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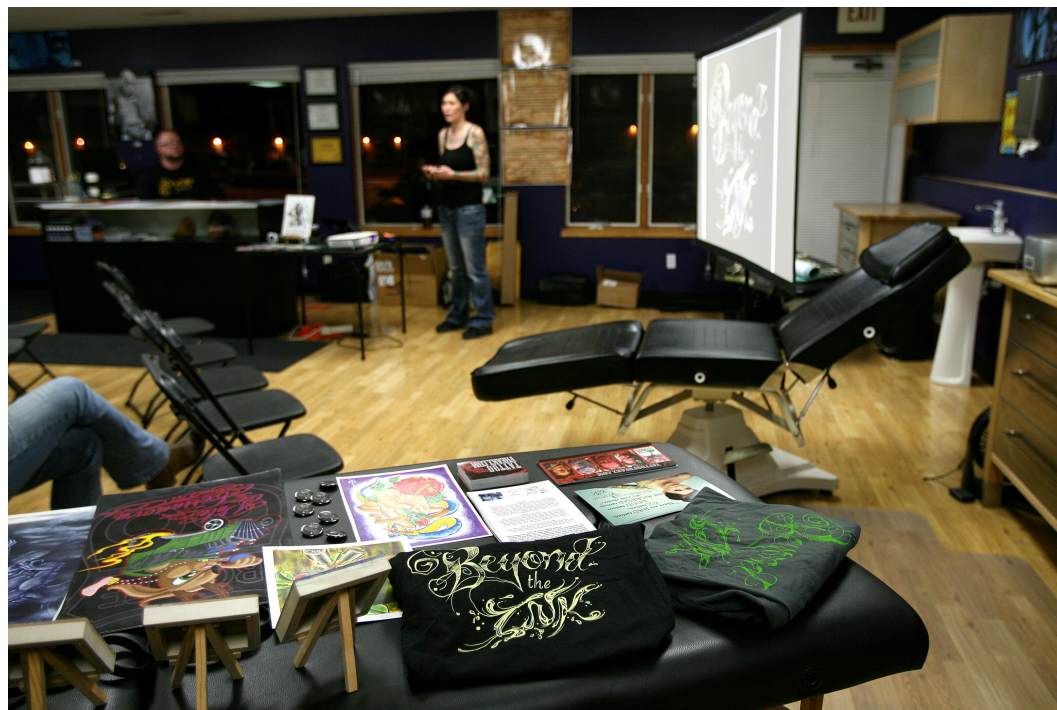
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HIGH **37** LOW **25**

Mostly cloudy, windy, slight chance of freezing drizzle early.

## Look before you tattoo



People gather at Indigo Body Art Gallery in Coralville on Monday night for a seminar by Kris Richter. Richter is on a national tour to educate people about choosing the right tattoo artist and being aware of sanitary habits of an artist. (The Daily Iowan/Jessica Payne)

There are 18 certified tattoo artists in Iowa City and Coralville.

By **LOGAN EDWARDS**  
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Kris Richter said she barely knew the tattoo artist who created her first tattoo, an orange sun design between her shoulder blades.

And though she is now friends with the artist, she said, people should seriously consider who they allow to mark on their body before getting inked.

The founder of Beyond the INK said she realized there wasn't a centralized place for those interested in getting a tattoo to find accurate information. Though she has never been an artist herself, she said, her work around the industry has inspired her to educate others.

Richter said even television shows such as "LA Ink" and "Miami Ink" provide false information and unrealistic

expectations to those who are considering getting a tattoo.

"I'm friends with a lot of people on those shows, and they will be the first to tell you it is very fake," Richter said.

The 25-year-old stopped at Indigo Body Art Gallery, 2419 Second St., Coralville, on Monday evening to give her first lecture on tattoo education.

Richter, a Nebraska native,

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## Occupy IC will get the boot

According to a letter from the city, the Occupy movement has created health, safety, and sanitation hazards.

By **JORDYN REILAND**  
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Iowa City Occupiers will soon have to pack up their belongings and head out of College Green Park — city officials have denied their request for a permit renewal.

The city of Iowa City denied the permit — requested on Feb. 6 — on Monday. City officials say there has been an increase in the number of police calls at College Green since the beginning of the protest, factoring into the city's decision. Iowa City police did not return calls to *The Daily Iowan* for comment.

City Manager Tom Markus said Iowa City police received 55 calls regarding College Green Park since October 2011. The department only received two calls to the area in all of 2010.

Community members also said they wanted the park back for community use.

"I have been sympathetic with the movement, but I am concerned at this point how effective it is," said community member Kevin Burford, who lives across the street from the park. "The city has been very tolerant and understanding,

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## Most Iowa-esque state? Hawaii

Demographic info shows a handful of other states better fit Stephen Bloom's description of Iowa.

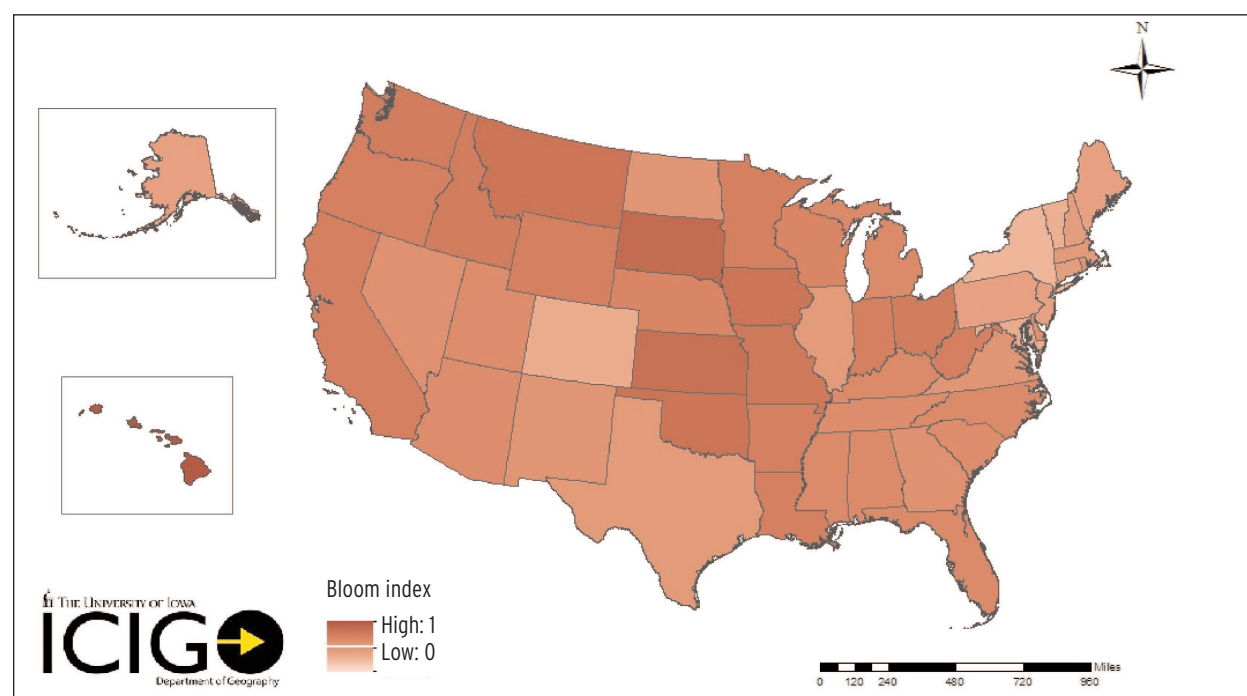


By **CHRIS RUSH**  
Special to *The Daily Iowan*

University of Iowa Professor Stephen Bloom set off a firestorm of controversy late last year with his now-infamous *Atlantic* piece titled "Observations from 20 Years of Iowa Life," in which he asserted that because Iowa is a cultural and social outlier, the state doesn't deserve its influential first-in-the-nation caucus status.

To support his thesis, Bloom painted a picture of Iowa that was both familiar and bizarrely unrecognizable. An alleged universal love for hunting, church attendance, and Red Waldorf cake was harshly contrasted with stark statements regarding rural Iowa and its "assortment of waste-toids and meth addicts with pale skin and rotted teeth" and preponderance of elderly persons "waiting around to die."

Because of a series of perplexing generalizations that Bloom included in his article, the ensuring public vitriol rarely acknowledged the truth behind some of his demographic



This graphic shows the "Bloom Index," a measure of a handful of the factors University of Iowa Professor Stephen Bloom talked about in an *Atlantic* piece he wrote last year criticizing Iowa. (Iowa Community Integrated Geography Organization/Special to *The Daily Iowan*)

assertions and descriptions of systemic social problems.

But are these problems uniquely Iowan? Is Iowa truly a backwater anomaly undeserving of the first say in the presidential contest?

The members of the Iowa Community Integrated Geography Organization disregarded the public rancor and allowed the data to speak. We compiled a statistical-spatial index based on characteristics that Bloom emphasized as being disproportionately present in Iowa.

The final result demonstrates that Iowa ranks the fifth in these categories, which on the surface seemingly vindicates some of Bloom's primary observations.

However, the raw data possess a number of limitations that must be considered before drawing any conclusions about the overall accuracy of

Bloom's assertions. The importance of maintaining a sense of tactfulness and perspective while reporting and interpreting disconcerting information might be one of the greatest lessons born out of this saga.

Iowa, especially rural Iowa, is facing systemic long-term problems. Our index demonstrates that many other states share similar characteristics, so how can one argue that Iowa is less of its privileged first caucus position? The dysfunction of the presidential-nominating process as a whole would have been a better place to start from. By marginalizing issues of drug use, environmental degradation, and youth flight under tired clichés, Bloom did no favors for himself or toward fostering productive dialogue among his readers.

**Bloom Index**

- Overall**
1. Hawaii
  2. South Dakota
  3. Kansas
  4. Montana
  5. Nevada
  - ... 11. Iowa

**Meth treatment admissions**

1. Hawaii
2. California
3. Idaho
4. Nevada
- ... 11. Iowa

**Hunting licenses issued**

1. South Dakota
2. Missouri
3. Wyoming
4. North Carolina
- ... 21. Iowa

**Percent population over 65**

1. Florida
2. West Virginia
3. Maine
4. Pennsylvania
5. Iowa

**Impaired stream lengths**

1. Delaware
2. Hawaii
3. New Hampshire
4. Ohio
- ... 13. Iowa

Methodology: The Bloom Index contains five different indicators that were chosen to most accurately represent Stephen Bloom's discussion available at a national scale: The percentage of per state population over 65 (data from American Factfinder, 2010); the number of hunting licenses sold as a percent of state population (from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, 2011); treatment admissions for methamphetamine use per state normalized against total admissions (from the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Data Archive, 2009); percentage Christian (from a Pew Center survey, 2008); and percentage of impaired stream lengths (from the Environmental Protection Agency). Each indicator's value is normalized to a 0-1 range based on the lowest and highest value in each category. The indicator values are then summed for each state and averaged to reveal the Bloom Index.

About the organization: Formed in the spring of 2011, the Iowa Community Integrated Geography Organization is a University of Iowa student group that seeks to provide spatial analysis, mapping services, and geographic support for not-for-profit and academic institutions in the state of Iowa with a particular focus on offering applied undergraduate research and promoting sustainable communities.



# Aiding vets' job hunt

Nationally, the unemployment rate for veterans between 18 and 24 years old is 20.2 percent.

By DORA GROTE  
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Marcus Mittvalsky knew he could return home to a secure job as an Iowa City police officer after two years as a soldier in Iraq and Afghanistan.

But many soldiers didn't have the same job security after deployment.

"As we prepared to return home from Afghanistan, many soldiers were concerned about employment opportunities," said Mittvalsky, who serves as a command sergeant-major in the National Guard. "This was partly due to unemployment, coming home with several months before classes resumed, or a desire to find a new job."

But the job search for veterans might be somewhat easier now. And their desire to serve is key, said Iowa City officials.

President Obama recently announced his intention to expand efforts to employ veterans in law-enforcement and conservation positions following their service.

"It's a popular job or career for people to go into who have done some service," said Iowa City police Sgt. Denise Brotherton. "One of the draws to law enforcement is the desire to serve. The desire to serve your country, the desire to serve your community."

The proposal would increase funding by \$5 billion for programs that hire veterans in police and fire departments and also the \$1 billion development of the Veteran Job Corps that would put veterans in con-



Specialist Matt Marquez, who has been a member of the National Guard for three years, spends time at the UI Veterans Association office on Feb. 8. The Veterans Job Corps Initiative is a new program created by the federal government aiming to decrease the unemployment rate by hiring veterans. (The Daily Iowan/Jessica Payne)

ervation jobs restoring trails and roads.

"... We're going to do everything we can to make sure that when our troops come home, they come home to new jobs and new opportunities and new ways to serve their country," the President said during a speech on Feb. 3.

Veterans ages 18 to 24 are facing the highest unemployment rates in recent years, according to the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics. In 2011, the unemployment rates peaked at 33.2 percent, while the unemployment rate for civilians in the same age range was 14.9 percent. In 2012, the same veterans are at 20.2 percent unemployment, with civilians at 15.8 percent.

University of Iowa Veterans Center coordinator John Mikelson said he would like eastern Iowa to further the initiative and include veterans in higher education.

## Unemployment Rates

Veterans ages 18-24 have the highest unemployment rates:

- Veterans in 2012: 20.2 percent
- Non-veterans in 2012: 15.8 percent
- Veterans in 2011: 33.2 percent
- Non-veterans in 2011: 14.9 percent
- Veterans in 2010: 21.6 percent
- Non-veterans in 2010: 19.1 percent

Source: Department of Labor Statistics

"Our job is to not just recruit veterans but to graduate the veterans who will become the Iowa of tomorrow," he said.

The program gives veterans 18 and older job opportunities through the state Department of Natural Resources.

Harry Graves, the executive director of the Johnson County Conservation Board,

said he is surprised the veterans of today have difficulties finding jobs.

"It's alarming to me to see that people who serve our country can't find employment," he said.

Graves said he currently has two long-time veterans working for him. One veteran has spent 40 years in conservation and the other 15.

Brotherton said the Iowa City police have three veterans who recently returned from Afghanistan — including Mittvalsky — and one who served in Egypt.

Mittvalsky said veterans are well-trained for these jobs.

"The rigors of continuous operations in combat and the problem-solving skills people develop in ambiguous and austere environments translate well to the types of incidents we deal with every day in emergency service," he said.

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## ART OF TALKING



UI Adjunct Assistant Professor Steve Horowitz talks to Tood Kimm on Monday in Quinton's. Horowitz teaches the history of rock 'n' roll and American studies. (The Daily Iowan/Toan Nguyen)

## METRO

### CR woman charged with theft

A Cedar Rapids woman was charged with falsifying checks to herself from her place of work.

According to an Iowa City police report, Marlys Brooks, 54, Cedar Rapids, was charged on Jan. 23 with first-degree theft. Brooks allegedly had access to the checkbook for her place of employment. Brooks allegedly wrote out approximately 41 checks from the business to herself between June and December 2011.

The alleged checks were written without authorization from the owner and were for her own personal gain, the report said. The checks allegedly totaled \$18,920.78.

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

— by Conrad Swanson

### Man charged with interference with official acts

A Coralville man has been charged with running from law enforcement, which resulted in injuries for three officers.

According to the Johnson County Sheriff's Office, Sylvester Campbell, 27, Coralville, was charged on Feb. 11 with interference with official acts resulting in bodily injury.

Campbell was reportedly missing from the Hope House when

officers came into contact with him. He allegedly fled with officers in pursuit, and after a brief chase, he was arrested, the report said. Three officers were allegedly injured during the chase.

Interference with official acts is punishable by up to two years in jail and a maximum fine of \$6,250.

— by Conrad Swanson

### Jones appeals lawsuit dismissal

Phillip Jones, the former University of Iowa vice president for Student Services, appealed the District Court's summary judgment ruling that dismissed his case against UI President Sally Mason and the UI, according to Monday's court documents.

Mason fired Jones in 2008 after an investigation on his handling of a sexual-assault case came into question. Jones sued the UI and Mason for wrongful termination and defamation in June 2009, and his lawsuit claims the firing jeopardized his reputation and financial situation.

Jones' attorney, David Dutton, said prior to the appeal that either the Iowa Supreme Court or the Court of Appeals will hear Jones' appeal and schedule a hearing at a later date.

Court documents show Jones also appealed the District Court's order denying his motion to compel discovery and all other adverse rulings and orders.

— by Beth Bratsos

## BLOTTER

Andrew Britt, 30, 1123 Washington St., was charged on Feb. 11 with simple assault.

Heather Dentandt, 34, 1131 Third Ave., was charged on Sunday with prohibited acts.

Angela Gilson, 35, 3617 Donegal Court,

was charged on Sunday with child endangerment.

Amanda Hammermeister, 26, Coralville, was charged on Monday with OWI.

Ryan Henry, 37, 2012 Western Road, was charged on Monday with public intoxica-

tion, possession of drug paraphernalia, and interference with official acts.

Mark Hudson, 22, 1311 W. Benton St., was charged on Sunday with keeping a disorderly house.

Carlos Lopez-Santos, 40, 2401 Highway 6 E. 4607 was charged on

Sunday with fifth-degree theft.

Fernando Lowry, 20, 1311 W. Benton St., was charged on Sunday with keeping a disorderly house.

John Schoeffler, 33, 1131 Third Ave., was charged on Sunday with prohibited acts.



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## TATTOO

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said knowing the person who is going to permanently mark your body is an must.

"I would watch clients flipping through portfolios and not be sure about what to look for," she said. "They would be critical about what the image was of instead of looking for the things that count, such as the style of the tattoo artist and if they are creating clean lines."

Stringray, from Stringray's Six Rue Tattoos, 2 Hawkeye Drive, North Liberty, said there are clues in an artists' work that shows they are talented.

"They should make sure the lines touch each other, that there aren't lines that are undone or that cross," he said, noting that a tattoo shouldn't be one color but have an array of shades.

Richter said access to the Internet has led to a spread of untrained tattoo artists practicing unsafe techniques in their home.

"Nowadays, a tattoo machine can be bought on the Internet," she said. "If people are tattooing out of their homes, they are considered 'scratchers,' and they may not have the ability to sterilize. Anyone who calls it a 'tattoo gun' is not a true tattoo artist."

People interested in getting a tattoo should make sure the artist is certified and can show proof, she said.

An Iowa tattoo artist must apply for an artist permit from the Iowa Department of Health and undergo a one- to two-year apprenticeship before being certified. There are 18 certified tattoo artists in the Iowa City and Coralville area.

Richter said during their apprenticeships, tattoo artists learn how to draw tattooable pictures. She said artists practice on animal skin, such as pig ears or pig skin, before

actually attempting a tattoo on a person.

"It takes years to master this art form," she said.

Stringray said he has overseen over a dozen apprenticed tattoo artists.

Talisa Miller, the director of Iowa's Tattoo Program, said the state Public Health Department requires each tattoo parlor be inspected once a year, and must check monthly that the autoclave — a machine that sterilizes tubes and needles by using pressurized steam to kill bacteria — is working correctly. All equipment must be sterilized to avoid such diseases as hepatitis C on shared tattoo needles.

"Spore tests should be done every month. These should tell you if the autoclave is working," Richter said. "You should be able to ask to see the spore test at any tattoo parlor, and if the tattoo artist hesitates, be hesitant."

Bill McCabe, a dermatology administrator at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, said that they rarely see people with tattoo infections come in. However, there has been a huge request for tattoo removal. The UIHC offers laser removal for \$435 a session.

Richter said her main goal is to make tattoos more accepted in society.

"It's been in every culture and civilization at some point or another," she said. "Females in ancient Egypt wore lavish tattoos. Polynesian cultures used marks on their face to show their social standing. We refer to ourselves as a tattoo family."



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Go online to watch an excerpt from Kris Richter's presentation.

## OCCUPY

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and I think [denying the permit] is the appropriate decision."

The current permit — filed in October — will expire Feb. 29. Occupiers will be required to remove all property from the park no later than midnight the following day.

The Occupy movement's presence also caused significant damage to the turf at the park, resulting in the temporary closure of the occupied areas for approximately 30 to 60 days so the city can make appropriate repairs, according to the letter.

The city estimates spending \$2,280 on the repairs and will tentatively begin repairs March 1, weather permitting.

Occupiers said they would not provide comment to any media until after their general-assembly meeting on Thursday, according to a post on their Facebook page.

Markus said the group members have a right to file a written notice of



Iowa City Occupiers were denied a permit renewal because of an increase in the number of police calls; they must leave College Green Park by March 1. (The Daily Iowan/Jacklyn Couppee)

appeal with the city clerk within five business days. If they do not appeal the denial, he said, the decision will stand.

During the occupation of the park, city officials said health, safety, and sanitation concerns were expressed by community members.

"[The park] is not set up for permanent living conditions, and the issues go to that," Markus said.

Many members have left

the park since the Iowa City movement's start in October, and only one man was seen at College Green Park as of Monday evening.

Johnson County health officials said the city will express greater concern when it deals with the community's well-being.

"The city will have some usually stricter regulations on sanitation," said Director of Public Health Doug Beardsley. "Anytime you have a public area and they

are being exposed, that is a concern."

Markus said he believes the Occupiers will cooperate with the denial of permit if they do not decide to appeal it.

"We will deal with that at the time [if it happens]," he said. "The Occupiers early on were willing to listen and work with the city, and we would hope they would understand that the community does have a desire to get the park back."

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Applicants must be enrolled in a UI undergraduate or graduate degree program. Candidates must submit completed applications and supporting materials by noon, Friday, February 24, 2012.

Susan Elgin  
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**The Daily Iowan**



Winter in Iowa — we take the snow, the ice, the cold and can still find fun things to do!

Join us Sunday, January 22nd from 1 – 4 p.m. for the 5th annual Coralville WinterFest presented by Veridian Credit Union!

This is your chance to get out with the family and actually enjoy some fabulous winter activities in the Iowa River Landing. WinterFest has grown over the past few years providing a wide range of both indoor and outdoor activities. The Iowa River Landing district is conveniently located just off I-80 and First Avenue/Hayden Fry Way. Activities will take place on Quarry Road, inside the Johnson County Historical Society Museum, the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center (in the Exhibition Hall), Diamond Dreams, KCJJ Radio the Mighty 1630 and Vesta. Joining the fun in the Marriott's Exhibition Hall will be the Iowa Children's Museum, Coralville Public Library, Iowa City's Summer of the Arts, and the Iowa City Bird Club.

We'll also have special entertainment inside the Exhibit Hall including music legend Kevin "B.F." Burt, the Old Capitol City Roller Girls and much more! We'll also feature a silent auction where you can enjoy great deals on some fun packages and items to help you beat the winter blues. Coralville Businesses have donated a wide variety of items that will be auctioned off to support WinterFest. You can choose from items like a FryFest gift bag, overnight stays, Iowa City Jazz Festival VIP package and SO much more! Bring cash or check please and visit the Silent Auction to make your bid between 1 – 3:15 p.m.

Sincerely,  
The WinterFest Planning Committee



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Read just three books during the month of February and you'll be entered into a prize drawing. Join us for cocoa and cookies on Thursday, January 26th from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm & 4:30 - 6:30 pm for the kickoff. You may register during kickoff or anytime thereafter at the Library. Online registration will begin on January 27th.

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Join us for our W.A.R.M. Winter Cabaret on Tuesday, February 21st at 7:00 pm, held in conjunction with Winter Adult Reading Month at the Coralville Library. The event will be at the Coralville Center for the Performing Arts and will feature a variety of entertainment provided by local talent.

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## Editorial

## Cut costs of IC police car idling

When bar-hopping or window-shopping in downtown Iowa City, strolling by an idling police cruiser on an evening is a common occurrence. What seems to be stranger is that, for the most part, the cruisers are many times empty.

The sight is enough to drive a tree-hugger mad — what's more, the reality is that this isn't an Iowa City thing. It's a world thing. From Clinton and Burlington to Hollywood and Vine, police cars sit idling while patrolling officers make their rounds.

As environmental and economic efficiency are steadily pushed to the forefront of the American agenda, local police departments — especially the Iowa City police and the University of Iowa police — should explore more eco-friendly and cost-efficient alternatives to keeping cruisers running when they are not being driven.

Reducing police-car idling has potential to yield significant fiscal and environmental benefits. In just two minutes, an idling car burns enough gas to drive a mile — and to emit one pound of carbon dioxide. According to an article from Toronto's *Globe and Mail*, urban police cars idle approximately 85 percent of the time that they are running — and these cars are not known for their fuel efficiency. Most police cruisers get around 15 miles per gallon in the city and about 25 miles per gallon on the highway. The efficiency of all-wheel-drive SUVs is notably less, and as taxpayers, we get stuck with the bill.

So why do police officers continue to run their inefficient engines at the taxpayers' expense? Especially in the winter months, it's easy for one to assume officers are simply trying to keep warm. In such a case, it would be much easier to write a scathing attack — yet, in actuality, the rationality is more reasonable.

Police cruisers and interceptors are no different from any normal car when it comes to basic operational functions. During the winter months, windows fog over and freeze quickly, especially during periods of snowfall. In the case of an emergency, vehicles need to be ready for dispatch at a moment's notice.

In the case of K9 units (the UI police have two), the primary concern is the comfort and health of the dogs, which spend the majority of their time in the car(s) while on patrol.

The most pertinent rationale for idling cruisers concerns technology. Just as our car stereos can't function all day on battery alone, neither can a police

cruiser's computer system, light and siren system, GPS, or radio.

"There are so many computers and equipment in the cars that if a battery runs down, it's much like pulling a plug on a computer," said Iowa City Police Chief Sam Hargadine. "We would have to reboot everything."

For law-enforcement officers, time to reboot and recharge might mean a lapse in response time.

"My expectation is that this is all done in a reasonable manner," Hargadine said. "But it is ultimately up to individual officer discretion."

While many instances of police-car idling are valid, an eco-aware city such as Iowa City should expect more eco-bang for its buck. Luckily, a power-management system that allows cruisers to utilize full electronic capability without running the engine has been developed in recent years — and it could save the city more than \$100,000 per year if implemented.

The cost- and fuel-efficient alternative, developed and commercialized by Energy Xtreme, in Austin, Texas, is designed to run an officer's entire electrical system for up to four hours after the engine has stopped.

The system was tested by the Dallas police in 2009 with great success, and it could save local police departments more than \$3,000 per year per vehicle in gas costs.

For the time being, excessive idling continues to have a negative impact on local air quality, and it is economically inefficient. And despite the sound reason behind the current justification for idling cruisers, there's still no system of systematic accountability when determining whether a given officer at any given time is just keeping his car warm or consciously acting upon good intentions for the greater safety of the community.

Mobile electronic power might be a thing of the future, but as an academic community of progressive thinkers and doers, the university, Iowa City community, and the police forces should look into healthier and less wasteful methods of keeping their computer systems up and running. Taxpayers and students alike should be putting more pressure on the UI and the Iowa City police to consider greener, less costly alternatives to idling.

Your turn. Should idling be minimized?  
Weigh in at [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com).

Birth-control  
those vowels

BEAU ELLIOT  
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Benjamin Franklin, my friendly iGoogle app tells me, slept in four beds per night.

(OK, it's probably not really an app. I just used that word to make it seem as if I, too, live in the 21st century — when in reality, which is a country somewhere near here despite what you might think if you listen to political "debates," I actually reside in Sylvia Beach's joint around 1922. It's a trick I'll show you sometime.)

Why, you wonder, did Ben Franklin sleep in four beds per night? According to the iGoogle sort-of app, he believed that a warm bed stole a man's essence, so as soon as his bed warmed up, he hopped into a cold bed. (No word on what he thought a warm bed did to a woman's essence, for which we should be grateful.)

I don't bring this up to tarnish the good name of one of our Founding Fathers — although you have to admit, he seems to have been more than little bit batty. In this political season, we all genuflect in the direction of our Founding Fathers, even though some of them were slave owners. And Ben Franklin, in addition to being one of the revered double-F words, also invented electricity (much like Al Gore invented the Internet). Which was followed soon after by the invention of the electric bill. Thanks, Ben. Sleep in whichever bed you want.

Which brings us to birth control. (Well, if you think about it, everything, sooner or later — later is better, I hear — brings us to birth control.)

There's been something of a spat about birth control recently, involving Catholic bishops, presidential candidates, and other politicians of every stripe. (Who knew politicians had stripes? I thought it was only leopards and skunks, but I digress. Besides, I don't want to insult any skunks.)

The birth-control brouhaha would be funny if it weren't so silly. Or maybe it's the other way around. But there is this: Any health-insurance plan that covers Viagra but doesn't cover birth control is probably the Mount Everest of hypocrisy.

Which brings us to vowels (better than birth control).

Midwestern states, especially Iowa and Ohio, have all these vowels in their names, which confuses people on the East Coast, who are just not used to that sort of thing. That's why people from the East mix up Iowa and Ohio — too many damn vowels.

Don't you people get tired of all these vowels all the time? they ask. Next year, we're going to Florida, they say. Sure, it has a few vowels, and many flying cockroaches, but it has some nice, hard consonants, too. That's what you need in a state — nice, hard consonants. Let me teach you how to say "New Yawk." Hear that nice, hard "k"?

The vowel thing is more discomfiting for them than all the thousands of miles of corn and beans that insist upon stretching before them as they try, in vain, to drive across the Midwest. Most give up in eastern Indiana. Oh, no, they say. Not more corn. Not more beans. Not more vowels.

What happened was this: Wales, whose place names now consist of nothing, but nothing, of hard consonants — Where is that? you ask, having thought that you were visiting a place in which the inhabitants speak English.

Wnglshdtnxcvbjfjhrzm, the Welshman replies brightly. Everybody's heard of Wnglshdtnxcvbjfjhrzm.

But once, Wales had a surfeit of vowels. They were scattered all over the landscape like poets, making it hard to till the soil. Damn vowels, Welsh farmers would say, vainly pushing hand plows against granite-like a's and e's and, yes, iou's. The Welsh economy was suffering, there was no doubt.

Luckily for the Welsh, an American private-equity firm appeared, bought up all the vowels — on the cheap, it must be said — and shipped all those nasty vowels to the middle of America. Hence, Iowa. Hence, Ohio.

It became known in Welsh legend as the Great Vowel Movement.

Happy ending.

Well, not exactly. Turns out, with all the vowels gone, the market for consonants collapsed. Many farmers lost everything. It became known in Welsh legend as the Grt Cnsnt Bbbl.

You know? Ben Franklin and his beds don't seem so batty after all. ■

## Letters

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Don't rely on the  
'pull-out' method

I am writing this letter in response to the column "Where did the sex drive go?" (*DI*, Feb. 9)

A 22-year old woman wrote in saying that she suspected her birth control was the reason behind her decreased libido, and Dr. Herbenick responded that she try different contraceptives, such as condoms, IUDs, or the "pulling-out" method. And the last suggestion is the one I have an issue with.

I don't think any woman who wants to avoid pregnancy should use the withdrawal method, no matter how "very reliable" her boyfriend may be. My parents tried that, and you know what happened? I was conceived. According to the

Planned Parenthood website, "Even if a man pulls out in time, pregnancy can still happen. Some experts believe that pre-ejaculate, or pre-cum, can pick up enough sperm left in the urethra from a previous ejaculation to cause pregnancy."

Luckily, my parents threw together a wedding, and we all ended up just fine, but that's not always the case with unwanted pregnancies. Instead of "pulling out," young couples should use one of the other contraceptives mentioned (such as the free condoms to be found throughout campus) or spermicide with a female condom (which was not mentioned in the article).

The withdrawal method is terrible advice to give to sexually active young woman,

because it is totally unreliable.

Stay Safe, Iowa City.

Kelly McAleer  
UI student

Ledge writer  
perpetuates  
sexism

This letter is in response to Andrew Juhl's Ledge on Feb. 9. Juhl wrote: "I don't go bowling unless I have my ball with me. Sorry, but sticking my fingers in the same dirty holes thousands of other's have before? Eww-gross. It's the same reason I don't date sorority girls." In his bio, he went on to claim that he would, indeed, be willing to date "sorority girls" because they are "easy."

As usual, Juhl failed in his attempt at humor. More importantly, though, his cheap attempt at humor suggested that all sorority women (roughly 1,500 women on campus) are

universally whores. Shame on Juhl for traipsing in dehumanizing stereotypes. Shame, too, on the editors and publisher for finding Juhl's chauvinism so benign that it warranted publication.

It is this kind of language that continues to create hostile environments for women on this campus. Public discourse on campus should attempt to dismantle patriarchy and sexism, not foster it.

Don't mistake my critique for prudishness. I believe all people on this campus are free to make their own sexual choices without judgment. And while I also support Juhl's freedom of speech and press, I object to his feckless attempts to impugn the dignity of an entire segment of the university population.

David Barrett Gough  
UI graduate student

## Guest opinion

## Harkin's Q&amp;A on free online tax-preparations

**Q:** When are my taxes due?

**A:** With the beginning of each year comes the time to file taxes. This year, taxes are due on April 17.

**Q:** Can I file for free through the IRS?

**A:** Yes. Starting Jan. 17, the IRS opened its Free File Program. This tax-preparation program allows you to go online, file your taxes, and receive tax-credits and deductions—all at no cost to you. The program, which began in

2003, offers low- to moderate-income earners access to leading commercial tax preparation software that assists in the tax-filing process for taxpayers with a total 2011 Adjusted Gross Income of \$57,000 or less.

If you do not meet the income requirements for Free File, the IRS also offers an e-file option.

**Q:** What about my Iowa income-taxes?

**A:** There is a similar program for State of Iowa

income taxes that can be found at <http://www.iowagov/tax/>.

**Q:** Where can I find Free File?

**A:** After you gather your tax information, go online to <http://www.freefile.irs.gov/> for directions.

**Q:** What materials do I need to use the Free Online Tax Preparation?

**A:** You will need a computer, Internet access, and your personal tax information—including your Social Security number.

**Q:** What are important dates, and is the program safe?

**A:** Free File opened on Jan. 17 and is available until taxes must be filed on April 17. The service is secure and your privacy is protected.

**Q:** What are the benefits of using the IRS Free File Program online?

**A:** Sending tax-forms electronically reduces the chances that important docu-

ments are lost in the mail and in many cases, could mean you receive your return faster. With computer filing through the IRS or the Iowa Department of Revenue, in comparison with privatized firms, refunds usually come far faster, and with no fee.

**Q:** Are other free resources available?

**A:** The IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and the Tax Counseling for the Elderly programs offer free tax-help for taxpayers who

qualify. There are more than 20 service locations in or very near Iowa.

**Q:** Where can I find more information?

**A:** For more information, please visit [www.freefilealliance.org](http://www.freefilealliance.org), contact one of Free File's offices found at [www.irs.gov/localcontacts/index.html](http://www.irs.gov/localcontacts/index.html) or any my offices [harkin.senate.gov/](http://harkin.senate.gov/).

Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, serves as the junior U.S. senator representing the state of Iowa.

"I celebrated Thanksgiving in an old-fashioned way. I invited everyone in my neighborhood to my house, we had an enormous feast, and then I killed them and took their land."  
 - Jon Stewart

# Daily Break

## the ledge

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### Valentine's Day cards you don't want to receive:

- "I've fallen in love many times, but always with you. Well, mostly with you. And Eva Longoria. But you're a really close second."
- "Just wanted to send love and laughter to a special friend. Unfortunately, I can't seem to find her address, and this card cost \$2.50, so hope things are OK with you and stuff, I guess."
- "Happy Day of Your Conception. Love, Mom and Dad."
- "I may be away, but even as we're apart, distance can never change the love in my heart ... But meeting someone better can. His name is Tyrone. Please send my things."
- "Of all the girls I lie to and cheat on, you are by far my favorite."
- "L is for the Love you show each and every day. O is for the One who almost got away; V is for the Venerable disease with which I'm now infected, and E is for the breakup that is now Expected. Happy V(D)-Day."
- "While you may not have the key to my heart, you do have the key to a Benz, and that is good enough for me."
- "Happy Valentine's Day, honey. -P.S., I know you love conversation hearts, but in an attempt to have more honest communication, that dress *did* make you look fat, and this card had fewer calories."

- Nicole Quist choo-choo-chooses you.

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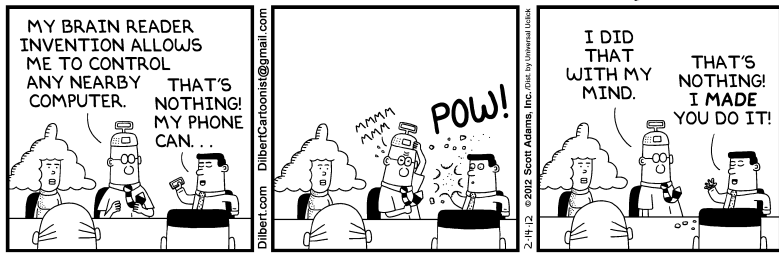


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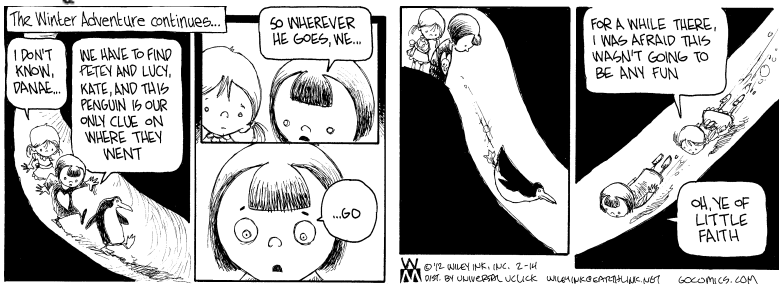
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- **Pharmacology Faculty Recruitment Seminar, "Synaptic Plasticity in the Nucleus Accumbens: From Molecules to Behavior,"** Brad Grueter, Stanford, 9 a.m., 2189 Medical Education & Research Facility
- **Microbiology Seminar, "The genes that were missed: an expanding universe of small RNAs and small proteins,"** Gisela Storz, National Institutes of Health, 3 p.m., Bowen Auditorium 3
- **Optical Science Technology Center Discussion Seminar, "2D IR Spectroscopy: What it is and what it is good for,"** Chris Cheatum, Chemistry, 3 p.m., 104 Iowa Advanced Technology Labs
- **Faculty Senate Meeting,** 3:30 p.m., Old Capitol Senate Chamber
- **"Getting the Support You Want in Times of Need,"** 3:30 p.m., 240 Blank Honors Center
- **Library-Community Writing Center,** 4 p.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **"Life In Iowa: "What is Honors?,"** 5 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Centre
- **Special Film Event, Valentine's Days Porn, Underwater Love,** 7 p.m., Bijou
- **Paul's Book Club,** 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Saul Lubaroff Trio,** 8 p.m. Bluebird, 330 E. Market
- **Flight School,** 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Dubuque
- **Pharmacology Postdoctoral Workshop, "The Regulation of Mouse Leydig Cell Proliferation by Luteinizing Hormone Receptor,"** Ping Tai, 10:30 a.m., 1117 Medical Education & Research Facility
- **Blood Drive,** 11 a.m., Progressive Rehabilitation Associates, 2401 Towncrest Drive
- **Operator Theory Seminar, "Unitary 1-parameter groups and scattering theory,"** Palle Jorgensen, Mathematics, 1:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen
- **Gray Knights Chess Club,** 2 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Materials Physics/Solid State Physics Seminar, "Domain wall attraction and repulsion during spin-torque-induced coherent motion,"** Elizabeth Golovatski, 2:30 p.m., 104 Iowa Advanced Technology Labs

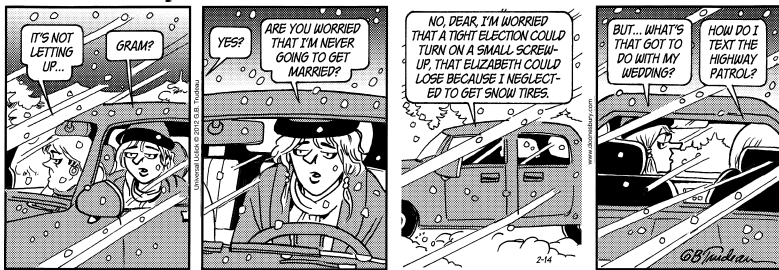
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## UITV schedule

**12:45 p.m.** Hancher, Music, and Arts Campus Update, latest information about funding, estimated construction time lines, and other details of flood recovery, Feb. 7  
**2** Women at Iowa, interview with Chris Brus, Women in Engineering (2010)  
**3** University Lecture Committee, Sonic Youth presentation at the Englert, March 31, 2011  
**4:45** Hancher, Music, and Arts Campus Update, latest information about funding, estimated construction time lines, and other details of flood recovery, Feb. 7  
**6** Kirk Ferentz New Staff Conference, Ferentz meets with the media and talk about his new staff, Feb. 8  
**6:30** Women at Iowa, interview with Chris

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Brus, Women in Engineering (2010)  
**7:30** Hancher, Music, and Arts Campus Update, latest information about funding, estimated construction time lines, and other details of flood recovery, Feb. 7  
**8:45** Drumming for Justice, Martin Luther King Celebration, Jan. 18  
**9:30** Daily Iowan Television News  
**9:45** To Be Announced  
**10:15** Student Information, Lifestyle, support and activities for students  
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**10:45** Student Information, Lifestyle, support and activities for students  
**11** Women at Iowa, interview with Chris Brus, Women in Engineering (2010)

## horoscopes Tuesday, Feb. 14

- by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 Follow your dreams. Don't let anyone interfere with your plans. Get whatever work you are responsible for out of the way, and focus on your personal accomplishments. Success is within reach, but you do have to put in extra time and effort.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Get involved in new hobbies, activities, and interests. Share with others, and get to know coworkers, peers, or social-network friends better. The more diverse you become, the more you will enjoy what life has to offer.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Honesty will be required, especially when dealing with an employer, colleague, or interviewer. You have plenty to offer without exaggerating. Using your skills uniquely is your strong point and should be the angle you project.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22 Refrain from getting involved in an activity, challenge, or event for the wrong reason. You have to be true to you. Follow your own path; discover and develop the skills that will help you get ahead personally or professionally.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 Forget about an emotional conflict you have with someone so you can move forward. Don't waste good opportunities sulking or fretting over something you cannot change. Your happiness and success is the best way to let go of the past.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Expand your knowledge and the network of people you share with, and you will find a way to change your status and improve your financial position. A change to your residence will add to your comfort, as long as you don't overspend impulsively.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Look at the facts. Don't be fooled by what others say or do. Tally up the pros and cons and what works for you. Look at your options, and base your decisions on your situation, not someone else's plans.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Trust in what you do well, and promote your talents to a wider range of companies, clients, and people in general. A connection you made networking will come in handy now. Don't be afraid to ask for favors.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Truth is important. Whether it's you or the person you are dealing with, deception is apparent and will lead to loss of friendship, money, or reputation. Precise communication and asking questions when in doubt will spare you unnecessary setbacks.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Think outside the box, and you will come up with a surprising plan that will give you an advantage when dealing with friends and colleagues. Your insight will come from past experience. Stick to your principles and plans, even if others don't.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Keep your emotions out of any decision you have to make. Your choice of people and the path you are considering will not be in your best interest. You can accomplish far more if you scale down and move forward on your own.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 Rely on trustworthy people from your past. Information received from outsiders will be sketchy and costly. Concentrate on tried-and-true methods you feel comfortable pursuing. A financial partnership will turn sour. Protect your assets.

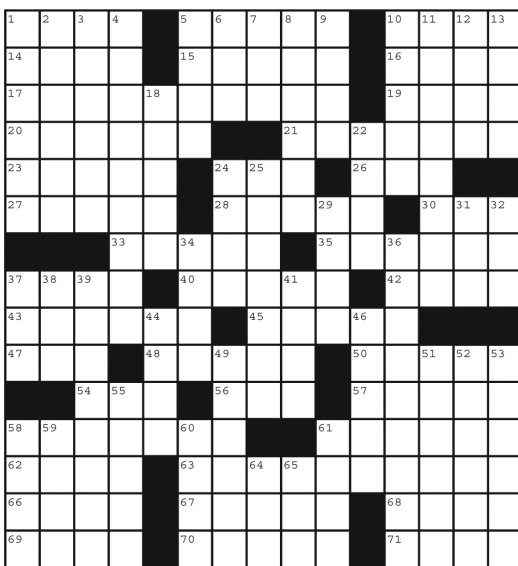
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## The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0110

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- Lickety-split
  - French first lady \_\_\_\_\_ Bruni-Sarkozy
  - Spear
  - ESPN's Arthur \_\_\_\_\_ Courage Award
  - Let out at the waist, e.g.
  - Major-leaguer Tony or Alejandro
  - Essay, say
  - "I do solemnly swear ... ." e.g.
  - Francis who sang "Who's Sorry Now?"
  - Lapel attachment
  - "The results \_\_\_\_\_!"
  - Lunched, say
  - "Glee" actress \_\_\_\_\_ Michele
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  - Sufficient
  - Not unusual
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  - Busby and derby
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- Down**
- Nabob
  - On dry land
  - Black eye
  - Coach on the court
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Canaveral
  - Rumble in the Jungle winner
  - GPS recommendation : Abbr.
  - Hannibal of "The Silence of the Lambs"
  - "Clear the \_\_\_\_\_!"
  - Bike wheel radius
  - Group associated with 2009's Taxpayer March on Washington
  - Opposed to
  - U-\_\_\_\_\_ (Berlin railway)
  - Hall-of-Famer Ralph of the Pirates
  - '63 Liz Taylor role
  - Skin soother
  - La Brea fossil preserve
  - Actor/TV personality Kinnear
  - Cool, '50s-style
  - "Just the \_\_\_\_\_"



Puzzle by Gary Cee

- Couple in the news
- A-C on a filing cabinet, e.g.
- Extreme point in an orbit
- Disneyland, e.g.
- Beetle, for one
- Opening-round game of the N.C.A.A. basketball tournament
- Actor Sam of stage and screen
- Come to light
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- 59 \_\_\_\_\_ mark (#)
- 60 School grps.
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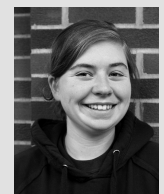
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## ON THE STREET

### What are you doing for Valentine's Day?



"I have two classes, and I'm teaching, but I'm getting my kids chocolate. I also got a massage coupon for Valentine's Day that I might cash in."  
**Kate Kedley**  
 UI graduate student



"I have to work."  
**Kristin Jentz**  
 UI junior



"Unfortunately, I'll be in class."  
**Mike McGinn**  
 UI senior



"I have class and tests. It's a busy week. I'll probably just hang out with people on my floor."  
**Taylor Dombrowski**  
 UI freshman

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# UI welcomes Hills Bank

By KRISTEN EAST  
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The University of Iowa and UI Community Credit Union officials said they ended a five-year partnership because they couldn't come to an agreement on renewed contractual terms.

The UI signed an agreement with Hills Bank and Trust Co. late last year and the bank will open an IMU branch today.

UI spokesman Tom Moore said Hills Bank provides the same services as the credit union but is more accessible to both students and community.

"University leaders concluded that the proposal from Hills Bank and Trust offered the most benefits to students, faculty, and staff," he said.

Over the next five years, Hills Bank will pay more than \$613,000 for branch rental space at the IMU and UI Hospitals and Clinics, according to documents obtained by *The Daily Iowan*. In all, the contract will cost Hills Bank more than \$1 million in exchange for special perks like marketing to students at orientation.

Jim Kelly, a credit-union senior vice president of marketing, said UI officials informed the credit union in July 2011 they would solicit proposals from other providers. The credit union gave the UI two optional two-year extensions, but university officials didn't want to pursue either of those options.

Credit-union officials decided not to participate in the first bid process last August after learning of the UI's new contractual guidelines and conditions.

"After careful review of the proposed guidelines, the [credit union] determined that it would not participate in the bid process," Kelly said. "The new contractual guidelines established by the university did not make financial sense for the 91,000 member-owners that we serve."

Moore said the guidelines for the

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second and final request for proposal issued last October could be viewed by the credit union as "more relaxed," and the facility presented a proposal on those terms.

The UI's contract with Hills Bank will provide students with the option of linking their Iowa One card with a checking account.

John Benson, a Hills Bank senior vice president of credit and legal administration, said the Iowa One card's banking feature will continue to function like the credit union's, with a black stripe containing banking information and enabling use at ATM or PIN-based locations when linked to a Hills Bank checking account.

Officials anticipate the Iowa One cards will be ready for the upgrade by the end of this school year. Hills Bank-owned ATMs will also have replaced all previously existing ATMs by that time, Moore said.

Hills Bank will install 22 ATMs on campus starting in March, and all locations — except Carver-Hawkeye Arena and Kinnick Stadium — will have no surcharge. The two athletics facilities will assess a \$1.50 surcharge.

Students may still use credit-union ATMs at its office locations. Kelly said there are no plans to open any new offices in Iowa City, but they are looking into additional ATM locations.

Kelly said credit-union officials do anticipate a decline in student accounts in the coming year but will continue marketing its services to students.

"Without the exclusive rights to market to incoming freshmen at orientations, we will see a drop off in new student accounts," he said. "... We hope our current branches, call center, and mobile and text banking products can meet the students' needs."

# Love beyond cultures

By AUDREY DWYER  
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Though some say American culture celebrates roses and chocolates on Valentine's Day, couples with intercultural relationships celebrate a mixture of traditions.

Yume Hidaka, the UI's Japan outreach initiative coordinator, attended the university's "Valentine's Day: Dating and Courtship Across Cultures" Monday, in which UI students and faculty discussed how Valentine's Day is celebrated in their cultures. The native of Japan, who moved to Iowa from Tokyo, said she was struck in her new home by how open Americans express themselves.

"Neither Japanese say 'I love you' to each other nor kiss in public," she said. "Some women in Japan always dream about that direct approach that foreigners do and the sweet situation like [in] Western movies."

A cross-cultural relationship is difficult but not impossible, she said. While language tends to be the biggest problem for international couples, she said it was still possible for both members of the relationship to work through. Differences in cultural traditions tend to be another significant problem, she said.

"... My best friend, who is Japanese and has been married to an



Chie Muramatsu of Japan writes a Valentine's Day card in her native language. University of Iowa students and staff gathered on Monday to learn about the differences in dating in different cultures. (The Daily Iowan/Asmaa Elkeurti)

American guy, told me one day that it will never be possible to share the value of [your] own culture with someone from [another] country even if there is a love and respect there," she said.

Despite the cultural barrier, Hidaka said, inter-cultural couples are becoming more common in Japan.

"Cross-cultural relationships require a great deal of communication and compromises, which, incidentally, are also the elements of most required for a successful relationship in general," said Lindsay Fox, a University of Iowa International Program communications and relations graduate assistant.

However, these cultural barriers are still significant in multicul-

tural couples unhindered by different languages.

"In a cross-cultural context, there can be no assumptions, even in matter of the heart," Fox said. "Some cultures may not celebrate Valentine's Day at all — some cultures may celebrate love in different way. Who says roses are an expression of love? Imagine all the new ways you could learn to say, 'I love you.'"

Stephanie Rose, a UI educational adviser for communication-studies majors, spoke about what she had to learn as a Canadian married to an American.

"Culturally, there's more of a culture of celebration in the U.S.," she said. "Graduating college or high school — even kindergarten — Americans tend to cele-

brate or make a big deal about. In Canada, we find it to be more mundane without as many decorations."

Modern technology is especially important when couples are not only separated by language or cultural boundaries but by distance itself.

"And of course, technology is key," she said. "The most beautiful sound in the world is Skype's incoming call chime ..."



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# Sorority explosions questioned at UI

BY CHASTITY DILLARD  
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One University of Iowa sorority parent said she's frustrated with the lack of information she's received following her daughter's expulsion from Zeta Tau Alpha after an alleged alcohol violation.

Barbara Meadow said her daughter, along with nearly a dozen other chapter women, were asked to leave the house with little notice earlier this month. Meadow said the case after alcohol was reportedly found in girls' rooms earlier this year. According to Zeta Tau Alpha policy found on its website, consumption of alcohol on the organization's property is forbidden.

Meadow and other parents were concerned their daughters would be homeless mid-semester — though Meadow's daughter did find housing.

"The parents are frustrated because we don't have anyone to contact," Meadow said. "We tried to reach out to the sorority, but there was no response."

Meadow said she was told the national Zeta Tau Alpha organization was going to make a decision on the women's fate over winter break. She said she and other parents sent a joint letter to the national organization but didn't hear back until this month.

Several members of the UI's Zeta Tau Alpha chapter and national headquarters members have refused to comment after being contacted by *The Daily Iowan*.

The National Zeta Tau Alpha organization sent a

## Greeks

**University of Iowa greeks must answer to the Judicial Board — made up of members from each chapter — when an alleged violation is committed. Here are a few chapters found responsible by the Panhellenic Council Judicial Board in fall of 2010:**

- March 2011, Alpha Pi, Use of Alcohol During Recruitment
- Sept. 2010, Kappa Kappa Gamma, NPC Alcohol During Rec.
- Sept. 2010, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Unmet Non-Alch. Req.

Source: Fall 2010 Judicial Board Hearing Results

letter to chapter alumni in November 2011, which *The Daily Iowan* obtained. The letter said members of the UI chapter were involved in activities that could jeopardize the chapter's existence on campus.

"These problems, which have involved risk-management issues and lack of cooperation with the national organization, continue as the chapter shows no regard for Zeta Tau Alpha's national policies, the University of Iowa, or the state laws of Iowa," the email said.

The letter said the organization underwent a membership review in December 2011.

Kelly Jo Karnes, an associate director of the UI Center for Student Involvement and Leadership, said chapter rules vary among each greek organization.

She said greek chapters,

unlike UI student organizations such as the Hawk's Nest, are governed by an outside authority — their national councils — not the university.

"All of our greek chapters are governed by a national organization," she said. "All of those chapters have to answer, not only to the UI's local policies, but also to [the organization's] national policies."

Arthur Hoge, an Oklahoma-based lawyer who has provided legal assistance to fraternities, sororities, and national greek housing corporations for 35 years, said non-communication between parents and national organizations isn't unheard of.

"It's not unusual or uncommon for the national organizations to have a policy where matters between the mass organization and the members are considered matters strictly between the mass and the member," he said. "Sometimes, it's frustrating for parents to understand that, but that's reality. It's the same thing as your university cannot give out grades without your authorization."

Hoge said the reason may include story variations given to the parent and the organization member.

But Meadows said she only wants the situation to be fair.

"I wanted to make public the way they are treating these girls," she said. "I want them to know what kind of sorority this is."

# McDonald's moves on pork

By DAVID PITT  
Associated Press

DES MOINES — McDonald's Corp. said Monday it will require its U.S. pork suppliers to provide plans by May to phase out crates that tightly confine pregnant sows, a move that one animal-rights group predicted would have "a seismic impact" on the industry.

The U.S. pork industry generates sales of around \$21 billion a year, according to the National Pork Producers Council. McDonald's, with its Sausage McMuffin, McRib sandwich, and breakfast platters, is one of the nation's largest buyers of pork products, consuming about 1 percent of the nation's total production.

The fast-food chain announced its decision in a joint statement with the Humane Society of the United States, which hailed it as a major victory in its fight against so-called gestation crates. The animal-welfare group has been pushing legislation in several states to outlaw the crates that severely limit animals' movement.

"I think it's going to have a seismic impact on the pork industry because it signals to every other major food retailer that this is the morally correct pathway, but it's also an economically feasible pathway," said Wayne Pacelle, the Humane Society's CEO.

Many of McDonald's competitors, including Burger King, Wendy's, and Hardee's, have already begun to move away from suppliers who use gestation crates, and the fast-food chain's announcement came a day after Chipotle Mexican Grill made a splash with a nearly two-and-a-half minute television commercial aired during the Grammy's touting its ban on pork produced using the crates.

The commercial, an animated short film featuring the Coldplay song "The Scientist" sung by Willie Nelson, was released online in August. It features a farmer

who experiences a crisis of conscience, prompting him to abandon factory-like farming methods and free his pigs, chickens, and cows from confinement. It had more than 4.6 million views on YouTube by Monday afternoon.

"We are changing the way people think about and eat fast food," Steve Ells, the founder, chairman, and co-CEO of Chipotle, said in a statement. "We have always understood the importance of serving food that is raised right, but that is a difficult thing to communicate with the limitations of traditional advertising."

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**MARBLE**

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in recent years. Adam Haluska, the 43rd pick of the 2007 NBA draft, is the only Hawkeye to be selected in the last 12 drafts. Ricky Davis (1998) was the last Iowa player to be taken in the first round.

Marble's rapid ascension this year means pro ball — though not for at least a year, likely two more — may be well within reach. The sophomore ranks sec-

**Next Up: Iowa at Penn State**

**When:** 7 p.m. Thursday  
**Where:** Bryce Jordan Center, University Park, Pa.

ond among Iowa players in points (11.1) and assists (3.3) per game. His 2.3 assist-to-turnover ratio is the Big Ten's fifth-best.

But endorsements from men such as Central Arkansas coach Corliss Williamson — who played 12 NBA seasons — speak better to Marble's prospects than any statistical measure.

"Watching him on film doesn't do his game jus-

ture," Williamson said on Dec. 19 after Marble scored 19 points in Iowa's 105-64 win over his squad. "The way he moves on the court and the way he sets up his plays to score or to get somebody else open — he's an exciting player to watch. He's got a bright future ahead of him."

The future will brighten even more if Marble displays better consistency on the other end of the floor. McCaffery said he thinks Marble sometimes lacks defensive concentration because of all Iowa asks him to do.

"We talk about, 'I need you to go get us 15 points,'" McCaffery said. "You need

to run the offense, and now you need to go guard somebody on the wing who is really talented, and you have to play 36 minutes while you're doing it. That's hard to do."

But the Southfield, Mich., native — who said he aspires to play in the NBA some day — doesn't excuse himself so easily.

"I have the potential to be a really good defender," Marble said. "At times, I just have lapses. At times, I can defend anybody in the country. For me, it's just getting into that mentality, where I just dig in for 40 minutes and limit as many of those mental lapses as possible."

There are moments when such focus is visibly palpable in Marble's eyes. He lowers his wiry 6-6 frame closer to the hardwood, his hands mirroring those of the ball handler's. His face is fixed forward on his man's chest, his feet coiled and ready to spring him to wherever he needs to go.

His 1.5 steals a game — the Big Ten's seventh-highest theft rate — aren't bad, either.

Marble need not look further than his own backcourt to find a model for defensive improvement. Matt Gatens transformed himself into one of the Big Ten's top perimeter defenders over the last four sea-

sons. The senior guard, who regularly matches up against the opposition's best player, said he expects Marble to get much better, citing his quickness and length.

"I think it'll come," Gatens said. "It's a matter of, really — for me, at least — really buying in and giving my all on defense. Staying engaged for the whole 35 seconds [of the shot clock], which I think is difficult for young guys to understand ... We watch tape all the time, and he's improving."

"Just never be satisfied, both ends of the floor."

**TRACK**

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how important the 4-by-4 is at the University of Iowa," Erickson said. "It's a big deal for us."

The assistant coach preaches the importance of the relay to his athletes on a daily basis. He said it gives Iowa an opportunity to leave the meet on a high note because it comes at

**Next Up: Iowa Invitational**

**When:** 5 p.m. Friday  
**Where:** Recreation Building

the end of a competition. He also said it's the last thing everybody remembers from a meet; that lasting impression can sit inside the mind of opponents and intimidate them the next time the teams compete.

Roberts also said the end of the meet can prove to be a "springboard" into the next meet. That kind of

confidence is exactly what the Hawkeyes need whenever they begin a new competition.

"It starts the preparation for the next meet," he said. "It's on us to make sure the Iowa Hawkeyes are looking good at the end of the day and to help the team feel good about going into the next meet. We've just been trying to find the right order for majority of the season."

That order has come in many forms; a different set of Hawkeyes has participated in each meet of the season.

The team for the season-opening New Year's Classic in Iowa City consisted of Erickson, Liverpool, and sophomores Raven Moore and Kelsey Quinn. The following weekend in Lincoln, Neb., the relay showcased Erickson, Quinn, junior Hannah Simonson, and senior Kelsey Mims. The same group ran for Iowa at the Razorback Invitational but in a different order. And this past weekend at Iowa State, Simonson, Erickson, and Liverpool were on board, and freshman Victoria Sack joined the crew.

Sack said she knew the

importance of performing at her best in the relay, because Iowa has taken the 4-by-4 seriously since Roberts took over coaching the event when he arrived at the university in 2009.

The freshman did not disappoint her teammates. But to her, the opportunity to represent the Black and Gold was an honor in itself.

"I feel privileged that I can run in the relay as a freshman," she said. "I just have to give everything that I have to stay in the lineup."

That kind of attitude is what has driven the relay

team all season, no matter who carries the baton.

"Tomorrow is a different day," Roberts said. "The best four girls that are good to go are going to run."

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going to come back to bite

Lisa Bluder's squad. It will be in Ann Arbor, Mich., on Thursday, where Iowa is 4-3 dating back to 2002 — but just 1-2 in Crisler Arena since 2009.

A road loss to the Wolverines will cost Iowa its last

chance to gain a quality win away from Iowa City, which is something it needs to secure a bid. And if Michigan gets on a roll, the Wolverines could very well sweep Bluder's Bunch. If that happens, the

Hawkeyes will need to run through the Big Ten Tournament for their bid — and knocking off Samantha Prahalis and No. 9 Ohio State will be a tough task.

— by **Tork Mason**

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**Coming through injury**

Brennan Davey missed his senior season of high-school track but has come on strong with the Hawkeyes.

By **ELDON GIANNAKOUROS**  
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The end of Iowa men's track runner Brennan Davey's senior year of high school should have been a victory lap.

The young athlete had won a state title his junior year at Indianola (Iowa) High, propelled his 4x800 team to victory in the Drake Relays during the first half of his senior season, and signed a letter of intent to compete with the 2011 Big Ten champion Hawkeyes.

Instead, it became a long and disappointing wait.

A hamstring injury forced him to miss the state meet and spend the summer before college in recovery.

"Brennan's a guy who was injured his senior year, but as a junior in Iowa, he was already a blue-chip guy," Iowa coach Larry Wiecek said. "He didn't quite have the senior year he would've had if he hadn't strained a hamstring, and that kind of hobbled him his senior year."

The layoff created some anxiety for Davey, adding

the possibility of rust to what would already have been a stressful debut among high-level competition. Davey had been a dominant two-sport athlete throughout high school — he was named an all-state middle-distance runner twice, and he also played football — and wasn't used to finding himself in the middle of the pack.



**Davey**  
freshman

"I'd never really experienced running against guys who were better than me. In high school you're a big fish, but here, you're just a normal kid," Davey said. "I knew I could compete — but not win every race, like I was used to in high school."

He didn't have a lot of time to rediscover his stride while working through a jam-packed indoor schedule. But as the first half of his inaugural season with the Black and Gold comes to a close, Davey has made a name for himself among his teammates.

"He's a definite competitor; he goes out there and he competes, and he's always trying to move his spot up," senior Jeff Herron said.

Davey's strongest performance this season came at the Adidas Invitational on Jan. 21; Davey was part of a 1,600-meter relay team that was tenths of a second away from knocking off then-No. 5 Nebraska.

"That was pretty cool; it was my first big meet ever in college," Davey said. "It was a great atmosphere, and it was great to be on that 4-by-4 and be so close [to topping the Cornhuskers]."

Sharing the relay with senior team captain Erik Sowinski — who, Davey said, has been his role model since he started training with the Hawkeyes in September — was another major highlight of the meet, he said.

It wasn't the first time the two had shared a track. Sowinski anchored the 1,600-meter relay team that earned the Black and Gold a Drake Relays title on the same night that

Davey helped capture the 4x800 championship for Indianola High.

"[Sowinski is] an All-American, and he runs the same type of events I do; hopefully, by my senior year, I can be an All-American and Big Ten champion, too," Davey said.

Davey notched another portfolio performance last weekend by taking fifth place in the 800 meters at the Iowa State Classic in Ames. Two of the remaining top five slots belonged to teammates Keaton Rickels and Ryan Weir; the freshman finished within 1 second of the two juniors.

Although he missed some of the best moments of his senior year in high school, Davey is putting in the work to ensure his tenure as a college athlete won't be nearly as forgettable.

"He's a competitor in practice and meets; he's the kind of guy we want on the team," Sowinski said. "He's pushing guys in practice, guys in practice are pushing him, and they're making each other better."

**Big Ten honors Blank**

First-year Iowa shortstop Megan Blank was named one of the Big Ten's Co-Freshmen of the Week, the league announced on Monday. She shared the honor with Michigan pitcher Sara Driesenga.

Blank is the first Hawkeye to ever win a Freshman of the Week award.

The Culver City, Calif., native led off and batted a team-best .583 (7-for-12) during five games at the Gettnerman Classic in Texas over the weekend. She and was named to the all-tournament team for her trouble.

She started all five games, reached base 69 percent of the time, and was 2-for-2 in stolen

base attempts — including a swipe of third against Texas-Arlington that allowed her to score the only run in a 1-0 Hawkeye win on Feb. 11.

Blank also scored 6 runs, walked four times — all against Wichita State — and reached base at least twice in four of Iowa's five games.

The only blemish on Blank's weekend was a fielding error against Texas-Arlington; she finished the tournament with 7 putouts in 8 attempts.

Blank and the Hawkeyes (3-2) will travel to Arizona on Friday to face Illinois State in the Littlewood Classic. Iowa will also play single games against Arizona State and Iowa State and will take on Central Michigan twice in the three-day tournament in Tempe.

— by **Seth Roberts**

**Marble dunk nominated for Play of the Year**

Devyn Marble's dunk over Minnesota's Ralph Sampson III on Feb. 1 earned him a nomination for Geico Play of the Year, Intersport announced on Monday.

Marble's powerful one-handed jam — which came with 1:43 left in Iowa's eventual 63-59 win over Minnesota — earned the Iowa sophomore the No. 9 spot on the "SportsCenter" Top Plays that night.

Four plays will be nominated each week for eight weeks, with each week's winner determined by fan voting at [facebook.com/BestofCollegeBasketball](http://facebook.com/BestofCollegeBasketball). The eight winning

plays will compete in a week-long competition to determine the Play of the Year, with the winner announced on March 25 at noon on CBS.



**Marble**  
sophomore

Marble's dunk is up against three other plays from the same week: a 3-point shot at the buzzer by Northern Iowa's Anthony James, an alley-oop dunk from Michigan's Tim Hardaway Jr., and a reverse alley-oop by Jared Cunningham of Oregon State.

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— by **Jordan Garretson**

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## Marble still learning 'D'



Iowa's Devyn Marble defends former Indiana guard Jeremiah Rivers on Jan 23, 2011. Marble has evolved into one of the Hawkeyes' better offensive threats this year, but he readily admits he has work to do on defense to make himself a more complete player. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

Fran McCaffery said Devyn Marble could be paid to play some day if his defense sees the same improvement as the rest of his game.

By **JORDAN GARRETSON**  
jordan-garretson@uiowa.edu

Devyn Marble is the Iowa basketball team's most versatile piece of artillery.

"He's almost 6-7 as a guard; he gets his shot off easy," head coach Fran McCaffery said. "He can finish with either

hand. He's dunking the ball going down the lane now. He's becoming more and more explosive as he gets stronger, as he matures.

"He's got the total package." But the 19-year-old is still one aspect short of being able to completely dominate a game: defense.

McCaffery said Marble's defensive shortcomings aren't because of a lack of physical tools or ability. It's a matter of focus.

And if he figures it out, forget about putting a ceiling on his potential.

"If he does that for us, we're

going to be a better team," McCaffery said. "If he does that for himself, they're going to pay him to play."

The three-letter acronym that McCaffery is getting at — NBA — has been mentioned sparingly in Iowa City

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## 4-by-4 relay buoys Hawk track team

A set lineup is preferred but isn't needed for the Hawkeyes to reach the top.

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The 1,600-meter relay is held in high regard at Iowa.

It's a race also known as the 4x400 relay or the 4-by-4. It is the final event of a women's track meet. It's the last chance to score points. It's the last time to shine before a meet comes to a close.

And for the Hawkeyes — whose season has been equivalent to a roller-coaster ride — it's always been a goal to end meets on a high note. When the rest of Iowa women's tracksters have been spotty and inconsistent, the 1,600-meter relay team has continually served as the backbone of the team.

And the 4-by-4 team hasn't had a set lineup for the entire season.

"We only have two returning girls from the 4-by-4 team last season, so it's been hard to make up for the seniors we lost," senior Nicole Erickson said. "We've been improving every week. We're still not where we want to be at, though."

Erickson and sophomore Ashley Liverpool are the two returning runners from last season's 1,600 relay team — and because Liverpool has been nursing an injury for majority of the season, Erickson has been the only consistent member this season.

Two athletes crucial to Iowa's past relay dominance graduated last season. Tiffany Hendricks and Bethany Praska ran the second and fourth legs of the relay team, which finished second in the Big Ten indoor championships and was the champion of the outdoor conference championships.

But Iowa's 1,600-meter relay remains a force in the Big Ten even with the lack of experience and scramble to find new members for the team. The Hawkeye relay squad has beaten each conference foe that it has faced this season.

"Coach [Clive] Roberts always talks about

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## Carver to see 2013 women's tourney action

Carver-Hawkeye Arena will serve as one of the 16 first- and second-round venues for the 2013 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament, the University of Iowa announced on Monday.

Games will take place either on March 23 and March 25 or March 24 and March 26.

Iowa City has hosted the tournament 11 times, most recently in 2009; Carver-Hawkeye reeled in the fourth-most fans of any of the 16 first-round venues, with 5,615 in attendance over two games on March 22.

Carver-Hawkeye has been the site of the regional finals four times and first- and sec-

ond-round games 10 times. It hosted from 1986-90, 1992-94, 1996-98, and in 2009.

"This gives the University of Iowa and our women's basketball team a chance to showcase our great arena after the renovations that took place last year," Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder said in a release. "... We're very happy that our fans will get a chance to see NCAA Tournament games inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena."

The opening rounds of the 2013 tournament will be split between 16 schools from nine conferences; Delaware and St. John's will both host for the first time. Log on to [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com) for a full list of the host schools and their venues.

— by **Seth Roberts**

## Oklahoma St. to host National Duals finals

The Iowa wrestling team will travel to Stillwater, Okla., this weekend for the final rounds of the National Duals tournament, the National Wrestling Coaches Association announced on Monday.

Oklahoma State will host the "Mat Mayhem Championship Finals" on Feb. 19 at Gallagher-Iba Arena.

The No. 4 Hawkeyes (11-3, 6-2 Big Ten) advanced to the final round of the tournament by beating Virginia Tech, 31-3, and

Oregon State, 22-14, at the Iowa State Regional Title on Sunday in Ames.

They will compete against a field of co-No. 2 teams Oklahoma State and Minnesota and No. 20 Illinois. Iowa lost to the Cowboys, 17-16, on Jan. 7 in Iowa City — the Hawkeyes' first dual loss in 84 meets. Iowa beat Big Ten foes Illinois and Minnesota, 20-13 on Dec. 2 and 19-17 on Jan. 29, respectively.

Further information about the finals — including times and team seeds — will be announced today. Tickets are available for purchase at [okstate.com](http://okstate.com).

— by **Seth Roberts**

## POINT/COUNTERPOINT

# Hawks to NCAA tourney?

### Yes

In what has become an annual event, the Iowa women's basketball team is once again surging at the end of the Big Ten season.

If the Hawkeyes win just one of their last three regular-season games, it will be the fifth season in a row that Iowa has won at least six of its last eight. It is no coincidence, therefore, that Iowa will earn its fifth-consecutive NCAA Tournament berth this season.

The Hawkeyes' current five-game win streak has pushed the team to fifth in the Big Ten standings, and the Black and Gold are playing their best basketball at the end of the season — something the tournament committee will look favorably upon.

What makes Iowa's end-of-season run even more improbable is that three of the five-straight wins have come without the services of junior All-American Jaime Printy, whose season ended with an ACL tear against Wisconsin on Feb. 2.

Printy's scoring production has been replaced by increased outputs from other Hawkeyes, especially junior Morgan Johnson, senior Kamille Wahlin, and freshman Sam Logic.

Johnson has led the effort by averaging 17.7 points per game over her last three contests. Senior guard Wahlin is averaging 17.3 points and 5.6 assists



Iowa guard Melissa Dixon fights for a loose ball against two Minnesota defenders in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Feb. 9. The Hawkeyes have three regular-season games left to strengthen their bid for a fifth-straight appearance in the NCAA Tournament. (The Daily Iowan/Melissa Wilson)

over the same span. Logic, a 5-9 guard, has pulled down 9.7 rebounds per game to go with an average of 14 points in Printy's absence.

With the Hawkeye triumvirate playing stellar basketball, the Hawkeyes will garner at least a 2-1 record over the final three games of the regular season — they play Michigan twice, at home and away, and Northwestern in Evanston, Ill. A win or two in the Big Ten Tournament would also help solidify Iowa's bid to be a NCAA Tournament team.

The team was all but left for dead after a 3-5 Big Ten

start, but Bluder's Bunch will be dancing in March.

— by **Ryan Murphy**

### No

The Iowa women's basketball team has, at minimum, four more games to prove it deserves a bid for the NCAA Tournament.

But the Hawkeyes won't succeed.

The Hawkeyes will have to split with Michigan — a team coming off of a 63-52 victory over then-No. 13 Nebraska in Lincoln that appears to be hitting its stride — to get a quality win in those four games. Northwestern is Iowa's other regular-season oppo-

nent, and the Wildcats currently occupy 11th place in the Big Ten at 3-9 in conference play. Assuming the Black and Gold stay on pace to lock up the No. 5 seed in the conference tournament, their probable first-round opponent is 12th-place Indiana (0-11).

So there aren't many chances for Iowa to add to its résumé.

The team has played well without injured star Jaime Printy — but how long can it continue to fill the 16.9-point void left by Printy's absence?

Eventually, the lack of

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