked out. So we just need to calm down a bit and tell ourselves we're just as good as — or better than — those we compete against."

Still, Simonson said, inexperience isn't the only factor.

"Some of it is probably not having the fire we need to have going into the meet," she said. "Something a lot of females struggle with, in general, is being competitive. Once we start getting really excited, we'll start seeing good performances."

The fire could have a snowball effect, Simonson

said; as each athlete does better, the others will become more excited. This in turn will help the team's cohesion because the athletes will not want to let each other down.

"We have to get our minds right," Moore said. "We need to come together as a team. We're too caught up in our own events and not focusing on us. Just a little distracted."

POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Who will win Super Bowl?

New York Giants

Defense wins championships, and that alone is enough reason that the New York Giants will defeat the New England Patriots on Feb. 5.

It's almost as if the Giants' defensive line was created specifically to stop the pass-heavy Pats. The line is so good that the Giants only have to rush four men. This leaves seven Giants in the backfield, which will help lock down New England's receiving corps.

The Giants will have an even greater advantage if they decide to send a blitz or two and force the Patriots to keep either Aaron Hernandez or Rob Gronkowski (if he's healthy) at the line. Forcing New England to block with its duo of star tight ends — who combined for 24 regular-season touchdowns this season — would go a long way to keeping its offense off the board.

The Giants have the advantage when they have the ball, too. The Pats allowed more yards through the air this season than any other team.

If New England elects to blitz Eli Manning, it'll be in for a surprise; the Giants quarterback has 18 touchdown passes when facing five or more pass rushers.

Plus, New England's 13-3 regular-season record is deceiving because it didn't beat a single team with a winning record. All 13 wins came against teams that were .500 or worse, and the teams the Patriots played went 115-141. Two of their three losses were against teams with winning records, the Giants and the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Of course, records don't win football games; individual performances do.

Patriot quarterback Tom Brady struggled against the Ravens in the AFC Championship game. He didn't throw a touchdown, had two interceptions, and lost a fumble. Now he faces an even better defense in the Giants.

But what if the game comes down to the wire? Most would trust Brady to lead a game-winning drive. Right?

Actually, the Giants might be more likely to win a game in the last seconds; they led the league in touchdown drives that lasted under two minutes, with 17. Who's going to stop Manning from driving down the field and scoring late in the Super Bowl? Certainly not the Patriots' pass defense.

The Giants' defense is too good not to pressure Brady into making mistakes. The Patriots' defense isn't good enough to stop the Giants' offense. The Giants will win the Super Bowl.

—by Tommy Reinking

New England Patriots

The New England Patriots are out for revenge against the New York Giants in Super Bowl XLVI after the G-Men stopped their quest for a perfect season in 2008.

Now, as the rematch looms and revenge is on its mind, America's team will come out victorious against Eli Manning and the Giants — who also provided New England with its most recent loss, on Nov. 6.

Also inspiring the team is Myra Kraft, the late wife of owner Robert Kraft. Myra Kraft died before the season; the Patriots have worn patches honoring her all year, and have made their Super Bowl slogan "All the Way for MHK."

Despite lackluster defensive effort in the regular season, the unit has improved greatly in the playoffs. New England sacked Denver Broncos quarterback Tim Tebow five times and held Denver to only 10 points. The defense showed its true improvement by forcing a key incomplete pass on third down in the fourth quarter of the AFC Championship; the pressure led to Baltimore's defeat.

The Patriots have been dominant on the offensive side of the field. Tom Brady has a new favorite target in tight end Rob Gronkowski, whose 17 regular-season-touchdown catches set an NFL record for the most scoring receptions by a tight end in a single season. If "Gronk" can play — he's listed as day-to-day with a high ankle sprain suffered against the Ravens — it's safe to assume he'll add another score or two to his résumé.

The Patriots are 3-point favorites, and it's easy to see why. Brady has been extremely effective, notching more than 5,000 passing yards in the regular season. Even with their defensive struggles, the Pats managed to go 13-3 with an eight-game win streak entering the post-season.

Now, with the streak at 10, Brady at the helm, and an ever-improving defense, it would appear the Patriots are equipped and prepared to win their fourth Super Bowl.

But revenge isn't everything for this team. More important is paying homage to Myra Kraft and her family. This dedication will provide the extra edge and allow the New England Patriots to go all the way for MHK.

—by Matt Cabel

Big Ten honors Doris

The Big Ten named Iowa senior Troy Doris Co-Men's Field Athlete of the Week on Monday.

The announcement follows a first-place performance in the triple jump at the Razorback Invitational this past weekend. Doris reached a mark of 16.28 meters (53-5 feet) to claim the gold.

That distance is good enough to lead the Big Ten this season, and it is the second-best mark in the nation so far this year.

The two-time Big Ten champion in the triple jump is the first indoor athlete from Iowa to win the award since John Hickey earned the honor in 2009. Doris holds the school record for the triple jump in both indoor and outdoor.

"I guess it's a good accomplishment, but it's not really the end-all to my indoor season," the two-time All-American said. "It's a good accomplishment. It means that people are watching me. I don't let things like that get to me because I know that I have to keep working hard."

This is the first time Doris has received a Big Ten weekly award.

—by Cody Goodwin

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RECRUITING 2012

Football to ring in the new



Former Iowa running back Marcus Coker runs past Tennessee Tech linebacker Dwight Evans on Sept. 3, 2011, in Kinnick Stadium. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

The Hawkeyes have more holes to fill than usual going into Wednesday's Signing Day.



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College teams flip personnel all the time. Upperclassmen graduate or go pro, and prep players come in to restock the roster. Life goes on.

But only 11 starters will return to the Iowa football team next year. Riley Reiff and Marvin McNutt will wear NFL colors in the fall; there's a good chance Shaun Prater, Broderick Binns, and Mike Daniels will, too. Marcus Coker left in the wake of a team suspension, and the *Des Moines Register* reported on Monday night that he has transferred to play at Stony Brook (N.Y.) University.

The importance of replenishing the Hawkeyes can't be overstated, which is why it's good National Signing Day is slated for Wednesday. At least 22 players from 13 states had

given oral commitments as of Monday night.

Those players will help coach Kirk Ferentz's team across all positions, but they will be especially vital to three depleted areas.

Running back

The second-leading rusher in the Big Ten is gone. So, too, is the player who was his best backup. So where does Iowa turn in the post-Coker and Mika'il McCall era?

Jordan Canzeri? He has talent, but his 5-9, 172-pound frame won't withstand the beatings that come with being a featured tailback in the Big Ten.

Brad Rogers? He played running back in high school, but he's developed into a good fullback, and it's hard to imagine him getting more than a few surprise touches per game.

Damon Bullock or De'Andre Johnson? They combined for 28 carries — a whopping 6 percent of Iowa's total and a sample size too small to give much more than an inkling of what each can do.



Former Iowa wide receiver Marvin McNutt hauls in a touchdown pass against Minnesota at TCF Bank Stadium on Oct. 29, 2011. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)



Iowa defensive lineman Mike Daniels drags down Purdue running back Ralph Bolden in Ross-Ade Stadium on Nov. 19, 2011. (The Daily Iowan/Ricky Bahner)

The Newcomers: Four-star Pennsylvanian Greg Garmon is the name most people recognize, and with good reason; he's big (6-2, 195 pounds), fast (4.4-second 40 time), and elusive.

He'll be joined by incoming three-star Cedar Falls native Barkley Hill, who switched his commitment from Iowa State last week.

SEE FOOTBALL, 8

Youth sparks women's swimming team

Iowa's freshman class has made a major impact, both in and out of the water.

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Many successful teams, in all sports, rely on experience. Lessons learned from past mistakes can prove beneficial when it gets down to crunch time.

But the freshman class of the Iowa women's swimming and diving team has hit the ground — or water, in this case — running.

Thirteen of the team's 32 members are freshmen, including 12 of the 26 swimmers; for comparison, there are only three seniors on the swimming and diving roster. The newcomers have been expected to fill major roles on the team, and they have met those expectations both in and out of the water.

"It's obviously had a tremendous impact — I mean, look in the water," head coach Marc Long said. "When nearly half the team is new to our program, it certainly has an influence."

Nine of the freshmen have occupied spots on relay teams, including Heather Arseth, who anchors both the 200-medley and the 400-freestyle relays. Both teams have posted NCAA "B" qualifying times this year.

The best newcomer this season has been Becky Stoughton. The Peoria, Ill., native has broken school records in the 200, 500, 1,000, and 1,650 freestyles, as well as in the 400 individual medley. She has claimed victory in all but one of her individual races this year.

But senior captain Danielle Carty said the freshmen have made their biggest impact out of the water.

"They've really changed the team dynamic," she said. "When they come into practice, they're not going to the back of the lanes — they're leading and pushing us. At the beginning of the year, there's usually that weird transition, but they were able to situate themselves really quickly."

Daniela Cubelic said the new group has exhibited a level of maturity she called "unusual" for first-year swimmers.

"They've really brought a lot in terms of team spirit," the senior captain said. "They're loud and not intimidated by the older girls, which is nice, considering [how many team members] are freshmen."

Long said the class brings an air of confidence that is beneficial in dual meets. The freshmen don't usually ask questions, he said; they just get on the blocks and race, whatever it takes.

Stoughton and Arseth have had their share of success this season, but both said they never expected things to play out like they have.

"I didn't have a lot of expectations for myself, coming in," Stoughton said. "I was just like, 'Hang in there until the end.'"

"Things have gone a lot better than I think a lot of

SEE SWIMMING, 8

Tracksters search for some answers

The Hawkeyes haven't lived up to their lofty expectations so far this season.

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The past two track and field meets haven't been positive for the women's side of Iowa's track and field program.

A trip to Lincoln, Neb., two weekends ago served as a Big Ten measuring stick for the Hawkeyes, while the Razorback Invitational last weekend was a glimpse of the top teams in the country.

Prior to each competition, head coach Layne Anderson expressed confidence that his team would perform well. Two years spent heavily recruiting athletes from around the Midwest and diligently training the current athletes were enough for Anderson to say this year's group of Hawkeye tracksters held the most "potential" of any squad in recent memory.

But the Hawkeyes have yet to perform to their potential, as Anderson put it. A disappointing third-place finish in the Adidas

Classic and a dismal performance in Fayetteville leaves questions unanswered for the Hawkeyes.

Just what could be the problem?

"People aren't getting the [personal records] they need to be getting. Some performances haven't been the greatest," sprinter Hannah Simonson said. "As a whole, we're not super happy with where we're at."

The team lacks something that could push it from being good to being really good, she said — but exactly what that something is remains unknown.

The junior was able to come up with a few ideas about what's slowing down the Black and Gold.



Simonson
junior

SEE TRACK, 8

INTRAMURALS



(Above) Quinn Storage goalkeeper Dave Svac turns away a shot during an intramural soccer match against Minutemen on Monday in the Bubble. Minutemen used early and frequent scoring to hand Quinn Storage its first loss of the year, 4-0. Both teams will advance to the playoffs.

(Right) Trevor Davis of Minutemen takes a shot against a Quinn Storage defender on Monday in the Bubble. Log on to dailyiowan.com for the full story. (The Daily Iowan/Melissa Wilson)

