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Because of a source's errors, the Feb. 16 article "Fatal fall raises questions" inaccurately reported that students on National Outdoor Leadership School trips do not undergo a health screening. In fact, all students submit a health survey that is reviewed by a medical team. Additionally, the article failed to mention that the School reportedly contacted the Munsiyari Disaster Management Office the night of the student's fall, which was not reported in the Indian government report or mentioned by local officials. The *DI* regrets the errors.

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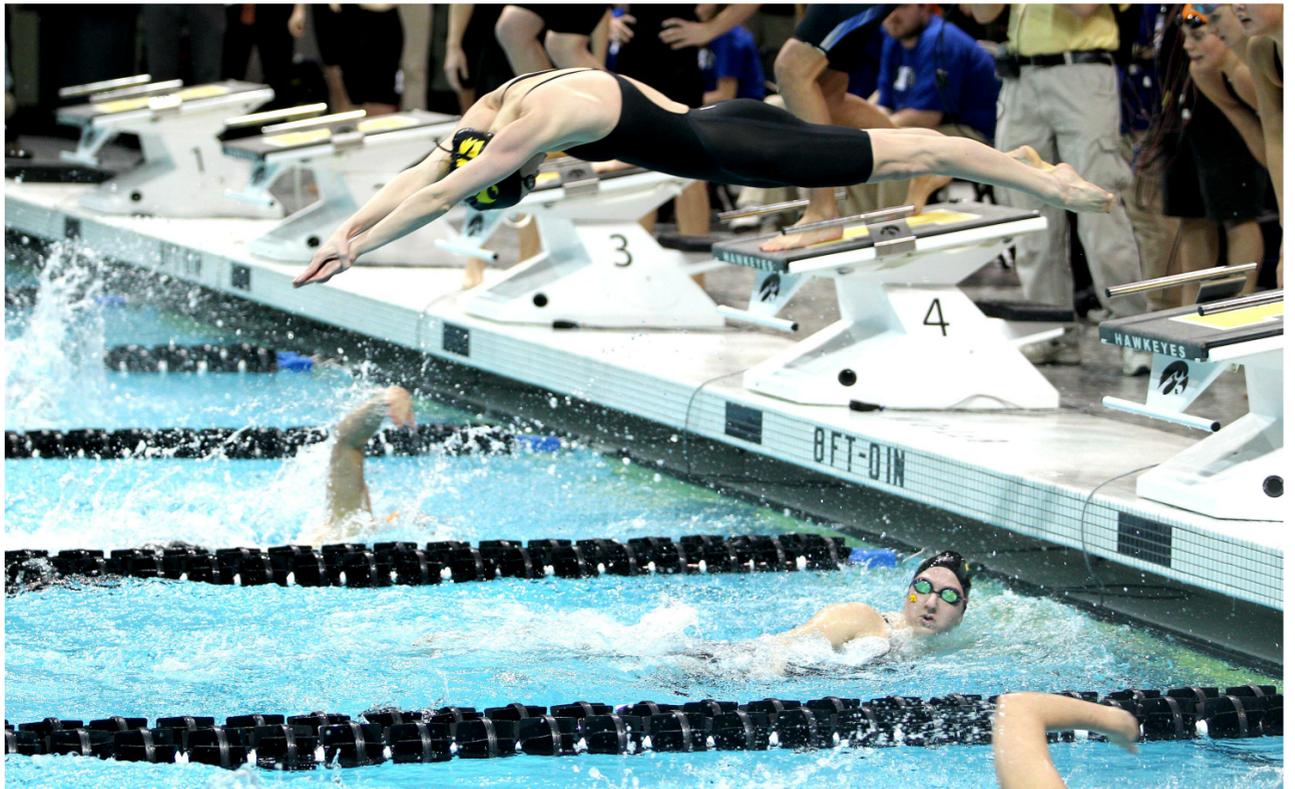
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DIVE, SHE SAID



Hawkeye Emily Hovren dives into the pool on the last leg of the 200-freestyle relay on the second day of the Big Ten swimming and diving meet on Thursday in the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center. **SEE STORY, PAGE 10.** (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

City targets 'student' housing

New zoning proposals would affect eight different neighborhoods near or somewhat near the UI campus.

By **KRISTEN EAST**

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A new Iowa City proposal is targeting big student-housing developments.

The Iowa City City Council plans next week to discuss a new rule that would limit the size of housing units developers can build. Currently, the city allows four- and five-bedroom units, but the new rule would cap the limit at three bedrooms in certain areas.

Jeff Davidson, the city director of Planning and Community Development,

said passing the proposals would improve housing options for Iowa City residents. The new zoning-code amendment would, among other things, reduce the number of unrelated persons living in one housing unit to a maximum of three.

According to city documents, the proposals would control some of the problems caused by high densities of large apartments — which Davidson said are often rented by students.

"I think that [the three-bedroom units] don't have

the vandalism and party atmosphere associated with them that the four- and five-bedroom units have associated with them," he said.

Though he hasn't seen the written proposals yet, City Councilor Jim Throgmorton said large student-housing areas can have a negative impact on the community.

"The combination of large, unsupervised, and poorly managed structures and large numbers of students out on their own is a recipe for trouble," said Throgmorton, a

UI professor emeritus of urban planning. "It's a shared problem that students and the owners of buildings have. We need to figure out how to deal with the problem together."

The zoning-code amendment also calls for increasing the number of parking spaces for three-bedroom units, providing incentives for one-bedroom apartments, and encouraging a mix of apartment types. The proposals would affect an area now defined as the University Impact Area, which includes sections of eight different neighbor-

hoods near or somewhat near the University of Iowa campus.

Davidson said at least three large-scale redevelopment projects have been proposed in the last several months. Though they were all either turned down or withdrawn, he said the city faced extensive opposition from the neighborhoods that would have been affected.

"They were very controversial," he said. "Those projects involved taking out older buildings and

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Mason: Funds could aid retention

The UI retention rate in 2009 was the highest in the last 10 years, with 86.6 percent of freshmen returning in 2010.

By **ASMAA ELKEURTI**

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University of Iowa President Sally Mason said increasing higher-education funding could help keep more students in the state's universities.

The state Board of Regents is requesting a \$40 million increase in funding this year. Mason said in an interview with *The Daily Iowan* Thursday that money could help support UI retention efforts.

The UI has struggled to get first-year students to return. In 2003, only 82 percent of freshmen came back for their sophomore years at the UI. That number increased to almost 86 percent in 2010,



UI President Sally Mason responds to a question during a state Board of Regents' meeting in Ames on Feb. 7. The discussion centered on funding for flood reconstruction. (The Daily Iowan/Jacklyn Coupee)

Mason said, because of retention efforts the UI has launched.

"It really is all about student success and all the things that we're doing to help students, not only in their academics and classroom experiences, but in all the things that would allow them to ultimately stay here

and finish their degrees," Mason told the *DI*. "Those are important."

Though the regents are only requesting what Mason called a modest budget increase, the extra funds would allow the university to expand similar programs for

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Q&A

Mason on safety, salary, tuition hikes

The Daily Iowan: Considering last month's criminal incidents on or near campus, are the University of Iowa officials making any changes in order to better maintain campus safety?

UI President Sally Mason: Well campus safety has always been a priority, it always will be a priority. You need to kind of put some of these things in perspective — this is a pretty safe place to live. We constantly monitor what's happening across campus in terms of safety issues; we constantly ask ourselves questions, do we have enough public-safety officers, are we doing enough making sure the environment is just as safe as we possibly can. We are always vigilant, we are always watching, and we're always trying to adjust resources to make sure we put the resources in the right place to try to keep students as safe as we can.

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PIE REUNION



Thomas Ian Nicholas performs in the IMU Thursday afternoon on his band's American Reunion tour. Nicholas, known for his role as Kevin Myers in the *American Pie* series, uses the tour to promote the fourth installment of the series, *American Reunion*. The movie will premiere in April and features music from Thomas Ian Nicholas Band. (The Daily Iowan/Ian Servin)

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replacing them with large student-apartment buildings."

Following the failure of those three projects, Davidson said the City Council wanted city planning officials to look at zoning provisions and the city's ability to develop four- and five-

bedroom housing options.

Though she doesn't have a stance on the proposals yet, City Councilor Susan Mims said, she and other councilors should examine the specifics of the proposals.

"This has to be looked at within the context of the entire neighborhood of where it's being proposed, and how much high-density housing we already have."

RETENTION

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sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

Freshman retention rates did fall 1 percentage point between 2009 and 2010, but UI Senior Associate Registrar Thomas Kruckeberg said he's confident the numbers will improve.

"We're making improvements," he said. "We took a slight dip, but overall, we're making improvements."

Regent Robert Downer said he supports the things the UI has done to increase

retention.

"I'm all for that, and a lot of the things that are being done in the areas of [living-learning communities] are very beneficial to students and increase retention, so I would certainly support those types of initiatives," he said.

Gov. Terry Branstad and the Legislature decreased funding for regent schools by \$20 million last year, and the governor's proposed budget would restore that funding. That would essentially cancel out last year's cut, but would still fall \$20 million short of the regents' request.

"We want to make sure that we can begin to provide the same kinds of services and expanded services

for sophomores, juniors, and seniors," Mason said. "That's what this money would all us to do — is really help expand the success programs put in place for freshmen across the board."

However, Rep. Greg Forristall, R-Macedonia, said the regents' \$40 million funding request for this year is out of reach.

"If we can find the \$20 million increase for regents that the governor has proposed, I think that would be the best that can be expected," he said. "I do not believe we can find another \$20 million on top of that to get to the \$40 million."

If lawmakers don't provide that \$40 million to regents, Downer said, a

UI student retention rates

- 2007: 83.1 percent
- 2008: 83 percent
- 2009: 86.6 percent
- 2010: 85.6 percent

Source: Senior Associate Registrar
Thomas Kruckeberg

tuition increase may be inevitable.

"We set tuition based upon this request, and we'll have to take another look at it when we get the numbers," he said. "We may have to look at some higher tuition. We don't like to suggest it, but that's what we may be facing."

MASON

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DI: Is the UI going to look into stepping up patrols or promoting student safety services such as Nite Ride?

Mason: We continue to do that, that's something we have always been interested in and continue to promote, and we've had good partnership with UISG and its efforts to not just expand Nite Ride if they can't or don't take advantage of Nite Ride. I really think Elliot Higgins and Brittany Caplin have done a terrific job focusing on student-safety issues and we support them 100 percent.

DI: Even though the proposal failed, what are your views on the recent legislation that would put a cap on salaries? What are your views on possibly having your salary affected?

Mason: I think it was just a cap on my salary, and that's really the Board of Regents' business. The regents set salaries, and that's their business, that's their purview. I think the questions are appropriately directed at them in this particular case.

DI: Would you ever consider reducing your own salary?

Mason: I took an \$80,000 decrease in salary several years ago when our budget was at its lowest point and when weren't able to give increases to anybody. I don't know of anyone who took anything greater than that anywhere in this state.

DI: What kind of communication have you had with state legislators?

Mason: Lots. It starts well before the season. Once the legislators are in session, I don't bother them unless there is a need to. If they need info, if they request testimony, as the Appropriations Committee did a week ago, and I had a chance to go and testify a committee or subcommittee, I am happy to do that. But when they are in session, I don't tend to try to get in the way of their business. I spend a lot of time when they are not in session, going in meeting with legislators one-on-one whenever I have a chance. If I am anywhere in Iowa and there is a legislator willing to meet with me, I will sit down and have a face-to-face. I have had a lot of good conversations over the past year with a lot of elected officials. The Hawkeye Caucus is having an overall positive effect on getting the message out there and helping legislators and others understand the importance of the university.

DI: Is there any current legislation you hope is passed?

Mason: What I watch very carefully is the budget. We're just watching the proposals on the budget and working through the process and hoping to influence the regents, working very, very closely with them as they advocate for some, I think, modest budget increases for the regents for next year, and we're hopeful. It really is all about student success and all the things that we're able to do to help students, not only in their academics and classroom experiences but in all the things that will allow them to ultimately stay here and finish their degree. Those are important, and we put a lot

of new programs in place, we're developing a lot of new classrooms — you name it. That's the kind of investment we need to make. We started with the freshman classes, and the freshman classes have benefited tremendously from this, and you can see it in our retention, because our retention has gone up. We want to make sure that we can now begin to provide the same kinds of services and expanded services for sophomores, juniors, and seniors. That's what this money would allow us to do — is really help expand the success programs put in place for freshmen across the board.

DI: In President Obama's State of the Union address, he called for cutting funding for schools that raise tuition. What is your response to that?

Mason: He said raise tuition beyond a reasonable level. Not raise tuition. I think Iowa is the perfect example of what he was talking about in a positive way. Because we haven't all through this recession, we have never had double-digit tuition increases. We've always kept our tuition increases modest. We have looked for other ways, we have looked for ways to save money, we have looked for ways to create efficiencies, we have looked for ways to make ourselves more integrated electronically. Every way we've taken measures to become sustainable, and that saves money on our infrastructure, all kinds of ways to save money so that we don't pass the cost of education onto students. Now that's not true in other states — if you look at other states, such as California. Now there's a state where you are seeing 20

percent increases semester after semester. And we didn't pass the cost of those on the students directly. When he came out with those statements, I was not concerned.

DI: What happened in your conversation with the University of Iowa Sierra Student Coalition? What was the President's Office response? Were there any goals or initiatives outlined?

Mason: I was exceedingly pleased with their passion and enthusiasm of their cause, and I agree with them 100 percent about weaning ourselves off of coal. Students and student's success is first — if it means to wean ourselves off coal, then that's the way it was going to be. But we were headed in a good direction, we were headed away from coal, we're headed toward more biorenewables, we're headed toward gas, we're headed towards cleaner sources of energy production for the long haul, but it's not a cheap thing to do, either. Right now, coal is still the cheapest form of energy supply that we have. To be able to get ourselves totally off coal is going to be a major, major expense. They asked the question, what about a student fee? I said you know if the students themselves think the fee is a good idea, then I am all for it. But we are talking about costs that are huge, and if you are talking about a \$5 fee, it's going to be a long time before we're able to do what they want us to do. We have goals, and what I have been in favor of is meeting the goals or exceeding them. We're certainly going to work hard, and we'll go from there.

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METRO

City eyes new water mains under river

Iowa City city officials would like to install two new water mains under the Iowa River following damage from the 2008 flood.

The flood exposed several existing water mains, and city officials said they hope to replace those water mains located near the intersection of Madison and Davenport Street and south of the Highway 6 bridge.

FEMA, which will fund most of the project, suggested the water mains be replaced for long-term use.

The estimated construction cost for the project is roughly \$290,000. Iowa City city councilors will hold a public hearing Feb. 21. Construction is expected to take place from April through December.

- by Kristen East

Councilors to ponder new medical facility

Iowa City city councilors will hold a public hearing March 20 to discuss the construction of a medical facility and radiation oncology clinic.

Iowa Cancer Cure, the company that would own and operate the facilities, has asked city officials for a roughly \$5.3 million Midwestern Disaster Area Revenue Bond for the purpose of constructing the two-story medical office building.

The facility would be located at 3010 Northgate Drive.

- by Kristen East

City to change Sycamore/Highway 6 intersection

Iowa City city officials plan to move ahead with the approval of the U.S. Highway 6 and Sycamore Street improvement project.

The improvements to the intersection include adding an additional lane to Sycamore Street, a right-turn lane from Highway 6 to southbound Sycamore Street, and a new traffic-signal system, among other things.

Officials estimate the project will cost roughly \$1.8 million. The project will be funded through a state grant, Iowa Department of Transportation funds, and city water revenue.

A public hearing will likely take place March 6. Iowa City city councilors will vote to approve the public hearing at their next meeting, Feb. 21.

- by Kristen East

MegaBus driver sentenced

A former MegaBus driver from Chicago was sentenced to 77 days in the Johnson County Jail on Thursday.

Carl Smiley, 52, was charged with second-offense OWI in October 2011 after a state trooper pulled him over on Interstate 80 for failing to maintain a lane, according to a police complaint. Documents said Smiley was driving a MegaBus westbound, transporting people from Chicago to Iowa City and Des Moines.

Upon contact with the trooper, Smiley allegedly smelled strongly of alcohol and admitted he had been drinking. He failed field-sobriety testing and was placed under arrest, according to the complaint.

Assistant Johnson County Attorney Jude Pannell said it is difficult to imagine a case in which aggravated factors are more profound, noting that Smiley's .120 blood-alcohol content was significantly higher than the legal limit of .04 for drivers of commercial vehicles, and the highway speeds in which Smiley was traveling.

Sixth District Associate Judge Stephen Gerard ordered Smiley serve 365 days in jail, with all but 77 days suspended, meaning he

will be allowed to return to Illinois and remain on probation after serving 77 days. Gerard said he thinks the state's recommendation was appropriate because all 77 passengers that were on the bus should know they factored into the penalty Smiley pays.

He also ordered Smiley serve a two-year probation and pay a \$1,875 fine, plus surcharges and court costs.

Pannell said a suspended sentence is typically ordered so a judge can impose some or all of a sentence if terms of probation are violated. He said he believes Smiley's commercial driver's license will be revoked permanently, but he will likely get his regular driver's license back in the future.

A second offense OWI is an aggravated misdemeanor punishable by up to two years in prison.

- by Beth Bratsos

Foundation funded Chinese VP's visit

The expenses for China Vice President Xi Jinping's visit to Iowa Wednesday were not funded by taxpayer dollars, said Larry Johnson Jr., the deputy legal counsel in the Governor's Office.

Johnson said the events were paid for with funds raised by the Iowa Economic Development Authority Foundation.

- by Luke Voelz

UI to hold Condom Crawl

The University of Iowa will host a Condom Crawl tonight to inform students and bar patrons about proper safe-sex techniques as well as providing them with safe-sex materials.

The crawl, which is a part of National Condom Week, running from Valentine's Day through Feb. 21, will go among bars in down-

town Iowa City. Participating in the crawl will be staff members from the Student Health Service as well as undergraduate students.

Data provided by Student Health show the number of unwanted pregnancies dropped from 2.4 percent to 1 percent between 2009 and 2011.

"We'd like to say that we've contributed to that drop," said Stephanie Beecher, a Student Health behavioral health consultant. "The true measurement is that we're going to start collecting data every year instead of every other year."

The Condom Crawl is meant to break the barrier between health workers and students by focusing on interactions among people.

"We're trying to create a peer-on-peer interaction," Beecher said. "It's all about creating a comfortable environment and showing people that it's OK to talk about these things and it's OK to hand out condoms."

- by Conrad Swanson

Supervisors back wind generators

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously Thursday to permit private and distributed wind generators in the county.

A wind generator is considered private, said Supervisor Janelle Rettig, if it does not directly generate income for its owner. Such generators are often smaller and less numerous than commercial generators found on wind farms, often used by an individual for private property or a subdivision.

However, the permit would allow energy companies to buy back excess power from private wind generators, allowing their owners a tax credit.

Rettig said supervisors developed this policy as part of a statewide Wind Innovation Zone initiative, making Johnson County one of the first counties to receive the designation.

- by Luke Voelz

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Editorial

Should lawmakers pass a bill limiting gun restrictions?

No

The Iowa House of Representatives has shown its complete lack of respect for local governance and a total disregard for public safety for even entertaining a pair of bills introduced by Rep. Matt Windschitl, R-Missouri Valley.

Of the two, the one most worthy of attention is House File 2114. If passed, HF 2114 would grant state-level authorities the sole power to tailor all of Iowa's gun laws — stripping cities and localities of the power to self-govern. If passed, local gun regulations would be abolished, and gun carriers would be free to roam courthouses, city halls, public parks, and even the Iowa State Fairgrounds.

Obviously, this raises rather serious safety issues, but maybe the risk posed by gun carriers walking around at events that serve alcohol — such as the Iowa State Fair — and in tight and often emotionally tense places — such as courthouses — is worth living with, if it means removing any possibility that gun rights might be infringed.

Totally ignore that gun accidents caused 5,763 deaths between 2000 and 2007 and 18,610 injuries in 2009 alone in the United States. We have gun-permit laws to control for these things, right?

I wish I could say that I had faith in Iowa's permit laws to minimize accidental gun fatalities and injuries. However, thanks to two massive loopholes, I do not. The first of these loopholes concerns who can carry a concealed weapon.

Even though it is illegal in Iowa to give a conceal-and-carry permit to felons and the mentally ill, Iowa honors the conceal-and-carry permits from all but two other states. For example, this means that a person who obtains a conceal-and-carry permit in Minnesota — where felons automatically have their gun rights reinstated upon serving out their sentences — could carry a concealed gun in Iowa legally.

The second is the “gun-show loophole” that exists in other states. Because many vendors at gun shows are not licensed to sell firearms, they are not necessarily required to adhere to the same permit and background-check requirements that licensed firearms vendors are. This means that people could buy a gun from one of these private vendors regardless of their criminal records or mental well-being.

Together, these loopholes allow untrustworthy individuals to legally carry concealed guns in Iowa, in spite of Iowa's own gun laws. And if HF 2114 is passed into law, these same individuals could then legally carry those guns in city parks, public buildings, the State Fair, etc.

Until Iowa lawmakers address the aforementioned loopholes, expanding the range of venues in which concealed weapons can be carried is far too risky a proposition. The costs of mishandling this are real and the benefits a fabrication. HF 2114 must not be allowed to pass.

— Daniel Taibleson

Yes

A proposed amendment to the Iowa Constitution in the state Legislature to guarantee citizens their Second Amendment rights ought to have full support from those who believe in our Constitutional republic. This is necessary if we wish to protect our citizenry when law enforcement cannot.

The main provision of the amendment states, “The right of an individual to acquire, keep, possess, transport, carry, transfer, and use arms to defend life and liberty and for all other legitimate purposes is fundamental and shall not be infringed upon or denied.” It would also prohibit mandatory licensing, registration, and special taxation of firearms by municipalities, thus nullifying many Iowa City regulations.

Many opponents of gun rights are surely conjuring false visions of yokels packing heat at public events and flaunting their firearms boastfully. The truth is that many people on the streets are already carrying firearms, but you would never know it. There's a good reason for this safety measure.

The statistics prove that more firearms in the hands of responsible citizens result in a reduction of crime — the purpose of gun rights.

An expansive study of crime and states that reduced their gun restrictions by John Lott of the University of Chicago Law School between 1977 — a few years before some states changed their regulatory language — and 1992 found some staggering evidence. Murders decreased by 8.5 percent, rapes by 5 percent, aggravated assaults by 7 percent, and robbery by 3 percent.

More recently, Washington, D.C., has seen a dramatic drop in its violent-crime rates after a repeal of a gun ban by the Supreme Court and an increase in weapon sales.

Lott writes, “After the Supreme Court threw out D.C.'s ban and gunlock laws in 2008, the District's murder rates plunged by 25 percent in 2009.” This occurred after hundreds of thousands of weapons were purchased across the country during this period.

Iowa's current gun laws, though less strict than other states, still restrict citizens from exercising their Second Amendment right. This is the basis for the proposed amendment. There are four “unrestricted” states — Alaska, Arizona, Vermont, and Wyoming — that have Constitutional amendments more or less identical to Iowa's proposed amendment. And their crime rates have dropped since adopting their unrestricted policy.

We must join these states in becoming an “unrestricted” state. Our Constitutional right to bear arms will be upheld, we can protect ourselves when law enforcement is unable, and our governments will save taxpayer dollars.

— Joe Schueller

Your turn Should cities be able to restrict gun laws? Weigh in at dailyiowan.com.

Don't forgive Chris Brown



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Chris Brown should not have performed at the Grammys.

It's not just about him or about Rihanna, it's about the message we send when we quickly “move on” from domestic violence. Domestic violence is a serious crime, and attitudes about domestic violence in a community or nation shape the treatment of women everywhere. The response to Brown's domestic violence is indicative of an extremely disturbing attitude regarding the treatment of women.

Some argue that Brown has suffered enough and that his beating is far enough in the past that even Rihanna has moved on. The truth is, Brown barely suffered from his actions. He was sentenced to 1,400 hours of “community labor” and five years of probation, a small legal price to pay for a felony.

Sure, his music career suffered, and that must have been very difficult for him. He only made \$10 million for three years instead of \$50 million. He had to wait longer to perform at the Grammys. He had to deal with unfair “gotcha” questions about the fact that he abused Rihanna.

But my issue with the reaction to Brown is not just a strong desire for eye-for-an-eye justice.

He did not just hit Rihanna. He savagely beat her. Pictures released at the time of the incident show the numerous blows Rihanna's face suffered. It wasn't simply a moment of rage that quickly ended with Brown on his knees apologizing and promising never to do it again, it was a sustained assault. He only showed remorse when the music community reacted negatively (I won't use the word “backlash” because the response to the incident was weak.). Even three years later, Brown became self-righteously furious on ABC when asking

about the incident to the point of ripping off his shirt and storming out of the building.

It's one thing to tolerate Charlie Sheen's wild partying or Amy Winehouse's drunken brawling, but stepping back and reserving judgment on actions that show the clear opinion that it's just a personality quirk if someone thinks women are second-class citizens who can be brutalized if they disagree with you is disgraceful.

It's the same attitude that allows repeated sexual harassment by professors. It's the same attitude that discourages rape victims on campus from reporting their attackers.

Domestic violence is one of the most under-reported crimes in the country, with fewer than one in five physical domestic assaults being reported. The real danger isn't just what happens to public figures such as Rihanna and Brown. It's what happens to young women (and men) in Iowa City, Ames, Cedar Rapids, and Davenport, who don't have the benefit of being music stars whose every move is photographed, when they see that this type of behavior isn't harshly condemned by society.

When family members or partners harass, intimidate, or insult them, what will they think of themselves? Why would anyone report an abuser if they see that violence is accepted? If Brown can exhibit this behavior and experience waves of support from fans and celebrities a few years later, what reaction can local abusers expect from their community?

One disturbing question to consider: What if Rihanna had been white? What if Adele or Taylor Swift had gone to the hospital because Brown assaulted them? Would the Grammys still have welcomed him back to the stage? Would Brown's fans still have tweeted jokingly about letting him beat them?

That's why the calls to “forgive” Brown and “move on” are disturbing. It's not just his actions that are disappointing. It's the public's. There's no excuse for a society with a relaxed attitude on domestic violence. ■

Letter

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Use risk assessments to combat domestic violence

Despite a recent increase in domestic violence awareness, the facts remain that today three women and one man will become homicide victims of intimate-partner violence in the United States. When these tragedies become “stories” in the news, we find ourselves asking why and how they can possibly occur. But more

importantly, let's ask ourselves, “What can we do?”

Medical professionals complete “risk-assessments” to help themselves weigh their options and decide on the safest choices for patient care. I suggest mandating an Intimate Partner Violence Risk Assessment, a mandatory form that professionals would complete when they are called to an intimate partner-violence event. Part of the test would be concerned with characteristics of the abuser, including such risk factors as past incar-

ceration and whether he shows signs of a social disorder, like sociopathy. The rest would focus on the victim and her or his perceived and reported vulnerabilities. Licensed first-responders would be required to file this form with county services, and, depending on the circumstances of an event, different interventions would be required or suggested. In some cases, victims would be moved to a shelter for personal safety training.

Though some might argue this would be redundant to our

current system, medical professionals agree a certain amount of redundancy is desirable when the consequences could be dire. When a patient complains of chest pain, we don't do one test — we do several. Medical professionals use risk assessments because they are systematized and less subject to bias. Often times, it only takes one miscalculation, one ignored gut feeling, to bring about the tragedies we see and hear about every day.

Dr. James L. Jones
Miami

Guest opinion

What will happen to the Occupiers?

“It's a doozy.”

It's been two weeks since Groundhog Day and a quick glance at the listed predictions of all the weather-projecting rodents seems to offer a near consensus that spring will arrive early. Having experienced one of the mildest Iowa winters I can recall, I have to admit I wasn't too worried about what Punxsutawney Phil or any of his buck-toothed brethren had to say on the matter. Instead, I've been wondering what Tom Markus and our City Council might say in regard to whether those of us living in the College Hill neighborhood can

expect early use of College Green park this spring or whether we would have to wait through six (or more) weeks of Occupation.

Living as close to College Green as I do, I have been quite interested in the Occupation from the start. I was at the general assembly the night before they moved in, where there was much discussion about what to do when (not if) the police forcibly removed the protesters. I was there the next day, as were many others, when the Occupation began in a party-like atmosphere. I was there, if only in passing, every day after that, being greeted by

Occupiers, as I walked through the park to work, as I had before the occupation and will likely do after.

I was happy to cede apolitical use of the park in the fall so that it may serve as the origin and instrument of political statement. I was more than happy to have the Occupation in the park in the late fall, and while I would've liked to take advantage of the many unseasonably warm days we had through the end of 2011, I supported the protest and was glad to see the park unempty on the days that were more typically dreary.

I remarked that Mother

Nature must have been on their side as we enjoyed the mildest winter I can recall. I started to wonder, however, what was happening, as I noticed the faces that were so recognizable in those first fall months disappear, and then again as their replacements seemed to disappear as well. I wondered why there seemed to be so many tents in the park, but so few people, and then later, none at all.

A protest that seemed rightfully content to offer not answers but questions was now leaving me with many.

Where is everyone? What will happen next?

When the clock turns past midnight and March begins, will the protesters have moved out or will they demand to be removed, as always seemed to be their intention? What was accomplished and what is left to be done? When will the other 99 percent of people in Iowa City be able to use the park again?

These are the questions of my winter.

In the spring, I imagine I will be asking myself others, such as:

Would a morning sitting under a tree be as nice if the spot had not been sporting a portable toilet for the past few months?

Would an afternoon in

the gazebo seem quite as lovely had it not been decorated with the assorted flotsam and jetsam that prevented its use by anyone else?

Would it feel as nice to lay on the lawn had the presence of uninhabited tents for most of the winter not killed the grass and necessitated reseeding? Just as surviving a winter makes one better appreciate spring, would we now make better use of a park previously occupied?

All will be revealed, I expect. Strike up the music, the band has begun.

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City lags in school nurses

There are almost 74,000 registered school nurses nationwide, according to the Health Resources and Services Administration.

By **JORDYN REILAND**
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Iowa City schools are behind national standards for school nurses.

Though those standards call for each school to have a nurse, Iowa City school nurses are each responsible for four schools.

The National Association of School Nurses recommends one nurse for every 750 healthy students. Iowa ranks 22nd nationwide in school-nurse numbers, with a ratio of one nurse for 819 students.

But Iowa City is even further behind the guidelines.

Even though the School District has recently added a few positions, it has just one nurse for every 2,000 students.

School nurses will see an average of 10 to 35 students in the nurse's office during a typical day at Iowa City schools. The district has six full-time nurses on staff — for the 25 district schools — who are assigned four schools to travel to each day.

Iowa City school nurse Jen BarbouRoske said traveling to four schools — City High, Hoover Elementary, Mann Elementary, and Twain Elementary — can be stressful.

"In order to do quality health care, you need to



Nurse Suzi Wilkes checks her list of things to do at Shimek Elementary on Thursday. Wilkes travels among numerous schools each day. (The Daily Iowan/Melissa Wilson)

School Nurses

Iowa ranks 22nd nationwide in school nurse-to-student ratios. The top three states are:

- Vermont: One nurse for 396 students
- Connecticut: One nurse for 448 students
- New Hampshire: One nurse for 454 students
- Delaware: One nurse to 472 students

Source: National Association of School Nurses

spend time with individual kids and families," she said. "In order for kids to be at their best learning, they need to be healthy."

And even though officials are aware of the unfavorable ratio, the problem might not be solved any time soon.

Susie Poulton — the School District director of health and student services — said the district has added three positions in the last six years. However,

'In order to do quality health care, you need to spend time with individual kids and families. In order for kids to be at their best learning, they need to be healthy.'

-Jen BarbouRoske, Iowa City school nurse

she acknowledged the difference in the student-to-school nurse ratio.

"We're just not there, and we may not get there," she said. "We all work together to meet the needs of our children and provide support so they can be successful in school."

BarbouRoske said she sometimes lacks the time to attend all her assigned schools in one day, adding she would prefer only having one school to worry about each day.

"It would be nice to be able to set down roots in a school," she said.

Linda Davis-Alldritt, the president of the National Association of School Nurses, said the job of school nurses is "to keep kids in school, healthy and ready

to learn."

Furthermore, medication errors can arise from the lack of nurses, Davis-Alldritt said.

"The more students there are, the less time there is to focus on each and every one," she said. "The higher the number of students to be cared for, the risk [of error] increases."

But Poulton said she thinks medication errors are not a problem.

"We have very few errors, and [nurses] are always checking in with staff to follow with protocol," she said.

BarbouRoske said she agreed.

"We do a very good job with medication," she said. "We have protocols in place and forms made available to families."

House pushes 'No Child' proposal

By **KIMBERLY HEFLING**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Republicans on Thursday pushed ahead with a plan to update the federal No Child Left Behind education law by shifting more control to states and school districts in determining whether children are learning.

A hearing on a pair of bills to have states develop their own systems to identify low-performing schools and turn them around came days after President Obama freed 11 states from some of the George W. Bush-era law's most stringent mandates. To get waivers, states had to submit plans and get the administration's approval.

The administration says the waivers are a stopgap until Congress updates the law. Several other states are expected to apply for waivers by Feb. 28 during a second application round.

Rep. John Kline, R-Minn., who wrote the Republican bills, said the president's plan still ties schools to a failing law. He said his plan replaces a "one-size-fits-all federal accountability system" with one that directs each state to develop a system that takes into account the "unique needs of students and communities." He said it also empowers states to develop their own teacher evaluation systems based on student learning.

Kline, the chairman of the House Education and the Workforce Committee, said his plan continues to use data broken down by demographic groups to help protect "vulnerable" student populations.

Passage appears unlikely in a gridlocked

Congress.

Rep. George Miller of California, the House committee's senior Democrat, has called Kline's effort a partisan one and said Thursday the bills "have the very real potential to turn the clock back decades." Miller and Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, who chairs the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee, have said any plan without bipartisan support would have a difficult time getting passed.

Harkin's committee last year passed a bipartisan bill to update the law, but the administration expressed concerns about it, and it did not come up for a vote in the full Senate.

The law was designed primarily to help the nation's poor and minority children. It was passed in 2002 with widespread bipartisan support and has been up for renewal since 2007. It requires annual testing, and districts were forced to keep a closer eye on how all student groups were performing, not just relying on collective averages.

Schools that didn't meet requirements for two years or longer faced increasingly harsher consequences, including busing children to higher-performing schools, offering tutoring and replacing staff. Supporters of the law said a strong federal role was necessary because states and local districts had historically shown an inability to teach all students.

The law requires that all students perform at grade level in reading and math by 2014, which is a deadline schools are increasingly failing to meet.

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How You Know She's Not Into You:

• While you're talking to her, she plays with her hair, eventually enough so to weave a whip to assault you with. Which she does. Repeatedly.

• She increased the restraining order 400 additional feet and made certain there were an "airspace" and subterranean clauses.

• At the end of the night, she chooses to pay for her own drinks and does not steal your sweater.

• She de-friended you, quit Facebook, and now only talks to people on the phone or face-to-face.

• She returned the DVDs you made of her still in the UNPOPPED bubble wrap you packaged them in.

• She moved all the way to the front row of the lecture hall to sit with all the try-hards who "Shhh" and bring "books" and "paper" and "pens."

• She took the handmade macaroni valentine you gave her, cooked it, and fed it to her cat.

• Whenever you are in earshot, she switches topic to shoes and *Twilight*.

• You write her a sonnet, and she gives it back to you, annotated, pointing out parts that aren't in correct iambic pentameter, and that "You do sex like Tyrannosaurus rex" while poetic, is a baseless accusation and possibly slander since she doesn't imagine T. Rex sex to be very hot, unlike when pterodactyls get low and work it out.

- Nathan Wulf dares you not to think about pterodactyl sex for the next few minutes.

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DILBERT

by Scott Adams

I HIRED A PANTLESS WEASEL TO DO OUR SEARCH ENGINE OPTIMIZATION.

HE'LL HELP US GAME THE SYSTEM AND CORRUPT THE INTEGRITY OF ALL INTERNET SEARCH RESULTS FOR OUR INDUSTRY.

YOUR NEW JOB TITLE IS "ACCOMPLICE."

NON SEQUITUR

BY VIEV

BZZZT

daddy-in a couple of minutes, The Gronk is gonna throw us back thru the tunnel. Have Gronks there to help us keep the BMO penguins from getting out so they can't start the ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE. Thank.

DO YOU THINK HE UNDERSTOOD?

I DON'T KNOW MAN I COULDN'T MAKE IT ANY CLEARER.

Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

ALMOST 9-5 SET UP...

TAKE YOUR TIME, DUDE. SO CUTE.

LEOP? YOU'RE INTO LEOP?

WHO WOULDN'T BE?

OKAY, LET'S ROLL, WANDA!

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m.c. ginsberg

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- **Chess Club**, 1 p.m., Uptown Bill's, 730 S. Dubuque
- **How to Make the Fair Work For You Session**, 1:30 p.m., W401 Pappajohn Business Building
- **Biology Seminar**, "Causes and consequences of self-fertility in Caenorhabditis nematodes," Eric Haag, University of Maryland, 4 p.m., 101 Biology Building East
- **Discover Languages ... Discover the World**, International Programs, 5 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Centre
- **Friday Night Jazz**, 5 p.m., Uptown Bill's
- **Hawkeye Fly-Fishing Association 38th-Annual Fly-Fishing Show**, 5 p.m., Clarion Highlander Hotel, 2525 N. Dodge
- **Jazz After Five with Ryan Smith Dan Padley Group**, 5 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Oscar Nominated Animated Shorts**, 6:45 & 8:35 p.m., Bijou
- **UI Orchestrational Concert**, 7 p.m., Riverside Recital Hall
- **AER**, 7 p.m., Blue Moose, 211 Iowa
- **Sans Merci**, Dreamwell Theatre, 7:30 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Society, 10 S. Gilbert
- **Guys on Ice: An Ice Fishing Musical Comedy**, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Theatre, 213 N. Gilbert
- **The Capitol Steps — Election Year**, 8 p.m., Englert Theater, 221 E. Washington
- **Faculty/Graduate Dance Concert**, 8 p.m., North Hall Space/Place
- **In the Next Room** (or *The Vibrator Play*), Mainstage Series, 8 p.m., Theatre Building Mabie Theatre
- **Summer Camp Battle of the Bands**, 8 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- **Ten-Minute Play Festival**, 8 p.m., Theatre Building Theatre B
- **Cornmeal**, 9 p.m., Blue Moose
- **Anna Vogelzang**, with Doug Kramer Nye & Rachael Marie, 9 p.m., Mill
- **Campus Activities Board Movie**, *Muppets*, 10 p.m., 348 IMU
- **Ladies' Night**, 10 p.m., L&J Kitchen BBQ House, 320 E. Burlington
- **The Tanks**, Jabberjosh, Los Voltage, 10 p.m., Gabe's, 330 E. Washington
- **Late Night Movie**, *The Goonies*, 11 p.m., Bijou

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Noon UI Chamber & UI String Orchestras Concert, Conducted by Chun-Ming Chen, Hyeyoun Jang, Kira Horel, Michael Wright, Dec. 4, 2011

1:30 p.m. To Be Announced

2 Youth Ballet, Dance Department, Dec. 18, 2011

3 National Ballet of Mexico, with the Jessica Sandoval Company, Oct. 16, 2010

4 UI Symphony Orchestra & Chorus, Timothy Salter Conductor, "Gloria" (Poulenc), "Missa in Tempore Belli" (Haydn), Nov. 30, 2011

5:30 UI Chamber & UI String Orchestras Concert, Conducted by Chun-Ming Chen, Hyeyoun Jang, Kira Horel, Michael Wright, Dec. 4, 2011

7 Youth Ballet, Dance Department, Dec. 18, 2011

8 WorldCanvass, "Women, Hysteria, and Medicine," Joan Kjaer and UI International Programs, January 2012

10 Youth Ballet, Dance Department, Dec. 18, 2011

11 Collaborative Dance, Dance Department, December 2010

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Friday, Feb. 17, 2012
- by Eugenia Last

ARIES March 21-April 19 Refrain from being overly generous with your time, information, or skills. Whatever you do should benefit you personally or professionally. You'll be competitive and efficient when it comes to achieving your goals. Don't let a romantic problem slow you down.

TAURUS April 20-May 20 Strive for perfection. If you are accurate, quick, and agile in whatever you do, you will come out on top. Your ability to digest information will enhance the outcome of whatever you pursue.

GEMINI May 21-June 20 Stick to whatever will benefit you most. Home improvements, financial dealings, or finishing a project that is in demand will bring you rewards. Interesting connections you make while marketing your talents will inspire you to expand your plans.

CANCER June 21-July 22 You'll be undecided regarding personal versus professional responsibilities. Organization coupled with unorthodox methods will help you take care of matters of concern. Let your intuitive intelligence be your guide, and you will satisfy everyone's needs.

LEO July 23-Aug. 22 Do the things you love doing most. Don't let someone use emotional blackmail to stand in your way or make you question what you truly want. Live life your way, and you will not regret your decision. Compatibility and common interests go hand-in-hand.

VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Concentrate on honing your skills and being the best you can be. Don't let someone else's unpredictability ruin your plans. Join a group that shares your concerns or caters to something you enjoy doing. You need a creative outlet.

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Too much uncertainty is present in a relationship with someone sending mixed signals. You'll get to the bottom of a personal problem you are dealing with if you do a little investigating. Renovating or changing your surroundings will lift your spirits.

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Use intelligence and intuition to come up with workable solutions to problems at home. Uncertainty regarding your future may be where your concerns originate. A change of location or networking functions you attend will help you out.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Avoid anyone who is trying to use you in any way. You can expect someone to misrepresent you or to start a rumor that will tarnish your reputation. Let the dust settle before you engage in retaliation. Success is your best weapon.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Emotions will well up if you let others bother you. Concentrate on your home and how you can make your surroundings more conducive to the lifestyle you want to live. Don't let someone else's decision disrupt your life.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Someone from your past will help you out. Get involved in a group that allows you the freedom to speak about your concerns, and you will reach higher goals. A personal change you make will improve your life.

PISCES Feb. 19-March 20 Whom you know will make a difference regarding a project you want to pursue. You'll be surprised how good it feels to put the past behind you and to pick up where you left off with someone important to your present and future.

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0113

Across

1 Eaters of halal food

8 Like many mall fixtures?

15 Star of 2011's "Puss in Boots"

17 One shooting out on a golf course

18 Oil sources for oil paint

19 Mode

20 Mo. containing Constitution Day

21 Unhealthy light

25 From

29 It may be fat after a fight

32 Digs

33 Onetime Taliban stronghold

35 What twisty arrows warn drivers of

37 Bring into being

38 Hit film directed by James Cameron

39 Football linemen: Abbr.

40 Arctic or Antarctic fish-eater

41 It has left and right channels

42 Part of S.F.S.U.

43 How some hearts are broken

48 Car exhaust part

54 Potential pets

57 Worker whose charges may charge

Down

1 More, to a señor

2 Like surprises you'd rather not get

3 Youth

4 Chop source

5 They have keepers

6 Bit of D.J. equipment

7 Flat bottom

8 Hold hands?

9 Nav. position

10 Nestlé brand

11 Partridge family setting

12 Hanging out in galleries, say

13 Isle of Man man

14 "Nine Stories" title girl

16 Flat bottom

20 Web presence

22 "Natural Affection" playwright

23 Surgical aid

24 Big band

25 Done to ___

26 Foundering call

27 Black-and-white giants

28 Geologist's big break?

29 Couples' retreat

30 Rachel McAdams's "Sherlock Holmes" role

31 Choose to refuse

34 Big wheel at a party?

36 Beyond, to Browning

43 Put the finger on

44 Short plea

45 Some govt. raiders

46 Imitated Niobe

47 Dept. of Labor division

48 Stole option

49 Do one's part?

50 N.F.C. part: Abbr.

51 Concerning

52 Order

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ON THE STREET

How effectively has President Sally Mason run and represented the UI?

"I'm not really aware, because I don't follow her, but I don't like that she raises tuition."
Leona Ryan
UI junior

"I think she's done a really good job getting the university back on track and back on its feet after the flood."
Jeff Simak
UI senior

"She is overpaid and overrated. She is not very student-friendly in her decisions."
Aubriana McCollough
UI senior

"I'm always aware of when tuition is raised, and being from out of state, I feel the impact even more."
Bryan McGinn
UI senior

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More UI students seek counseling

Slightly more than 25 percent of students have seen a counselor or psychologist on campus.

By **JENNY EARL**
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Depression has hit the University of Iowa campus — and UI health officials have noticed.

The number of UI students who have reported depression has doubled since 2009.

“Our numbers are a little up this year — demand is up a little bit,” said Audrey Bahrnick, a staff psychologist at the University Counseling Service. “We’re seeing a lot of mood problems and mood disorders that include depression — a lot of anxiety.”

A 2011 National College of Health assessment found 16 percent of UI students reporting depression — a 5 percentage-point increase over the nationwide average of depressed people between the ages of 18 and 24 reported in a recent Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study.

Keri Neblett, a community intervention director for the Johnson County Crisis Center, said she’s also noticed the increase.

“Our crisis-line calls [have gone] up, and the severity of the issues of the calls we’re dealing with [have also] increased,” she said.

The majority of students who seek counseling are self-referred, Bahrnick said,

and they look for help dealing with mood disorders, anxiety, relationship issues, sexuality concerns, eating disorders, and struggles with the adjustment to college life.

Women made up the majority of UI students reporting depression in the assessment, more than five times the percentage of men. Linda Stewart Kroon, the director of the Women’s Resource and Action Center, said the difference is likely due to social concerns.

“The expectations we have for women with weight and appearance can weigh heavily on them, and if we feel we can’t measure up, then we get depressed,” she said. “One of the things we hear frequently from women are social concerns related to how they see themselves being perceived by others.”

Though it’s common for students to face these issues, UI health officials said, depression puts students at a higher risk for more serious mental-health concerns. The same national assessment found 5.3 percent of UI students reported seriously considering suicide and 1.3 percent reported attempting suicide — women attempting three times as often as men.

The Crisis Center devel-

oped a new crisis-chat program in August 2011 to assist students who do not want to speak to a psychologist directly. Neblett said this can be useful for men, who aren’t as likely to reach out for help.

“We have a higher percentage of women asking for help on the crisis line and chat services,” she said. “I think part of it is due to our society, in which men are expected to pull themselves up by their bootstraps and handle things on their own.”

Last year, Bahrnick said, 22 percent of UI students said they had some degree of suicidal thinking, with severity that ranges from those having an occasional thought of suicide to those feeling at imminent risk of self-harm.

“It’s a high number, and something needs to be done about it, because that’s a lot of people,” Neblett said.

Although the number of students seeking counseling has risen, Bahrnick said, she’s glad to see students are taking advantage of free resources.

“We don’t want [counseling] to be a mysterious process,” she said. “We welcome everybody to come in. There’s no obligation to continue, but they can hopefully come in and find something useful.”

This Bell-going-to-music

By **SAMANTHA GENTRY**
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Words will come alive and turn into music as audience members sit in the Old Capitol Senate Chamber on Feb. 19.

David Gompper, the director of the University of Iowa Center for New Music, has brought the language of renowned poet Marvin Bell into the world of music.

UI orchestra students and vocalists will perform six pieces beginning at 2 p.m.; admission is free. The event will mark the first time a musician has made an extended effort to set Bell’s poetry to a musical score.

The collaboration between Gompper and Bell, a graduate of the Iowa Writers’ Workshop and a Workshop faculty member for 40 years through 2005, began when the two taught a course called Words and Music at the UI. The class was filled with graduate-student composers and poets who collaborated on their works.

“It was a hoot,” Bell said. “I’m always ready for collaboration, and I’ve also worked with poets, dancers, and photographers.”

In addition to this project, he is working with Christopher Merrill, the director of the UI International Writing Program, on a book.

Bell credits the idea for the concert to Gompper, and he is honored to be involved with a project of this caliber.

“When a composer wants to write music or write a song, we need words in order to do that,” Gompper

said. “So sometimes, we want to work with living poets. The process has been so successful that I’ve now written 80 minutes of music.”

For this concert, the composer set six of Bell’s poems to music. Some of the pieces used text from books written by Bell, but others were produced just for this particular concert — for example, the series of poems “The Animals” Bell wrote at Gompper’s request.

One piece in particular that Gompper looks forward to is “An Elm We Lost,” which will be the finale of the show.

The piece, written in 2002, concerns the elms that were lost on the Pentacrest.

“I used that piece to represent the two towers we lost on 9/11,” Gompper said. “There is a lot of musical meaning to the piece.”

Michael Schnack, a UI doctoral student in choral conducting and pedagogy, considers “An Elm We Lost” to be very moving.

“The text is fragmented in sections, as if the chorus is trying to formulate the words but are being held back by a great emotional shock,” he said. “I look forward to the audience’s reaction and also seeing Dr. Gompper conduct his work.”

Bell has not heard all of the pieces, so he, too, looks forward to the concert and seeing Gompper conduct.

“The poem on the page and the musical setting are different things,” Bell said.

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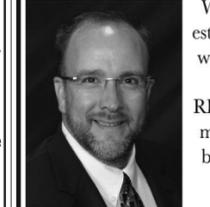
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By **BEN SCHUFF**
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Statistics say Penn State's Jonathan Graham will make somewhere between three and four free throws out of every 10 attempts.

Two of those made free throws came in the waning moments of Thursday night's contest, allowing

the Nittany Lions (12-15, 4-10 Big Ten) to withstand a frantic Iowa (13-13, 5-8) comeback attempt and hand the Hawkeyes a 69-64 defeat.

Iowa's Melsahn Basabe fouled Graham on an in-bounds play with 25 seconds remaining in the game. The Hawkeyes double-teamed Penn State's go-to guard, Tim Frazier, on

the play; that allowed Graham to catch a pass near the sideline.

While the sophomore seemed to be the candidate for Iowa wanted at the free-throw line — Graham entered the game a 35 percent shooter from the stripe on the season — he created a 5-point cushion Iowa couldn't overcome in

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IOWA 58, MICHIGAN 57

Hoopsters' rally tops Michigan

Sam Logic and Kamille Wahlin came up big for Iowa in the 58-57 win.

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Senior guard Kamille Wahlin dribbled the ball down the court and waited for a screen from junior center Morgan Johnson.

It came, but the Michigan defense clamped down. The senior dribbled out and reset the offense.

A second screen came — and this time, Wahlin didn't hesitate.

The Crookston, Minn., native sunk a 3-pointer with 46 seconds left to give the Hawkeyes their first lead of the game, 58-57.

"Coach just drew up a play for me to get to the rim or hit Kelly Krei for a 3," Wahlin said. "Michigan covered that well, so I came back out. Morgan gave me a good screen where I was able to basically get a wide-open look at the rim."

Michigan had time for another offensive possession, but Wolverines junior Sam Arnold came up short on her first shot. She somehow gathered the rebound and fired a desperation 3-pointer that missed everything.

The Hawkeyes had completed the improbable.

Down 14 points at halftime after shooting 7-of-32 — including 2-of-16 from long range — in the first half, Iowa (17-10, 9-5 Big Ten) used defense and rebounding to overcome the Wolverines (18-8, 7-6).

"These kids — the resiliency that we've had, they never stopped believing," associate head coach Jan Jensen said in a radio interview after the game. "We go into halftime down, but they were never negative."

Michigan had shut down Iowa's penetration during the first 20 minutes of play and

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NATIONAL DUALS

Wrestlers to face some tough opponents

The Iowa wrestling team will challenge Minnesota in the first round of the National Duals tournament finals this weekend.

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Four men were on the mats in the Dan Gable wrestling complex before Iowa's practice on Tuesday: Walt and Stew Gillmor, Ethen Lofthouse, and head coach Tom Brands.

Lofthouse rolled around with one of the Gillmor brothers as Brands shouted at him from above, "Wrestle. Wrestle." He had a sense of urgency in his voice.

After stepping away from the private training session to address the media, Brands seemed eager — almost anxious — to get back to his 174-pounder. When asked what was on his mind, Brands pointed to Lofthouse. "He's on my mind," he said.

Lofthouse has a lot to prepare for; he'll challenge Minnesota's No. 5 Logan Storley in the first round of the National Duals Final Four tournament in Stillwater, Okla., on Feb. 19.

If Iowa beats the Gophers, he'll face either No. 3 Chris Storley or No. 9 Jordan Blanton in the second dual.



Brands
head coach

But he's not the only Hawkeye with a lot to prepare for. Iowa, the tournament's second seed and nation's fourth-ranked team, will challenge third-seeded and third-ranked Minnesota in the first round. The Hawkeyes will compete against eight top-10 Gophers.

Twenty-nine of the 40 wrestlers in the tournament are ranked, and 21 of those sit in the top 10 of their respective weight classes.

"It's a step above; it's a peak; it's a national championship now," Brands said. "These are good teams with good, solid lineups, so we've got to be ready to go."

The first matches of the Hawkeye-Gopher dual will pit No. 1 Matt McDonough against No. 2 Zach Sanders, No. 3 Tony Ramos against No. 8 Chris Dardanes, and No. 5 Montell Marion against No. 8 Nick Dardanes.

While Iowa's upperweights have struggled with injury and consistency, bonus points from McDonough, Ramos, and Marion have helped the Hawkeyes win in recent matches. But that won't cut it anymore.

"We need to score as much as we can right away," Ramos said. "But everyone's got to do it at

every weight class; it can't just be the first three."

Grant Gambrall, Iowa's returning All-American at 184, has wrestled at 197 for much of the season after suffering injuries in the off-season that caused him to gain weight. But Gambrall is certified at 184 again and will weigh in there on Feb. 19.

Gambrall is expected to wrestle Minnesota's No. 7 Kevin Steinhaus; the Hawkeye is 0-2 against the Gopher. The Iowa City native dropped a 5-4 decision to Steinhaus in Minnesota's dual meet last season and then lost a 4-1 decision to him at the Big Ten tournament.

"I owe him a couple; he beat me twice last year," Gambrall said. "He's definitely been on my radar ever since I planned on going back down to 184."

Gambrall isn't the only one who will face a familiar opponent in the dual. Other Hawkeyes are fairly familiar with their individual opponents, but Iowa has also faced all three potential National Duals opponents in a dual meet already this year.

Iowa snatched a 20-13 win from Illinois on Dec. 2. The Hawkeyes won on account of bonus points, 19-17, against Minnesota

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BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS



Iowa freshman Becky Stoughton swims in the 500-freestyle finals on Day Two of the Big Ten meet in the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center on Thursday. Stoughton finished third in the event and set a school record. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

Women swimmers move up one spot

Day 2 of the Big Ten championships featured suspense, speed, and mixed results for the home team.

The Iowa women's swimming and diving team was able to move up from eighth place to seventh, thanks in large part to the efforts of Becky Stoughton and Veronica Rydze. Stoughton took third place in the 500 freestyle — resetting a school record in the process with her time of 1:40.82 minutes, which after she had already broken her own mark in the preliminaries. Rydze took fifth in the 1-meter springboard competition with a score of 319.35.

The diving competition was a dramatic affair from start to finish, starting with the preliminary round. Redshirt freshman Joelle Christy was tied for 16th place — the last spot in the finals. She got a second chance to compete in the consolation finals and beat Northwestern's Mary Campbell in the consolation.

The championship round Thursday night was a veritable slugfest of dives. Six divers finished with more than 300 points; Iowa diving coach Bob Rydze said that's the kind of score an athlete would happily take and not think twice about on most nights. But each dive was absolutely critical, he said.

"This conference is hard," he said. "You've got to be at the top of your game all the time — you just can't miss a dive. [Veronica Rydze, his daughter] tonight missed a gainer-and-a-half pike and got about 42 points instead of 55 points. All of the sudden, it's a different ball game. You can't miss."

But Veronica Rydze did miss — and so did Indiana's Gabrielle Agostino, who fell from first place through four dives to fourth place.

Numerous swimming records were broken throughout the day. Wisconsin's Beckie Thompson set a Big Ten record in the 50 freestyle with a time of 22.04 seconds to defend her title for

the third-consecutive year. Indiana's Alyssa Vavra set a conference record in the 200 individual medley, and her time of 1:55.44 minutes was also good for an NCAA "A" — or automatic — qualifying time.

Iowa set a school record in the 200-freestyle relay with a time of 1:31.68 minutes, but the quartet of Danielle Carty, Heather Arseth, Daniela Cubelic, and Emily Hovren were only able to muster a seventh-place finish in the event. Carty also posted a career-best time in the opening leg of the race, and Hovren swam a personal-best in the 200 medley.

Competition will resume today at 11 a.m. with preliminaries for the 400 individual medley, 100 butterfly, 200 freestyle, 100 backstroke, and 100 breaststroke, as well as the 3-meter springboard. Finals for the 400-medley relay will be held at 6:30 p.m.

— by Tork Mason