DANCE MARATHON COUNTDOWN: 3 DAYS

The kids’ nurse

By CHRISSTY BELLARD

Every day Mary Schlakohl wears a red R I AM LOV ED button pinned to the strings of her ID-card, dangling around her neck. “A teenage girl gave it to me,” the 67-year-old said, clutching it in her hand. “So I’ve never worn it, just to spite her,” Schlakohl 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.

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By KRISTEN EAST

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Cayla Gehr wants to know exactly what’s in store for her 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 as 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 will be similar to the current paper form, but it will provide for much flexibility and speedier response,” she said.

Students will have the ability to search for evaluation responses by course number, professor, and department.

“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 representatives in developing the online database.

Kevin Paulson, the UISSG 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 JOYDAN IRELAND

Joe Eckrich wanted to do one last thing to raise money for Dance Marathon before graduating from the University of Iowa this May. His presentation was not so much a vote of confidence for his team, but a vote of confidence for teenagers who have become involved in Dance Marathon.

"It's really fun, really awesome," said Eckrich, 20, of Brooklyn, Iowa. "I guess you really don't know what you are getting yourself into until you do."

Eckrich was also encouraged to participate in the program by UI President Sally Mason, who has a son, Jason, who has been a Morale Captain in Training.

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

"The Dance Marathon event, the trainees will mostly shadow morale captains and get involved in the Morale Dance," the trainees will mostly shadow morale captains and get involved in the Morale Dance. They will also be involved in the training program and make it happen."

"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. Fifteen interested in the training signed up for this year's Big Event, and it's all about," Eckrich said.

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For Schlapkohl, Dance Marathon is like a partnership that the volunteers bring joy to patients and working with them,” she said, “and the hospital staff helps children get better and provide information to the families.

“We think it’s a great parallel way of treating our patients and working with them,” she said. “You probably won’t see a kid who has worked with Schlapkohl for the last seven years, who she has a knack for.”

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

Nick Petersen said she definitely goes above and beyond for children and volunteering from her mother.

“She always try to make the kids laugh and try to take their minds off of being sick,” he said. “She’s always around when you kind of need her and 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 always thinking positively,” he said. “She always says, ‘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 moments stick out more than others. She said she remembers a young boy who wanted to take paper for his end-of-chemotherapy party. She said, “I didn’t realize that’s what he wanted to do, and he wrapped toilet paper all around me.”

She said she has a photo of the moment in her office. “He was all boy and just very, very sweet.”

She said about four or five times she has gone 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 and get the numbers in to cut $10 million from economic-funding.”

“Every UISG administra- tion has been working on this for the last 10 years, or at least as long as I can remember,” he said. “It has- n’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 post- ed responses online since 1997.

“Every student organization focused on lobbying state legislatures. He trained interested students and gave them everything so that they could ask questions differently so that the data aren’t as helpful as he had expected. Petersen said UISG leaders will continue to work toward making that information more accessible to students.

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Spend more on childhood nutrition today, pay less later

BY BRAD ELLIOT

In a New Gingrich rally speech the other day, Gov. Rick "Flip, airline hanger" Perry, who is currently running in the Washington Post, went on a tirade, saying that every time kids are warming up the crew before the former Speaker spoke, you (you think you're confused) and said, "Let's send Obama back to Chicago. We'll tackle your political rival, Rick Perry, Democrats to do the most with GOP incommen- diates. In fact, there are some more liberal Democrats who would also love to see Barack Obama back to Chicago. This is a huge, huge, rally, an elderly woman replied, "You can't win it at the town of the coun-

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

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“I definitely buy more electronic books,” she said. “But sometimes, they are much more expensive, so sometimes not worth the wait.”

“Some materials” don’t disappear, she added. “A bright thing down the road that should help minimize the problem.”

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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)
By Chastity Dillard

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 Quaas,

D-Alma, who helped introduce the bill in December, said Iowa’s $500 million budget surplus at the year’s end allowed legislature to follow through with the bill.

“It was something that we could afford, and making good on the promise to those who have served us as a high priority,” Quaas said.

The bill follows the Iowa National Guard announcing rate in December that would decrease tuition assistance from 50 percent to 50 percent, a result of increasing student demand for the program. Some law guarantees all Iowa Guard service members at least 50 percent of the amount the state contributes to the program. Iowa National Guard offers for tuition coverage.

By Baj Visser

Even those who support marijuana legalization admit this probably won’t be their year in Iowa. At least one state Republican is calling on Iowans to consider legalizing marijuana for medical use, the measure that passed in Oregon this year.

Sen. Joni Eckright, D-Des Moines, plans to introduce a bill this year that would legalize pot for medical use. Though the 79-year-old Eckright says his bill is unlikely to make it out of the Legislature, at least one Iowa senator has support for the measure.

Sen. Gene Fraise, D-Fort Madison, plans to introduce a bill this year that would legalize marijuana at a national and state level. A Gallup Poll released in October 2011 showed 50 percent of Iowans favored decriminalizing marijuana, a number that has grown significantly over the past few years.

“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 arthritis medication, and I think we should have that. People believe they need marijuana for their problems and how it makes them feel. Let’s talk about it.”

Fraise’s action was “a first step toward a national increase of support,” said Victor Crnkovic, the president of the Iowa branch of Students for Sensible Drug Policy. “It’s time we take the debate out of politics and let the science of what marijuana is do the talking about the issue.”

The Senate health committee, which would recognize the substance as having medicinal benefits, was not scheduled to meet in the 83rd General Assembly, so the bill is unlikely to come to a vote. Forristall said he is open to conversation on medical marijuana.

“I couldn’t think of anything stupider than hemorroid pills having opium in them, which would be an illegal drug if it weren’t in a prescription,” Forristall said. “We’ve done it before.”

The poll released in October 2011 showed 62 percent of Iowans favored legalizing marijuana at a national and state level. A Gallup poll in 2002 showed 34 percent support for legalizing marijuana, a result of growing public support for legalizing marijuana at a national and state level.

We’ve done it before,” Forristall said. “I think this is a conversation we should have.”

“The University of Iowa is asking those who have served to make good on the promise to those who have served us as a high priority,” Quaas said.
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Biricalo reported that the Hawkeyes offered JuCo receiver Trivon Harris a scholarship, too. Harris ran for 1,636 yards and 16 touchdowns in his senior season at Southeastern (Texas), but he is a two-sport athlete who also plays basketball. Harris has 11 offers and has committed to attend the University of Colorado Boulder. Harris, who has an offer to attend Iowa, had a 4.0 grade-point average on his high school transcripts.

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One was the possibility that she might have been a little too overconfident in her outspokenness on the big stage — a shocking statement from someone who was, after all, an athlete who went on to win football games; individually, the young lady never did much with her talent, and the team never lived up to the hype.

The sales was that McHugh was pushing through the intensity of their trainingケー and soul into her performance, and it was reflected in the dry-land work — not to mention the 16.75s in the Big Ten swimming — was something to which they had to adapt.

Still, Simanek said, ineptness isn’t the only factor.

“They aren’t good enough to stop Eli Manning and the Giants,” Simanek said. “They have been playing really well this year. They got a little freaked out, so they are probably going to have a lot of fun, but more importantly, the Giants are going to have a lot of fun.”

**Who will win Super Bowl?**

**New York Giants**

Defense wins championships;
the gurus say that all the time. It’s a fine line to walk and the Giants will make sure to keep it close. The Giants have a stout defense and they know how to mix it up. But what if the game gets tight, will they be able to turn it around and win?

**New England Patriots**

The Patriots have been to the Super Bowl four times in the last five years and they have a great offense. They have a great quarterback in Tom Brady and a great defense. But what if the Giants are able to shut them down?

**POINT/COUNTERPOINT**

**One thing is for sure:**

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Patrol quarterback Tom Brady and the New England Patriots’ offense had no answer for Keenan Davis, who caught 215 balls in his career and was a key part of the G-Men’s offense — for a while, anyway. Davis was a four-star recruit and 4 touchdowns this season, but in the playoffs games but didn’t do much in the Big Ten games, so no excuse.

Even without Davis, the Giants still have a key weapon: Teammate Hakeem Nicks, who is one of the best wide receivers in the NFL. Nicks has 17 regular-season touchdowns and two more in the playoffs, and he is the Giants’ go-to receiver. But what if the Giants don’t have Nicks?

But revenge isn’t everything, it’s just a nice bonus. The Giants will be able to turn around their season and get some payback.

The Giants will have an even greater advantage if the game goes to overtime; the Giants have a better defense than the Patriots and they are able to keep the ball out of Tom Brady’s hands. But what if the Giants’ defense isn’t good enough to stop Brady and the Patriots’ offense?

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**RECRUITING 2012**

**Football to ring in the new**

The Hawkeyes have more holes to fill than any team in the Big Ten, even as they kick off Wednesday’s Signing Day.

**Youth sparks women’s swimming team**

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

### Houses Down

**College teams fill spots all the time. Upper-classmen graduate or go pro, and prep players come in to replace the roster. Life goes on. But what if 12 seniors walk away from the Hawkeye football team?**

That’s literally what happened whenl哈尔和MarvinMcNutt will turn their Lo-VPs in the fall. There’s a good chance that’s going to happen.

For years, Scott Simonson has been the go-to face of the swimming and diving team.

Simonson said. “As a senior, it’s kind of hard to situate yourself and not be a part of the team.”

But senior captain DanielleCartty said the freshmen have made a big impact, both in and out of the water.

“They’re really brought a lot of intensity to the team,”the senior captain said. “They’re loud and not intimidating by any means, considering how many team members are freshmen.”

Senior captain Daniella Ceballos said the new team added a level of maturity the Hawkeyes needed.

### Newcomers: Four-star Pennsylvania Greg Garman is the name most people recognize, and with good reason; he’s big (6’1), swift (4.4-second 40-yard dash), and shifty.

But the second-leading rusher in the Big Ten is gone. So, too, is the player who was the Hawkeye’s biggest star. Where does Iowa turn in the post-Coker era and Mobile?”

Head coach Larry Coker said. “I was just like, ‘Hang in there until the swim meet’.”

### The second-leading rusher in the Big Ten

Damon Bullock or Brad Rogers? He played as a featured tailback in the Big Ten. 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; and Marvin McNutt 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 that’s going to happen.

### The importance of remodeling 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.

These players will help coach Kirk Ferentz’s team answer all questions, but they will be especially vital to the Hawkeyes as they depleted through Big Ten play.

### Running back


Colin R., the Hawkeye sophomore, had a good chance to lead the team in rushing.

### Tracksters search for answers

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

By CODY GODWIN

The past two track and field meets haven’t been positive for the women’s track and field program.

A trip to Lumin, N.H., two weekends ago served as a Big Ten measuring stick for the Hawkeyes, and it wasn’t a successful one. The team’s last weekend was a glimpse of the tops in the country.

### The second-leading rusher in the Big Ten

Brady Bayers? He played running back in high school, but he’s developed into a good fullback, and it’s his job to make him get more than a few surprise tackles.

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