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Should people go to jail for 25 years if they fail to report HIV-positive status to sexual partners?

Yes – 57 percent

No – 43 percent

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Mostly cloudy, breezy, 80% chance of snow/rain/T-storms.

Local seniors keep up with Generation Wired



Vicky Gluszak, 84, plays Wii bowling at the Senior Center on Monday. Gluszak, who has bowled for 72 years, said Wii bowling is easier than real bowling. (The Daily Iowan/Ya-Chen Chen)

The Iowa City Ecumenical Towers provides Internet access to all members of its 62-and-older community.

By **BETH BRATSOS**
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The elderly statewide may lag in high-speed Internet knowledge, but Johnson County officials are trying to keep local seniors better informed.

According to a report released by broadband company Connect Iowa, Iowa has the sixth-largest portion of residents over the age of 70 in the nation. The report said roughly half of Iowans age 70 and older own a computer, and only 27 percent subscribe to broadband, a disparity local Internet officials said may come from the cost.

"You're looking at a cost of \$40 to \$50 or more a month just to have Internet access," said Emily Light, a community outreach specialist at the Senior Center, 28 S. Linn St. "It's a cost that didn't exist a generation ago. It may not be a matter of adoption so much as affordability and access."

Light said the Senior Cen-

Technology Adoption Places around Iowa City help seniors with changing technology

- Iowa City Public Library: e-device classes, basic web search and Microsoft Word classes, drop-in sessions for technology questions
- Senior Center: Computer classes for different skill levels, Facebook workshops, pocket gadget workshops
- UI Center on Aging: UI LEAP Program, Facebook classes, digital camera, and other technology classes

Source: Iowa City officials

ter offers a variety of technical programs, ranging from beginner computer classes and Facebook workshops to pocket gadget workshops for cell phones, e-readers and MP3 players. Many seniors use the computer labs at the center and the Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn St., she said.

"It's good that our city serv-

ices are offering people opportunities to have that access even if they can't afford it at home," she said. "We've found a lot of seniors are embracing the technology and keeping up with it to the extent that they can."

Ron Cope, a member of the Senior Center, said he often uses computers there for business and entertainment. The continually changing technology creates a societal pressure to constantly keep up, he said.

"I'm definitely interested in new technology, but still everything changes so fast," he said. "As soon as a new device gets out the door, it's obsolete."

Cope said he finds the constant connectivity of modern technology can actually strain one's independence.

"I find myself wondering, 'Does it facilitate or hamper the process of learning to be independent?'" he said. "If you want to isolate yourself, how

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Regents move on 'brand'

A state Board of Regents committee has approved a partnership between the regents and ZLRignition.

By **KRISTEN EAST**
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State higher education officials say hiring an outside firm to help brand the state's public universities could help boost support from the state.

Officials with the State Board of Regents say they hope establishing an "Iowa Brand" will mean more allocations for public state universities.

"By building a network and demonstrating to the public throughout the state what benefits [to] the state from public higher education can be helpful in making our case to the legislature for additional funds," Regent Robert Downer said.

The regents recently approved an agreement with ZLRignition—a marketing communications firm based in Des Moines. Officials said that though the partnership has been approved, cost is not available because an agreement hasn't been signed.

If approved, the firm would focus on one specific area of the campaign, Downer said.

The regents haven't been as successful as they can be in promoting their universities in the past, he said, and the public schools are being out-branded by private schools.

"Not to say these aren't all good sources [of where funds should go], but it has taken away money from public education," he said.

ZLRignition previously partnered with Iowa State University for integrated marketing, collateral, and public-relations studies. According to its website, ZLRignition "initiated a major re-branding effort on behalf of ISU to turn around a trend of declining enrollment."

ZLRignition officials did not return calls Monday evening.

The University of Iowa has been working since March with its own \$170,000 marketing consultant partnership with Mind Over Media, a Pittsburgh-based market-research company.

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Ice-fishing hooks a problem: no ice

The temperature in Iowa City was above freezing for 70 days between December 2011 and this week.

By **DORA GROTE**
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Warmer weather means fewer fishermen out on the ice this winter, Johnson County conservationists say.

"The number [of fish] depends on the sheer amount of time you get out there, and if the opportunities don't exist, then you have fewer fish," said Brad Freidhof, a Johnson County naturalist. "There were only few weekends they could get out there. It was definitely a downer for anglers."

Johnson County's bodies of water barely developed safe ice conditions for anglers because of the dearth of freezing temperatures, he said. Ice must be 4 inches deep to hold a person, and there were only a few weeks where the ice reached 6 to 7 inches.

"The hardest part with this

Ice Safety

Ice must reach a certain thickness before it is considered safe to stand on.

- 0 to 2 inches: Stay off
- 4 inches: Ice fishing
- 5 inches: Snowmobile or ATV
- 8 to 12 inches: Car or small pickup
- 12 to 15 inches: Medium truck

Source: Brad Freidhof, Johnson County naturalist

year's weather was that we never had any sustained, ice-cold weather," said Freidhof, an angler himself. "I went out only a few times but had to carefully pick my way and judge the structure of the ice."

Iowa City had 70 days above freezing from December 2011 to Feb. 27, while last year there were only just 29 in that span, said Tom Gross, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service.

Mark Bentley, a fishing-department manager at Scheels in Coralville, said the "non-fishable" ice significantly decreased sales on ice-fishing equipment.

"It's been very tough," Bentley said, who normally sells a lot of power augers, hand augers, and



An ice fisher sits on Lake Macbride on Feb. 5. Because of warmer weather, the ice thinned and broke in some areas, becoming dangerous and cutting the ice-fishing season short. (Contributed photo)

ice flashers during the winter. "We're hoping that if we push an early spring and things are progressed warm-water-wise, we make up for that fact that we had a shortened ice period."

Bentley said he spoke with many local long-time residents who said this could go down as one of the three warmest winters of all

time, adding that this is the warmest winter he remembers.

The thin ice was the main concern for county officials advising fishermen, said Paul Sleeper, fisheries management biologist for the Iowa Department of Natural

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STEPPING-UP PROGRAM



Participants do the Step 'N' Sculpt workout Monday in the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center. The program incorporates step aerobics for cardio and weight training to increase strength and endurance. (The Daily Iowan/Asmaa Elkurti)

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Church plans immigrant project

One university expert said obtaining a green card is the hardest part of becoming a U.S. citizen.

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Members of one local church say they've noticed an increase in the number of immigrants attending services, so they will launch a project to help the newcomers establish lives in the community.

Officials at the Iowa City First African Church of the Nazarene, 920 S. Dubuque St., will start the Immigrant Voice Project on Saturday, providing an outlet for new and old immigrants to share experiences of coming to the United States.

Parish nurse Teresa Stecker and other church members said they've noticed an increase in the number of immigrants in both the community and attending church.

"I was told the community consisted of elderly couples," she said, describing when she joined the church. "But as I walked

around, I realized the community has changed. I started noticing different cultures and many languages with the one thing in common: of feeling isolated in the community."

Church member Susan Murty, a University of Iowa associate professor of social work, said she will help lead the project. She said project volunteers will gather anonymous immigrants' stories, and other church members said they hope to then meet with the Iowa City City Council to show the challenges immigrants in Iowa face.

"[Church members] want to work together with immigrants to make changes and make this a better place for immigrants to live," Murty said.

Volunteers will be asked to find five immigrants in the area willing to share their stories, she said.

"Most people do not feel comfortable telling their stories to us," she said. "Because some of these issues are too personal to tell strangers."

One legislator said immigrants will be treated equally as long as they follow legal procedures.

Ways To Become a U.S. Citizen

- Immigrants have numerous ways to gain U.S. citizenship.
- Diversity Lottery
- Family-Based Adjustment
- Employment-Based Adjustment
- U Visa
- Special Immigration Juvenile Status

Source: UI Law Professor Barbara Schwartz

"As long as immigrant have green cards, I don't see why they would be treated any differently," said Sen. Thomas Courtney, D-Burlington.

But Murty said even legal immigrants often face challenges maintaining a job, accessing transportation, and fearing deportation if they are here without documentation.

"Few people understand what these immigrants are going through, and our goal is to make that known," she said.

Stecker said the project is a part of the church's Immigrant Center, which was established five years ago to help the newcomers secure jobs, health care, childcare, and access to transportation.

The center also offers classes in English as a second language, tutoring programs, and preschool programs to help the youth, taught by 50 volunteers in the congregation.

The Immigration Center received approval from the national Board of Immigration Appeals in December 2011 to become certified to provide legal assistance to local immigrants, beginning in April.

At an Immigration Conference Feb. 25, University of Iowa law Professor Barbara Schwartz said that often, immigrant children are the most affected by their families' hardships.

"Many immigrants who grew up in the U.S. are the ones who have the most trouble," she said. "Because they think they are judged on the same standards as their U.S. citizen peers, but unfortunately, they are not."

However, she said, immigrants who came to America as adults tend to have fewer problems with the law compared to youth.

"First-generation immigrants have no higher rate of criminal conduct than U.S. citizens," she said.

METRO

Board of Medicine reaches settlements

The Iowa Board of Medicine reached settlements with three Iowa physicians earlier this month.

Anjali Gupta, who practiced radiation and oncology in Iowa City and Sioux City, was charged in November with willfully and/or repeatedly violating a lawful order of the board when she failed to comply with a drug-screening program, according to court documents published on the Board of Medicine's website. A settlement agreement and order approved by the board Feb. 9 set forth penalties and terms of her indefinite probation, which, if violated, would result in her Iowa medical license being suspended or revoked.

Pradeep Sarswat voluntarily surrendered his Iowa medical license after the board recently received information indicating he engaged in sexual harassment of a female staff worker at the

Iowa Medical & Classification Center in Oakdale, according to court documents. Sarswat had previously been on probation for drug use and sexual harassment, terms of which were terminated in January 2010.

Vernon Varner's request to reinstate his Iowa medical license was denied by the board, according to a press release. Varner is a 69-year-old physician who practiced in Iowa City, Carroll, and Des Moines. The board said Varner "failed to establish that he fully complied with the conditions for reinstatement and that he failed to establish that the reasons for the suspension of his license no longer exist."

— by Beth Bratsos

Woman charged with child endangerment

A local woman has been accused of endangering a child with no intent to injure the victim.

According to a complaint, Shianna Chambers, 21, was charged Feb. 26 with child endangerment with no injury.

Offices appeared at Chamber's apartment regarding a cell phone that had not been returned to a coworker earlier in the day, the complaint said. When officers arrived at the apartment, they allegedly smelled a strong odor of marijuana coming from the residence.

A number of marijuana blunts were found in the residence and within the reach of the two minor children, according to the complaint.

Child endangerment with no injury is an aggravated misdemeanor punishable by up to two years in prison and a maximum fine of \$6,250.

— by Jordyn Reiland

Regents OK closing UNI Lab School

The state Board of Regents voted Monday to approve closing

the University of Northern Iowa Malcolm Price Laboratory School.

UNI officials requested permission to close the school to deal with the university's budget shortfalls. The Price Laboratory School educates K-12 students and provides experience for the UNI teacher-education students. It is one of the few remaining laboratory schools in the country supported by a university.

The lab's closure will be effective June 30.

Some around the state criticized the decision, including a handful of Democratic lawmakers who issued a joint statement.

"The decision was made without any input from parents, students, teachers, or others in our community. This lack of transparency in an era of open government is alarming," they wrote. "With so many unanswered questions, there was no reason to rush this decision and close Price Lab."

— by Asmaa Elkurti

BLOTTER

Jeffrey Clay, 51, address unknown, was charged Dec. 22 with violating no-contact domestic-abuse protective order.

Bradley Griffith, 37, 4342 Sand Road S.E., was charged Monday with OWI.

Nikolas Petersen, 25, Riverside,

was charged Monday with OWI. Walter Petersen, 22, Reinbeck, Iowa, was charged Monday with driving while license suspended/

canceled. Jenika Shannon, 25, 2127 Kountry Lane No. 1, was charged Monday with OWI.

TOP STORIES

Most-read stories on dailyiowan.com from Monday.

1. Iowa men's basketball loses series-high seventh-straight game to Illinois, 65-54
2. Locals offer mixed reactions to The Library's split-venue attempt
3. Former Iowa City Occupier: Sadly, it was time for us to go
4. Subconscious racial bias exists and must be recognized
5. Indiana-produced Templeton Rye still wildly popular in Iowa

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do you do that?"

The Connect Iowa report found that 260,000 elderly Iowans rarely use broadband. But Light said high-speed communication programs such as video chatting are critical for seniors to keep in touch with children who live far away.

"[Skype] is a popular form of communication, but there is somewhat of a gap in being able to use [these technologies] practically," she said.

Virginia Jorstad, a coordinator for the lifelong learning program at the University of

Iowa's Center on Aging, said she finds it very important to provide technology educational sessions for older adults. The UI Center for Aging provides the Lifetime Enrichment Adult Program to provide intellectual stimulation and personal growth for older adults, she said.

"I find [older adults] to be really searching and wanting to learn more about technology. [They] want to learn so they can communicate with their children and/or grandchildren," she said. "That's how they know these individuals communicate. The technology subjects are always something our members want to learn more about."



Vicky Gluszak, 84, stands in the Senior Center on Monday. (The Daily Iowan/Ya-Chen Chen)

BRANDING

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Tom Mortenson, a senior scholar at the nonpartisan Pell Institute, said Iowa is joining a growing trend of universities finding creative ways to offset tuition increases.

"I interpret this as a result or consequence of

the extraordinary cutbacks in state support ... that have occurred over the last 10 years or so," he said, and he noted that other states have been compensating for decreasing state appropriations in similar ways since 1980. "Iowa is, in some respects, catching up to what's going on nationally."

Not all regents in other states concern themselves with marketing their public institutions. Brian

Steeves, the acting executive director of the University of Minnesota Board of Regents, said the administrations handle school promotion and marketing rather than the regents.

"The board doesn't get directly involved," he said. "The board is active in terms of being a partner in the administration on it, but it's just handled more by the administration."

The Iowa regents also

said they want to better promote the public universities through "road shows" that encourage students to promote public higher education to legislators and taxpayers.

"It's not only a matter of selling taxpayers on more funds but also disclosing to them how the funds already made available are being spent and how they're getting good value for their dollars," he said.

UI Student Government Vice President Brittany Caplin said the UISG's governmental liaison is working with the regents to determine the potential outcomes of their partnership with ZLRignition.

"You have to show your value to the community," she said. "State appropriations should be coming your way. It's all about connections and getting people to care."

ZLRignition

The state Board of Regents recently approved a partnership with Des Moines-based marketing firm ZLRignition. The firm has also worked with:

- Iowa State University
- Beam University, a business training program
- Downtowndesmoines.com

Source: ZLRignition

ICE-FISHING

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Resources at Lake Macbride.

"We usually have a foot to foot-and-a-half of ice, but the 30s and 40s didn't make much ice in early December, and we didn't get any more help in January," Sleeper said.

Color plays a big part in determining whether ice is

safe enough to stand on, Freidhof said, but it can sometimes be deceiving.

He said, in general, light gray to dark ice and white to opaque ice should be avoided, but blue to clear ice is safe.

"There are a lot of natural springs and flow issues in Lake Macbride, and they can be very dangerous if you don't know the body of water," Freidhof said.

It is important to take precautions on the ice. He said ice-fishers ought to attach a rope to themselves that is also on land, wear an inflatable life jacket, and always let others know where they'll be fishing.

But despite the hampered ice fishing, many anglers took advantage of traditional fishing with the warm weather, hooking

fish on the Iowa River and also the Mississippi River.

And Bentley agreed the lack of ice does have benefits.

"It may help from the standpoint that there weren't a lot of fish killed from the layers of ice,"

Bentley said. "Spring can be a month in advance because the ice was basically nonexistent."

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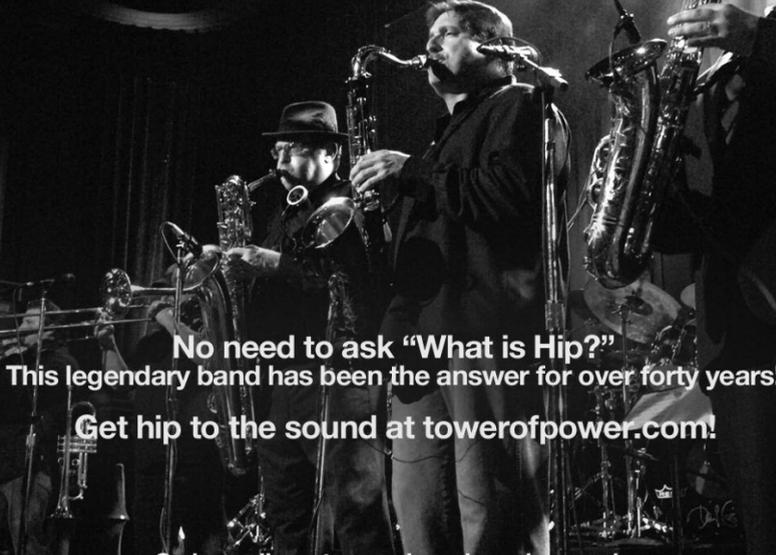
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Editorial

Digging into University of Iowa's de facto racial segregation



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It was 1:30 p.m., otherwise known as Burge rush half-hour. The line to the dining hall stretched as far as the eye could see looking up from a text message.

The huddled masses of dorm freshmen flooded from all doors. Most were red-blooded Americans, with soft tacos in the back of their minds and weekend memories on the tip of their tongues.

But some were not red-blooded Americans. Some were dark-haired and colorfully clothed international students from Asia. They didn't stick out. Rather, they didn't blend in. Americans grouped together and Asians grouped together, with no discernible exceptions.

One Asian — I will not claim the ability to distinguish among nationalities, as I am not able to do so in regard to any continent — stepped outside the line and waved. Two friends came over, both Asian. They spoke, shared a laugh or two, and got in line. Some 20 white kids followed behind them.

Following the some-20 white kids were a pair of Asians, a guy and a girl. They both had figurines jingling on their backpacks. The guy had a little dog-key-chain, and the girl had a SpongeBob of equal size. The guy stroked the girl's hair and kissed her on the temple as they moved in line.

There were no American-Asian couples in sight. There were no American-Asian conversations on site. I doubt there was even American-Asian eye-contact.

(So much culture here at the University of Iowa. That's the argument for international recruitment, right? Cross-cultural something or other?)

Meanwhile, China-U.S. relations are going great, especially in Iowa — what with a \$14 billion Iowa soy-bean contract and Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping's trip to the bright lights of Muscatine.

But you wouldn't be able to tell at the UI, where nearly 2,000 Chinese students live and learn.

The reason I was able to observe the comings and goings of the Burge dining-hall line was because I was wounded emotionally. I had tried and failed to speak with five Asian students, all turning me down. One couple told me they did not want to be quoted in the paper, and the rest were busy beavers. I asked one kid studying in the lounge if he was busy, and he said yes. I asked if he had just five minutes, and he said no. I walked away, holding back tears, and sat down next to the moving line.

After the line died down and my confidence grew back, I saw a Burge worker leave the dining hall and sit down in the lobby, messing with his phone. I took a deep breath and walked over.

His name was Yungpeng Wu and hailed from Shandong, China. He did not speak very good English, and I told him that was OK.

I asked him how he found out about Iowa. "Good," he said, chuckling.

This kind of exchange was typical throughout the interview, so I'll give you the straight answers.

He found out about Iowa through the Internet. He came here to study. When he hangs out, he does so with other Chinese students — only Chinese students, none from Korea or anywhere else. He's young, just 19, likes to hang out at the gym, studies business, and plans to move back to China after he graduates. That was all we talked about.

Though I don't have an incredible amount of evidence,

it's safe to say the language barrier is making it difficult for Yungpeng to expand his social circle. The best way to hurdle the language barrier is to immerse yourself in the culture (so I hear, anyway), so why isn't Yungpeng trying?

Why should he? American kids at Iowa are pretty damn racist. I have no statistics to back this up, only what I hear on the streets and read on the UI Memes Facebook page.

But I don't think racism is the main issue. It's where the students see themselves in five years and how much those students are involved on campus. I came to this scholarly conclusion after speaking with Tiantian Sun, a UI senior from Tsingtao, China.

(Yes, like the beer. That's where it's brewed.) I knew Tiantian from class. She's a very affable girl. We have a few friends in common, and I see her around downtown some nights.

Tiantian found out about Iowa the same way Yungpeng did — through the Internet.

"There were good sports team, the pictures looked pretty, it's where the Field of Dreams is." She laughed. Tiantian said she could speak English "pretty well" by the time she came to the UI.

When asked if the social transition was hard when she first came, Tiantian said no.

"Not at all. I started out living on the international floor in Mayflower. There were kids from all around the world, and I got to know a lot of different people. I joined a lot of student organizations, got really involved on campus. It wasn't hard at all."

Today, Tiantian says she spends a lot of her spare time with her sorority sisters. Most of her friends are American, but she still stays in contact with her Chinese friends. She said the UI made it easy for her to make the social jump.

"Our school has a lot of international events that give students an opportunity to know each other; it allows different cultures allowed to collaborate. There are a lot of opportunities to hang out with different students around here."

Tiantian said she plans to move to Los Angeles after she graduates, but that wasn't always her first choice,

"I always thought of moving to Chicago, but I don't like the weather."

It's clear that dorm-placement helped Tiantian. She was with a lot of different people from all over the globe, all eager to get to know the world around them. I didn't think to ask where Yungpeng lived during his first year at Iowa, but I think that has much to do with his relative isolation, as is the case with many other Asian students. From what I hear, international students often have a hard time securing spots in the dorms after late registration.

Take a look around yourself, UI. Are you the mecca of global diversity you claim to be? Or are you, in effect, a segregated community? If the UI wishes to transform from the latter to the former, officials need to learn from students like Tiantian.

Expand the international floors and encourage international students to get involved. Point them toward a career on U.S. soil. Report the UI Memes Facebook page. Something, everything, anything.

These students have a lot to teach us, and we have a little bit to teach them, too. Make it easier for us to learn from one another — because as it is right now, we're too scared to talk to even talk with one another.

Your turn. In regard to U.S. and Asian students, is the University of Iowa a segregated community? Weigh in at dailyiowan.com.

'Y' for Wyoming and other tales



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In these days of waiting (and waiting) (then doing some more waiting) for the baseball season to start — and pondering what the Red Sox are going to do for a shortstop, having traded theirs away for minor-league pitchers ...

What? you say. Who would do that?

Um, the Red Sox. You're interrupting, by the way. The thinking in the BoSox (which I prefer to spell BeauSox) brain trust — yes, I use the term advisably — is that in 2004, Theo Epstein traded away the shortstop, and the Sox went on to win the World Series.

(We'll just ignore the fact that Theo got a shortstop in return, not minor-league pitchers. Ahem. That's French for "ignore.")

(And if you believe that, I've got a spare Pont Neuf on my hands that you can buy. Cheap.)

And pondering the Sox and their shortstop, or lack thereof (I'm still available, Red Sox, though I seem to have this philosophical problem with going to my right — on the other hand, I am a lifelong Red Sox fan; my first words, my father reports, were "Carl Yastrzemski," and my father was quite impressed that a 1-year-old American could correctly pronounce a Polish name. My mother, not so much.)

Meanwhile, back at the pondering, you might suppose that thinking about the Sox and shortstops and baseball in general is a waste of time. But it keeps my mind, such as it is, from thinking about Iranians and Mitt Romney and Rick Santorum and Newt Gingrich and Fox News.

And frankly, anything — even knitting — is better than thinking about Iranians and Mitt Romney and Rick Santorum and Newt Gingrich. (OK, die-hard knitters, you don't have to throw your needles at me. I'll go quietly.)

But then the Wyoming Legislature comes lassoing its way into your life (OK, my life). There's a bill in the Wyoming House

that would allow the state, in case the national economy goes the way of the Fukushima nuclear reactors (the economy is going the other way, but never mind), to print its own currency, raise a standing army, and buy an aircraft carrier. Among other things.

Yeah, aircraft carrier. Yeah, I know; Wyoming is nearly as far from any ocean as Iowa. Maybe the Wyoming legislators thought they could put the carrier in the Platte River — though the last time I saw the Platte, it had a broad river valley and roughly 8 inches of water. (OK, maybe 10 — you know how bad men are at judging inches. Much better at yards or even meters.)

"Y" for Wyoming, as a friend of mine once said. Then there's the Iranian government minister who, before the Academy Awards show, pooh-poohed the Oscars, saying they were a frivolous exercise in a backwater country (a loose translation; my Farsi isn't what it used to be, and it used to be nowhere).

Backwater country? Hey, Iranian government minister, this is the USA. We've got lots of front water, too.

Which brings us to one of my favorite writers, Hendrik Hertzberg of *The New Yorker*, who recently wrote: "TV journalism's most pathological mutation, Fox News, propagandizes for the Republican right as faithfully, slickly, and humorlessly as Russian state TV does for Vladimir Putin."

Well, to be honest, I love that. But to be fair (a word that Fox News employs without quite knowing what it means — it's an undergraduate sort of thing, kind of like the word "dude"), I'm not sure I'd slander Russian state TV quite that much.

And Newt (remember him? me, neither) keeps calling President Obama the most dangerous president in U.S. history. Which is quite something, given that it's coming from the most dangerous husband in U.S. history.

Meanwhile, Red Sox, about that shortstop — you know, pitchers really, really like to have a shortstop back there. It's kind of traditional. ■

Guest opinion

Defense cuts endanger our national security

The 2013 Defense Department budget cuts military spending by \$487 billion over 10 years, which translates into eliminating six Air Force fighter squadrons, cutting 16 ships from the Navy, and reducing the Army and Marine Corps by 80,000 to 100,000 troops over five years. Our thinking is that future wars will be fought with more high technology weapons and fewer troops. The problem is, we could lose highly qualified military personnel because of the cutbacks.

The end result could mean we will have a plethora of high-technology weapon systems available but lack the quantity and quality of non-commissioned and commissioned military leaders to employ the equipment.

Another \$600 billion in defense-cuts could be enacted if Congress does not act to change current laws.

Unfortunately, our military strategy might be faulty. Let's look at a few countries who could be potential adversaries.

China has a multimillion-man army and a large air force. It is upgrading its missile systems and developing anti-ship missiles that could threaten U.S. naval forces. It is in the process of deploying two aircraft carriers and building up its submarine fleet. China seems to want to dominate Southeast Asia and annex Taiwan. It is a close ally of North Korea.

North Korea has a million-man army and continues to expand its missile capabilities. It poses a threat to South Korea and maintains a goal of uniting Korea under its domain. It has nuclear weapons and continues to sell nuclear and missile technology to a number of countries, including Iran.

Iran threatens the Middle East with an aggressive

attitude and the potential development of nuclear weapons. It has missile systems capable of hitting targets in Arab countries, Israel, and Western Europe. Iran has acquired some submarines and is building up its navy. It has a close relationship with Venezuela and might want to establish a naval base in that country.

Venezuela threatens South American and Central American countries. President Hugo Chávez is friendly with Castro of Cuba and has developed a military relationship with Russia. He has purchased a significant quantity of arms from Russia and has allowed Russian warships to use Venezuelan port facilities.

Russia still acts like a communist country and could still threaten world peace. It vocally supports Iran's nuclear program, and it is upgrading its land-military forces with

the latest weaponry and is refurbishing its navy.

Another concern for the United States is the potential rise of radical Islamists in a number of countries in North Africa and the Middle East. As the totalitarian governments in the region fail, they could be replaced with Islamic forces who might implement Sharia law and who could be antagonistic and possibly adversarial to the United States.

The weakening of the U.S. military with the proposed budget cuts could embolden potential adversaries to expand militarily in their respective regions. We need to maintain a strong military posture to protect our national security and promote peace in the world by deterring potential adversaries from launching military adventures.

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General and unsolicited advice:

- Never trust a fart when you're running a fever. Never.
- Before ravenously tearing into a hunk of bleu cheese you found in your fridge, always first ask yourself the question: "When was the last time I actually bought a hunk of bleu cheese?" Because it might be just a hunk of provolone that's growing mold.
- If you're too drunk to drive, you should also probably stay the hell off Amazon.
- If you see a sock on the floor and don't know whether or not it's dirty, and you pick it up and it's as stiff as cardboard, then it's dirty. Trust this. Don't sniff the sock. **DO NOT SNIFF THE SOCK.**
- Teaching your 6-year-old cousin the phrase "Ass, grass, or cash: Nobody rides for free" is only funny until the next time he rides the school bus and discusses this policy with the driver, gets in trouble, and tells on you, leading you to receive a stressed and angry call from your aunt. Then it's hilarious.
- The best way to get important people to notice you is to carry a samurai sword.
- Looking for something to paint? How about a bowl of fruit? That'd be novel.
- When making hamburgers for your girlfriend, if she beckons you into the living room to see something on the television, you should reply with "I can't right now, I'm making the patties" and not "Just as soon as I'm done pounding my meat."
- It's only a humane animal trap if you remember to check it occasionally.

- Andrew R. Juhl never takes advice freely given and also never charges for advice.

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 - Locale of Guantánamo Bay
 - Go without food
 - "The Good Shepherd" org.
 - Omani or Yemeni
 - Use a fan on
 - It twists underwater
 - He played Jin-Soo Kwon on "Lost"
 - "Through the Looking-Glass" character
 - Move, in real-estate ads
 - Swings that result in strikes
 - "King" serpents
 - Doorbell sound
 - Site of Haleakala National Park
 - Pinkish
 - Some collectible toys
 - Everything
 - "That is to say ..."
 - Speedwagon
 - 1941 Frank Capra film
 - Animal that can stand upright
 - One who saves the day
 - Lose it
 - Puts back to zero, say
 - Displays appetite, in a way
 - Wheels' connector
 - Cornerstone of the American legal system
 - Some hippie wear
 - Had a bite
 - Writer of sad poems
 - Slangy turndowns
- Down**
- "Cop Killer" singer who went on to play a cop on TV
 - Outlook
 - Alma mater for Bill and Hillary Clinton
 - Goffer's assistant
 - They divide Europe and Asia
 - Bugaboos
 - Endure
 - Caesar of comedy
 - ___-la-la
 - Biting
 - Al of "Today"
 - "There you have it!"
 - St. ___ fire
 - Drink sometimes indicated in comics by "XXX"
 - Some tech grads
 - TV award
 - Social class
 - Unsafe?
 - Stay up all night before a test, say
 - Darned thing ___ of Man
 - José's hand
 - Some expensive dresses
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 - "Methinks," online
 - Poetic time after dusk

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today's events

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- **Pharmacology Postdoctoral Workshop**, "Parf, A Novel Partner of ARF, Inhibits Centrosome Amplification and Chromosome Instability through Nucleophosmin Regulation and Its GTPase Function," Xuefeng Zhang, 10:30 a.m., 1117 Medical Education & Research Facility
 - **Research Professionals Network Open Forum**, "What does it mean to be an author of a research manuscript, presentation, or publication?," Richard Hichwa, noon, C44A General Hospital
 - **Operator Theory Seminar**, "Extensions of Hilbert modules over tensor algebras," Andrew Greene, Mathematics, 1:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen
 - **Special Plasma Physics Seminar**, "From Rayleigh-Taylor to Ballooning Interchange Processes in Natural and Laboratory Plasmas," Ping Zhu, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1:30 p.m., 309 Van Allen
 - **Math/Physics Seminar**, "The One Body Problem in Relativistic Euclidean Quantum Mechanics," Phillip Kopp, Physics/Astronomy 2:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen
 - **Dr. Sarah Pulvermacher Graduate Student Seminar**, "Specificity and evolution of bacterial signaling pathways," Michael Laub, MIT, 3 p.m., Bowen Auditorium 3
 - **Hardin Open Workshop**, Zotero, 3 p.m., Hardin Library
 - **Body Image Awareness**, 3:30 p.m., 240 Blank Honors Center
 - **Life in Iowa — Career Series, Networking**, 5 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Centre
 - **MidWestOne Lecture Series**, "Running the World on Renewables," networking, 5-5:45 p.m., panel of Joe Baker, Tim Dwight, and Bill Leighty, 5:45-7 p.m., Sheraton Hotel, 210 S. Dubuque
 - **Once Upon a Time in Anatolia**, 6:15 p.m., Bijou
 - **Polica with Marijuana Death Squads**, Total F***ing Blood, 8 p.m., Gabe's, 330 E. Washington
 - **Carnage**, 9:30 p.m., Bijou
 - **Flight School**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

UITV schedule

- Campus channel 4, cable channel 17
- 1:30 p.m.** *Montana Ranching: Raising Family and Beef*, a film by UI Alumni Lauren Chase (2010)
 - 2** Women at Iowa, interview with Rachel Williams, Art & Art History, spring 2011
 - 3:30** University of Iowa Choir and Orchestra, Timothy Stalter directs J.S. Bach's *Christmas Oratorio*, Dec. 1, 2010
 - 5:30** Iowa Women's Archive, "We Strive and We Do: Black Sorority Activism," Deborah Whaley, March 2, 2011
 - 6:15** Ueye, student life and information for UI students and prospective students
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horoscopes Tuesday, Feb. 28

- by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 Get down to business. You can make a lasting impression by utilizing your skills and incorporating detail and precision. An energetic and aggressive approach will ensure that you outshine the competition. Love is in the stars.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Operate as a team player. Share your ideas, and listen to suggestions. A give-and-take attitude will lead to greater accomplishments. Open up, express your feelings, and you will find out where you stand and what your options are.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Not everyone will be open with you. Before you make a move, you'd be wise to discuss your concerns and incorporate stipulations that will cover you should someone renege or hold back information you require to make a decision.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22 Take greater interest in what everyone around you is doing, and you will avoid making an impulsive mistake. Progressive action regarding your position and partnerships will encourage favors, goodwill, and success. Home improvements will pay off.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 Listen, but don't put too much value on what's said. It's important to maintain your position and to show confidence when dealing with peers. A matter regarding a personal arrangement should be dealt with before it has a chance to escalate.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Travel, learning, and expanding your philosophical, religious, or psychological awareness will help you get ahead personally and professionally. Changing your environment will alter your perspective regarding what you've done in the past and what you can do in the future.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Charm will help pave the way to success. You can make your assets grow by improving your surroundings or downsizing to fit your budget. Welcome change; it will give you greater freedom of choice. Love and romance are highlighted.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 You can make things happen if you don't limit the possibilities. Believe in you and your ability to get things done. Step into the limelight, and address the situations you face head-on to win support and impress someone influential.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Honesty will be the issue when it comes to friendships. Not living up to your promises will hurt your reputation and leave you in an awkward position. Open up, and let any decision that is being made be based on truth.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Organize your schedule, and you will be able to fulfill both personal and professional responsibilities. A moneymaking deal that will influence your home, family, and living arrangements is apparent. Steer clear of unfaithful romantic temptation.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Keep things simple. Too much of anything, including your opinion, will get you into trouble when dealing with friends, relatives, or neighbors. Consider your attributes, and you will find your niche.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 Stick to what you know and the people you are most familiar with in order to reach your goals. A chance to partner with someone from your past will open doors to future prospects. Share your interests, thoughts, and plans for the future.

ON THE STREET

What is the hardest thing you've ever had to do?



'Leaving home - I'm a mama's girl.'

Nicolette Ponzio
UI junior



'Probably middle school. Middle school sucked.'

Alyssa Schaefer
UI sophomore



'A hiking trip I took in high school for 24 days. Every day was a challenge, but it as really rewarding, too.'

Catherine Kerwin
UI sophomore



'Forgetting about the past.'

Meng Xiong
UI junior



Romney: I will win

By **KASIE HUNT**
Associated Press

ROCKFORD, Mich. — Republican presidential-nomination candidate Mitt Romney on Monday predicted a Michigan victory as he claimed that Rick Santorum is ill-prepared to deal with the nation's economic woes. He called his GOP rival a nice guy who never held a job in the private sector.

"I'm going to win in Michigan, and I'm going to win across the country," Romney told the crowd gathered at the Royal Oak Music Theatre as it waited to hear rocker-rapper Kid Rock perform his song "Born Free," which the Romney campaign has adopted as a theme.

A day ahead of the crucial Michigan primary, Romney shifted his line of attack from the cultural issues and conservative rhetoric he used over the weekend and instead insisted that he'll win — in Michigan and in the general election in November — because he is best positioned to fix the economy. He attacked the former Pennsylvania senator as a legislator who doesn't know how to create jobs.

"I understand why jobs go, why they come, I understand what happens to corporate profit, where it goes if the government takes it," Romney told a crowd at the Byrne Electrical warehouse.

The unsuccessful 2008

presidential candidate relied on a campaign format he preferred through primaries and caucuses this election in Iowa, New Hampshire, South Carolina, Florida, Nevada, and Colorado: holding events at local businesses, touring factories with their owners, speaking to employees and supporters.

He made two such stops on Monday in Michigan, at Byrne and then at Caster Concepts in Albion before the Royal Oak rally — billed initially only as with a "special musical guest. He's fighting hard to win in the state where he was born and raised, even — as Romney tells it — driving himself to visit Kid Rock's home on Thursday to persuade the rock star to perform at the rally.

"I'm happy to introduce a son of Detroit, a friend, a guy who makes great music, a guy who introduces me by DVD everywhere I go — Kid Rock," Romney said after he delivered his standard campaign speech to the crowd.

Romney is far ahead in Arizona, which also holds its primary today, but Santorum has mounted an unexpectedly strong challenge in Michigan. Polls show a close race, and a loss would be embarrassing to Romney. It also could jeopardize his path to victory in what's already become a prolonged fight for the GOP presidential nomination.

The business of sports

This past fall, 168 University of Iowa students declared recreation and sport business as their majors.

By **JENNY EARL**
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Sports enthusiasts can finally find their niche in higher education through a new major geared toward combining business and athletics.

The University of Iowa launched the recreation and sports business major last fall. University officials said the degree will help students integrate business strategies with sports.

"It involves a concentration area of courses related to all of the aspects of operating a recreation or sport enterprise," said Dan Matheson, a UI lecturer in leisure studies. "Legal liability, facility issues, business-management issues — all of the things that occur in a sports-run office."

Mike Teague, a UI professor of health and human physiology, said the department expects close to 225 students in the major by the end of the spring semester — a 33.9 percent increase over the fall.

Teague said interest from recreation business program students in Interdepartmental Studies influenced the creation of the major, part of a rapidly growing sports-business field nationwide.

"That's because sports is

big business," he said.

The UI joins 284 other universities nationwide offering a bachelor's degree in sports management, according to the North American Society for Sport Management.

Julie Work, an assistant executive director of the National Association of College Directors of Athletics, said universities with stable athletics departments help students in the major gain more experience.

"The biggest thing is the internship and getting into the athletics departments — getting your feet wet," she said.

Teague said the major is a good option for any student interested in the sports industry as a career.

"Athletes, for example, have a natural affinity to sports business as a career interest," he said.

Students who major in recreation and sport business explore careers as publicists, managers, agents, athletics administrators, among many other positions in sports industries.

UI officials said a lack of faculty and advisers led to smaller promotion for the program last fall, which wasn't able to meet student demands.

"We chose to delay marketing of the sport business track until spring



The UI launched the recreation and sports business major last fall, and 168 students declared it as their major. Dan Matheson, a UI lecturer in leisure studies, teaches a class in the Karro Athletics Hall of Fame on Monday. (The Daily Iowan/Jacklyn Couppee)

Recreation and Sport Business Major

Students with the major can pursue a variety of sport-related careers

- Campus recreation
- Municipal recreation
- College-athletics administration
- Professional sports
- Event management
- Athletics training
- Health and fitness clubs

Source: UI Health and Human Physiology

lines.

Matheson, also a former NCAA employee, promoted the major last fall by sending students interested in sports business careers to visit the NCAA headquarters in Indianapolis. Leading a group of 45 students, Matheson introduced students to the Indiana Pacer vice president of marketing, the director of basketball administration, and the vice president and general counsel in addition to staff members of the NCAA.

Nicholas Stachowiak, a UI junior in the program, said it has helped him better understand the sporting world and how it operates as a business. He said he is interested in becoming a sports agent.

"The sports world is very complex, and with this major, and Dan Matheson as a mentor and innovator, I feel like I am ready to enter the sport business world," he said.

2012," Teague said. "It's a popular major at many universities, and we knew meeting student demand would be an issue."

Currently, the UI has 25 adjunct faculty members in the Health and Human Physiology Department. Since the new major, department officials are preparing to add more faculty, advisers, and lecture

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Obama: Invest in education

By **BETH FOUHY**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Obama Monday urged the nation's governors to invest more state resources in education, saying a highly skilled workforce is crucial for the United States to remain competitive with other countries.

Obama made his pitch at a White House meeting with governors in Washington as part of the annual winter meeting of the National Governors Association. The president and first lady Michelle Obama hosted a black-tie dinner with the governors Sunday night.

Obama said at Monday's session that he sympathized with governors whose state budgets have

been badly squeezed during the economic downturn. But he said that was no reason to trim resources from schools.

"The fact is that too many states are making cuts in education that I think are simply too big," Obama said. "Nothing more clearly signals what you value as a state than the decisions you make about where to invest. Budgets are about choices."

He reaffirmed his view that decisions about education should be left to states and not the federal government. "I believe education is an issue that is best addressed at the state level," the president said, "and governors are in the best position to have the biggest impact."

It was a message directed largely to Republican governors, many of whom have complained of too much federal intrusion in state matters including education. Several prominent GOP governors were in the room as the president spoke, including Chris Christie of New Jersey and Bobby Jindal of Louisiana.

Obama earlier this month granted waivers to 11 states, freeing them from some of the toughest requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act, as long as they measure student progress with their own standards.

He called on governors to assist that effort toward a more state-centered approach to education by spending more on education.

"That does not mean we have to invest in things that aren't working," he said. "It doesn't mean that it doesn't make sense to break some china and move aggressively on reforms. But the fact of the matter is we don't have to choose between resources and reforms, we need resources and reform."

Specifically he called for more teachers in the classroom. He also noted that 21 states require students to stay in high school until they graduate or turn 18.

"I urge others to follow suit of those 21 states," Obama said.

On higher education, Obama said more than 40 states have cut financing of public colleges and universities over the past year. "This is just the peak of



President Obama speaks before the National Governors Association on Monday in the State Dining Room of the White House. (Associated Press/Susan Walsh)

what has been a long-term trend of reduced state support for higher education," he said.

UI must release resignation agreement

By **RYAN J. FOLEY**
Associated Press

In a victory for government transparency, a judge has ordered the University of Iowa to release a resignation agreement with a former medical employee who filed a lawsuit trying to keep the document and his identity a secret.

District Judge Thomas Reidel agreed with the Associated Press that the settlement was a public record under Iowa law and said the public has a right to know the details, including a \$100,000 bonus offered if he left the university's employment before a

specific date. He dismissed claims by the former Carver College of Medicine employee — identified in court records only as "John Doe" — that the record was a confidential employment contract.

Reidel ordered the document to be released immediately in his ruling last week, but that process wasn't completed Monday, meaning Doe's identity and reason for resigning remain shielded from the public for now. Doe could also seek to suspend the ruling and appeal. His lawyer didn't immediately return messages.

When released, the document is expected to shed light on the school's handling of a messy personnel dispute during a period in which other cases were under scrutiny. The medical school was criticized for moving too slowly last year to get rid of a doctor who was charged with faking his own stabbing in Chicago and investigated for viewing child pornography. Another doctor suspended for unprofessional behavior has filed a lawsuit accusing medical-school officials of discrimination and retaliation.

The AP filed a public-

records request a year ago seeking settlement agreements among medical-school employees and the university. The school released several but delayed the release of Doe's after notifying him of AP's request, giving him time to try to block its disclosure. AP intervened to seek its release.

Reidel revealed new details about the agreement that has been kept under wraps for a year. He said the document was signed in June 2010 to "resolve all matters" related to Doe's employment.

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Jumping into inspiration

Senior Jeff Herron isn't Iowa's best jumper, but his coaches and teammates say he brings almost unparalleled passion to the track.

By **ELDON GIANNAKOUIROS**
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Senior jumper Jeff Herron's career with the Iowa men's track team is winding down, but it isn't yet clear which of his accomplishments Hawkeye fans will remember him for.

Some will remember him for his leaps into a pit that showed his growing skill. Others may remember him for jumps like his last-ditch dive across the finish line in the 300 meters at this year's Black and Gold intrasquad meet. The latter leap showed his capacity to push himself and his teammates on to greater things, head coach Larry Wiczorek said.

"He's a guy who has long-jumped for us and high-jumped for us, and his attitude inspires everybody," Wiczorek said.

Herron is a jumper through and through, but

he decided to test the water against Division-I runners when his coaches signed him up for a sprint at the intrasquad meet.

"The 300 was just something I could do and be competitive, and I just went out there and ran and tried to win," Herron said. "I guess what the team could take out of [the dive] is to go out and compete in whatever you do; step up and be the best person you can be."

He didn't win the race, but his last-second burst across the finish line has become the legend around the Iowa team. Moments such as the dive made Herron's teammates vote him the squad's most inspirational athlete in both years he spent as a Hawkeye; he jumped for Texas-San Antonio as a freshman and sophomore.

"Jeff's a hard worker; especially living together, we have a really good environment of competition," said Troy Doris, Herron's friend, roommate, and fellow jumper. "We carry that to practice and into everything we do ... He's a good training partner to have around. I couldn't ask for anyone else."

Herron has been developing an attitude of constant improvement since he was a high-school sophomore in Texas and first realized he had talent as a



Iowa long jumper Jeff Herron lands in the sand during the Drake Relays at Drake Stadium on April 29, 2011. Herron, a senior, hopes to qualify for his first and only NCAA indoor meet in the coming weeks. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

high jumper. Herron posted a 6-8 jump as a senior, and that's when things became serious for the Fort Bend Austin alumnus.

"It was such a good height that I started looking at marks nationally and in the state. I realized that if I put together a few more jumps and got a little bit better, I could potentially win the state meet," Herron said. "Once I got ahead of that idea, I really tried to focus on track and become a student of the game."

Herron took second at the state meet that year,

and he has brought the same studious attitude with him to Iowa.

"The mentality I've acquired is, 'Why not me?'" he said. "... I think, 'Why can't I go to nationals; why can't I be a national champion? If the other guys can do it, why not me?'"

Herron is hoping to do just that as his indoor season draws to a close. He qualified for the NCAA outdoor championships last year, but didn't score points for the Hawkeyes. He hopes to qualify for what would be his first and only

indoor NCAA meet early next month.

"I work hard; I know what I'm trying to get to," he said. "I'm not the top tier of the team. There are a lot of guys who are doing a lot better than me, and I'm just trying to put myself up there and get where they're at."

Herron built momentum last weekend with his performance at the Big Ten indoor championships in Lincoln, Neb. His fourth-place finish was a highlight on an otherwise difficult

day for his teammates.

Herron still has the time and talent to carve the title of NCAA All-American into his legacy, but the one he's already established in the minds of his teammates and coaches has served him well so far.

"He's a hard worker, has a great attitude, and he's going to be a hard guy to replace," Wiczorek said. "Not only for performances in the field but what he brings to our teams in terms of his personality and his attitude — which is terrific."

GREG DAVIS

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went on to play in the NFL, and they are three of only five former Texas signal-callers to ever start a game in the league. Five Longhorns won Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year honors under Davis, and three of them were finalists for the Heisman Trophy.

But Bennett argued Davis might not deserve all the credit.

"Davis also benefited from some wildly impressive, blue-chip offensive talent that [head coach Mack] Brown recruited," he wrote.

"... To put it simply, Davis' offenses worked when he had a great quarterback and scuffled when they didn't."

He'll work with James Vandenberg, who finished third in passing yards among Big Ten quarterbacks in 2011, when spring practice starts in late March. Iowa has four other quarterbacks on the roster as well — returning players John Weinke and Jake Rudock and incoming gunslingers Cody Sokol and C.J. Beathard.

"I think Greg Davis is a great coach and a great hire," Big Ten Network analyst Gerry DiNardo tweeted on Monday. "I'm most interested in how the

run/pass ratio will play out."

Davis' coaching career began with assistant stints at two high schools. He started at Barbe High in Lake Charles, La., before spending three years (1975-77) at his alma mater, Port Neches-Groves High in Texas.

He broke into the college ranks as the quarterback coach at Texas A&M, a position he held from 1978-84. He left the Aggies to become the receiver coach under Brown at Tulane, the same school where he eventually got his only shot to date at being a head coach.

Davis compiled a 14-31 record at the helm of the Green Wave from 1988-91. Davis spent the next six

years with Arkansas (offensive coordinator and quarterback coach, 1992-93), Georgia (passing-game coordinator, 1994-95), and North Carolina (offensive coordinator, 1996-97). Brown, who was the Tarheels' head coach, brought Davis with him to Texas in 1998; Davis left after the Longhorns went 5-7 (2-6 Big 12) in 2010. He didn't coach last season.

Davis' hiring ends a three-week period in which Ferentz hired or promoted six coaches. New defensive coordinator Phil Parker was tabbed on Feb. 7, along with defensive position coaches Darrell Wilson and Reese Morgan; Brian Ferentz and LeVar Woods were announced on Feb. 18.

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Hawkeyes win All-Big Ten honors

Four Hawkeye players garnered all-conference recognition, the league office announced Monday night.

Johnson was named second team All-Big Ten by both the coaches and media. The junior center is averaging 15 points and 6.7 rebounds per game. Printy earned third team All-Big Ten by both voting parties. Printy averaged 16.9 points per game prior to her ACL injury.

Wahlin was named third team All-Big Ten by the coaches and was an honorable-mention selec-

tion by the media. The guard is averaging 15.3 points and 3.9 assists in Big Ten play. Fellow guard Logic was named to the conference's All-Freshman team. The Racine, Wis., native enters the postseason with four straight double-doubles, including a triple-double on Sunday against Michigan.

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ing Matt Gatens and Devyn Marble.

But the trip to Campaign ended up being a huge step back for the Hawkeyes.

Once again, inconsistency reared its ugly head. Any sliver of NCAA hope Iowa had was dashed away in a 65-54 defeat at the hands of the Illini.

The same Hawkeye team that had convincingly beaten tournament-bound Indiana only a week earlier trailed Illinois for nearly all 40 minutes in Assembly Hall.

Inconsistency has prevented Iowa from taking the steps needed to become an NCAA Tournament-quality team.

There's no doubt the potential is there. Squads don't just stroll into the Kohl Center in Madison, Wis., and beat teams coached by Bo Ryan every day. Iowa did just that on

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Dec. 31, handing the Badgers only their seventh conference home loss in a decade under Ryan.

Entering Sunday, Fran McCaffery's team was tied with Cincinnati for the most wins (4) as an unranked team against the AP top-25.

But inconsistency has

paired impressive wins against ranked foes with embarrassing home losses to Campbell (77-61 on Nov. 23) and Clemson (71-55 on Nov. 29).

Expectations were high for McCaffery and Company at the beginning of the year. At times, Iowa exceeded those expectations. At other times, the Hawkeyes fell well short.

The one prevalent theme has been inconsistency.

One step forward. One step back.

McDonough snares top seed

Matt McDonough was awarded the top preliminary seed in the 125-pound bracket of the Big Ten wrestling championships on Monday.

The Hawkeye junior is the nation's top-ranked wrestler in his weight class and enters the conference tournament with a 27-1 record.

Eight other Hawkeyes earned preliminary seeds, and four joined McDonough as top-three seeds in their weights. Sophomore Ethen Lofthouse and senior Montell Marion were both given the third seed in their brackets, and Tony Ramos and redshirt freshman Mike Evans were named No. 2 seeds.

Iowa's five top-three seeds are the third-best in the conference, but the Hawkeyes' fewest since 2007. Head coach Tom Brands put

seven of his grapplers in the top three in 2011, nine in 2009-10, six in 2008, and three in 2007.

Penn State has a top-three wrestler at eight weight classes, and Minnesota has one at six. Both the Gophers and Nittany Lions have three wrestlers seeded No. 1.

Grant Gambrell earned the fourth seed for Iowa at 184 pounds, Derek St. John and Bobby Telford were given sixth seeds, and redshirt freshman Mike Kelly was named the 10th seed at 149. Iowa did not earn a seed at 197 pounds.

The Big Ten championships will begin Saturday in West Lafayette, Ind.

— by Sam Louwagie

Big Ten honors Kuebel

Iowa baseball player Sasha Kuebel was named the Big Ten Co-Freshman of the Week on Monday, according to a release.

The southpaw starter struck out 3 in 7 1/3 innings against Virginia Tech on Sunday. He gave up an earned run on 3 hits, walked a batter, and hit another with a pitch.

But Kuebel didn't get a decision; reliever Tim Fangman gave up 3 ninth-inning runs after the freshman departed, although only one of them was earned. Iowa lost the game, 4-3.

Kuebel (0-0, 2.31 ERA) is Iowa's first-ever Freshman of the Week; the Big Ten began distributing the award in 2011.

"He's very deserving," head coach Jack Dahm said in the release. "He pitched like a veteran against a good ... team. Sasha has pitched well to start the season and we look forward to his continued improvement."

Iowa (1-5) will travel to Tennessee to play in the Austin Peay/Riverview Inn Classic starting Friday. The Hawkeyes will face Akron, Austin Peay, and Youngstown State.

— by Seth Roberts

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COMMENTARY

Consistently inconsistent



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Inconsistency has plagued the Iowa men's basketball team this season, leaving it well short of the NCAA Tournament.

One step forward, one step back.

That's been the tale of the 2011-12 Iowa basketball season, as indicated by the team's 15-14 overall record and 7-9 Big Ten mark.

Look no further than Iowa's last three games for proof.

The program experienced its greatest week since the 2002-03 season by knocking off two ranked opponents in a seven-day span — No. 20 Indiana on Feb. 19 and No. 15 Wisconsin on Feb. 23.

The Hawkeyes' upset of Indiana seemed to catch the attention of ESPN analyst Doug Gottlieb, who tweeted on Feb. 22, "Sneaky [NCAA Tournament] bid stealer — look out for Iowa —

could have sweeps of Wiscy/Minn with a win tomorrow."

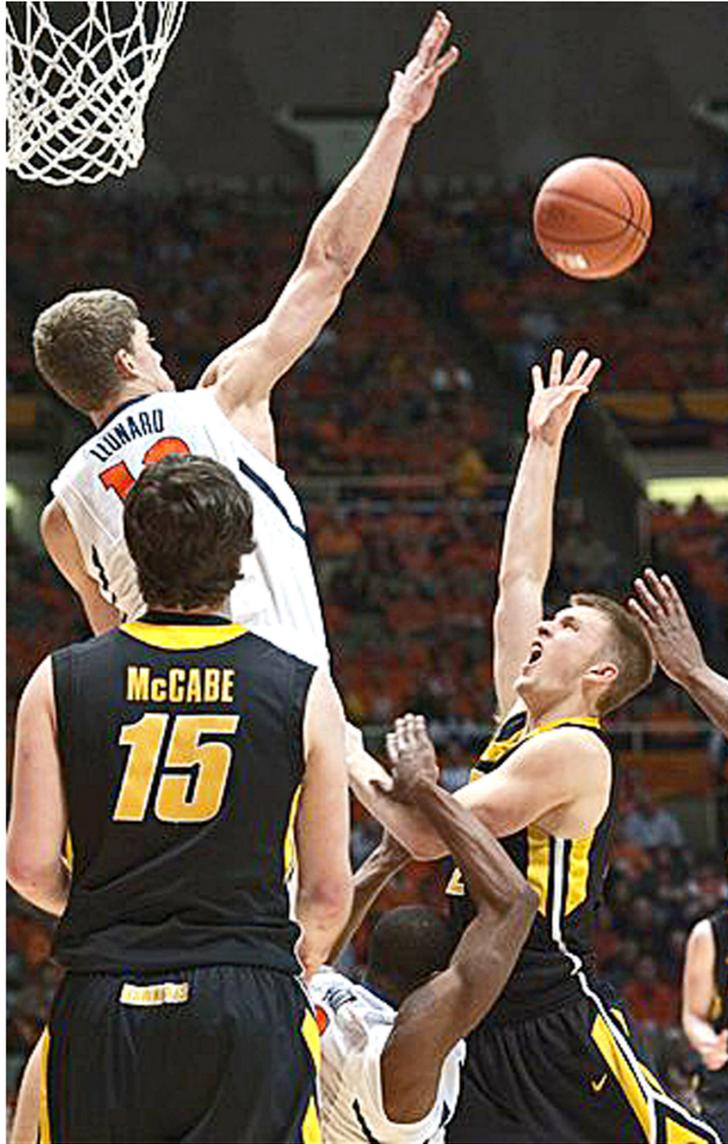
Six minutes later came his disclaimer: "Not saying it will happen, just giving you a team to keep an eye on — [.]"

Sure enough, Iowa beat Wisconsin and sealed a season sweep of the Badgers for the first time since Hawkeye forward Aaron White was 2 years old. Along with the win came slim hope for an NCAA Tournament berth.

But for a fanbase that couldn't have dreamed of seeing "Iowa" on a NCAA Tournament bracket over the past three seasons, those aspirations couldn't have seemed more realistic. If the Hawkeyes could take down two of the country's best in a five-day span, it seemed almost probable they could beat three Big Ten cellar-dwellers — starting with a reeling Illinois team — to end the regular season with a respectable 19 wins.

This was an Illinois team that hadn't won since Jan. 31. It was an Illinois team in such dire straits that it benched leading scorers Brandon Paul and Meyers Leonard at the start of Sunday's contest.

Imagine Iowa bench-



Iowa's Josh Oglesby shoots as Illinois' Meyers Leonard tries to defend him during the Illini's 65-54 win over the Hawkeyes on Sunday in Champaign, Ill. Iowa's loss came after the Hawkeyes had beaten two ranked teams in a row. (Associated Press/Robert K. O'Daniel)

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Ferentz taps ex-Texas aide for 'O'

Greg Davis has spent more than half his life as a college football coach.

By **SETH ROBERTS**
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And then there were none.

Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz finished plugging the holes in his coaching staff on Monday afternoon by hiring former Texas assistant Greg Davis as the Hawkeyes' new offensive coordinator and quarterback coach.

"We're thrilled to have Greg Davis join our staff," Ferentz said in a release. "Greg has enjoyed great success during his career, and I believe that can be attributed directly to the combination of his football expertise and teaching skills."

The 60-year-old Davis has 33 years of college-coaching experience, and he was most recently seen as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Texas. His 2005 offense set a then-NCAA record with 652 points, and the Longhorns won the BCS national championship. He was named the Frank Broyles Assistant Coach of the Year for his efforts.

Davis spent 13 years wearing burnt orange, during which ESPN.com writer Brian Bennett said he was "criticized for being too conservative."

"While Texas used spread elements, especially with [Vince] Young and [Colt] McCoy in charge, Davis often stuck to the basics and had a maddening tendency to play it safe in big spots," Bennett wrote on Monday.

Still, three of Davis' quarterbacks — Young, McCoy, and Chris Simms —

SEE GREG DAVIS, 8

Big Ten honors Logic, Gatens

Iowa basketball players Matt Gatens and Sam Logic were named Big Ten Players of the Week on Monday.

Gatens received the nod on the men's side in recognition of his recent red-hot scoring tear. The senior guard averaged 27.5 points per game over his last two contests, including a career-high 33 against No. 16 Wisconsin on Feb. 23.

That average doesn't take into account the 30 points he scored against Indiana on Feb. 19. Gatens has made 19 of his 26 3-point



Gatens
guard



Logic
guard

attempts over the past three games, a 73 percent clip.

Gatens' award is the first of his career; he's the first Iowa player to earn the weekly nod since Jake Kelly in March 2009.

Logic was named both Player of the Week and Freshman of the Week. It is the third-straight week in which she's pulled in the latter honor and marks her second Player of the Week award in three opportunities.

The Wisconsin native recorded just the fourth triple-double in Iowa women's history in Sunday's win over Michigan. The 13-point, 13-rebound, 11-assist performance was the first triple-double in the Big Ten this year.

She added 17 points and 10 rebounds against Northwestern on Feb. 23; the freshman has tallied four consecutive double-doubles.

— by Seth Roberts

Student recovering after intramural hoops injury

A University of Iowa intramural basketball player who left the Field House on a stretcher on Sunday night is recuperating after dislocating and fracturing his left shoulder.

UI sophomore Jay Burger was fighting for an offensive rebound when he got caught in the air between two opposing players. The first bumped Burger and caused his arm to twist; the second hit Burger's exposed limb, popping the shoulder out of its socket.

"I felt a crack," Burger told *The Daily Iowan* on Monday. "Worst pain of my life — I was screaming and saying some unfriendly words ... at that point, I had my arm diagonally away from my body on the ground, and moving it at all created the worst pain."

Burger said he felt another crack when he tried to stand up; he had suffered a minor fracture in his shoulder.

An intramural referee called for trainers, who in turn called paramedics. Burger was taken to the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, where doctors popped his shoulder back into place after X-raying the joint and giving him painkilling injections.

"It was kind of scary; the doctor goes, 'Oh my god, I'm sorry but that's one of the worst dislocations I've ever seen,'" Burger said. "I looked over, and my shoulder looked like someone had played with it like it was Play-Doh."

Burger said he was told the fracture will heal by itself, but he'll wear a sling for two weeks to protect his shoulder. He expects to be healthy by the time his intramural team, Phi Delta Theta, enters the playoffs.

— by Seth Roberts

NOTEBOOK

Hawks eye tourney run

Iowa will try to take advantage of its first-round bye at this week's Big Ten Tournament.

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The Iowa women's basketball team will be in a familiar position when it steps onto the hardwood of Bankers Life Field House on Friday.

This is the fifth-straight year Iowa has received a top-four seed in the Big Ten Tournament, which will begin this week in Indianapolis. Iowa received the No. 3 seed after a win over Michigan on Sunday, locking down a bye.

The bye is significant because the Black and Gold won't have to play in the first round; instead, they'll play their first game in the second round of the tournament against either Nebraska or Northwestern.

"It's always kind of the standard that this program has — to make the NCAA Tournament and to be at the top of the Big Ten," senior Kamille Wahlin said. "When the season started out, it wasn't like we hadn't been there before. I just kept telling the team, 'Hey, we've been in these positions. As long as we stick to the game plan and keep believing in the coaches, things are going to turn around for us.'"



Iowa guard Sam Logic fights Michigan's Kate Thompson for the ball on Sunday in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Logic finished with a 13-point, 13-rebound, 11-assist triple-double, and the Hawkeyes secured the No. 3 seed in the Big Ten Tournament with their 79-71 win. (The Daily Iowan/Toan Nguyen)

Wahlin and Company turned the season outlook around in a big way.

The eight-game winning streak to close the regular season and resulting bye could push the Hawkeyes — who were destined for a much lower seed four weeks ago — into contention for a conference tournament title.

Freshman Melissa Dixon — who scored a career-high 22 points and has started six games in place of injured star Jaime Printy — seems confident heading into postseason play.

"It's been incredible," Dixon said. "We've all believed in each other just like coach [Lisa Bluder] said, and to continue this for our seniors has been huge. They've been great role models and leaders all

year long, so I'm just glad we can go out like this."

Iowa had an early exit in last year's Big Ten tourney, following a bye with a loss to Ohio State in the second round. Bluder's squad also lost to the Buckeyes in the 2010 championship game.

If the Hawkeyes want to break through this week in Indianapolis, they'll need to rely on starters Wahlin, Dixon, Sam Logic, Kelly Krei, and Morgan Johnson.

Iowa hasn't received much production from the bench — reserves Theaira Taylor, Kalli Hansen, and Bethany Doolittle combined for 5 points on Sunday, for example — so the starters have been creating most of the offense during the recent stretch.

Next Up: Big Ten Tournament

When: Friday
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Iowa will likely continue to count on its starting lineup rather than the supporting cast, so the bye will give the Hawkeyes an extra day to prepare. Now with a bye in hand and just three games to win the title, the quest for a title starts Friday in the second round of the Big Ten Tournament.

"It's three games now," Bluder said. "It's three games at the Big Ten Tournament, and we'll go one at a time."

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