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Embattled UI alum linked to Obama

Family members of a former University of Iowa student who is apparently involved with violence and crime in Mexico have donated thousands to President Obama's re-election campaign, according to a *New York Times* investigation released this week.

Pepe Rojas-Cardona was the UI Student Government president in the early 1990s. After a string of theft and fraud charges and at least one major drug charge, Rojas-Cardona apparently fled to Mexico in the mid-1990s, a *Gazette* investigation showed last year. Since then, Rojas-Cardona has apparently been a major player in Mexico's casino industry, which is surrounded by corruption, the *Times* reports.

Meanwhile, two of Rojas-Cardona's family members in the United States have generated huge sums for Obama's re-election bid and the Democratic National Committee. Obama campaign officials told the *Times* on Monday that they were refunding more than \$200,000 raised by Rojas-Cardona's family.

— by Adam B Sullivan

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Legislators scramble on tuition

Big Ten Salaries

Some GOP policymakers are pushing to freeze salaries of Iowa's public university presidents in years in which tuition increases. This graphic shows UI President Sally Mason is in the middle of the pack among her conference peers.

Yearly Salaries

\$242,739	Alan S. Cureton, Northwestern University (2009)
\$411,370	James B. Milliken, University of Nebraska (2011)
\$414,593	Kevin P. Reilly, University of Wisconsin (2009)
\$450,000	France A. Cordova, Purdue University
\$450,000	B. Joseph White (former), University of Illinois (2009)
\$455,000	Bob Brujininks, University of Minnesota (2010)
\$473,400	Sally Mason, University of Iowa (2011)
\$520,000	Lou Anna K. Simon, Michigan State University (2009)
\$533,120	Michael McRobbie, Indiana University (2011)
\$570,105	Mary Sue Coleman, University of Michigan (2010)
\$802,125	E. Gordon Gee, Ohio State University (2010)
(Not Available)	Rodney A. Erickson, Pennsylvania State University

Sources: Collegiate Times, The Chronicle, Indiana Daily Student, Des Moines Register, Minnesota Daily

Data compiled by Chastity Dillard/Graphic by Alicia Kramme

In 2011, UI President Sally Mason made more than \$470,000.

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Tuition increases across the nation coupled with declining state and federal support have left policymakers searching for ways to offset the burden on students.

And despite a failed proposal from several Republican lawmakers last week targeting university presidents' salaries, one legislator says they will continue to offer similar legislation.

"Ultimately, there has to be the nerve to do something, people lose the fact that the students are the ones that we are supposed to be fighting for and make it about the president," said Rep. Jeremy Taylor, Sioux City.

Under the failed proposal, public university presidents wouldn't receive pay increases if tuition went up.

In 2011, University of Iowa President Sally Mason made more than \$470,000, Iowa State University President Gregory Geoffroy made roughly \$420,000, and University of Northern Iowa President Benjamin Allen made \$320,000.

The GOP proposal died in committee, but Taylor said he and several other House Republicans will keep trying to make universities more accountable to tuition hikes.

Last year, for instance, a

statehouse Republican sponsored legislation that would require the UI to sell a famous Jackson Pollock painting. The bill designated the proceeds — estimated to be \$140 million — would be used to provide scholarships for students.

"This is an out-of-the-box option to try avoiding a tuition increase and provide students [the ability] to go to Iowa," Rep. Nick Wagner, R-Marion, the vice chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, told *The Daily Iowan* last year. "People will be upset about any decision you make; you just have to decide whether you should do it."

Wagner later withdrew the bill.

But Taylor said constant legislative action will make such bills harder for policymakers to ignore.

"I think the pressure will build," he said. "We'll have more and more legislators that will have to take action."

Some experts say the tensions between tuition and state appropriations is being felt across the nation.

Julie Bell, the education program director for the National Conference of State Legislators, said deciding how much a state should subsidize education is a very important issue.

"This issue of how all the different players in higher education have a responsibility in how tuition plays out is happening all over the country," Bell said. "The effects are serious in terms of student debt ... some

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New car service coming



Lacey Jones fills up her car at the Kum & Go at the intersection of Burlington and Madison Streets on Monday. A new car service will come Iowa City in August. (The Daily Iowan/Melissa Wilson)

A new car-sharing service is expected to arrive in Iowa City this August.

By **JORDYN REILAND**
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Students at the University of Iowa may soon have another method of transportation.

Following a recent collaboration with the city of Iowa City, the UI will soon provide a car-sharing service to students and community members — with a lessened age restriction.

Jim Sayre, associate director for parking and transportation

at the UI, said all UI students who are at least 18 would be able to rent a car.

"There would likely be an age restriction," Sayre said. "We haven't selected a vendor, but it's most likely that if you are a university student, you would have to be 18 [to rent a car]."

Most rental-car facilities have legal age restrictions and fees for renters who do not

Car-sharing service

The University of Iowa and the city of Iowa City will look into providing the city and university with a car-sharing service that does not have strict age restrictions. Hertz Car Rental provides restrictions for renting cars such as:

- can rent a car at 25 without a fee
- can rent a car at 20-24 with a \$15 a day fee

Source: Hertz Rental Car branch manager Bill Nelson

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Officials assail GOP plan

Local lawmaker called GOP tax proposals 'probably the worst tax-policy bills I've ever seen.'

By **ANNA THEODOSIS**
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New Republican proposals are pushing to slow property-tax increases, but opponents warn the plans would hurt local governments.

A report from Gov. Terry Branstad's office released this week projected local property taxes around the state will jump more than \$2 billion between 2014 and 2022, according to the Associated Press. To deal with the projected increase, Branstad is pushing the Legislature to limit property-tax increases.

But opponents say a one-size-fits-all tax policy for the state won't work.

"That's the goofiest prediction; that's all political," said Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville. "As a matter of fact, the only way to reduce residential [taxes] is to show some guts."

Jacoby said many Iowans flock to Johnson County even though its residential and commercial property taxes are some of the highest in the state.

Current legislation won't fix high property taxes, he said, and Branstad's prediction of skyrocketing residential

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THE GAME IS A-FLUTE



Monica Maloney-Mitros plays flute with 30 members of the Linn Street Band in the Senior Center on Monday. The band welcomes anyone who loves music to join it. Usually, a UI music education graduate student conducts. The current conductor, Dusty Johnson, has been with the band since September 2011. (The Daily Iowan/Ya-Chen Chen)

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Air-traffic bill passes

By JOAN LOWY
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WASHINGTON — A bill to speed the nation's switch from radar to an air-traffic-control system based on GPS technology and to open U.S. skies to unmanned drone flights in four years, received final Congressional approval Monday.

The bill passed the Senate 75-20, despite labor opposition to a deal cut between the Democratic-controlled Senate and the Republican-controlled House on rules governing union organizing elections at airlines and railroads. The House had passed the bill last week, and it now goes to President Obama for his signature.

The bill authorizes \$63.4 billion for the Federal Aviation Administration over four years, including approximately \$11 billion toward the air-traffic system and its modernization. It accelerates the modernization program by setting a deadline of June 2015 for the FAA to develop new arrival procedures at the nation's 35 busiest airports so planes can land using the more precise GPS navigation.

Instead of time-consuming, fuel-burning, stair-step descents, planes will be able to glide in more steeply with their engines idling. Planes will also be able to land and take off closer together and more frequently, even in



Senior Airman Nicholas Hart helps guide an RQ-4 Global Hawk Block-20 into its hangar at Beale Air Force Base in Yuba County, Calif. on June 30, 2008. Congress has passed legislation that will hasten the nation's switch from radar to air-traffic control using GPS and satellites. (Associated Press/Chris Kaufman, Appeal-Democrat)

poor weather, because pilots will know the precise location of other aircraft and obstacles on the ground. Fewer planes will be diverted.

Eventually, FAA officials want the airline industry and other aircraft operators to install onboard satellite technology that updates the location of planes every second instead of radar's every six to 12 seconds. That would enable pilots to tell not only the location of their plane but other planes equipped with the new technology as well — something they can't do now.

The system is central to the FAA's plans for accommo-

dating a forecast 50 percent growth in air traffic over the next decade. Most other nations already have adopted satellite-based technology for guiding planes or are heading in that direction, but the FAA has moved cautiously. The U.S. accounts for 35 percent of global commercial air traffic and has the world's most complicated airspace, with greater and more varied private aviation than other countries.

The bill is "the best news that the airline industry ever had," Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., said. "It will take us into a new era."

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said the bill "will provide the stability and predictability to ensure critical aviation safety programs ... and infrastructure investments move forward."

The FAA is also required under the bill to provide military, commercial, and privately owned drones with expanded access to U.S. airspace currently reserved for manned aircraft by Sept. 30, 2015. That means permitting unmanned drones controlled by remote operators on the ground to fly in the same airspace as airliners, cargo planes, business jets, and private aircraft.

METRO

Man charged with theft, burglary

Iowa City police have arrested a local man after reportedly finding items reported stolen at his household.

Rickey Fedrick, 21, 2437 Petsel Place, was charged Dec. 15 with two counts of second-degree burglary and one count of second-degree theft.

According to an Iowa City police report, Fedrick was identified as a suspect in several burglaries that occurred near his residence, prompting police to execute a search warrant where Fedrick was staying.

During that search, the report said, officers located several items that had been reported as stolen during five burglaries and one robbery. The value of the recovered items totaled \$1,325.

Second-degree theft is a Class D felony, punishable by up to five years in jail and a maximum fine of \$7,500. Second-degree burgla-

ry is a Class C felony, punishable by up to 10 years in jail and a maximum fine of \$10,000.

— by Conrad Swanson

Police issue warning after robbery report

The University of Iowa police recommend people walk in groups following reports of a robbery near the intersection of Dubuque and Brown Streets last week.

According to a statement, a female student was walking home to Mayflower Hall around 10 p.m. on Jan. 31 when she was allegedly struck from behind. The statement said she later awoke to find her backpack missing.

The student was unable to provide a description of the suspect, according to the statement.

— by Conrad Swanson

UI police: 'Robbery' never happened

University of Iowa police have closed the investigation sur-

rounding a recent robbery after determining it did not occur.

The change comes after a male UI student reported being robbed at knifepoint by three men on his way back to Mayflower Hall on Jan. 22.

The report said the man suffered minor injuries and was taken by friends to the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics for treatment.

However, after following up on the report, police said in a statement the robbery did not occur. The investigation has since been closed as unfounded.

— by Conrad Swanson

Man sentenced in downtown stabbing

An Iowa City man was sentenced Monday after he allegedly stabbed a man in the back in 2010.

Raymond L. Spears, 52, was sentenced Monday to a maximum of 10 years in prison for willful injury, a Class C felony.

Spears entered an Alford plea to his willful-injury charge in November 2011, allowing him to avoid an attempted-murder charge.

His attorney, Kelly Steele, said Spears would have faced a 25- to 35-year sentence and a jury trial if he did not change his plea.

Sixth District Judge Douglas Russell dismissed the attempted-murder charge and ordered Spears to pay restitution in the amount of \$615.60, which will increase if more medical bills are submitted. He will also pay \$1,000 for attorney fees and court costs. A no-contact order will remain in effect for five years.

Steele said he believes Spears' will be released on parole after serving four to five years.

Spears has the right to appeal the conviction within 30 days; he will not be allowed bail upon appeal.

— by Beth Bratsos

BLOTTER

Jonathan Hoppe, 25, 308 S. Van Buren St., was charged on Sunday with possession of a controlled substance.

Joshua Koolbeck, 19, 1816 High St., was charged on Sunday with

public intoxication. Oscar Maldonado, 21, West Liberty, was charged on Monday with interference with official acts, public intoxication, and public urination.

Ignacio Marcelino, 20, 2514 Triple Crown Lane, was charged on Monday with public intoxication.

Spencer Sasso, 24, 62 Oberlin Drive, was charged on Sunday

with driving while license under suspension.

Allen Young, 19, 103 Fairview Drive, was charged on Sunday with driving while license under suspension.

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meet the requirements. The legal age to rent a car in Iowa without a fee is 25, but consumers can rent at age 20 with a fee.

Bill Nelson, the manager of the Iowa City branch of rental company Hertz Rent-a-Car, said a lack of fees and restrictions in the upcoming car-sharing service may cause some competition for the rental-car business.

"It'd be competition for us," he said. "It'd make it a little harder to get the customer."

Hertz's underage fee is \$15 per day.

But Cambus manager Brian McClatchey said the new service will not make any competition for public transportation.

"It expands the opportunities for students and staff to get to the locations

they need, and it may reduce the need for students to bring cars to campus," McClatchey said. "We are certainly supportive of the experiment, and it's a good chance it'll be successful here in the community."

Sayre also said the university and the city do not anticipate any costs upfront. The specific costs will depend on the vendor that provides the cars, but renters will likely have to pay an hourly rate — including gas and insurance — as well as a possible yearly membership fee.

UI Student Government Vice President Britany Caplin said she thinks the service would be useful.

"There are definitely times where us as a student organization needed a car for a Board of Regents meeting or a different event off campus," she said. "[The new rental

service] would definitely be used."

Other universities have similar rental-car services.

Ian Stewart, a sophomore at Middlebury College and former *Daily Iowan* employee, said his year-and-a-half experience with ZipCar — a nationwide car sharing service — has been a positive one.

"Going to school out of state, I don't have a car," he said. "You [also] don't have to pay for gas, which is a big bonus."

ZipCar's costs include an \$8 -per-hour fee and a \$25 yearly membership fee.

Stewart said ZipCar's major benefit is the lack of an age restriction compared with a rental-car service.

"You have to be 25 to rent a rental car," Stewart said. "It's perfect for those that don't meet the requirement."

PROPERTY TAX

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taxes is not founded on any facts.

"The current bills, the governor's bill, and the House Republican bill are probably the worst tax-policy bills I've ever seen," he said. "They may reduce commercial [taxes], but they will raise homeowners' [taxes]."

Another local Democrat agreed.

"Anybody can say all taxes are too high," said Sen. Bob Dvorsky, D-Coralville. "[In] some instances, property taxes are maybe percentage-wise too high for those properties. I don't think you can blanket [property taxes being high statewide]."

Dvorsky and Jacoby said Branstad and legislators who support his proposal need to determine which property tax areas

are too high and which are reasonable, rather than cut increases across the board.

"The only way to get to the bottom of it is to look at property taxes paid by agriculture, residential, and commercial [properties]," Dvorsky said.

Jacoby agreed that legislators need to consider all aspects of property taxes in order to find a solution that will work.

However, other policymakers agree with the Republican governor.

"If we don't do something with [the tax rates], they are going to get out of control," said Sen. Robert Bacon, R-Maxwell. "If we don't make some adjustments in the next year or two, property taxes are just going to be ridiculously high."

Some Iowa City city councilors agreed with Branstad but said forcing municipalities into lower property-tax rates will leave cities strapped for cash.

Property tax

Breakdown of property-tax sources in Iowa:

- Residential: 42.99 percent
- Commercial: 26.38 percent
- Agricultural: 19.05 percent
- Industrial: 4.9 percent

Source: Iowa Department of Revenue

"I agree with him that property taxes are high and they should be reduced," said Councilor Connie Champion. "He's got to find another way for cities to raise money. He doesn't give alternatives, he just says they are too high."

Johnson County Board of Supervisors' Chairman Terrence Neuzil said overall he's satisfied with local tax rates but that governing bodies in the area might do a better job coordinating tax hikes.

"A lot of people will look at a elected official and point the finger," he said. "I am concerned that collectively as a community, we don't do enough to coordinate increases in taxes."

SALARIES

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students are going to be priced out of higher education and this really isn't fair."

Larry Isaac, the president of Midwestern Higher Education Compact, said states are finding it harder to find ways to allocate monies to higher education.

"There are reduced state revenues," he said. "And secondly, states are being asked to spend more on other areas of the budget — Medicare and Medicaid and corrections."

Regent Robert Downer said it is always possible to hold off on tuition increases,

"If we can adequately fund it, then we can expect tuition to hold and/or administrative salaries to be decreased."

- Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville

es, but without the state funding available, quality and quantity of the universities services would suffer.

Downer said Iowa regent universities have not had high tuition increases compared with other states.

"The quality and quantity would be reflected in the decrease of value in degrees," Downer said, including the ability for graduates to obtain jobs. "[Freezing tuition] is a poor bargain."

But Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-

Coralville, said halting compensation for university presidents is "not a bad idea" if the universities receive proper funding.

"The first question is if House Republicans and Gov. [Terry] Branstad will adequately fund [the schools]," he said, noting the roughly \$50 million taken school funding. "If we can adequately fund it, then we can expect tuition to hold and/or administrative salaries to be decreased."



UI President Sally Mason answers questions during an interview in the President's Office last year. (The Daily Iowan/Ricky Bahner)

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Editorial

UISG lacking in transparency and communication

Listed last on the University of Iowa Student Government's platform for the school year is "Communication and Transparency." Three bullet-points were filed under the subtitle: "All legislation online; Regular Tweets and [Facebook] updates; IMU renovation."

The members' enthusiasm for communication and transparency, though, appears to have waned substantially since Nov. 1. No comprehensive meetings notes have been published since that date. The organization's Twitter has been inactive since that date. Its Facebook hasn't posted since April last year.

Of all the group's goals, which included expanding the U-Bill downtown and expanding student-transportation options, transparency seems like a gimme in comparison. Unfortunately, the members haven't followed through.

Public transparency should be a top priority of all forms of government. The current UISG administration must set the precedent for future student governments by stressing the importance of communication of transparency for the rest of its tenure.

This past year, UISG budgeted more than \$144,000 for a number of activities. To the UISG's credit, it employs a rather rigid set of standards that any activity must comply with before receiving UISG funding. Moreover, it is worth noting that the UISG has made strides (though insufficient) to improve access to information concerning the day-to-day goings-on of the UISG, a point made by Speaker of the Senate Nicholas Pottebaum.

"You can see everything from what was proposed at each meeting to what was passed," he said. "... In addition, if there were presentations at those meetings, those presentations are put up as PDFs. So, if you go to the legislative calendar, you can see every meeting."

According to the calendar available on UISG's website, the Senate has met six times and there have been 12 committee meetings. Links are available to review "meeting notes" for the former, and no information has been provided concerning any of the latter. Each link to the "meeting notes" consists of a brief outline and sometimes provides another link to a comprehensive PDF of everything considered and presented during the meeting.

These comprehensive agendas, however, are only available for half of the meetings. None have been uploaded since Nov. 1. A footnote at the bottom of the Nov. 15 meeting page reads, "Meeting Agenda, Legislation, and Notes to be posted shortly."

"We are always transparent," said UISG Vice President Brittany Caplin. "We are always willing to

give out the information ... We rely on the media. We rely on, and are open with, the beat reporter for [*The Daily Iowan*]."

With that, credit must be given where credit is due. The UISG holds meetings that are open to the public. It willingly responds to media outlets and constituents who have questions or concerns. In many ways, the UISG has gone 80 percent of the way to informing the public fully of how it conducts business.

So why not go one step further? Why not simply go the last 20 percent, and eliminate the need for the public to coerce information from the UISG? Why can't students simply go online and access data to inform them of how much money the UISG is allocating to what? Why has it stopped posting those fantastically detailed meeting agendas online? Why has it seemingly lost interest in social media?

It appears that the answer is that it would require the UISG to invest additional time and energy beyond what the members are currently doing to provide this information. To some degree, this is understandable. Aggregating information is tedious work, and consolidating it in a way that would make it accessible and easy to understand would likely require a significant amount of time and energy. However, that is exactly why the UISG should aggregate, consolidate, and distribute this information. Otherwise, every time students want to know how the UISG is spending money, they have to set out on a long and costly journey rounding up diffuse and disparate data that likely make absolutely no sense out of context.

Part of transparency is accessibility of information. As it currently stands, the specific information concerning what groups, what programs, and what activities are receiving how much money is anything but readily accessible public information. This is the direct consequence of a failure on the part of the UISG to invest fully in implementing transparency focused reforms. Until the organization is willing to make information concerning its budget and how it is allocating funds more accessible, it is highly likely that it will witness a further erosion of public trust and with it, its legitimacy as a representative institution.

Everyone has a vested interest here. If the UISG is fully transparent about how it allocates its budget, then students will be better able to hold their elected representatives accountable.

The members will also have successfully fulfilled a fundamental point of their aggressive platform.

Your turn. Should the UISG be more transparent?
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Letter

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End a failed war

I was very pleased to read the column "Time to Talk Pot," by Will Mattesich (*DI*, Feb. 3). I was quickly reminded in only a few sentences that jokes about the War on Drugs actually are not funny.

Through constant stereotyping and viral media, those who support the ending of the War on Drugs are cast as hilarious stoners who are too lazy to alter their political reality. While comedic stereotyping of various cannabis communities can be

very funny, it is also very tragic, because we come to understand that there is a war occurring within the borders of our own country.

Unlike some foreign operations, this War On Drugs was declared and certified by Congress. It is a real war. It is a war of the federal government against the very citizens of this country and is a sorrowful situation. Liquor-store owners and alcohol sellers maintain a high standard of living, while a cannabis distributor faces decades in jail and loss of voting

rights. The owners and shareholders of various alcohol companies enjoy record profits, while those who grow cannabis face a continually changing web of laws that threaten their freedom, safety, and property.

It is time to end the insanity of the Drug War. It is time that our local government realize that not all federal money is good money and stop accepting funds that further the racist aspirations of the federal War on Drugs. The program of police searches on Interstate 80 is a good example of a program we

could do without. How could the police not be racially or culturally stereotyping when embarking on a program such as this?

Our civil liberties, the quest for racial justice and equity among the laws in regards to mind altering substances, these things are much more important that some Nancy Reaganesque notion of "just say no." The War on Drugs is just that: a war. And it is time for this failed war to end.

Jarrett Mitchell
Iowa City resident

Not thinking about Mitt



BY BEAU ELLIOT
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(No, I do not lie awake in bed during these long winter nights, replaying over and over the sight of Wes Welker, New England's sure-handed sage of pass receiving, dropping the ball in the wide-open spaces of the New York Giants' secondary. No, I do not lie awake as the football bounces on the turf, one, two, three times, and the Patriots' drive, and the Patriots' hopes for a Super Bowl victory, go proverbially gurgling down the proverbial drain. I do not lie awake chanting catch the ball, Wes, catch the ball, Wes. Oh. He drops the ball every time. Good night, Irene. Good night, Bill Buckner.)

Sirius satellite radio, the ad on the radio says. Is that opposed to humerous satellite radio?

Just wondering.

It's a little thing I do not think about Mitt Romney — and you have to admit, not thinking about Mitt Romney is a lot healthier than thinking about Mitt Romney. Probably adds years to your life. If that's what you have in mind.

But speaking of Mitt, even though we were trying not to, BBC Radio reports that the former governor of Massachusetts (hmm; that state again; I am not lying awake, etc., catch the ball, Wes. Oh.) recently said Americans are the only people in the world who put their hands over their hearts during the playing of the national anthem.

That, of course, is utter nonsense. And many, many people from around the world responding to BBC about the hand/heart/national anthem thing said they, too, put their hands over their hearts during the playing of their national anthems.

According to the Mitt (maybe if Bill Buckner's mitt had been as big as the Mitt's imagination, he would have scooped up that ground ball in the 1986 World Series — stop obsessing, Beau), the hand/heart/national anthem thing started with FDR during World War II.

But according to an American history professor whom BBC interviewed (whose name I carefully

wrote down, then carefully obliterated by knocking over my cup of coffee and swamping the piece of paper, my computer mouse, and my tobacco with coffee meant to wake me up from dreams of Wes Welker) ... anyway, the American history professor whose name now resides in my trash can pooh-poohed the notion that FDR had ever urged Americans to put their hands over their hearts during the national anthem.

(That would be the national anthem whose melody Francis Scott Key reportedly stole [borrowed?] from an English drinking song. You have to admit, it's exciting, or something, to have a national anthem taken from an English drinking song. I think it helps explain the whole binge-drinking thing, but then, I keep having these weird dreams. And besides, why couldn't Scott Key have swiped the melody from an old Irish drinking song? They're much more heart-felt.)

Meanwhile, not thinking about Mitt, public radio's "Marketplace" reports that Iran has banned dolls based on characters from "The Simpsons." No, really.

Now, they've gone too far. I mean, the whole nuclear thing was dicey enough, but "The Simpsons"? Those Iranians are striking at the heart of high American culture (hmm — maybe that was the point).

But, of course, the Mitt comes marching back to center stage. He celebrated his smashing victory in Florida last week by announcing he didn't give a damn about the poor.

(Well, OK — Romney said he wasn't "concerned" about the poor; not that he didn't give a damn. But his attitude, as it has been all through his campaign, was "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn." Even so, we shouldn't put feet in Romney's mouth; he does a quite fine job of that all by himself.)

(No, I do not lie awake in bed during these long winter nights, replaying over and over the sight of Wes Welker, New England's sure-handed sage of pass receiving, dropping the ball in the wide-open spaces of the New York Giants' secondary.)

Good night, Irene. Good night, Bill Buckner.

Good night, Mitt. ■

Guest opinion

UISG: Challenge ourselves to eliminate discrimination

Because of diversity training, the University of Iowa Student Government is now a stronger organization. On Jan. 21, more than 40 UISG members gathered to celebrate our differences and learn about one another by participating in the National Coalition Building Institute Diversity Workshop. With the leadership of the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity, members spent the day learning about diversity and discrimination issues and, more importantly, the unique backgrounds and experiences of our members that have shaped who we are today.

The Diversity Workshop is unique. Unlike most diversity training that focus on the subjects of culpability and white privilege, this diversity training emphasizes a variety of issues, including age, socioeconomic class, sexual orientation, religion, disability, and ethnicity. Stereotypes persist and discrimination continues against individuals in all of these areas. This is why all members of the university, staff, faculty, and students need to be conscious of the diversity issues in our community and work together to create an environment in which all are respected regardless of their backgrounds.

We can't deny that prejudice and discrimination exist on our campus. Many of us probably know a friend, a classmate, or a colleague who has experienced some sort of discrimination. We are often left vulnerable not knowing how to respond or deal with such situations. This is why it's vital that we challenge ourselves to learn how to advocate and support individuals in our community who have been mistreated simply because they are different. Through the Diversity Workshop, members of student government learned how to respectfully deal with and respond to conflicts of discrimination.

The training teaches us how to facilitate those types of dialogue, and it empowers us as students to learn how to advocate for our peers.

As a student government, we are truly committed to better representing the diverse student body we are so fortunate to have at the UI. To do so, we need to be able to understand the challenges, the misconceptions, and the stereotypes students face in order to best advocate on behalf of our student body.

The Diversity Workshop is just the first step in the process to engage students to eliminate prejudice and discrimination on our cam-

pus, and it's necessary for us to approach this with an open mind and a willingness to learn about our differences and similarities. Student organizations should take advantage of this opportunity and participate in the Diversity Workshop.

As we continue our efforts to make the university a safe and welcoming environment, UISG is taking the necessary steps to officially designate its office as a "safe zone." Through the Safe Zone Project, select members of the legislative and executive branches will participate in safe-zone training to become visible

allies of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer people in our community. Once our office has become a safe zone, it will provide a welcoming area for LGBTQ students to utilize our office as a resource and a supportive environment.

We all need to be conscious of the role we play to make this campus a safe and respectable place for all. Even though it is difficult to eliminate prejudice or discrimination, we can make a difference by educating and challenging ourselves.

Kotheid Nicoue is the diversity advocate for UISG.

Sallie Mae changes loan policy

Only 4 percent of Sallie Mae's loans are in forbearance.

By KRISTEN EAST
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University of Iowa student leaders probably won't take action following a recent change in Sallie Mae's forbearance policies.

Sallie Mae — the nation's largest distributor of private student loans — changed its fee policy Feb. 2 in response to a Change.org petition that received 77,000 signatures.

Forbearance occurs when a borrower cannot make a payment and the lender agrees to sus-

pend payments temporarily, often at a smaller cost.

Michael Appel, vice president of the UI's Executive Council of Graduate and Professional Students, said the group planned to discuss the issue at today's meeting and would likely have taken action if Sallie Mae officials hadn't addressed the petition.

"Anywhere from signing the petition, or a letter-writing campaign ... there's a plethora of opportunities we could've taken," Appel said.

Sallie Mae requires unemployed graduates to pay a \$50-per-loan "good-faith" fee every three months if they are unable

to make payments on their student loans.

The company previously had pocketed those fees, but it changed its policy after 23-year-old New Yorker Stef Gray handed the Change.org petition to Sallie Mae officials Feb. 2. Forbearance, or "good-faith" payments, will now be applied to the customers' balance. The change will be retroactive to forbearance started Jan. 1.

Some higher-education experts say the news surrounding Sallie Mae's lending practices reinforces the notion students should turn to federal loans first.

"I think this ... has really shined a spotlight on one of the many differences between private and federal loans, and why students

should take caution when getting private loans," said Lauren Asher, president of the Institute for College Access and Success. She said private loans tend to have higher interest rates while federal loans gives students more repayment options.

The Executive Council will further discuss Sallie Mae's practices at its meeting tonight.

Sallie Mae spokeswoman Patricia Christel explained good-faith payments will be applied to customers' balance after they start making on-time payments. Graduates will still be charged forbearance fees, though Christel said only 4 percent of Sallie

Mae's loans are in forbearance.

Though she's happy with Sallie Mae's policy change, Gray said the fight for consumer protection isn't over.

"This fight will not stop at the forbearance fee battle; this is merely the beginning of drawing attention to, and action against, Sallie Mae's lending practices," Gray said in an email. "It is not much to ask that Sallie Mae extend the same consumer protections guaranteed to those with federal student debt to those with private student debt."

One American Student Assistance official said college students should exhaust all of their federal

loan eligibility before turning to a private loan.

"Federal loans offer a lot more protection to the borrower. These benefits don't necessarily come with private student loans," said Allesandra Lanza, the company's public relations manager.

Students who take out federal student loans have many repayment options. They can consolidate their loans, stretch their repayment terms, or apply for income-based repayment, Lanza said.

"There are still students who do take out private loans, but they should really be for those instances when you're trying to fill a gap or need," she said.



President Obama visits the new director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Richard Cordray (right), at the agency's offices in Washington on Jan. 6. Obama originally nominated the former Ohio attorney general to head the watchdog agency in July 2011, and he used a legal tactic to appoint him, bypassing Congressional approval. Obama considers the new bureau a signature achievement of his first term. (Associated Press/J. Scott Applewhite)

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Eradicating AIDS stigma

In 2010, African Americans were 13.5 times more likely to have been diagnosed with AIDS in Iowa.

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Living as a minority can be hard — living with AIDS is even harder.

But Andrew Jolivette, an associate professor and department head in American Indian Studies at San Francisco State University, said colleges can help eradicate stigmas by offering more programs and organizations addressing AIDS.

Jolivette said the UI could help prevent stigma and increase HIV testing by adding more courses related to HIV/AIDS and ethnic issues and increasing the diversity of the staff and student population.

“It’s important we get more exposed. I think the coursework — having more classes — expands perspectives and makes students better able to expand or communicate critical literacy,” he said. “What I mean by that is you can think about understanding all kinds of people and issues in a really critical way. More and more people don’t come from backgrounds that are just one ethnic or community perspective.”

Jolivette spoke to a group of University of Iowa students on Monday about HIV and AIDS-related health disparities among minorities. He said holding these discussions with students tends to make more of an impact than speaking to adults.

UI Minority Presence

More than 88 percent of UI students are white.

- African American: 2.7 percent
- Asian: 3.4 percent
- Latino: 4.3 percent
- Native American: 0.3 percent
- Native Hawaiian: 0.1 percent
- Two or more ethnicities: 1.1 percent

Source: UI Office of the Registrar Fall Semester 2011

“Young people seem to care a little bit more too because it’s their generation — it’s their future,” Jolivette said. “We want to lift everyone up, not just some people, we won’t have to hopefully see an epidemic ever like this again.”

According to the Iowa Department of Public Health, HIV diagnoses among African Americans rose in 2010 — non-Latino African Americans accounted for 26 percent of new HIV diagnoses. UI student minority enrollment comprises only 11.9 percent of the student population.

LaNette Williams, a UI College of Public Health clerk, said it is nearly impossible for minority students to step outside of the minority stereotype.

“I don’t know what we could do to help prevent [stereotypes] — a lot of stereotypes toward the black community are strong regardless,”



Joe Coulter and Tah Tangyie discuss the effects of living with HIV/AIDS after listening to a discussion by Andrew Jolivette. Jolivette, an associate professor and department head of American Indian Studies at San Francisco State University, came to the Medical Education and Research Facility auditorium on Monday to discuss his experience living with HIV/AIDS. (The Daily Iowan/Chastity Dillard).

Williams said. “I don’t know what we could do as a people or as a whole, but it matters, especially because [we’re] a college town.”

Jolivette said the UI’s small population and low prevalence of AIDS cases means students don’t often hear about the disease.

“How often do you see African Americans walking on campus? How often do you see Latinos? How about Asians? Native Americans?” Jolivette said. “We must seek to decolonize, not occupy — decolonize not just the land and structures but our own minds and ideologies that are unequal.”

Jeffery Meier, site director for the Midwest AIDS

Training and Education Center, agreed a lack of diversity adds to ethnic stereotyping.

“I think being in a population of people where the [AIDS] prevalence is lower [than] where it would be elsewhere in the country contributes to the stigma and the reason is because people are not as accustomed or don’t have a person that they personally know ... with HIV,” Meier said.

Jolivette told students he was there to show them a face behind the disease.

“If you’ve never known someone living with AIDS, now you do,” he said. “Over the last nine years I have learned AIDS is not me — AIDS is only one other part of my life.”

Union members remain unfazed

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While some Iowa lawmakers have proposed doubling state employee health-care premiums, local union members and supporters remain confident in the public’s perspective of union members.

A budget proposal released last week by Iowa House Republicans would increase health-care premiums from \$100 to \$200 per month. The potential increase will be voted on during American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employee negotiations this October.

Though this proposal would not affect AFSCME 61 members, who have their health-insurance premiums locked in for the next three years, chapter President Steven Miller said local workers could still face major policy changes down the road.

“It depends on the negotiations,” he said. “Who knows what will happen in the future?”

Despite the legislation, Miller said, he believes unions are well-respected in Iowa by the general public.

“I think in the states that have attacked the public-sector employees and their unions with anti-union legislation, you have seen a push back by the middle-class voter,” he said. “If the middle class is to survive, the unions must survive as well.”

The Iowa City AFSCME chapter has seen a 10 percent increase in membership over the last four years, he noted.

Iowa City resident Maria Houser Conzemius, whose husband is a local AFSCME member, said the local union’s upcoming 1 percent and 2 percent wage raises would likely not cover the change in health-care costs and other deductibles.

“The higher deductibles haven’t gone up this dramatically since my husband started working for the Iowa City Transit system 22 years ago,” she said.

Though she agreed with Miller’s views on state lawmakers attacking unions, she was more ambivalent on the public’s perception.

“It depends if there’s a Democratic or Republican majority [of residents],” she said. “The state is a swing state.”

Dan Holman, president and statewide representative of AFSCME Council 61, said the state Republicans who proposed the budget are being hypocritical by not taking health-care increases for themselves.

“It’s a shame what they are doing,” he said. “[Iowa Republican legislators] are going after the employees who work every day for the citizens of the state.”

Sen. Tom Rielly, D-Oskaloosa, said state legislators should look at funding methods beyond the doubled health-care premiums, such as a statewide health-care savings account.

“Before we start charging people more money, we should look at different deductible plans,” he said.

State Republican legislators could not be reached for comment.

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TV focuses on UI professor

Currently, fewer than 450 children have been diagnosed with Batten disease.

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Beverly Davidson has always been fascinated with the brain. "I've been interested in diseases that affect the brain since my graduate days," she said. "Something about the brain has always intrigued me." The University of Iowa internal-medicine professor has been researching the development of therapies for child brain disorders, with a focus on Bat-

ten disease, a rare disorder caused by a lack of enzymes in the brain. The deficiencies can cause waste in the brain cells to build up, killing healthy cells. This can lead to loss of motor skills and sight; it is always fatal. Davidson's work will be a part of a new series, "Impact the World," on the Big Ten Network. The episodes highlight work from researchers across the Big Ten, with Davidson's report airing tonight. The Big Ten Network has worked closely with universities in the conference for almost a year to demonstrate how research can reach beyond higher education. Scott Ketelsen, the director of the UI's University

Marketing and Media Production, said Davidson was chosen because she was considered an expert in the subject. Batten disease occurs in roughly two to four of every 100,000 births in the United States, Davidson said, with around 450 children currently diagnosed nationwide. Two such children include Noah and Laine VanHoutan, members of a Chicago family who will be profiled during the show. "They are representative of the many families who come in and pour their heart and soul into helping our labs," Davidson said. Elizabeth Conslick, the vice president of commu-

nications and university relations for the Big Ten Network, said the personal stories hammer home the importance of the research. "We were looking for stories that have a clear impact on people's lives, and we were looking for stories that could be told through individuals," Conslick said. Davidson said she has always had a strong belief in medical research. "I loved the strong sense of collaboration that I got from the various professors here [at the UI]" she said.

Affect the World
UI professor's research will be showcased tonight on the Big Ten Network:
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• Where: Big Ten Network
• Show: "Impact the World"

Source: Big Ten Network

"The spirit and enthusiasm for scientific discovery was palpable." Big Ten Network representatives said they wanted to focus on showcasing

the talent of conference schools outside of the sports arena. "As a network, we are thrilled to tell these stories and provide our audience with a more expansive view besides sports," Conslick said. "We want viewers to see and understand that this kind of research is being done all over the Big Ten and that the research being done is affecting the lives of millions of people in a positive way."



UI professor Beverly Davidson works in her lab in the Eckstien Research Building on Monday. Davidson is being featured for her research in developing therapies for brain disorders on the show "Impact The World." (The Daily Iowan/Jacklyn Couppee)

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- I push the button for every crosswalk I pass, but I never use them; I just like slowing traffic and jaywalking.
- I save all flatulence for public places. At first, I did it to keep the smell out of my room, but now I have developed a phobia of doing it alone.
- I mark all Facebook pictures of people cuter than me as "offensive."
- Whenever I go ice skating, I bring pockets full of salt.
- I clean fish and practice taxidermy in my poorly ventilated, first floor, right-next-to-the-entrance apartment.
- The first thing I do at any bar is order eight waters.
- I like to swap tags that say "one size fits all" and "small."
- I killed three hookers and five hobos to test the capacity of my truck bed and new bungee cords — and never confessed my sins.
- Whenever I eat downtown, I first stop at the Den and buy a huge 30-cent fountain pop to forgo any "combo meal" shenanigans.
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— Nathan Wulf is wondering what to pack.

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BY VIEV

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- Among the 1%, so to speak
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 - Playful little one
 - Grant and Carter
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 - It goes in the ground at a campground
 - Muhammad Ali's boxing daughter
 - Pal, in Paris
 - Coal diggers' org.
 - "... And God Created Woman" actress
 - Idiosyncrasy
 - Four-wheeled wear
 - Liqueur flavoring
 - They're dug out of the ground
 - Part of P.S.T.: Abbr.
 - Former "Entertainment Tonight" co-host
 - ____ artery
 - Tenderized cut of beef
 - Dress shop section
 - Catch some waves?
 - Online exchanges, briefly
 - Expensive coat?
 - ____ Chaiken, co-creator/writer of "The L Word"
 - "Huh ... what?" reactions
 - Beaut
 - Baseball brothers Joe and Frank
 - ____ pro nobis
 - Non-revenue-generating ad, for short

- Down**
- Machine gun sound
 - George Harrison's autobiography
 - Pessimistic disposition
 - Fair Deal pres.
 - U.S. base in Cuba, informally
 - Large fishing net
 - State tree of Illinois, Iowa and Maryland
 - Witness
 - Ethiopia's Haile ____
 - Fictional reporter Kent
 - New Balance competitor
 - Hitter of 511 career home runs
 - Rambled on and on
 - "Positively!"
 - Baseball brothers George and Ken
 - "Get back, ____ ... Go home" (Beatles lyric)
 - Like Robin Williams, typically
 - "Ode on a Grecian Urn" poet
 - 12-Down, for one
 - Big-eyed birds
 - Many a wearer of plaid
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 - A-number-one
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 - Meals
 - Luggage attachments
 - Unification Church member
 - Added assessment
 - Writer Dinesen
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- **Tips for Maximizing Your Financial Aid**, Office of Student Financial Aid, 12:30 p.m., Quadrangle Recreation Room
- **Operator Theory Seminar**, "Unitary 1-parameter groups and scattering theory," Palle Jorgensen, Mathematics, 1:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen
- **Special Plasma Physics Seminar**, "Plasmoid Dominated Magnetic Reconnection," Schott Baalrud, University of New Hampshire, 1:30 p.m., 309 Van Allen
- **Spring 2012 Engineering Job and Intern Fair**, 2 p.m., IMU second-floor ballroom
- **Math/Physics Seminar**, "Equivalent Hamiltonians," Wayne Polyzou, Physics/Astronomy, 2:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen
- **Microbiology Seminar**, "Outer membrane biogenesis in Gram negative bacteria," Thomas Silhavy, Princeton, 3 p.m., Bowen Auditorium 3
- **Building Your Research Skills**, 3:30 p.m., 1015A Main Library
- **Water Sustainability Seminar**, Aaron Strong, Urban and Regional Planning and Public Policy Center, 4:30 p.m., 104 Iowa Advanced Technology Labs
- **Life in Iowa Career Series**, Internship and Job Search Strategies, 5 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Centre
- **Bijou Special Event**, React to Film presents *Sing Your Song*, 6:30 p.m., Bijou
- **Community Update on UI Flood Recovery**, UI President Sally Mason and members from the UI Foundation, School of Art and Art History, School of Music, Theater Department, and Facilities Management planning, design, and construction, 6:30 p.m., 240 Art Building West
- **Czech Connection Meeting**, Crash Course in Czech Language and Current Events, 7 p.m., 612 Phillips
- **Pressed And**, 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Le Havre**, 9:15 p.m., Bijou
- **Flight School**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

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4 p.m. Feeding the World and Feeding the Community Lecture Series, "Access to Healthy, Safe, Sustainable Produced Food," Matt Ohloff, Iowa-based organizer for Food and Water Watch, Jan. 15

5 p.m. UI Explorers Lecture, "Walking to the Far Side of the World: The First Humans in Southeast Asia," Arthur Bettis, Geoscience, Dec. 15, 2011

6 p.m. Youth Ballet Highlights, Dec. 18, 2011

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— by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 Make a statement. Don't wait for others to upstage you. Socialize, network, and play the game of life using your imagination. Your inventive mind and original ideas will spark interest and bring you opportunities.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Avoid pushy people. Set your priorities, and stick to your game plan if you don't want to end up being someone's minion. Let your heart guide you and give you courage to express your feelings honestly.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Concentrate on what needs to be done both personally and professionally. It's up to you to speak up and let others know what you need help with and what you can accomplish on our own. Don't allow guilt to ruin your chance to advance.
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- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Speak up; say what's on your mind and what you intend to do in the near future. It will be much easier to move forward once you have made your intentions known to everyone you care about.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 Take care of business. It's important that you remove any obstacles on the pathway to success. Nothing is out of reach if you are dedicated and thorough in your plans and actions. Use the power of persuasion, and you will succeed.

ON THE STREET

What is the most important item you carry in your purse or backpack?

"Mini-stapler, because I need to staple all my notes together for class."
Ben Roth
UI junior

"I would say my ID, so that I can use it at the library."
Kaylee Garvey
UI freshman

"My bottle of water, so I stay hydrated during the day."
Michael Hartberg
UI junior

"For sure, my hand sanitizer. I don't want to get sick before spring break 2012 in South Padre."
Elyse Wendel
UI junior

BIG TEN NOTEBOOK

National champs?

Big Ten coaches discussed the conference's changes of winning a national title during a league teleconference on Monday.

By **BEN SCHUFF**
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Twelve years have passed since Tom Izzo led the Michigan State Spartans through the NCAA Tournament to win a national championship. That's the second-longest stretch among the six power conferences since one of its members stood as No. 1 at season's end.

But the numbers say the Big Ten's dry spell could soon come to an end.

The conference boasts the country's top overall RPI rating heading down the regular-season stretch, and it is the only conference with nine teams in the top-64 RPI ratings.

A few coaches were asked during a league teleconference on Monday about the prospects of a Big Ten team cutting down the nets in New Orleans. Some of the teams thrown around were current conference leaders No. 3 Ohio State, No. 11 Michigan State, and No. 21 Wisconsin.

When Indiana head coach Tom Crean was questioned about the chances of a Big Ten team winning the tournament, he said, "I don't think there is any question that that is a possibility."

"Depending on how the

next month goes, it would be a complete shock if [the Big Ten] doesn't have as many or more [teams] as any other conference in college basketball in the tournament," he said.

Northwestern head coach Bill Carmody named Ohio State as his favorite Big Ten team to win the national championship, but he was cautious in saying so. He said a lot could happen in the final month of the regular season.

"It's just like football. Last year, the Packers go on this run and win the Super Bowl. The Giants — [head coach Tom] Coughlin was getting fired six weeks ago — they go on a run and now they're Super Bowl champs," Carmody said. "That could happen to a bunch of teams in our conference."

Student-section effect

Iowa's game against Minnesota on Feb. 1 drew one of the largest student sections of the year — and rightfully so, because students were admitted for free.

The large student turnout caught the attention of a handful of Hawkeye players, including freshman forward Aaron White, who tweeted a photo of the student section and said, "Who do I need to get

in contact with about making every game free for the students...?"

The student section in Carver-Hawkeye Arena over the past couple of seasons has been a far cry from what it used to be several years ago, when the team was coached by Tom Davis. Iowa's ticket office announced roughly two weeks ago students could purchase tickets to the remaining six home games for \$50 in an attempt to increase student attendance at home games.

Other Big Ten schools have also made concerted efforts to increase student attendance over the past couple seasons. Ohio State recently moved its student section to the first 10 rows across four sections directly behind the team benches and scorer's table.

Several coaches, including Crean, were asked on Monday if the environment had changed for road teams traveling into Value City Arena in Columbus, Ohio, since the student section was moved.

"It's a little over the top, there's no doubt about that," Crean said. "But that's college basketball — that's part of the pageantry of the whole thing. My hat's off to them. It's not a place I want my family sitting anywhere nearby."

Marquette rallies for win

ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROSEMONT, Ill. — Darius Johnson-Odom scored 23 points, and Jamil Wilson added 18 points and 9 rebounds to lead No. 18 Marquette to an 89-76 victory over DePaul on Monday night.

Trailing 41-29, Johnson-Odom scored 9 points during an 11-2 run by the Golden Eagles (20-5, 9-3 Big East) to close the first half. He opened the second half by hitting a 3-pointer that tied the game at 43, and Jae Crowder gave the Golden Eagles their first lead of the game with a free throw. Vander Blue hit a jumper to cap off a 16-3 run to open the second half and give Marquette a 56-46 lead.

Marquette rebounded from a blowout loss to Notre Dame on Feb. 4 that ended a seven-game winning streak.

Cleveland Melvin scored 22 points, and Jamee Crockett added 17 for DePaul (11-12, 2-9),

which has lost 36 consecutive games against ranked opponents since beating No. 17 Villanova, 84-76, on Jan. 3, 2008.

Despite playing on the road, Marquette was backed by a strong contingent of Golden Eagles fans, who weren't heard from much until late in the first half.

Johnson-Odom and Crowder were limited to 12 and 4 points, respectively, by Notre Dame. But Johnson-Odom was aggressive from the start and Crowder finished with 14 points and Blue had 12.

Davante Gardner, who normally starts for the Golden Eagles, was sidelined for the third-straight game with a knee injury.

Marquette has won six of the last seven in the series but lost, 51-50, in its last trip to Allstate Arena, in 2010. Mike Stovall hit a jumper off a loose ball with 0.7 seconds remaining to help DePaul end a 24-game Big East regular-season losing streak.

The Blue Demons are 3-38 in the conference since.

DePaul played long spans with starting guard Brandon Young on the bench. DePaul coach Oliver Purnell was visibly upset with Young at times.

DePaul lost forward Moses Morgan midway through the first half with a concussion. Morgan, trying to guard Johnson-Odom, flipped over Johnson-Odom's back and landed on his head. Morgan was down for several minutes and was observed by team trainers and paramedics before walking to the bench and then heading to the locker room. He returned to the bench later in the first half. Morgan missed Saturday's loss to Cincinnati after he fainted in practice on Thursday.

Leading 26-25, DePaul scored 11-straight points. Melvin scored 7 points in the span, including a 3-pointer that put DePaul up 37-25.



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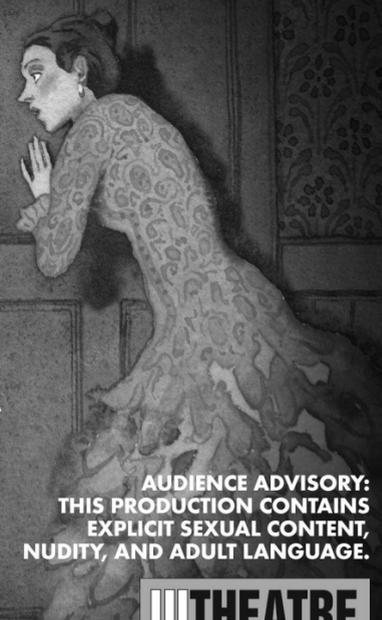
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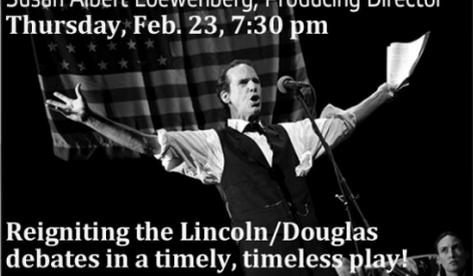
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SWIMMING

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Hampleman's Résumé

Iowa assistant Kirk Hampleman has an extensive list of accolades, both as a swimmer and a coach:

- Nine-time All American at Auburn
- Part of 1999 national-championship team
- 2002 SEC champion
- Placed third at 2002 NCAAs
- Assistant on Florida State women's first ever ACC championship team

Harper, stressing the positive effect the current Hawkeye had on his coaching staff when he spoke to the *Daily Iowan* on Monday, said Hampleman could find himself with a head coach title sooner rather than later.

"His inclusion on the staff has definitely been a positive on the program," the London native said. "He started making phone calls about prospects, setting up visits. He gave me input on practice, [and] organized and recorded practice film, went over video — a lot of small stuff a lot of people benefited from."

Now, on the eve of the



Assistant coach Kirk Hampleman holds one of his medals from when he swam competitively. He went to the Collegiate Swimming Championships all four years as a Division-I swimmer. (The Daily Iowan/Chastity Dillard)

championship season, the Hawkeyes have a valuable resource with a depth of knowledge regarding college swimming's most competitive events. The Big Ten meet will be held in Iowa City Feb. 22-25, and the nationals will be in Seattle on March 22-24.

Four Hawkeye swimmers — Ryan Phelan, Paul Gordon, Jordan Huff, and Duncan Partridge — went to NCAAs last year and earned All-American status for their performance in the 400-free relay in Minneapolis.

"He told us times don't matter," Huff said. "At the championships, it's all about racing and getting to swim. He told us not to worry about times; just worry about racing. It helped a lot because it was a little nerve-racking going up there."

All four swimmers returned this season, so it's likely Iowa will be represented at this year's meet, too. Huff said having Hampleman talk to him before the NCAAs last year greatly helped his performance,

and the information he gained from Hampleman as a freshman is something he still carries with him today.

"He really helps keep things in perspective. When I first got here, he brought me up to his office and told me [there's a difference between] when it's time to swim fast and when it's time to work on technique," Huff said. "I was told that my entire career, but it really clicked when he said it to me."

SCHRULLE

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with different training techniques instead of increasing her mileage. She swims once or twice a week and lifts weights when her legs are sore.

It was also during her rehabilitation that Schrulle had the opportunity to come to the United States to continue her education and continue to run.

She said she was hesitant at first — she has strong ties to her family — but she finally decided to move because it was an opportunity she couldn't pass up.

"I was like, 'OK Mareike. If you don't do it now, you can never do it again,'" she said. "There were no other possibilities. I had to."

She looked into the Hawkeye track and field program after hearing about Iowa head coach Layne Anderson while in Germany. She read up on Iowa City and didn't see

anything she didn't like; she decided Black and Gold was the way to go.

But Schrulle wasn't the only one excited about the jump. Anderson said adding Schrulle to his roster was positive for his other distance runners.

"The challenge hasn't been if she can compete, but rather, if she can stay healthy enough to compete," the third-year head coach said. "She came in with injuries and has worked hard and diligently to get to where she can run again."

Schrulle placed second in the 3,000 meters at the Mevo Invitational in South Bend, Ind., this past weekend, prompting Anderson to say she can only continue to improve — as long as she stays healthy.

"I'm an optimist, but the best is still very much ahead for her," he said.

While remaining injury-

free is an accomplishment in its own for Schrulle, she said being part of the Hawkeye track program has done wonders for her. She describes herself as an "extremely social person" and said she loves the "family atmosphere" the Iowa tracksters share.

That atmosphere led her to move in with a few teammates. Rather than living in a quiet, one-person apartment in northeastern Iowa City, as she did as a newcomer last year, she goes home to some of her best friends, eats dinner, and chats away with her "family."

That family atmosphere rings true, as her distance teammates said before practice on Monday, was that Schrulle is their leader by example.

Her accomplishments prove it.

SOCCER

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away.

"We had a lot of chances,

and we didn't convert on a lot of them," said Rasmussen, who spent Feb. 3-4 participating in Dance Marathon. "I'm still a bit tired; I chose supporting cancer research over soccer."

With the game in hand and seconds remaining, it appeared as if Quality in the Box would let the clock expire and end the game. But this wasn't the case; the team scored again in the game's final seconds to

give itself the breathing room it had been looking for.

"It was all about the team," Slutter said. "It's also about good discipline, but mostly having fun."

POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Campbell next offense coach?

Yes

Current Iowa wide-receiver coach Erik Campbell is the best man for the team's newly vacant offensive coordinator position.

Campbell has never been an offensive coordinator, but he has plenty of experience coaching on that side of the ball. He was an assistant head coach to Lloyd Carr at Michigan from 2003-07, and coached such All-Americans as Braylon Edwards and David Terrell. Campbell — who was an assistant during Carr's entire tenure, including for Michigan's 1997 national championship team — also acted as coach for the Wolverines' punt returners, and guided 1997 Heisman Trophy winner Charles Woodson.

Campbell has coached Iowa's receivers since leaving Michigan after Carr's departure in 2007, and also directed the Hawkeye tight ends in his first two years on staff.

He was a big part of Marvin McNutt's development into the Big Ten's top receiver and coached Der-

rell Johnson-Koulianos into the Iowa record book. NFL tight ends Tony Moeaki and Brandon Myers also played under Campbell.

Iowa's offense will not dramatically change, regardless of the hiring. The Hawkeyes won't instill a Mike Leach-esque offense, and so the best course of action is to promote an experienced assistant who can give the offense the tweaks it needs.

By hiring Campbell to be the new Iowa offensive coordinator, the Hawkeyes would lock up a sought-after assistant and allow him to mold Carr's tutelage with Kirk Ferentz's knowledge to form an effective offensive strategy for the Black and Gold.

— by Ryan Murphy

No

Erik Campbell is a hell of a coach, which is why Marvin McNutt and Derrell Johnson-Koulianos have had record-setting seasons of late.

And that's also why he should stay where he is — as Iowa's wide-receiver guru.

It has become something of a tradition for the Hawkeyes to have turbulent off-seasons. Players have left the program for various reasons, and several coaches followed suit this year. The ship has righted itself every season, but Kirk Ferentz is once again in a precarious spot.

And because the recently departed Ken O'Keefe was often criticized — rightly or wrongly, you decide — for his conservative, sometimes predictable play-calling, why not take the opportunity to plug some new aspects into the offense?

The changes don't need to be major. Ferentz is never going to allow one of his teams to run the Wildcat, for example — mostly because it doesn't work anymore, but also because Ferentz likes to keep things simple. Going for the occasional fourth-down conversion and running the traditional wide receiver end-around once a game was about as fancy as anyone will ever see him.

But a largely inexperience-

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enced offense is set to take the field (Iowa lost its main wide receiver, its running game, and the majority of the line), and the Hawkeyes face a schedule where the only potential gimme is Central Michigan at home on Sept. 22. Running the same old stuff isn't going to cut it, and an outsider could mold what he wants to do into Ferentz's idea of football.

That way, Campbell can stick with his specialty instead of trying to spread himself over all aspects of the offense.

Besides, the receiving corps needs his full attention; Keenan Davis and Kevonte Martin-Manley got some quality playing time last season, but both have flaws, and it's going to take a lot of work to turn them into the type of wide-out Iowa fans have become accustomed to seeing in recent years.

— by Seth Roberts

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Swimming guru sparks Iowa



Iowa assistant swimming coach Kirk Hampleman was a nine-time All-American at Auburn, making him a valuable resource for the Hawkeyes as they gear up for the Big Ten meet. His office is filled with his trophies and All-American certificates. (The Daily Iowan/Chastity Dillard).

Iowa assistant Kirk Hampleman was a nine-time All-American swimmer at Auburn.

By **BEN ROSS**
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Making it to the championship series of any sport is no easy task, even if it's an event in which an athlete has competed the past.

A handful of athletes on the Iowa swimming team have some NCAA championship experience, but even they say it will be tough to return there this year.

But Iowa has one coach with extended experience at the Collegiate Swimming Championships; he went to the big event all four years he was a Division-I swimmer.

Assistant coach Kirk Hampleman swam for Auburn from 1998-2002 and garnered a laundry list of accolades. He was nine-time All-American during his Tiger tenure and was part of the 1999 national championship team. He placed third overall at the NAAs in the 200 backstroke in 2002, the same year he was a Southeastern Conference champion.

These accomplishments stuffed his résumé coming out of school, but Hampleman didn't consider becoming a professional swimmer. He

said that even in 2002, the opportunity wasn't always there for swimmers.

"I think I definitely could [have gone pro]," he said. "But at the time, there were so many fewer people competing. Now, there are so many programs set up for people when they're done with college to go train. Then, those places just didn't exist."

Instead, he went to Florida State to get a master's degree in sport and administration — and he found his calling as a graduate assistant coach for the Seminoles' swimming team.

"It was a great learning experience," the sixth-year Iowa assistant said. "Coach [Neil] Harper really took me under his wing. I got to be very hands-on; I got to coach a lot of practices. After my two years were up, I knew full-time coaching is what I wanted to do."

Hampleman helped coach the Florida State women's team to its first-ever Atlantic Coast Conference championship during the two years he spent in Tallahassee, Fla.

SEE SWIMMING, 10

Going the distance

Mareike Schrulle has been on campus for less than a year, but she's already a leader for the Hawkeyes.

By **CODY GOODWIN**
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Mareike Schrulle doesn't hold expectations for herself.

She doesn't expect to win. She doesn't expect to be the best.

The German graduate student said she runs more freely — both mentally and from injuries — without the pressure.

"I'm a lot happier, and that helps me run better," she said. "To me, it's just a race. I'll always do my best. It's a lot easier on me."

The distance runner was a decorated athlete in her hometown of Arnsberg prior to becoming a Hawkeye last fall. She played a variety of sports, including soccer, tennis and badminton.

Schrulle said she never gave much thought to running competitively, because it wasn't something she could see herself doing.

But she started running cross-country and distance events in 2006.

She claimed the German national championship in the 3,000 meters in 2008.

"After several months, I continued to get better," she said. "I wanted to do it more, because I saw there was success in this sport. I just had to train a bit harder and keep on running."

A German national gold medal is only a small note on her lengthy list of successes. Schrulle was also part of the national cross-country championship team that year; in 2009, she earned the right to compete in the 23-and-under European Cross-Country Championships. She placed 13th, only three years after she started running competitively.

The sky was the limit for the then-19-year-old. She said she wasn't quite sure where running would take her, but she knew she would keep after it.

But she hit a wall in 2010.

"Before I came here, I had tendinitis in my



Schrulle
distance runner

SEE SCHRULLE, 10

5 Iowa grapplers shine in Dubuque

Five members of the Iowa wrestling program took home titles at the Duhawk Open on Feb. 4, according to a release.

The Hawkeyes sent 10 grapplers to Loras College in Dubuque for the tournament, and those wrestlers combined to go 31-8.

Matt Gurule won the 125-pound bracket by beating a trio of wrestlers from Luther College — Robert Patino (8-7), and Nick Scheffert (15-6), and Daniel Mendoza (4-3). The red-shirt freshman from Grand Junction, Colo., won the same title last year.

Senior Tyler Clark picked up four bonus-point wins on the way to the 133-pound title. He beat Luther's Evan Oberst in a 13-3 major decision, Upper Iowa's Matt Paulus in a 21-7 technical fall, and scored majors over Luther's Brad Jones and Wisconsin's Matt Kellier.

The 141-pound bracket featured four Hawkeyes, including

winner Mark Ballweg and runner-up Josh Dziewa. Ballweg beat teammate Ethan Owens, 8-2, in the semis before pounding Dziewa, 12-2, in the finals. Redshirt freshman Charlie Joseph also wrestled but didn't pick up a win.

Ballweg's younger brother, Jacob Ballweg, won the 149-pound division with a pair of pins — in 1:02 over Cornell's Austin Southards and in 4:24 over Dubuque sophomore Eric Powell — and a 7-2 decision over teammate Brody Grothus. Hawkeye freshman Jake Kadel lost to Grothus in the semifinals but won the losers' bracket to take third place.

Freshman Kris Klapprodt won four matches to take home the 174-pound title. He picked up decisions over Luther sophomore Nick Jazdzewski (7-2) in the first round and over Loras freshman Joe Butler (11-7) in the finals; he scored majors over Dubuque's Cody Ortmann (19-7) and Wisconsin-Platteville sophomore Quinn Sedlak (11-3) in the second and third rounds, respectively.

— by Seth Roberts

Big Ten honors White

Iowa men's basketball player Aaron White was named the Big Ten Co-Freshman of the Week on Monday, according to a release.

White, a 6-8 forward from Strongsville, Ohio, earned the distinction thanks to a week in which he averaged 13 points and 8 rebounds in two Iowa wins.

He scored 9 points and pulled down 7 boards to help the Hawkeyes rally from a 10-point, second-half deficit to beat Minnesota, 63-59, on Feb. 1. He had all of his rebounds in the second half.

White turned in arguably the best game of his young career

against Penn State on Feb. 4. He posted a line of 17 points, 9 rebounds, 3 blocks, 4 assists, and 2 steals in Iowa's 77-64 win.

This is the third Big Ten award this season for White, who also won Freshman of the Week on Nov. 14 and Dec. 26.

The Hawkeyes (13-11, 5-6 Big Ten) will travel to Evanston, Ill., on Thursday to take on Northwestern (14-8, 4-6) at 8 p.m.

— by Seth Roberts



White
freshman

INTRAMURALS

Patience triumphs in soccer

Quality in the Box overcame a 2-1 halftime defect to beat Fake Madrid.

By **MATT CABEL**
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With his intramural soccer match tied and time becoming an enemy, Brom Slutter decided to use his head to put his team in the lead.

His team, Quality in the Box, had tied its game against Fake Madrid minutes earlier. Slutter had the ball come his way on a pass to the left, and he responded with a strong header that soared through the diving goalkeeper's hands.

The score gave his team — made up of Iowa science graduate students — the lead until the final seconds of the game, when it found the goal again to end its match against Fake Madrid, 4-2, on Monday in the Bubble.

"I normally don't score that much with my head," Slutter said. "I didn't know whether to head it or kick it in the goal, so I said, 'What the heck?' I found a bit of luck."

But while Slutter's goal put his team ahead to stay, goalies were the story of the match's opening minutes. Both sides of the field had numerous strong, well-placed shots blocked by one-handed or diving saves from Quality in the Box's Eyo Upkong and Fake



Quality in the Box's Lance Vaelli (black shirt) fights a Fake Madrid striker for the ball in an intramural soccer match on Monday in the Bubble. Quality in the Box scored three second-half goals to win, 4-2. (The Daily Iowan/Toan Nguyen)

Madrid's Ciesco Febrin. Neither goalie seemed to want to be the man who allowed the game's first point, but Fake Madrid was able to end the defensive standoff and score the game's first points.

Fake Madrid received a free kick after using the match's physical nature to its advantage, and captain Zac Rasmussen sent the ball flying past three defenders and Upkong.

Quality in the Box took advantage of the physicality to draw a free kick of its own, which Slutter placed in the net to tie the game at 1-1.

Mistakes began to pile up on both sides of the field, as both teams attempted to gain the lead

going into the halftime break. Quality in the Box put constant pressure on its opponent, but Fake Madrid was able to best the heat by scoring off of a steal for a 2-1 lead.

But the match belonged to Quality in the Box from the onset of the second half. "I feel like we had good athletes and good pressure," captain Taylor Raborn said. "We wanted to take the aggressiveness away, and we were able to."

It was evident from the beginning that the team had discussed playing the game at its own pace; Raborn could be heard shouting at his teammates to be patient.

Upkong's play in the goal was key to keeping Quality

in the Box in the game. He gave away a free kick when he threw an inbounds pass from outside of his goalie box but seemed to expend little effort when he saved Fake Madrid's ensuing shot.

Quality in the Box controlled the tempo and used steals and aggressive goal attempts to create opportunities like the head-butt, which occurred shortly after a Febrin save.

Fake Madrid tried to respond but couldn't find the way to the other end of the field; when it finally looked ready to score, aggressive defense allowed Quality in the Box room to breathe as time dwindled

SEE SOCCER, 10