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New UIHC heart test aids screening newborns



Maisalyn Elscott, who was born Tuesday, is screened for congenital heart defects in the UIHC. The nurse tapes a sensor on the baby's right hand and left foot to test the oxygen level in the body. The University of Iowa Childrens Hospital will screen every newborn. (The Daily Iowan/Ya-Chen Chen)

Officials expect the new heart-disease screening to catch on elsewhere.

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Hundreds of infant heart patients could be saved each year thanks to a new technology at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

The UIHC is the first facility in the state to offer a new heart disease screening on newborns.

Jeff Seger, a member of the committee that started the screening, praised the potential of these screenings this week.

"One out of every 100 newborn babies are affected with heart disease," he said. "This test has the potential to save hundreds of babies each year."

The Department of Health and Human Services recommended hospitals start the procedure — pulse oximetry screenings — on newborn babies a year ago. The test measures how much oxygen is in the blood by wrapping a sticky strip, like a bandage, around the finger and the foot of the baby. Then, a light test is performed to determine the amount of oxygen in the blood of the finger and foot of the baby.

"These screenings are designed to detect one of the seven forms of critical congenital forms of heart disease," Seger said.

To pass the test, the difference in oxygen levels of the hand and foot have to be less than 3 percent. If the baby fails, the hospital waits one hour before performing the test again. The test will be repeated three times, and if the baby fails all the tests, a cardiologist is called to perform an ultrasound of the heart on the newborn to detect what is wrong with the heart.

The screening is being performed at the University of Wisconsin hospitals along with hospitals in New Jersey. Hospitals in Des Moines will start offering the test soon.

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Students wired on wireless

IPads currently make up 15 percent of student wireless device access on campus.

By **ANNA THEODOSIS**
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University of Iowa technology officials say they expect smartphones and tablets to soon surpass laptop use on campus.

Steve Fleagle, the UI associate vice president for Information Technology Services, said almost 25,000 students used campus wireless services from a tablet or smartphone last semester — an increase of almost 10,000 over the fall of 2008.

And UI officials are taking notice. "I think the tablet-type use, along with laptops, has really changed how we think about wireless coverage here on campus," wrote Lance Bolton, the senior IT director for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences in an email. "The Information Technology Services group has done a great job trying to keep up with demand and even covering some green spaces where students like to congregate and study during nicer months."

UI Registrar Larry Lockwood said he agreed.

"The campus is built for wireless technology," he said. "Most students are now using their computers or iPads to do their work. The university is going to support that."

Lockwood said he expects online textbooks to become increasingly used over the next several years.

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Many back Obama's student-aid proposal

An Obama administration proposal would cap student federal loan program at 3.4 percent for one year.

By **CHASTITY DILLARD**
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Higher-education advocates are applauding President Obama's plan to revamp federal student aid.

In a budget proposal released Monday, the president calls for increasing the Pell Grant cap, doubling the number of work-study positions available, and making other tweaks to federal student-loan programs.

Julie Morgan — a policy analyst with the Postsecondary Education Program at the Center for American Progress — said the administration's focused efforts toward supporting middle-income students is encouraging.

"All of these little things that we see in the budget are in the context of the president really capping [his proposal] to what's really bothering families and what we can do to solve [their problems]," she said.

Under Obama's plan, the federal Pell Grant limit would jump from \$5,550 to \$5,635, and 110,000 work-study jobs would be added over five years.

Mark Warner, the director of UI Student Financial Aid, said the proposal would help the 20 percent of university students who receive Pell Grant funding.

He said the UI had roughly 4,300 students getting \$15 million in Pell Grant

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Bleam skeptical about UI fees

Maison Bleam currently serves as a special assistant to U.S. Rep. Steve King, R-Iowa.

By **ALISON SULLIVAN**
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While keeping tuition down is a perennial talking point among state policymakers, the fees students pay don't get as much attention.

But a former University of Iowa Student Government president wants to tackle that issue.

Maison Bleam recently announced his intention to run for a seat in the Iowa House. The 2009 UI graduate said his experience as a student advocate gives him an advantage and better understanding about the challenges governing bodies face.

"[It] really gave me a good perspective on a lot of things that happened at the state level, whether its in politics or just in the community," he said.

The 24-year-old running for the House District 10 seat said though he doesn't have specific solutions to tackling climbing tuition rates, he said it's an issue he intends to focus on.

Bleam also raised concern about the state of mandatory fees students pay — additional expenses tacked on to tuition. The UI currently has nine categories of mandatory fees including career services, Student



Maison Bleam sits at a desk in 2008. Bleam, who was the UISG president from 2008 to 2009, recently announced he will seek a seat in the Iowa House of Representatives. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

Health, and technology fees. Bleam said he would like the state Board of Regents and state institutions to examine these fees to ensure students are not paying highly inflated prices.

"Room and board, is it really going up that high in price?" he said.

Regent Robert Downer said he agrees and notes that the regents have raised similar concerns.

"I have serious questions about a lot of the mandatory fees," he said. "If they are truly mandatory, I'm not sure why they're not just rolled into tuition."

He's unsure if the yearly adjustments to the fees need to occur, he said.

"Of course there are a huge number of fees, and I'm just wondering if that's in every-

body's best interest," Downer said.

Don Szeszycki, an associate vice president in the Provost's Office, said the university provides regents with its yearly proposals for mandatory fees, most recently at the December 2011 meeting. The UI requested a 3.8 percent increase — \$50 more — for next year.

The UI annually examines each fee to make sure there are no excessive jumps, Szeszycki said.

"Every year, we go through the fees," he said. "We work with the groups that are supported by the fees ... we analyze these and package them up for [the Regents] approval."

Bleam also said he hopes to improve communication between lawmakers and high-

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TREADING TREND



People work out at the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center on Tuesday. (The Daily Iowan/Jessica Payne)

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Faculty shift compensation

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University of Iowa faculty members have established a new teaching policy that would prevent professors from taking on too many classes.

UI Associate Provost for Faculty Tom Rice said administrators felt some professors were taking on too many classes in order to earn extra money.

"News came up when we paid tens of thousands to teachers," he said.

Currently, faculty members have certain teaching requirements that are designated in their employment conditions.

Faculty Senate members voted unanimously in favor

of the revisions.

In the revised extra-compensation policy, faculty members can only teach two additional courses in addition to their normal requirements.

Rice said the Senate members decided the language in the policy about the process needed to be clarified.

The policy also did not specifically address certain discrepancies such as unequal pay to student ratio among courses taught by professors.

For example, Rice said, if one teacher taught a class with 100 students and another with a class of 36, they would get roughly the same pay.

"Sometimes, this has to happen," he said. "But [the overload policy] allows for exception."

The new policy states facul-

ty members must maintain regular teaching responsibilities on top of their extra courses. Department executive officers, heads, or supervisors must be notified by a faculty member of the additional teaching responsibility.

Faculty who teach semester-break courses will also receive overload compensation.

Faculty members also voted to remove a portion of the policy requiring faculty to get approval to teach additional courses.

Some said professors shouldn't have to be approved to teach extra classes.

UI History Professor Katherine Tachau said the request portion of the policy was unclear.

"We shouldn't have to fig-

ure out what the intent is," she said. "We should make it clear to faculty what is and isn't allowed."

But others thought faculty should be required to get approval.

"I too am not very happy with the [language of the request policy] because it is not stated clearly," said Diane Finnerty, director of faculty human resource and development in the Provost's Office. "... We've recently been discovering that the approval is necessary based on [teacher] needs."

Finnerty said staff not covered by the extra-compensation policy should still be allowed to submit formal requests.

Iowa Senate passes workers' tax cut

By MIKE GLOVER
Associated Press

DES MOINES — The Iowa Senate has unanimously approved a tax cut for low-income workers Tuesday, with backers calling it a powerful tool against poverty.

"Iowa's working families will spend this tax cut in their local communities, buying food, milk, gas, repairing the family car, and paying medical bills," said Sen. Joe Bolkom, D-Iowa City, the measure's main backer. "It helps working families. You must have a job to benefit from this tax credit."

Critics said they would have preferred a broader tax proposal that would not only help the working poor

but spark the economy as well.

"This is just one piece," said Sen. Randy Feenstra, R-Hull. "I urge the body to put together a full and comprehensive tax plan."

The Senate voted 48 to 0 to approve an increase in the state's earned income tax credit, which is currently 7 percent of the federal credit. It would almost double to 13 percent in the first year, costing the state \$26 million, and gradually grow to 20 percent, costing the state \$54 million a year by 2014.

Bolkom said the bill would cut taxes for 260,000 families that include about 500,000 people and 37 percent of the state's children. Generally, it cuts taxes for families making less than

\$45,000 a year, he said.

The measure now goes to the House, where approval is expected.

The Legislature passed the measure twice last year, but it was vetoed both times by Republican Gov. Terry Branstad.

Branstad spokesman Tim Albrecht said the governor wants to study the final version before deciding whether he will sign the measure this time around.

"Until we see a final proposal, the governor is not prepared to say whether he would sign or veto that," he said.

Bolkom said he hopes some minds have been changed since last year, particularly the governor's.

"This is the third time the working family tax cut

has passed the Senate," said Bolkom. "I hope the third time's the charm."

Feenstra said the federal tax credit was pushed by former President Ronald Reagan, and Republicans are comfortable supporting the effort, particularly in light of a soft state economy.

"Right now it's really needed," he said.

Sen. Mark Chelgren, R-Ottumwa, said the thrust of the measure encourages work and he's comfortable with that direction.

"We are dealing with people who are hard workers who are at or near the poverty level," said Chelgren. "Should we be doing more to help people at or near the poverty level? Absolutely."

METRO

Suspended UI prof's attorney wants hearing

A suspended University of Iowa radiology professor's attorney requested Tuesday a disciplinary hearing to determine the status of that professor's employment and that the professor continues to receive pay during suspension.

Malik Juweid, 50, filed a complaint with the Iowa Civil Rights Commission in December 2010 alleging his supervisor, UI radiology Professor Lauri Fajardo, referred to him as an "academic terrorist" and called a Pakistani staff member "Osama bin Laden."

Juweid was placed on paid leave on the recommendation of a Threat Assessment Team. He then filed a lawsuit on May 6, 2011, naming the UI, state Board of Regents, and numerous UI officials, claiming UI officials retaliated against him for speaking out in his department against discrimination of Arab-Americans and the medical

mistreatment of children.

UI spokesman Tom Moore said Juweid was placed on unpaid medical leave in December 2011, no longer allowing him his \$241,000 annual salary. Juweid's attorney, Rockne Cole, said this occurred after Juweid filed a request under the Family Medical Leave Act in September 2011.

Cole said Juweid was not afforded his right to a disciplinary hearing before his paycheck stopped because no disciplinary process occurred upon Juweid's placement on paid leave. Therefore, Cole said, Juweid should be paid until the disciplinary hearing.

George Carroll, assistant attorney general representing the UI, said Juweid's own medical-leave status originally put the faculty hearing off.

At the hearing Monday, Cole requested the hearing "as a matter of law and of procedural due process," noting he hasn't had the opportunity to provide evi-

dence of Juweid's medical condition. Juweid also has a right to rebut the allegations, he said.

— by Beth Bratsos

Woman facing murder charge wants hearing on witness

An Iowa City woman charged with first-degree murder will have a hearing to discuss her request to receive information about a potential witness.

Lillie Will Williams, 49, was charged with first-degree murder in November 2011 after she allegedly started a fire that killed a 14-year-old boy and injured two others, according to a police complaint.

The defense has requested that the competency of a 5-year-old witness be determined. Iowa Code requires a witness to be competent, and the court must determine the competency of a child witness if his or her competency is questioned.

Williams therefore requested the state make available "any and all information, including audio and video recordings... known to law enforcement and the Johnson County Attorney's office, relating to the witness listed as "a child" in the state's trial information," according to court documents.

The hearing on Williams' motion is set for March 2 at 10:30 a.m. in the Johnson County Courthouse.

— by Beth Bratsos

UISG announces candidates' meeting

University of Iowa Student Government officials announced Tuesday that they will hold a hearing for candidates for the 2012 student government elections.

The hearing will occur Feb. 20 at 6:30 p.m. in 348 IMU.

—By Luke Voelz

BLOTTER

Craig Kendall, 57, 619 Beachview Drive, was charged Monday with driving while license revoked and OWI.

Clarence Paintin, 53, 2018 Waterfront Drive No. 14, was charged Monday with driving

while license suspended/canceled.

Jeanine Pittman, 45, 461 Highway

1 W. No. 30, was charged Sunday with driving while license suspended/canceled.

TOP STORIES

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Energy firms look to natural gas

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A greener future — thanks to natural gas? Justin Foss of Alliant Energy said that's exactly what's happening.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, Iowa produces approximately 5 percent of its energy via natural gas. That ranks it as the third largest source of energy, after coal and nuclear, and just ahead of wind.

"Coal, historically was the cheapest fuel source here in Iowa and across America," Foss said. "But thanks to new regulations and new technologies, this is all changing."

Foss noted Alliant Energy, which provides power to much of northern Iowa along with Minnesota and Wisconsin, has converted two of its coal-fired power plants to natural gas, and it has plans for more in the future. New environmental regulations being implemented by the Environmental Protection Agency are helping drive this change, he said, making coal a less attractive fuel source.

"We either bear the brunt of these regulation changes, pass them on to our users, or we look somewhere else," he said.

Foss said nuclear energy's high output is offset by a heavy cost of upkeep — often millions of dollars. Natural gas, he said, lacks many of those costs.

"Technology is allowing us to extract more gas here in America," he said, "while demand from industry is dropping due to the recession. It's a perfect storm."

This "perfect storm" has resulted in a massive drop in gas prices — nearly 50 percent over the last eight months, according to the Natural Gas Futures Price

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Craig Walter, administrative director with Iowa Natural Gas association, said natural gas is used by most Iowans for heating homes and businesses because of its cheapness and efficiency.

"[Americans] are all realists about what renewable energy can supply, and it's not a 24/7 energy source," Walter said. "Coal is, and we have a lot of coal. Oil is, but we have to import a lot of our oil, and it's costing us billions and billions of dollars do that. Gas can as well, and it's cheaper and cleaner than the alternatives."

Some local environmental advocates acknowledged natural gas burns cleaner than its alternatives, though this is offset by its production process.

"If they're using natural or traditional extraction methods for gas, that's great," said former Iowa City Sierra Club head Mike Carberry. "The concern is if they're using fracking."

Hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, has opened up new shale-gas reserves and raised some concerns about the chemicals used in the process.

"Recall the movie *Gasland*, where they were able to light drinking water on fire?" Carberry said.

"And now they're talking about opening Iowa for fracking, so we really have to ask what are the consequences of this? You have to take a look at the total life-cycle of the product — how much carbon dioxide is released when you extract the gas, transport the gas, or build the plant."

IC Catholics back birth control

Several Catholic students said they support religious organization insurance providers offering contraception coverage

By **BETH BRATSOS**
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A mandate requiring religiously affiliated organizations to provide insurance for prescription birth control has upset local and national Catholic leaders, but many University of Iowa students who are Catholic side with the decision.

The Department of Health and Human Services issued a compromise Feb. 10, requiring that insurance companies provide the contraception coverage rather than the affiliations themselves. The act prompted disapproval from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

UI sophomore and Catholic Matt Dilger said he agrees employees of religious-affiliated institutions should receive such coverage, though he understands why employers would be hesitant.

"It needs to be allowed because some people just aren't ready for kids no matter what their situation is," he said. "If the employee wants to get that as a supplement to their insurance, then more power to them. But I don't think any employer should be forced."

UI senior and Catholic Magen Krones said she feels skipping out on contraception coverage will hurt employees in the long run.

"Birth control is used for a lot of things besides contraception. It's used to regulate hormones, for bad cramps, for skin," she said. "It's important because it is an

unrealistic expectation for people to stay abstinent."

Debate over birth control and similar prescriptions have led to rifts in families as well. Natalie Gonzalez, a Catholic and sophomore at Kirkwood Community College, said her highly religious grandparents stopped talking to her family for five months after her parents put her on birth control in high school.

"I honestly don't think [birth control] has anything to do with someone's faith," she said. "I don't think it should be considered a sin. I am totally for birth control."

For organizations to be exempt from the mandate, they must meet four requirements. The organization must be a nonprofit and primarily employ and serve people sharing its religious stances.

Iowa Catholic Conference director Tom Chapman said his group took issue with the government's definition of a religious organization employing entirely Catholics.

"Many Catholic organizations hire people of all faiths," he said.

However, he said, the conference supports the federal bill on the whole.

"It's not so much the contraception piece," he said. "It's, 'How far can the government go and tell [religious institutions] they have to violate their religious beliefs?'"

The Newman Catholic Student Center, 104 E. Jefferson St., and St. Patrick Catholic Church, 4330 St.



Archbishop of New York Timothy Dolan gestures during an interview at the North American College in Rome on Tuesday. The top U.S. bishop has vowed legislative and court challenges to President Obama's compromise on exempting religiously affiliated employers from paying directly for birth control for their workers. (Associated Press/Gregorio Borgia)

Patrick Drive, are not required to provide insurance policies that cover contraception to their female employees.

Mount Mercy University officials told *The Daily Iowan* Tuesday the school does provide contraception to employees and will continue to follow all state-mandated health-care regulations.

The Rev. Rudolph Juarez of St. Patrick said the key issue with the new mandate is its infringement on religious liberty.

"Currently, governmental policies define [contraception] as preventative medicine," he said. "You

prevent disease, and pregnancy is not a disease."

Linda Kroon, the director of the UI Women's Resource and Action Center, said she is surprised the contraception topic has become so controversial.

"It is common sense that you provide basic health-care coverage," she said. "I think a lot of people would view something like prescription birth control to be something under basic health care. No one can be compelled to take medication they don't want to take. [But] we shouldn't make it impossible for someone to take medication or have access that they need."

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Column

Consider AmeriCorps before the Peace Corps



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Peace Corps. I encourage students to choose the former.

Although I believe both Corps do fantastic work, I strongly urge you soon-to-be graduates to opt for AmeriCorps. Its focus on prevalent domestic issues, including mentoring disadvantaged youth and fighting illiteracy, means it strives to improve the state of our own country; the Peace Corps focuses on more basic needs such as clean water and food security.

I strongly feel that in order to be able to help countries abroad to our fullest potential, we must make sure our own country is stable first.

I also believe that it is a common misconception that our country is doing overly well.

The Russell Sage Foundation states: "Although the annual rate of 15.1 percent is the highest rate since 1983, growth in the U.S. population means that the 46 million people in poverty at the end of 2010 is the highest number in poverty since the official poverty line was first established in the early 1960s."

Knowing this, we should not use our dwindling and limited resources trying to solve problems abroad.

AmeriCorps is more beneficial than the Peace Corps on the home front and from the perspective of the participant. Financially, AmeriCorps is more sensible for the average recent college graduate. AmeriCorps volunteers receive an education voucher after their 10- to 12-month service program. This voucher can be used for future education or to pay off existing student loans. On the other hand, Peace Corps volunteers are only eligible for loan deferment.

Another positive aspect for AmeriCorps volunteers is the time commitment. AmeriCorps (AmeriCorps.gov) requires only 10- to 12-month volunteer periods and even offers part-time positions, while the Peace Corps requires its volunteers commit

for two years. That the two years in the Peace Corps are spent abroad makes this commitment even harder to make.

I wholeheartedly believe that the lack of participation in AmeriCorps is due to two barriers that keep students from participating: that being patriotic in America is stigmatized among college students and that there is an appeal to helping impoverished countries overseas.

The stigmatization of patriotism is prevalent on college campuses, where a majority of students are liberal, as proven by our pesky yet persistent Occupy activists.

People who identify themselves as liberal are typically against patriotism because they feel it to be synonymous with conservatism. This identification of conservatives as patriots is not false. A 2010 Gallup Poll showed an increase in Americans identifying themselves as "extremely patriotic." The groups of people causing this increase were seniors, conservatives, and Republicans, not your typical AmeriCorps volunteer.

The glamour and prestige of helping developing countries also pulls students toward the Peace Corps. There is a certain fascination that Americans have with helping impoverished countries. This attraction may come from cultural icons such as celebrities, who publicly show their do-good attitude by traveling to and helping extremely impoverished areas of the world: images of gorgeous, white American women like Angelina Jolie basically hand-feeding grains of rice to malnourished black children with distended bellies. This kind of glamour certainly appeals to young college grads who don't realize there are people on at home who are in need.

In the end, volunteering your time and effort for either Corps is a positive thing, but I think that this energy should be channeled toward domestic issues. When our country reaches its fullest potential, we can help other countries in a more substantial way. So, seniors looking for experience and excitement before venturing off into the real world: Consider AmeriCorps first. ■

Your turn. Is AmeriCorps preferable to the Peace Corps?
Weigh in at dailyiowan.com.

UI Memes: Jokes over votes



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The University of Iowa Memes page was apparently shut down by Facebook administrators last week for violating the site's terms of use. Before the shutdown, though, the page attracted more than 6,000 users and hundreds of submissions.

"It just completely dominated people's news feeds ... I didn't think it was going to grow past, like, my friends and maybe a couple other people," page creator Matt Starns said in an interview with KRUI.

And while I joined 6,000 of my classmates in subscribing to the page and laughing out loud, the wild popularity of UI Memes demonstrates terribly misplaced priorities of the student body here.

To demonstrate, consider how many Facebook "likes" a few other UI-related pages have.

Fewer than 400 users like the UI College Republicans, and only around 200 like the UI Democrats.

Phil Was Here, the UI Foundation's student philanthropy campaign, has just over 600 likes.

The biggest news organization in eastern Iowa, *The Daily Iowan*, has garnered about 1,500 likes.

UITV, which provides real-world broadcast experience to dozens of students each year and provides 'round-the-clock programming, has approximately 150 likes.

And only around 100 people like the Rape Victim Advocacy Program, which hosts educational programs and offers support to victims of sexual misconduct.

That's right: Internet jokes are 60 times more

popular among UI students on Facebook than support for rape victims.

And it's frustrating that the campus radio news team, as another example, thought the page and its shutdown were so important that it posted its interview with Starns as the top story on its news page. Absent is any recent coverage of Occupy Iowa City's permit denial, the slew of education bills on the line in the Iowa

Legislature, or the university's re-evaluation of its policies protecting kids from sexual assault.

That's right: UI Memes getting shut-down has garnered more campus media coverage than the UI's child assault-prevention push.

To be clear, I don't have a problem with the page itself (save for at least a handful of racist and sexist jabs) and the creator is a friend (on Facebook and in real life) of mine. The issue isn't the jokes — the issue is that those jokes are more important to the student body than dozens of other things that ought to be a lot more important.

Consider that not quite 7,000 people (13.6 percent of registered voters) voted in last year's City Council elections, when there were two UI students on the ballot. Looking at the turnout breakdown by precinct, my liberal estimate is that at the very most, about 1,000 of those voters were students.

And while a number of Facebook fans isn't absolutely indicative of support, it does say something about how UI students spend their time. We can produce hundreds of funny pictures and post thousands of comments to them in just a few days, but we can't pick who we want to run Iowa City. ■

Letter

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Obama's not attacking the church

After much consideration of the article "Obama plan enrages GOP" and other news stories similar to it, I have made some conclusions.

First, that because Congress shall make no law prohibiting the free exercise of religion (First Amendment), and second that birth control is against the Catholic policy, then the government shall not make a law that prohibits the Catholic exercise of refusing birth-control.

Fortunately, the government is not forcing any Catholic women to take birth control. What the Obama administration is doing is protecting all non-Catholic women's rights to accept birth control and practice whichever religion they choose. This is not an attack on the Catholic Church but an attempt to protect any woman from having the church force its beliefs upon her. All people have the freedom to practice whichever religion they so choose, so many, many women choose to exercise their rights

and also to protect their health.

We must stop pretending this is an argument of First Amendment religious freedoms when it is really a women's health and equal-protection argument. If employers are required to provide health insurance and that health insurance needs to cover contraception, then that's that.

Unless we want to go back and decide whether or not health insurance should cover birth control, which we already decided it should, then this has to stop. There is no compelling reason that we are fighting to

prevent access to birth-control again. We've already decided that birth-control is not only necessary, but good for women's health.

Stop arguing that this is an Obama administration attack on the church. If you do not wish to take birth control, don't take it. All women in this nation have the same right to make the decision to access a legitimate and necessary medication. It is not up to the Catholic Church to make that decision for anyone.

Katie Kuntz
UI student

Column

Support Catholicism's fight against mandated birth-control



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I believe President Obama needs a civics lesson. Or maybe he needs some new advisers who can calculate political risk well. Take your pick.

The contraception mandate fiasco boggles my mind. It seems that our leaders have forgotten the principles upon which this country was founded. It is the bedrock of our democratic and free society: "Congress shall make no

law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." The First Amendment of the Constitution is being disregarded.

For those who aren't aware, the Obama administration and Secretary Kathleen Sebelius's Department of Health and Human Services revamped their contraception policy on Jan. 20 to require that religious institutions pay in full for birth-control for their employees.

As you might expect, there was outrage amongst Catholic leaders from Iowa all the way to the bishops representing the Vatican.

They quickly backtracked their effort on Feb. 10 when it dawned on them that Catholics make up one in four voters in the United States and that a majority of Latinos — a big voter-block for the Democrat Party — are Catholic. Obama received a majority of the Catholic vote in 2008.

It is a well-known tenet of Catholicism. Sex is supposed to be a sacred act saved for your spouse, and having sex with contraception before marriage is a sin. Sex is reserved to express one's love for their spouse and to procreate.

So they made a complete reversal, right? Who would alienate that many voters? Well, I guess they still

would: They revised the policy to mandate that only insurers provide free birth-control, rather than the houses of worship.

Oh, wow! What a difference! So religious institutions — many of which self-insure — are still forced to provide free birth-control to their employees, but it's the insurers that are the ones doing it out. That'll do the trick.

We have incorrectly conceded the fact that contraception is not health-care. Sex is a choice, not an unwanted sickness or ailment that requires treatment. One can just as easily get free contraception from Planned Parenthood

or other groups (Whether we should fund them with tax dollars is another story.). "Women's health" has become doublespeak for "Plan B," which is itself a euphemism for "abortion-inducing drugs."

I can't help but think that the Obama administration is either politically incompetent or so pompous that they feel that the ignorant peons and backward-thinking zealots of the Catholic Church will buy into their deceit.

Whether you agree with the Catholic doctrine is not the question. The question is whether you believe in the Constitution and a per-

son's right to their faith. That is the beauty of religious freedom in America: Individuals are given the autonomy to align themselves with a belief system and practice their faith in whatever way they choose, as long as they do not violate the rights of others.

Even if you're not Catholic, even if you're not religious at all, this affects you just as much. It shows that this president will go to any lengths to implement his radical agenda no matter the cost.

Support the Catholic Church and their right to practice their faith, or your sacred cow will be next. ■

Rising Chinese star to return to Iowa

By DAVID PITT
Associated Press

DES MOINES — The last time China's soon-to-be leader visited Iowa, he slept in a bedroom with green shag carpeting and Star Trek character cutouts on the walls. He ate eggs with a spoon because his host forgot the chopsticks.

But apparently Xi Jinping remembered the 1985 stay fondly because he insisted on returning this week to Muscatine, a small community he toured to learn about crop and livestock practices.

Back then, he was a young Communist Party leader seeking ideas to help his agriculture-rich region of northern China. Now the nation's vice president, he made certain to add Muscatine to his jam-packed itinerary so he could reunite with the Americans who showed him around the region's hog and cattle operations and its abundant corn and soybean fields.

"I'm flabbergasted that he would take time out of his busy schedule and come back to Muscatine," said Eleanor Dvorchak, whose family hosted him for two nights.

Although Dvorchak and her husband have since moved to Florida, they planned to return Wednesday for Xi's hourlong visit, and several other local farmers and residents he encountered will be there, too.

Some local officials were encouraged that agriculture — and specifically Iowa agriculture — was to play such a prominent part in a trip by the future leader of the world's most populous country.

"It sends a signal that the new leader is not a stranger to the U.S. and

'I'm flabbergasted that he would take time out of his busy schedule and come back to Muscatine.'

- Eleanor Dvorchak, hosted Xi Jinping in her family's home for two nights

that he has experience and familiarity with America by reaching right into the heartland," said David Shorr, a foreign-policy specialist at the Stanley Foundation, a Muscatine-based nonprofit that focuses on promoting peace and international relations.

Xi is expected to ascend to the nation's highest office next year, and he could lead China over the next decade. His schedule called for him to meet with President Obama on Tuesday in Washington before flying to Iowa. He'll also stop in California.

China has become an increasingly important trading partner for the United States. It purchased \$20 billion in U.S. agriculture exports last year, making it the top buyer of farm goods.

In 1985, Xi stayed with the Dvorchaks, their 15-year-old daughter, and their dog in a four-bedroom, three-bath ranch home. The Star Trek-theme room had been left unchanged after the couple's sons went to college.

Eleanor Dvorchak, now 72, recalled a handsome 31-year-old man who was calm and intensely focused on learning as much as possible during his brief trip. He kept busy until late each day, so all he needed when he returned in the evening was peace and quiet, she said.

"My job was to provide him with breakfast and a quiet place for him to relax and think, to give him time to pull his thoughts together

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er for the next day," she said. "It was just a pleasure to have him in our home. He was very undemanding."

The language barrier made conversation difficult, but Xi was interested in touring the home and seemed impressed with the two-car garage and large concrete driveway that had a basketball hoop, she said.

She speculated that Xi wanted to return because volunteers in Muscatine were generous with their time as they showed the Chinese delegation their farms and the community, and invited them into their homes.

Cynthia Maeglin, who hosted two men who accompanied Xi in 1985, said she and her husband were accustomed to inviting overseas guests into their home since they hosted exchange students after studying abroad in high school.

Xi and the Chinese guests would have breakfast, then leave for the day to visit farms and businesses. The men got an up-close look at small-town life, and Maeglin believes it stuck with them.

"I think from just being in our home, they could see how we lived," Maeglin said. "At the time, our youngest son was still living at home. They could see how our family life was."



Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping reviews the troops during a ceremony in his honor on Tuesday at the Pentagon. (Associated Press/Manuel Balce Ceneta)



Vice President Joe Biden meets with Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping in the Roosevelt Room of the White House on Tuesday. (Associated Press/Charles Dharapak)

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Thomas Commons, 600 First Street SW, Mount Vernon, IA 52314
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An Ultimate player's pet peeves:

- Having to repeatedly explain that Ultimate is not “disc golf.” And no, I don’t want to hear about that one time you “got high and played 18 holes at Turkey Creek.”
 - People who think Ultimate is played with crappy plastic discs similar to the ones given out by Campus Activities Board and CHEBA Hut. (Seriously, how many failed 5-yard passes will it take before they give up and go buy a decent disc from Iowa Book?)
 - The way every guy I meet insists that he and six of his buddies can beat my team. We may be girls, but we finished fifth in the nation last year. The answer is “no,” bro, we do not accept your challenge (and it’s not because we’re afraid of losing — it’s because it’d be a waste of our time).
 - When people tell me how much they love tossing a Frisbee with their dog as if it is somehow similar to my sport.
 - Telling my professor I have to reschedule a test due to traveling to an Ultimate tournament and getting unbridled laughter as a response.
 - For the two days after indoor practice in the Bubble, finding random tiny black pieces of rubber imbedded in my shoes, socks, backpack, bed, shower, and lady bits.
 - A disc can hold five cans of beer, but it can’t adequately hide my cheat sheets on exam day.
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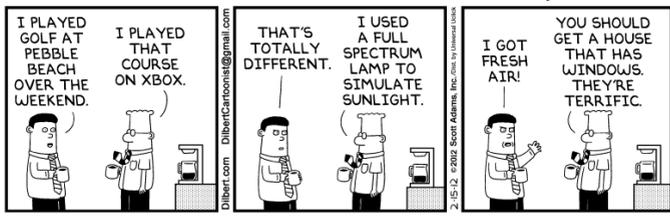
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- **Arts, Communication, and Media Career Fair**, noon-4 p.m., C310 Pomerantz Center
- **Inorganic Seminar**, “Biocatalytic and Metabolic Engineering Approaches to Produce (Fine) Chemicals,” Mani Subramanian, Chemical & Biochemical Engineering, 12:30 p.m., W323 Chemistry Building
- **Anatomy and Cell Biology Seminar**, “Examining the role of channel kinase TRPM7 in differentiation of dopaminergic neurons,” Amanda Decker, 1 p.m., 1-561 Bowen
- **Metropolitan Opera Lecture Series**, Verdi’s *Ernani*, presented by Miriam Gilbert, 5:30 p.m., 2520D University Capitol Centre
- **Readers and Writers Group**, 6 p.m., Uptown Bill’s, 730 S. Dubuque
- **The Way**, 6:45 p.m., Bijou
- **Pico Iyer Nonfiction Reading**, 7 p.m., Van Allen Lecture Room 1
- **Spoken Word Open Mike**, 7 p.m., Uptown Bill’s
- **Jam Session**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- **Passione**, 9:15 p.m., Bijou

ONGOING

- **A Sense of Place — Photography Exhibit**, Herbert Hoover National Historic Site, 110 Parkside Drive, West Branch; through April
- **Art | Iowa: Inspired by Landscape**, Old Capitol Museum
- **Sara Slee Brown: Extraordinary Perspectives**, Chait Galleries Downtown, 218 E. Washington
- **The Only One**, Johnson County Historical Society Museum, 860 Quarry Road, Coralville; through Dec. 31
- **Artist Educators**, MidWestOne Bank, 102 S. Clinton

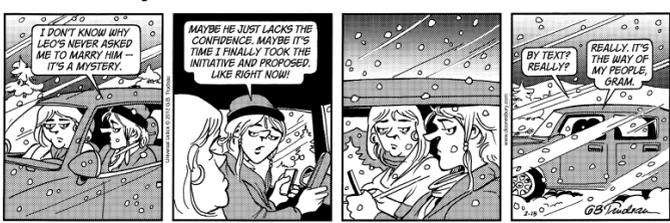
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- 9:30 p.m.** Daily Iowan Television News
- 9:45 p.m.** One Community, One Book, *Gardens of Water*, by Alan Drew, Nov. 7, 2010
- 10:30 p.m.** Daily Iowan Television News
- 10:45 p.m.** Hancher Music, & Arts Campus Update, latest information about funding, estimated construction time lines, and other details of flood recovery, Feb. 7

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 Wednesday, Feb. 15

- by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 Take a serious look at your personal and financial situation, and you will come up with a great way to improve both. Love is highlighted, and making a commitment that will help you adjust your expenditures will lead to less stress and a brighter future.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Size down, take care of pending problems, and get your priorities straight. It’s how you proceed and the people you allow into your circle that will make the difference. Think creatively, and you will find a better way to move forward.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 You’ll be torn between what you want to do and what you should do. Don’t let your emotions take over, or you will fall short, regardless of choice. Organization and pulling in favors will allow you to satisfy your responsibilities and your desires.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22 Concentrate on your responsibilities, and you will be successful. You’ll attract someone you are trying to impress. A change in an important relationship will enable you to get further ahead and build a solid base for future collaboration.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 Gather people with similar goals together, and you will be able to get twice as much done. The impact you have on others will result in more responsibility. Make sure you are up for the challenge before you accept. Love is highlighted.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Don’t count on anyone for anything. Do your own thing, and refuse to let anyone interfere in your business. Problems at home will escalate, and arguments are likely to paralyze your plans. Misrepresentation is apparent.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Don’t rely on others when you are better equipped to take care of business. A change in a relationship will leave you in a battle for power that isn’t likely to end well. Keep your distance from anyone trying to bully you.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Make alterations to your home that will ease stress or help reduce your overhead. Creative input will result in a better understanding between you and someone you want to spend more time with. Collaborate, and you will advance.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Your emotions will escalate. Avoiding the inevitable will lead to problems. Speak honestly, and get on with your life. A change at home or in your personal life will make a huge difference to your disposition and success.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Avoid anyone making impractical or unpredictable changes. You need to keep your life and direction as stable as possible if you want to bypass someone taking you for granted. Don’t let love cost you. Offer suggestions, not cash.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Look at your past work record, and you will quickly realize what direction to take now. Gather information regarding courses or people sharing your interests, and collaborate in order to get the most for the least.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 Be reasonable. Not everyone you talk to will give you an honest opinion. Secret encounters or information will not benefit you in the long run. Someone from your past will be your barometer regarding how you should proceed.

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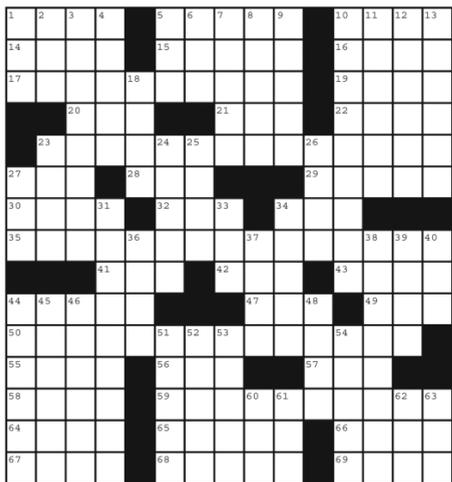
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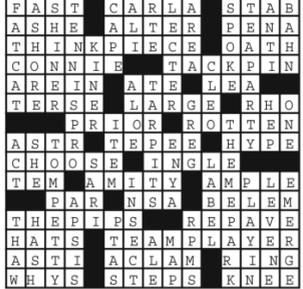
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 - Mecca for oenophiles
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 - Fabric store employees?
 - “Me neither”
 - “Nixon in China” role
 - Sculptor Jean
 - Fed in pursuit of counterfeiters
 - Repair for a torn pullover?
 - esprit (witty one)
 - Set of parts awaiting assembly
 - Bothersome
 - Org. that oversees American athletes
 - Gunk
 - Bro’s sibling
 - Attend a tennis tournament because one is a fan of?
 - “La Femme Nikita” director Besson
 - Serengeti herd member
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 - Slanted columns?
 - Dallas is in it, for short
 - Kicker
 - Cookies baked by Satan?
 - Ocean predator
 - Back-to-school night grp.
 - E.M.T. hookups
 - Mineral suffixes
 - Arrest made on a side street?
 - Online destination
 - Sierra —
 - Grumpy
 - Muscular jerks
 - Harmonizes, as digital devices
 - Form of fencing
- Down**
- All of the above, e.g.: Abbr.
 - Claw holder
 - 2005 Broadway hit based on a 1974 film
 - Vex
 - Edinburgh exclamation
 - Turncoat
 - “To clarify ...”
 - Eye-straining exhibit
 - Young termite, e.g.
 - Advice to an introvert
 - Airborne stimuli
 - President after George
 - Toy consisting of 80 feet of wire
 - One making a wake-up call?
 - Money across the border
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



ON THE STREET

Would you want the UI to provide iPads to students for taking notes?



“Honestly, I prefer taking notes by hand. I kind of think it would be a waste of money.”
Allaa Hassanein
UI sophomore



“I think it would kind of be a waste of money — just because I think they can put the money into something more useful.”
Kelly Birkholz
UI sophomore



“It’s a good idea. I think it’d be cool.”
Ryan Johnson
UI sophomore



“I’d actually more prefer they don’t hike the fees or tuition. I don’t need an iPad.”
Derrick VanDerMillen
UI senior

BABIES

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UIHC nurse Michelle Turner said she and the rest of the nursing staff are very excited this screening has started at the UI.

"The nurses are excited because they have personal connections to heart disease in newborns," she said. "I know I do — my son had a heart condition when he was first born."

She brought her son home from the hospital with a clean bill of health and nine days later was brought back to the hospital because he was breathing irregularly, Turner said. It was then determined he had a heart condition. Turner's son survived, but some babies who deal with heart issues aren't so lucky.

This screening is funded by a grant from the Iowa Department of Public Health, which pays for patient education, staff

education, and supplies in order to perform these screenings. So far, no charges need to be made to the newborn's family hospital bills.

The pulse oximetry screening is just an addition to the other tests performed on a newborn 24 hours after birth. A newborn screening is performed via blood to test for developmental, genetic, and metabolic disorders. Also, newborns receive a hearing and jaundice test 24 hours after birth.

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er-education officials, noting that his position with UISG puts him in a good position to do that.

"There's a big disconnect between the [Board of Regents] and [the legislators] ... if you have a close relationship, I don't see anything wrong with that, and I think we need to have a lot more of that in Des Moines," he said.

Maison Bleam

Bleam has served in numerous governing bodies:

- 2008-2009: UISG President
- 2009: Researcher for British Parliament
- 2010: Page for Iowa Rep. Nick Wagner, R-Marion.
- Current special assistant to U.S. Rep. Steve King, R-Iowa.

Downer, himself a former UI student government president, said there is always room for improvement in communication.

"Part of the problem is that you have new people

coming into the Legislature every few years," he said. "It's something that we constantly have to work on and be aware of."

Current UISG President Elliot Higgins said communication with local representatives is excellent.

"However, state representatives and state senators who live in areas away from public institutions may not necessarily have that interaction with students from regent institutions," he said. "So there is room for improvement."

BUDGET

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funding for the 2010-11 academic year.

Warner said Obama's dedication to higher education "is a very positive thing" for students.

"It's extremely pleasing to see in the budget that there is a strong support for Pell Grant [funding]," he said.

Slightly more than 1,000 UI students earned roughly \$2.2 million in work-study funds during the 2010-2011 academic year.

Warner said work-study programs are extremely beneficial for students and the president's acknowledgment of the programs is a good sign.

"It provides valuable resources for that student," he said. "For every dollar the student can use by work-study theoretically means that's one fewer dollar that student has to borrow."

The president's proposal also seeks to cap the federal Stafford Loan interest rate at 3.4 percent for one more year. Interest rates are set to jump to 6.8 percent in July. Funding for Perkins Loans would also

President's Proposed 2013 Budget

In Obama's proposal, he highlights several education moves.

- Increase Pell grants from \$5,550 to \$5,635
- Create 110,000 new work-study jobs
- Cap federal Stafford Loan interest at 3.4 percent
- Increase funding for Perkins Loans from \$1 billion to \$8.5 billion
- Make American Opportunity Tax Credit permanent

Source: Obama Administration 2013 Budget Plan

increase from \$1 billion to \$8.5 billion.

"I don't think that there is really a likelihood that Congress is going to let interest rates increase to 6.8 percent, because that's really high," Morgan said. "The whole purpose of the federal student-loan program is that students have an alternative to high interest private loans."

But a representative from Sen. Chuck Grassley's, R-Iowa, office said that although increased Pell Grant funding is necessary, there is a lack of funds to support it.

"These actions mean we should have sufficient funding to maintain the

maximum Pell Grant for the coming budget year as well, but it is likely there will be a Pell Grant shortfall again the following year requiring more difficult decisions," Grassley's office wrote in an email to *The Daily Iowan*.

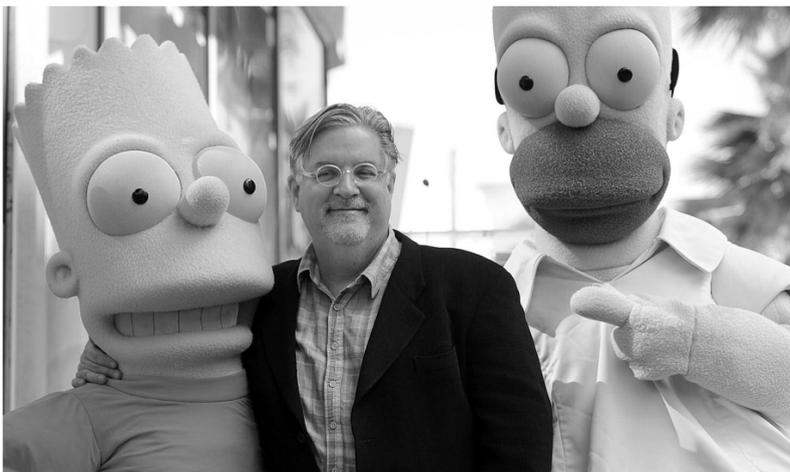
Stephen Steigleder — another policy analyst with the Postsecondary Education Program at American Progress — said economically, higher-education programs are long-term investments in America's middle class.

"Private sector companies invest in capital equipment because it boosts productivity over the long run," he wrote in an email. "Similarly, the federal government should invest in human capital (i.e., our future workforce) because it boosts productivity and economic growth over the long run."

Despite Grassley's claim that money is tight, Steigleder said, the country must set budget priorities.

"I think helping low-income students attend college is more important than allowing hedge-fund managers to pay taxes at 15 percent," Steigleder said.

A STAR FOR GROENING



Matt Groening, the creator of "The Simpsons," poses with his character creations Bart Simpson and Homer Simpson after he received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Los Angeles on Tuesday. Groening's star is located just steps away from the Walk of Fame star for "The Simpsons" on Hollywood Boulevard. (Associated Press/Chris Pizzello)

IPADS

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Earlier this year, Apple announced a series of developments centered on electronic textbooks.

"Education is deep in Apple's DNA, and iPad may be our most exciting education product yet. With 1.5 million iPads already in use in education institutions ... iPad is rapidly being adopted by schools across the U.S. and around the world," an Apple official said in a statement issued by the company in January.

Lockwood said innovators are always looking for ways to simplify educational technology.

"You can't get anything smaller than that," he said. "Constant innovation is what technology is all about. [The UI] will change wherever the students take us."

But, Fleagle said, online

Tablets and e-books

Tablets and e-books have seen increases in sales:

- August 2011
E-book reader: 9 percent
Tablet: 10 percent
- December 2011
E-book reader: 10 percent
Tablet: 10 percent
- January 2012
E-book reader: 19 percent
Tablet: 19 percent

Source: Pew Research Center

textbooks are currently only used by a few professors on campus.

One student said she uses her iPad in class.

"My main use [for the iPad] is to take down assignments," UI freshman Hillary Richards said. But she said she is hesitant to use it for taking notes because she's afraid she wouldn't keep up with the professor.

In a 2011 Nielsen report, 12 percent of the more than 25,000 survey respondents said they own a tablet, while 19 percent said they intend to purchase one within the year.

Some UI instructors

said they're aware of both the resources and distractions provided by increasingly portable devices such as tablets.

"You have to be aware of the digital divide," said journalism teaching assistant Shawn Harmsen. "[From the student perspective], if we're in the middle of the discussion, [students] can do a quick Google search if they don't remember something. It can enhance the discussion."

Even though the technology can enhance research in the classroom, he admitted it can also be a distraction.

"There are times that I sit there, and it takes a force of will not to check the Facebook account or the Twitter account," he said. "[From the teaching perspective], it can be troubling when a student is not paying attention. But on the other hand, students have a choice to make. They're choosing to have the laptops, to have the iPad."

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“getting lost.” Overcoming that fear also applies to life.

Veronica Rydze said her experience has been a roller coaster full of ups and downs but noted that diving has given her a sense of responsibility, because it's a purely individual sport — you can only control your own actions, so you're really

competing against yourself.

Cubelic agreed. “When you compete at such a high level, you learn lessons that you can't learn in a classroom,” she said.

The senior class has had its share of success — all

three have posted times and scores which rank among the best in school history — but Long said that even after nearly four years, it's still too soon to define their legacy.

“The final chapter is yet to be written,” he said.

Big Ten Championships

When: 6:30 p.m. today
Where: Campus Recreation & Wellness Center

STEVENSON

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during competition has improved each year she's been on campus. She topped her personal best in the floor routine against Penn State, and now hopes to fulfill personal goals

Next up: Iowa vs. Iowa State

When: 7 p.m. Friday
Where: Carver-Hawkeye Arena

before seasons end.

“Last year, my goal was to get 9.8s on every event at one meet. I did that this year, so my new goal is to

stick bar and vault,” she said. “My other goal is to get a higher average among all three of them, so pushing a 9.85 on all three.”

Gavieka, along with assistant coach Caleb Phillips, helps establish individual goals for each gymnast to strive for. He said Stevenson's success just shows how consistent she is as a gymnast.

“I call her the ‘team level’ because when she goes, [the team] knows that she'll hit,” he said. “Whenever people think of Emma, they think of consistent.”

For Stevenson, the short-term goals are steppingstones leading up to a bigger picture, something that's bigger than herself: her team and its success.

“I mean it's awesome,

it's a great feeling, but I never go into a meet wanting to win an event. I just want to do the best for the team that I can do and do better than the week before,” she said. “Nobody is here, and only here, for themselves. I think it's very evident when we compete that we're in it for everyone and not just ourselves.”

NOTEBOOK

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“I just want to put my eyes on [a player] and decide if he can play,” he said. “I don't care who else is recruiting him. I never do. I mean, some of the best players I've recruited didn't have much. And you know, sometimes we have gotten great recruits who didn't amount to much. That's just the nature of recruiting.”

McCaffery recalled seeing White for the first time at an AAU event and knew right away he could make an impact for the Hawkeyes.

“The first couple practices, he was nervous,” McCaffery said during a teleconference on Monday. “About the third or fourth practice, he was dominant.”

At a Tuesday press conference, the second-year

Next Up: Iowa at Penn State

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

head coach offered even higher praise.

“I've been doing this long enough that I feel pretty confident that if I go watch Aaron White play, I can tell that he can play in the Big Ten. I mean, he can play in the NBA. So he certainly can play in the Big Ten.”

Nonconference scheduling

Iowa's nonconference schedule drew a lot of attention when it was released in early June because the team wasn't scheduled to leave the state until Big Ten play. The Hawkeyes played at Iowa State and Northern Iowa and faced Creighton at a neutral-site game in Des Moines.

McCaffery said on Tues-

day he hopes as the team improves over the coming seasons, the nonconference schedule will become tougher.

The Big Ten and Pac 12 reached an agreement in late December for competition in all sports, with basketball games possibly beginning as soon as next year.

“We don't have [a Pac 12 team] scheduled,” McCaffery said about next season's schedule. “But I don't know that it hasn't been indicated that we have to. We are talking to some teams in the Pac 12, though.”

McCaffery also said Iowa is “not locked into, but we are talking to” teams from other major conferences.

Guard Devyn Marble acknowledged Iowa's pre-Big Ten schedule could use some beefing up.

“There's definitely some more competition in our nonconference that we could use,” he said.



Iowa forward Aaron White dunks against Minnesota in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Feb. 1. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

Vasos' legacy untarnished

Senior Will Vasos is struggling, but he will leave a fine Iowa tennis legacy behind when he graduates.

By TOM CLOS
thomas-clos@uiowa.edu

Will Vasos has been the heart and soul of Iowa men's tennis for the past four years.

A starter since day one, he has racked up 126 career victories and won 65 percent win of his doubles matches. He has been recognized by the Big Ten numerous times for his sportsmanship.

Vasos is mired in a slump to start this season: He's 1-4 in singles and 2-2 in doubles play, but one shouldn't expect that to continue. He has long been known to be a tireless worker, and this reputation — among other things — has convinced head coach Steve Houghton that Vasos has been everything he saw in him when he recruited him in 2008.

“I knew he was the right kind of kid for the program in terms of attitude and work ethic,” Houghton said. “He has met my expectations.”

The senior from Fort Collins, Colo., was rated a four-star recruit by Tennis-Recruiting.net. Top college programs from around the nation were eager to lobby for his services, but Iowa had an advantage.

“My family is from Iowa, and both of my parents went here,” Vasos said. “Obviously, the coaching staff here is awesome; I just fell in love with it.”



Iowa senior Will Vasos hits a backhand during his 7-5, 6-2, 6-2 loss to DePaul's George Chanturia on Feb. 5 in the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex. Vasos has started all four years of his Hawkeye career, with 126 total victories. (The Daily Iowan/Jacklyn Coupee)

Next Up: Iowa at Illinois State

When: 2:30 p.m. Saturday
Where: Evergreen Racquet Club, Normal, Ill.

Vasos said one memory in particular stands out from the hundreds he has accumulated throughout his Iowa tenure.

“My freshman year, we beat Michigan, and my doubles partner and I — [former Hawkeye] Tommy McGeorge — won the clinching match,” Vasos said. “It was a really cool feeling, a huge win for the program.”

Making his overall doubles record more impressive is that Vasos has been consistently successful with a wide variety of partners. He has played with a long list of Hawkeyes, including McGeorge, former Iowa players Austen Kauss and Marc Bruche, and now fellow senior Tom Mroziewicz.

“He's had really solid records year after year, no matter where he has played at,” Houghton said. “He's a great teammate.”

Now a senior, Vasos has the task of providing veteran leadership to a group of otherwise young, inexperienced players.

“Will has always been a leader,” sophomore Jonas Dierckx said. “I came here last year, and he always gives us so much information ... In matches, he tells us how to handle stress and things like that. He always helps all of us freshmen and sophomores and guides us through the process.”

Vasos' influence on the rest of the team isn't lost on the coaches, either.

“A lot of the guys look up to Will, the way he plays,” Houghton said. “The last thing he would be is arrogant. He's friends with everybody.”

When asked if there was anything left he wants to accomplish, Vasos said he wants to make history this

season.

“Be the first to go to NCAAs for Coach,” Vasos said. “Hopefully, have a record-breaking season.”

No matter what happens with the rest of the year, he said, he hopes at the very least to leave his own legacy on the program.

“I just want people to remember that I worked hard and did everything I could,” he said.

For Houghton, Vasos has been a pleasure to be around for four years, and he doesn't want to see him leave any time soon.

“He's a guy who really made the most out of his career here,” Houghton said. “I'm going to miss him when that time comes.”

When that time eventually does come, though, Vasos said he'll be sure to leave a parting message with each of his former teammates.

“Four years go by fast; make the most of it,” he said. “I know I'll miss it for sure.”

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BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Seniors not many but good

Hawkeyes have three seniors who are nearing the end of the road as Big Tens loom.

By **TORK MASON**
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The Iowa women's swimming team isn't one full of veteran leaders.

But coaches and other swimmers said the squad's three seniors offer plenty of leadership.

The seniors — Daniela Cubelic, Danielle Carty, and Veronica Rydze — will participate in one of their final competitions during the Big Ten swimming and diving meet in the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center this week.

The road to these last chances in the pool started a little unnaturally. The recruiting class of 2008 was small to begin with — it had just four members, not including Rydze, who is in her fifth year — but as time went by, only Cubelic and Carty remained.

Having such a small group of upperclassmen — the junior class has just two members — puts an emphasis on leadership for the 32-member swimming and diving team. That's something the Hawkeye coaches say the seniors have displayed throughout their careers.

"A small group can still have a powerful impact, and they have," head coach Marc Long said.

The seniors have had to mature in order to lead the Black and Gold, both in and out of the water. Cubelic and Carty have been cocaptains since last season, and they have roomed together since their sophomore year. They



Hawkeye seniors Daniela Cubelic and Danielle Carty watch the action during the final home meet against Western Illinois on Feb. 3 in the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center. Carty and Cubelic are two of the three seniors (with diver Veronica Rydze) on the squad this year. (The Daily Iowan/Toan Nguyen)

both reflected on their experiences.

"She's grown a lot," Cubelic said. "We've both matured through the process together; I wouldn't have made it this far without her."

Carty noted the changes from high school to college.

"Coming to college and being on your own your freshman year is definitely a challenge," she said. "You no longer have your parents cooking for you or doing your laundry. You have more appreciation for the people who are around you."

Carty said she's been able to take comfort in the fact that she knows Cubelic always has her back, "no mat-

ter what," and that she is always there for her roommate.

Assistant coach Kirk Hampleman said that Cubelic and Carty were "bright-eyed and raw" when they arrived in Iowa City, and they've grown the most has been from a leadership standpoint.

"They've really matured in the way they deal with people and lead them," he said.

Rydze has had the opportunity to compete for her father, and Bob Rydze said he's proud of his daughter's accomplishments and her future outside diving. He said her athletics experience is a big part of what has helped her mature as a person.

"[In diving], you have to overcome your fears," the 37-year coach said. "Not only when you learn new dives but when you're trying to change something like a mechanic in the air ... it's something new that's scary, and you've got to overcome those fears."

Bob Rydze said every diver's fear when trying something different in the air is

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NOTEBOOK

Hawk White opens some more eyes

Aaron White's recruiting process and potential future nonconference opponents were among the topics Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery discussed on Tuesday.

By **BEN SCHUFF**
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Aaron White didn't know much about the Hawkeyes when he committed to Iowa in October 2010.

The 6-8 forward had never been in the state prior to arriving in Iowa City for a recruiting visit two years ago, and he said on Tuesday he knew "nothing" about the program at the time.

Then White offered one recollection.

"The only thing I remembered about [Iowa] was I watched them when they played Northwestern State and got upset [in the 2006 NCAA Tournament]," the freshman said and laughed. "That might not be the best memory."

White's play last week sparked a handful of questions about the freshman from reporters during head coach Fran McCaffery's press availabilities this week.

White posted his second career double-double in an 83-64 loss at Northwestern on Feb. 9.

The Strongsville, Ohio, native wasn't heavily recruited coming out of Strongsville High — Northwestern and Boston College were the only other major colleges to offer him a scholarship.

The lack of attention he drew from other schools didn't turn McCaffery off.



White
freshman

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McCarney recovering from stroke

Former Iowa football assistant and current North Texas head coach Dan McCarney suffered a stroke on Sunday but has been moved out of intensive care in a hospital in Denton, Texas, according to a release.

McCarney reportedly felt numbness on the left side of his body after sitting down with a sandwich after his daily workout. He was rushed to a hospital in a helicopter, and he has been undergoing medical tests since.

The 58-year-old said in a statement that he "fully intends on leading the North Texas football program through spring drills" and sounded in good spirits when reached at the hospital by the *Des Moines Register* on Tuesday.

"I've got too much Irish in me to stay down very long," McCarney told the *Register*. "... I feel good right now. I've got a little tingling feeling, but hey — if that's the worst of it, I'd say I'm a pretty lucky guy."

"Nothing wrong with me that a little Grey Goose won't cure."

McCarney was an Iowa offensive lineman from 1972-74 and served as a Hawkeye assistant coach from 1977-89. He was the head coach at Iowa State from 1995-2006, during which he won 56 games and piloted the Cyclones to their first two bowl wins in school history (the 2000 Insight.com Bowl and the 2004 Independence Bowl). He left Ames in 2007 to become the defensive-line coach at South Florida, joined Urban Meyer's staff at Florida the next year, and left to take the reins at North Texas in 2010. He led the Mean Green to a 5-7 record in 2011, his first season at the school.

"If there's any lesson to be learned in all of this, it's to make yourself aware of the signs of a stroke and act immediately when those signs become present," he said in the release. "I'm not sure if our quick reaction saved my life, but it definitely saved the quality of my life ... I'm confident that there will be no long-lasting effects, and I will be able to return to my normal routine in time."

— by Seth Roberts

Big Ten honors Logic

Iowa women's basketball guard Sam Logic has been named Co-Big Ten Player and Big Ten Freshman of the Week after the Hawkeyes' two victories last week.

Logic averaged 18.5 points and 11 rebounds last week. She shot 13-of-20 from the field (65 percent) and 9-of-10 at the free-throw line.

She also averaged 4.5 assists in the two victories.

The freshman scored 20 points, hauled in 9 rebounds, and had 6 assists against Minnesota on Feb. 9.

On Feb. 12 against Michigan

State, Logic collected her third career double-double, finishing with 17 points and 17 rebounds, and tying a career-high 13 rebounds.

Logic sits at 99 assists on the season, 1 away from breaking the all-time freshman-assist record at Iowa set by teammate Jaime Printy.

This is the first weekly award for the Racine, Wis., native, sharing Big Ten Player of the Week honors with Illinois' Karisma Penn.

— by Ben Wolfson



Logic
guard

Stevenson finds her treasure island

Emma Stevenson is eight months removed from having a procedure to remove bones from the ball of her left foot.

By **ALEX FRENCH**
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Iowa gymnast Emma Stevenson walked toward the north end of the scorer's table during the Hawkeyes' Feb. 3 meet against Penn State.

Waiting for her was teammate Jessa Hansen, ready to partake in the pair's customary handshake prior to each event. Stevenson then stepped inside the boundary and waited for the judge's green flag, the signal to begin her routine.

The crowd in Carver-Hawkeye Arena did not know she was 1:24 away from setting a career-high with a 9.9 in the floor exercise.

That score, along with Hansen and Penn State's Sharaya Musser, earned Stevenson a share of the top spot in the event.

She now has finished first in the uneven bars two times this season and added a first place title two weeks ago against Penn State in the floor routine.

"It's been really exciting for me. My whole life I've



Iowa's Emma Stevenson performs a floor routine in the meet against Penn State in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Feb. 3, 2012. Stevenson scored a 9.9 on the floor routine, earning her a shared first-place finish. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

never really been the standout on anything," she said. "It's nice because my hard work is paying off, and it's awesome to be able to do that for the team. It makes me happy to know what I'm doing is good enough to win an event, which means my score is high enough to win an event, which is really helpful to our team score."

The road to success hasn't been smooth sailing for Stevenson, though. Most of the crowd at Carver the night of the Penn State meet also didn't know Stevenson was one unsuccessful medical procedure away from never coming again.

Stevenson is eight months removed from having a sesamoidectomy, a procedure done to remove one of the sesamoid bones

from the bottom of the ball in her left foot.

It's her third surgery, and said head coach Larissa Libby, her last chance to keep her in competition.

"She's had problems with this ever since she got here, and this was kind of our last-ditch effort to keep her doing gymnastics," she said. "[The medical staff] said if this doesn't work, then we don't know what to do."

After staying in Iowa City this summer and meticulously rehabbing with team trainer Jon Favrel, Stevenson seems to have made a full recovery.

"It was not easy and extremely painful for her," Libby said. "We didn't think she would do floor again, but thank god she is. She's winning all the time."

Stevenson won't even

bring up her foot ailment at practices or during meets, which is a testament to her character as a person and a gymnast, her coach said.

"Everybody knows she hurts; everybody knows it's probably the most painful thing to deal with each day," Libby said. "But she never says a word. She does her assignments above and beyond of what she's asked to do all the time. She doesn't want to use it as a crutch."

In fact, assistant coach Linas Gaveika said the Winfield, Ill., native doesn't say much at all. She mostly lets her gymnastics do the talking.

"She's a silent leader," he said. "In her case, her performance says it all."

Stevenson's performance

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