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## Barnstormers cut Johnson-Koulianos

Former Iowa wide receiver Derrell Johnson-Koulianos has been cut from the Iowa Barnstormers of the Arena Football League.

The former record-breaking Hawkeye is listed on the league's website as having been "placed on reassignment" on Monday.

Head coach Mike Hohensee told the *\*Des Moines Register\** that the decision had nothing to do with Johnson-Koulianos' colorful past; instead, it was a simple football choice.

"He wasn't catching on as quickly to the indoor game as other receivers ... if this was outdoor game, he'd still be here," Hohensee said. "... [There was] never any confrontational situation at all. He was professional in every way. He thanked me and told me he appreciated the opportunity."

Johnson-Koulianos set a then-school record for receiving yards, and he still holds the school's career-receptions tally. He was named first-team All-Big Ten following his senior season in 2010, making him the first Iowa wideout to earn the honor since Tim Dwight in 1997.

But he didn't play in the 2010 Insight Bowl following an arrest for drug possession; six of the seven charges were eventually dropped, and he pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana. He was dismissed from the Hawkeyes and wasn't selected in the 2011 NFL draft.

The Ohio native signed a contract with the Canadian Football League's Montréal Alouettes in October 2011, and he plans to be with the team when CFL play begins in July. He wasn't listed on the team's roster as of Tuesday afternoon.

Johnson-Koulianos declined comment when reached by *The Daily Iowan* on Tuesday.

— by Seth Roberts

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

# FOUR VOICES AMONG MANY

By **CHASTITY DILLARD**  
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People of all colors want to learn from people of all colors.

That's according to Adjunct Assistant Professor Vanessa Shelton, the executive director of Quill and Scroll, who believes the University of Iowa community is hungry to embrace

such diverse experiences. *The Daily Iowan* spoke with Shelton and three other leaders in the UI's African-American community: Marcella David, a professor of law and international studies; Motier Haskins, a clinical assistant professor of social work; and Joe Henry, recruitment and outreach coordinator in the UI's Office of Graduate and Ethnic Inclusion.

The four shared personal experiences and

milestones that contributed to more diversity — especially for the African-American population — in both Iowa City and the UI community.

In reflection of the many talents and fulfillments by black people in American history, the four also noted what can still be achieved for the future.

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Marcella David could name them all. In 1995, David showed her parents around downtown Iowa City, during which her mother insisted on pointing out the few black people they passed. David didn't miss a single name.

## Marcella David

PROFESSOR OF LAW AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AND ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW

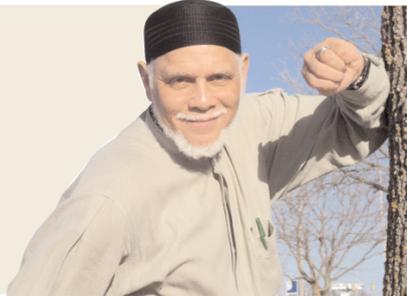
ARRIVED AT THE UI — 1995

## Motier Haskins

CLINICAL ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF SOCIAL WORK AND COORDINATOR CULTURAL COMPETENCE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

ARRIVED AT THE UI — 2007

Motier Haskins thought he was prepared for his move from the ethnic melting pot of Miami to Iowa City five years ago — but he wasn't.



Joe Henry smiled radiantly as he recalled a young black man from Memphis, Tenn. That young man — Phillip Lewis, now a professor at Langston University in Oklahoma — came to Iowa to pursue education, where he met Henry.

## Joe Henry

RECRUITMENT AND OUTREACH COORDINATOR FOR THE OFFICE OF GRADUATE ETHNIC INCLUSION

ARRIVED AT THE UI — 1985

## Vanessa Shelton

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF QUILL AND SCROLL INTERNATIONAL HONORARY SOCIETY AND ADJUNCT ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

ARRIVED AT THE UI — 1989

Vanessa Shelton tried to fill a void. But as a young, black professional journalist, there were few similar to her and even fewer to look up to.



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Mostly cloudy, very windy, steadily falling temperatures in the afternoon.

## OCCUPY IOWA CITY: DAY 148

# Occupy clock ticks

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Though Occupy Iowa City's presence in College Green park is supposed to end at midnight today, members of the organization say plans to proceed are underway.

Iowa City Assistant City Manager Geoff Fruin said city officials will take no action tonight at midnight — when the permit expires — but city staff will inspect the park Thursday morning.

"[We'll] come in the morning of the 1st and assess the situation," he said. "We'll be prepared to remove any posses-



The Occupy Iowa City site in College Green Park on Tuesday. The permit allowing the members to occupy the park will expire at midnight today, and city officials said they will inspect the park Thursday morning. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

SEE **OCCUPY**, 5

## Fee would up sustainability

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Funds from the student-activity fees may soon support the University of Iowa's sustainability efforts.

UI Student Government officials hope a recent resolution to earmark student-fee funds for sustainability efforts will one day launch into a green initiative fund.

"I think [the resolution] will finally put Iowa on the right side of things in terms of sustainability," said Abbey Moffitt, a UISG senator and the head of the sustainability committee. "Sustainability really is an investment in our future — we'll have more [support] in 20 years if we have this now."

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PANCAKES FOR A CAUSE



Richard Cornish, Sandra Roberts, and Jasmine Cornish enjoy free pancakes on National Pancake Day at the Coralville IHOP on Tuesday. Customers' donations from the evening will be sent to the UI Children's Hospital. (The Daily Iowan/Melissa Wilson)

# 'Incense' stays ahead of law

Past versions of synthetic marijuana sometimes used the chemical JWH-018

By ELISE DILGER  
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Further legislation about synthetic marijuana has Iowa lawmakers and local storeowners unsure whether the drug will ever be stamped out.

According to the *Current Psychiatry Journal*, synthetic cannabinoids are sometimes marketed as "herbal incense" and labeled against human consumption. Despite this, the article said, consumers often smoke the herb to produce cannabis-like effects of sedation, relaxation and euphoria.

A ban on certain forms of the incense passed last year, though lawmakers

then and now are wary about manufacturers altering small parts of the synthetic compounds to fall outside a new law's reach.

"The chemists will adapt to the new law," said Sen. Bob Dvorsky, D-Coralville.

Dvorsky said he was unsure about the new bill's possible success.

"There are only two weeks left for this bill to come from the House to the Senate," he said. "So I am not sure whether or not it will pass."

The *Current Psychiatry* study found a compound called JWH-18 in a variety of synthetic cannabinoids.

"The products initially had the added appeal of being legal and undetectable in screening," the article said. "The growing popularity of herbal-incense products has prompted health concerns based on reports of emergency... effects, including tachycardia, agitation, excess sedation, and loss of consciousness."

### Herbal Incense

Current herbal incense products legal in Iowa include:

- Afterlife
- Cloud 10
- Freedom
- Head Trip

Source: Herbal Incense Wholesaler

Kelly Stucker, who owns local glassware shop the Konnexion, 106 S. Linn St., said her store has not sold herbal incense because of its tenuous legal status and lack of regulation. She, too, was skeptical about the bill's effect.

"It doesn't matter what bill passes or when," she said. "The chemists interested in making stacks of money will continue to tweak the compounds in any way they can. By the time any bill has passed, a new product has been created and distributed long beforehand. It's a losing battle that we can't cover

by blanket laws."

The Convenience Store, an unrelated shop on the same floor as the Konnexion, does sell products labeled herbal incense not for human consumption. Employees from the Convenience Store declined to comment on whether the bill would affect their sales.

The In-Zone, 116 E. Washington St., and the Den, 123 E. Washington St., do not sell synthetic marijuana products, but they do sell unrelated products labeled herbal incense. Employees from those stores also declined to comment.

Websites for two herbal-incense companies selling product in Iowa last year, SYN and K3, are currently unavailable or lacking product.

Current herbal-incense manufacturers still sold in Iowa include Afterlife, Cloud 10, Freedom, Head Trip, Tsunami Rush, and Voodoo Doll, according to Herbal Incense Wholesaler.

### METRO

#### Appeals Court overturns verdict in UI law-school case

A U.S. Court of Appeals reversed a district court's ruling in a case involving the former dean of the University of Iowa's law school, and a status conference has been set to determine the trial date.

Teresa Wagner said former dean Carolyn Jones did not hire her when she applied during the 2006-07 academic year to be an instructor at the school because of her political beliefs, claiming discrimination in violation of her First Amendment rights.

After reviewing the issue on appeal — whether Jones was entitled to qualified for immunity on Wagner's First Amendment discrimination claim — the Court of Appeals found that Jones' action violated a Constitutional right of political belief and association and that the right was clearly established at the time of the violation. Therefore, the court said, the

district court erred in finding that Jones was protected from liability by qualified immunity in her individual capacity. The grant of summary judgment was reversed and remanded to the district court for further proceedings.

A status conference has been set for March 2, and Jones has requested to appear by telephone, according to court documents.

— by Beth Bratsos

#### Prosecution pushes for closed competency hearing

The state is asking a competency hearing be closed and outside the immediate presence of the defendant in a case involving an Iowa City woman who allegedly started a fire that killed a 14-year-old boy and injured two others, according to court documents.

Assistant Johnson County Attorney Anne Lahey responded to defendant Lillie Will Williams' motion for a competency hearing last week, claiming the state

believes a 5-year-old child witness is competent and asking the hearing be closed and without Williams present.

Lahey also responded to Williams' motion to produce evidence by saying she believes the state has turned over all interview reports, tapes, and recordings regarding the witness as requested by Williams, except for child-abuse assessments and juvenile-court records involving the child. She said those documents are protected under the Iowa Code and may only be released with specific court order.

Sixth District Judge Paul Miller then ordered the state to file a supplemental response by today furnishing legal authority for the requests made to close the hearing and hold it outside Williams' presence.

— by Beth Bratsos

#### Sleigh Bells in April

SCOPE, RiverFest, and KRUI have announced that the indie-pop group Sleigh Bells will visit Iowa City in April.

Derek Edward Miller and Alexis Krauss make up the duo that will play at 8 p.m. April 24 in the IMU Main Lounge. Tickets go on sale March 2 at the IMU Box Office and at all Ticketmaster locations.

The group has grown in popularity since it started up in 2008. An intimate indie-fan following has turned into a national fanbase for Sleigh Bells, which has played on "Saturday Night Live" and gained exposure through such TV shows as "Gossip Girl" and "Skins."

Sleigh Bells released its debut album, *Treats*, in 2010, which includes singles "Rill, Rill" and "Crown on the Ground." The album's success landed the band a spot at upcoming music festivals, including Pitchfork and Coachella Valley.

The group's most recent project, *Reign of Terror*, dropped last week, and it is gaining attention for such tunes as "Comeback Kid" and "Born to Lose."

The hard-core dance-punk feel of this "noise-pop" music will be sure to get an Iowa City audience moving at this year's RiverFest.

— by Hannah Kramer

### BLOTTTER

**Maxwell Albrecht**, 24, Solon, was charged Feb. 25 with public intoxication. **Austin Chadderdon**, 22, 308 N. Dubuque St., was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

**Rose Cooney**, 19, 321B Mayflower, was charged Feb. 25 with public intoxication.

**Dorthea Darras**, 18, Deer Park, Ill., was charged Feb. 24 with public intoxication.

**Karena Dekruif**, Crystal Lake, Ill., was charged Feb. 25 with presence in a bar after hours and possessing/supplying of alcohol under 21.

**Miranda Delaney**, 19, Tipton, was charged Sunday with presence in a bar after hours.

**Alexandria Denniston**, 18, Coralville, was charged Sunday with presence in a bar after hours and unlawful use of a driver's

license. **Noah Dettmer**, 19, 1238 Burge, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

**Sarah Furman**, 20, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with presence in a bar after hours and possessing/supplying of alcohol under 21.

**David Harris**, 18, S104 Hillcrest, was charged Feb. 25 with public intoxication.

**Graham Haux**, 19, Western Springs, Ill., was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

**Bryan Hill**, 23, West Des Moines, was charged Feb. 25 with public intoxication.

**Whitney Johnson**, 20, Cedar Rapids, was charged Feb. 25 with presence in a bar after hours and unlawful use of a driver's license. **Thomas Klocke**, 19, 4547 Burge,

was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

**Fermin Lagos**, 18, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 3601, was charged Jan. 23 with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana. **Cara McGinnis**, 19, Crystal Lake, Ill., was charged Feb. 25 with presence in a bar after hours and possessing/supplying of alcohol under 21.

**Shimpei Miyano**, 24, Des Moines, was charged Feb. 25 with OWI. Patrick Mulengwa, 27, Cedar Rapids, was charged Feb. 24 with OWI.

**Martha Owings**, 20, 732 Bowery St., was charged with presence in a bar after hours and unlawful use of a driver's license.

**Kevin Perry**, 23, address unknown, was charged Jan. 1 with fifth-degree theft.

**Sean Riordan**, 20, 417 S. Gilbert

St No. 2322, was charged Feb. 25 with public intoxication and falsifying driver's licenses.

**Wilson Schill**, 33, Fairfield, Iowa, was charged Sunday with OWI. **Charles Templeton**, 31, 806 S. Van Buren St., was charged Feb. 28 with OWI.

**Sara Thompson**, 20, 625 S. Gilbert No. 23, was charged Sunday with presence in a bar after hours and possessing/supplying of alcohol under 21.

**Kayla Wells**, 20, Coralville, was charged Feb. 25 with presence in a bar after hours.

**Derek Wolfe**, 20, 525 S. Johnson St. No. 7, was charged Sunday with presence in a bar after hours.

**Christian Zwit**, 19, La Grange Park, Ill., was charged Sunday with possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia.

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# New bulbs taking hold

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Local business owners are slowly saying goodbye to the old-fashioned 100-watt light bulbs following new rules reducing their use — but locals say they're glad to make the switch to more energy-efficient bulbs.

The Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, which went into effect Jan. 1, requires businesses and manufacturers nationwide to phase out selling and manufacturing the older 100-watt incandescent light bulbs. The older 75 and 60-watt bulbs will eventually be phased out by 2014.

The act requires manufacturers to produce new, energy-efficient bulbs in place of the old-fashioned incandescent ones.

"The new halogen bulbs are 25 percent more efficient, they let off less heat, and the gases used in the bulbs are take less energy to light," said Dave McCamant, energy efficiency product manager for MidAmerican Energy.

Though the new bulbs tend to be brighter and more expensive, Jerry Meis, the owner of the Iowa City-area Leno & Cilek Ace Hardware said consumers have supported the change.

"People in Iowa City are really environmentally aware," he said, noting that Ace stores have been selling compact fluorescent bulbs since several year prior to the 2007 law.

Customers said they agreed the new bulbs are a good long-term choice despite occasional problems with being overly bright and

slow turn-on times.

"They're more energy-efficient, so they're supposed to save money," said Chris Allara, a University of Iowa student whose fraternity shops for its light bulbs at Menards.

Energy-efficient plans have led consumers and manufacturers toward other new bulbs as well, McCamant said. Compact fluorescent light bulbs and light-emitting diodes — the conductor in a light bulb — use 75 percent less energy than the old-fashioned incandescent bulbs.

John Hooton, a sales representative for Artemide, an appliance store in Dubuque, said businesses now try to cater to customers who keep energy efficiency in mind. The store sells appliances with the new bulbs in them.

"I've seen increased interest [in efficient light bulbs], more clients are asking about them," Hooton said.

Rebecca Whitaker, an affiliate partner for the FIRST program, a nonprofit organization that sells LED light bulbs, said a switch to non-halogen would have many positive affects.

"LEDs are the way to go," she said. "They have less energy cost, and they don't emit gasses, like halogen light bulbs when they're broken."

Meis said businesses should help consumers with light-bulb choices by going beyond just complying — selling additional compact fluorescent bulbs and light-emitting diodes, for example.

"Somehow, we have to conserve more in this country," he said.

# Romney takes Mich., Ariz.

By **KASIE HUNT**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Mitt Romney scored a hard-won, home state triumph in Michigan and powered to victory in Arizona Tuesday night, gaining a two-state primary sweep over Rick Santorum and precious momentum in the most turbulent Republican presidential race in a generation.

Romney tweeted his delight — and his determination: "I take great pride in my Michigan roots and am humbled to have received so much support here these past few weeks. On to the March contests."

The two other candidates, Newt Gingrich and Ron Paul, made little effort in either state, pointing instead to next week's 10-state collection of Super Tuesday primaries and caucuses.

Romney's Arizona triumph came in a race that was scarcely contested, and he pocketed all of the 29 Republican National Convention delegates at stake in the winner-take-all state.

Michigan was as different as could be — a hard-fought and expensive battle in Romney's home state that he could ill afford to lose and Santorum made every effort to win.

Returns from 75 percent of Michigan's precincts showed Romney at 41 percent and Santorum at 37 percent. Paul was winning 12 percent of the vote to 7 percent for Gingrich.

Santorum was campaigning in Ohio, one of the Super Tuesday states, when the verdict came in from Michigan.

"A month ago they didn't know who we are, but they

do now," he told cheering supporters, vowing to stay the conservative course he has set.

In Michigan, 30 delegates were apportioned according to the popular vote. Two were set aside for the winner of each of the state's 14 Congressional districts. The remaining two delegates were likely to be divided between the top finishers in the statewide vote.

With his victory in Arizona, Romney had 152 delegates, according to the AP's count, compared to 72 for Santorum, 32 for Gingrich and 19 for Paul. It takes 1,144 to win the nomination at the Republican National Convention in Tampa next summer.

In interviews as they left their polling places, Michigan voters expressed a notable lack of enthusiasm about their choices. Just 45 percent said they strongly favored the candidate they voted for, while 38 percent expressed reservations, and 15 percent said they made the choice they did because they disliked the alternatives.

The lengthening GOP nomination struggle has coincided with a rise in Democratic President Obama's prospects for a new term. A survey released during the day showed consumer confidence at the highest level in a year, and other polls show an increase in Americans saying they believe the country is on the right track.

Along with the improving economy, the long and increasingly harsh campaign, in which Gingrich and Santorum have challenged Romney as insufficiently conservative, has prompted some officials to

express concern about the party's chances of defeating Obama in the fall.

Exit polling showed a plurality of Republican voters in both Michigan and Arizona saying the most important factor to them in the primaries was

that a candidate be able to beat Obama in November. Romney won that group in Michigan, where it mattered most, and also prevailed among voters in the state who said experience was the quality that mattered most.

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## Editorial

# Revamp government web-pages to expand transparency

It's 2012; Iowa has debated a government-transparency bill since 2006. But if Iowans wish to check out their state's public records on the Internet today, they'll feel as though they're in 1995.

After six long years in the perverse womb that is the Iowa Legislature, a bill to create an Iowa Public Information Board may finally come to term.

Rep. Walt Rogers, R-Cedar Falls, told IowaPolitics.com on Wednesday, "Iowans that I've talked to talk about transparency in their government. ... I think the common, everyday Iowan needs one place to go to find out some of the answers."

To do that, the bill calls for board members to be appointed from seven different groups, ranging from the Iowa Association of School Boards to the Iowa Newspaper Association to the Iowa Freedom of Information Council — costing a total of \$150,000.

But perhaps a more effective means of delivery transparency would be to replace five of those members with two IT guys.

The Internet is the most cost-efficient and cost-effective means of transferring information. This has been the case for more than a decade now. It's ridiculous, even worrisome, that state and local governments continue to overlook the obvious benefits of the Internet when discussing transparency.

Six years ago, the Apple iPod Nano made its debut, Craigslist finally got off the ground in more than 100 cities, and people still used AOL Instant Messenger. Technologically speaking, we have come a long way. In today's world, government should not only be transparent, it should come with a website, a user-friendly interface, and at least four apps.

The Information Board should not only address questions in a public forum, it should provide a single place at which people can go to get answers before questions are even asked. A simple search engine could save significant taxpayer money in administrative costs by answering questions with a click of a button.

Perhaps the most user-friendly government website available to Iowans is Iowa Courts Online, where Iowans can go to pay traffic tickets and view court-case results — both fundamental services the government can provide. But a trip to the website feels like a step inside a time machine to the early '90s — it's plain, inefficient, and seldom updated.

Though the state has an open-records law requiring government to provide freedom of information to its con-

stituents, the board would provide more accountability to entities that are less than cooperative.

James Strohman, a former member of the Story County Board of Supervisors and proponent of the bill, said he battled with a group who fell into this category.

On the Board of Supervisors, he viewed all the decisions publicly made as "rubber stamps of things that were decided literally in a back room."

When he confronted the supervisors about being more open to the public, they conceded: "If we did all these things you said we should do, we couldn't conduct business."

Given new life by a new floor manager for the bill, the struggle may put a new face on the conflict between citizens and government institutions over transparency.

The Information Board may not be enough. It is meant to merely monitor other state entities, while addressing claims brought forth from constituents who feel they are being cheated out of information.

The board should utilize the Internet, embracing the modern age, in which more and more Americans are looking to the web for their news rather than going to the various biased news networks.

According to a national survey conducted by the Pew Research Center, 41 percent of the people surveyed say they get most of their news about national and international issues from the Internet, closing the gap between it and television.

Furthermore, a different survey conducted by the same center also sheds light on the emerging role of the Internet as people seek local news and information.

For adults, generally, the Internet is a main source for information surrounding the community regarding restaurants and other local businesses. Interestingly enough, it is tied with newspapers as a top source for material about housing, jobs, and schools — areas that place a special value on consumer input in regard to community projects.

The Information Board should create a portal by which information-seeking Iowans can easily access information by simply typing into a search engine what exact information they are looking for, further streamlining the process of transparency.

But, like dial-up in the '90s, government may take way too long to load this issue, and we may just end up reading a newspaper for tidbits of government information.

Your turn. Should governments be more Internet-savvy? Weigh in at [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com).

# Santorum right for once



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Rick Santorum deserves a lot of criticism. He's wrong on a lot of issues, often to a dangerous degree.

But the Republican's opposition to all-but-mandatory higher education isn't a place where he ought to be torn apart.

At an event this past weekend, Santorum took a shot at President Obama for wanting to increase U.S. college enrollment.

"Not all folks are gifted in the same way," Santorum told a crowd in Michigan. "Some people have incredible gifts with their hand ... President Obama once said he wants everybody in America to go to college. What a snob."

For that, the former U.S. senator from Pennsylvania has received perhaps more criticism than he has for any other statement this election season.

Comedy Central all-star Jon Stewart took a shot at Santorum, for instance.

"Rick, I don't know if you know this, but snobs are exclusionary in nature," Stewart said on his "Daily Show." "Oh, do you know who Muffy wants to join the country club? All the Mexicans — what a snob."

And the liberal group Campus Progress is trying to rally opposition to Santorum's statements among young people. They published the "snob" bit under the heading "Tell your Friends What Santorum Said."

"Whether it is a four-year institution, a community college, or a vocational-training program, higher education is essential to job security and economic success," Campus Progress blogger Tobin Van Ostern wrote.

And Obama political adviser David Axelrod used Santorum's remarks to call the Republican pack "extreme."

"You see a race to the right, a race to pander to the most extreme and strident voices on the Republican side, and you've seen it in a

series of debates recently over some social issues," Axelrod said in a conference call with student reporters this week.

But Santorum is right. Maybe "snob" isn't the best word to call proponents of universal higher education, but Santorum is correct to oppose the notion that everyone needs to get more education after high school. Not only is that idea implausible, it's disrespectful to a large number of American workers who are integral to our economy.

There are more than 10,000 McDonald's stores around the country, for instance. The vast majority of the thousands of employees there don't need to go to college. And while an Obama supporter might likely brush that off as a low-paying, dissatisfying job, somebody has to flip burgers in this economy. And some of them are really good at it, even though they didn't take a two-year course on beef theory. The same goes for thousands of other restaurants in the United States.

And look at the manufacturing sector. While many of those positions are moving overseas and many of the ones that are staying do require formal postsecondary training, there are still assembly-line jobs that you can start with just a diploma in-hand. If all those people decided they didn't want to work assembly lines and instead enrolled in colleges, we'd be forced to move more jobs to other countries.

And as an Iowan, the best argument against universal higher education is obvious: Agriculture. It's true that an increasing number of agricultural workers do benefit from some formal coursework, but many of them don't need it. No matter how advanced agricultural technology gets, somebody has to shovel manure.

There's nothing wrong with flipping burgers, assembling widgets, or scooping poop. But when liberals insist higher education is essential for everyone, they belittle people without formal education and stigmatize those jobs. ■

## Letter

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## Thank you, Occupy Iowa City

I am writing to thank the people who are involved in Occupy Iowa City. Thank you for your efforts to help us think about our country, our United States of America. How do we want to live? Thank you for taking time to

agree on and share the 12 Principles you wrote in October.

I am grateful that you stated No. 7: "We affirm our commitment to peace and the belief that entities, including nations, states, and private capital, should never pursue war or brutality of any kind."

Elliott Adams, the president of National Veterans for Peace,

recently stated, "The Occupy Movement is the greatest step toward democracy in my lifetime."

Thank you, Occupy Iowa City, for reminding us that we need to be responsible citizens and not leave our country's welfare up to corporations and the politicians influenced by corporate money

and power.

It is important that we get involved and do what we each can to work to make our world a more just, safer, and peaceful place for all people, the 99 percent and the 1 percent. Thank you, Occupy Iowa City.

Pamela Fitzgerald  
Iowa City

## Column

# The beneficiaries of a split-venue nightclub



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The Library nightclub in downtown Iowa City has recently earned its buzz-worthy status by becoming the first bar in Iowa City to utilize part of the 21-ordinance that allows patrons under the age of 21 to stay past 10 p.m. if the bar is split into two sides, including one that doesn't serve alcohol. Tom Leno, the owner of the establishment, has taken advantage of his venue, which is equipped with two entrances, to make a split

venue with an area for the under-21 crowd.

The Library's introduction of an under-21 level is good news for freshmen, over-21 partiers, and the owner of the bar.

Let us first view this exciting new opportunity from the virgin eyes of the freshmen new to campus. We freshmen are eager to experience the lifestyle associated with the *Princeton Review's* No. 4 "party-school." Our high expectations are crushed when we find ourselves getting booted from the bar at 10, just in time to give mom a call before she turns in for the night.

After 10, freshmen must half-wittedly find a party to stumble to. The true challenge comes when they

realize the key is finding a party at which they are welcome. With the introduction of the under-21 level of the Library, freshmen can avoid the hassle of finding these parties. The split-venue bar will allow freshmen to get a taste of the almost mythical pre-21-ordinance Iowa City without breaking the law. Not only is this venue fun and refreshing for freshmen, it is also relatively safe compared with a house party.

So, who else benefits from the introduction of the split-level bar? Some over-21 patrons, the most mature and refined young men and women that Iowa City has to offer.

I had never thought of this group as one that

would benefit from this change until I saw the smirks on the faces of my fellow staffers (all males and mostly upperclassmen) when discussing this topic. I had seen this look before, on the faces of the young men in the bars (before 10, of course). I knew what they were thinking — "fresh meat."

No shame, boys. In my mind, this only means you have two opportunities to strike out. If you can't get the numbers of the girls in the over-21 part of the bar, you can always move on to the under-21 area.

And for women and men, the new venue set-up provides an opportunity to mingle with underage friends. Greek and student

organization outings will surely be made more fun when underclassmen can hang out at the bars with their upperclass friends.

Not only will the customers benefit from the change, it is quite possible that Leno will as well. If you ask Leno, he will coyly tell you that he is not sure what will happen on Thursday, when his 60-day trial of having the split-venue bar will begin, and he is not even sure whether there will be a large turnout.

I appreciate his humbleness but wholeheartedly believe he has the right to brag about his stroke of genius. He clearly has the keen mind of a businessman and knows an

untapped market when he sees one. There is evidently a large demand for a bar that is friendly to the under-21 crowd, as proven by the extensive police blotters we all love to read on Monday morning, always sprinkled with a healthy dose of "presence in a bar after hours." It is apparent that Alex Bernstein, Haley Brady, Ashley Davidson, and Erika Diemer — all of whom were charged with "presence in a bar after hours" over the weekend — would appreciate the new bar that they could legally enjoy themselves in.

This split-level nightclub benefits all parties and is a great idea that will help bring business back downtown. ■

## OCCUPY

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sions left behind.”

Iowa City officials denied Occupy Iowa City a new permit on Feb. 13. City officials told *The Daily Iowan* the permit renewal was denied for safety reasons. Officials said Occupiers must be out of College Green Park by midnight today. The group's original permit — obtained in October — was for a four-month period.

Yet the movement isn't over just because the group's time in College Green Park has ended. Sean Adams-Hiett, a member of the outreach committee, said Occupy Iowa City members will continue to hold general-assembly meetings on Sundays and Thursdays. The group's website and Facebook page will also be maintained, he said.

Fruin said city officials

### Occupy Iowa City

The permit allowing Occupy Iowa City members to camp in College Green Park will expire at midnight today.

- Oct. 5: First General Assembly
- Oct. 26: Group is issued a permit
- Feb 13: City denies permit renewal
- Wednesday: Four-month permit ends

have been communicating with Occupiers throughout the process, and they expect all occupiers to leave the park with their belongings.

“The Occupy group is very cooperative, and has worked with us on transitioning out,” he said. “We've gone up to the park and talked to those there, and we haven't been met with any resistance. We certainly expect things will go smoothly on the 1st [of March].”

Fruin said city officials

will hold items unclaimed at city offices. The city will turn them over to a surplus auction if they are not claimed for an extended time.

Only two people who identified themselves as Occupiers were in College Green Park Tuesday evening packing up their belongings.

One — who refused to give her name — said the group wasn't given an adequate amount of time to leave the park.

But Steve Hoffelt, a member of the Occupy Iowa City outreach team, said the city did give the group enough notice.

“Honestly, I think they did,” he said. “We knew that the initial permit was only for four months. We've known for a couple of weeks. We had enough time to file for another permit.”

Occupy Iowa City did not seek to appeal the city's decision to deny the renewed permit.

Fruin said city staff notified occupiers of the termination through phone calls,



The site of the Occupy Iowa City protest in College Green Park on Tuesday. The protesters plan to move out of the park when their permit expires at midnight today. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

emails and putting notes on tents.

“The communication has been different through the entire process because there's no one point of contact with the Occupy [Iowa City] group,” Fruin said. “[But] we have identified some members of the

organization that have been very cooperative.”

Adams-Hiett said Occupiers will leave before the deadline, and he didn't know of any plans for the group to wait until midnight today to leave.

Though Hoffelt said he doesn't think occupiers will

have trouble leaving by midnight, he hopes Iowa City police are fair in how they enforce the permit's termination.

“I really hope that they are [reasonable], especially for the people who don't have anywhere else to go,” he said.

## UISG

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This will be the first step.”

The UISG passed the resolution Tuesday night earmarking \$2 of student-activity funds for the Support for the Green Initiative Fund.

The resolution now awaits approval from the UI Executive Council of Graduate and Professional Students, then concurrently to the Student Activity Fee Committee and the UI administration.

If approved by all university officials, the fee would be implemented during the 2013-2014 academic year.

UISG President Elliot

### Campus sustainability

Other schools using student funds for sustainable efforts include:

- University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
- University of Wisconsin-Green Bay
- Southern Illinois University
- Northeastern University

Source: UI Student Government

Higgins said he hopes the other administrative groups pass the resolution.

“I hope that when the Student Activity Fee [Committee] is evaluating what to do with the fee ... that they follow the recommendation of the legislation,” he said.

UI spokesman Tom Moore said officials expect

to approve the funds.

“The university is deeply committed to sustainability efforts and has developed a very proactive plan to become self-sustaining,” he said. “The university continues to work diligently to achieve that vision and great strides have always been made and will continue to be made to achieve those goals.”

Sixty percent of funds from the resolution would go toward renewable energy, and 40 percent of funds would go toward smaller projects, such as funding for student sustainability efforts. Student would be able to apply for funding.

Earlier this school year, UISG and the Sierra Student Coalition discussed a voluntary green fee.

According to the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in High Education, at least 41 colleges and universities nationwide have funds specifically dedicated to sustainability efforts. Some of those schools include the University of Illinois, the University of California-Berkeley, and Harvard University.

“We're really on the tail end of this [as opposed to other schools],” Moffitt said. “It will end up saving us money as far as energy conservation.”

UISG officials have spoken with the state Board of

Regents regarding sustainability efforts at the UI. Moffitt said officials seemed supportive of the resolution, especially because it won't create a separate fund or add fur-

ther student-activity fees.

“Whenever money gets involved, people are wary of things,” Moffitt said. “But I think people will be supportive [of the resolution].”

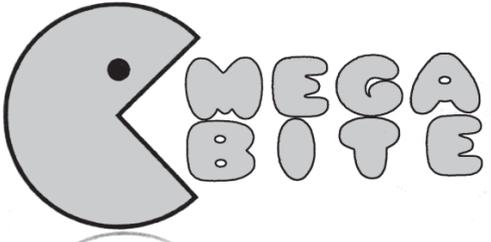
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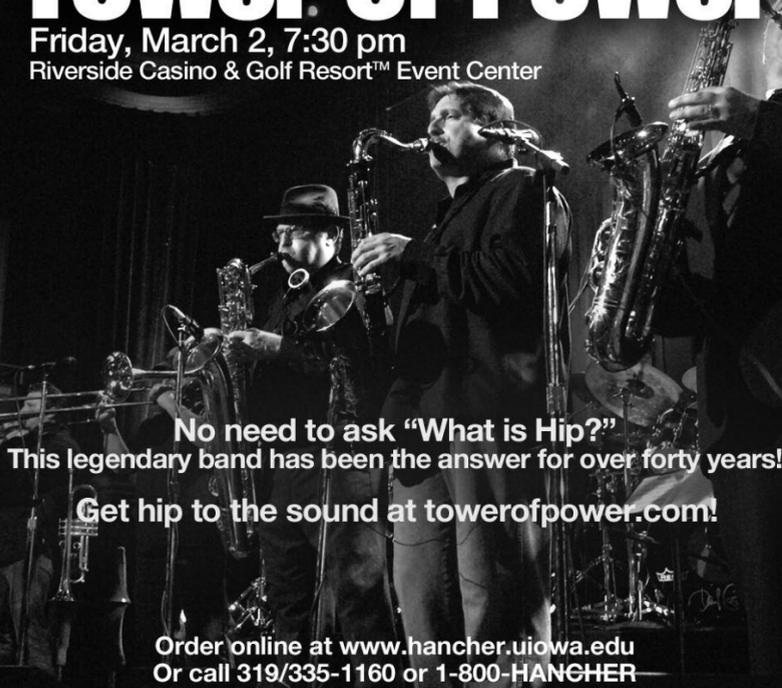
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### Things I Learned Speed Dating:

- The people you meet aren't going to be as hot as the ones in movie scenes. Darn you, *40-Year-Old Virgin*.
  - Never let a guy name your stuffed elephant.
  - Never expect to find your future husband in the Currier multipurpose room.
  - Never expect to find anyone over the age of 19 in the Currier multipurpose room.
  - "I can buy you booze" wins every time.
  - After telling 15 people my major in one hour, I'm pretty sick of it. Where is my adviser?
  - "I'm here because I had to leave Union before 10 p.m." should have been the first red flag. His story about going to Narnia should have been the second.
  - Always ask your friend sitting next to you if she called dibs on the guy now rotating to you. Sisters before misters.
  - If I'm bad with names, I'm worse with the stupid number nametags. I just picked 25 because that's my favorite number.
  - I spent two hours getting ready for three minutes. Why does that sound so familiar?
  - Never tell anyone you write for the Ledge.
- Trisha Spence is glad she didn't tell anyone her real name.

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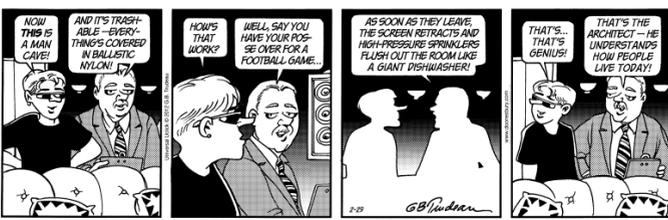
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- **Anatomy and Cell Biology Seminar**, "Insight into VWF String Formation *in Vitro*," Van Schaeffer, 1 p.m., 1-561 Bowen
- **Discover Languages ... Discover the world**, International Programs, 1 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Centre
- **Wednesday Documentary Film Series**, 1:30 p.m., Uptown Bill's, 730 S. Dubuque
- **Readers Theater Performance**, 2 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **UI Student Health Fair**, 2:30-6:30 p.m., Campus Recreation & Wellness Center
- **Marketing Your Study Abroad Experience**, Consortium Institute of Management and Business Analysis Study Abroad in Italy Program, 4 p.m., W401 Pappajohn Business Building
- **Readers and Writers Group**, 6 p.m., Uptown Bill's
- **Carnage**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **UI Symphony Orchestra**, William LaRue Jones, conductor, première of "Dialogue I," by UI Center for New Music Director David Gompper, 7:30 p.m., IMU Main Lounge
- **Big Gigantic**, with Paper Diamond, 8 p.m., Blue Moose, 211 Iowa
- **Once Upon a Time in Anatolia**, 9 p.m., Bijou
- **Jam Session**, 9 p.m. Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

## UITV schedule

- Campus channel 4, cable channel 17
- 5:45 p.m.** Interviews from the Iowa Writers' Workshop, Paul Harding, produced by the Center for Media Production and the Big Ten Network
  - 6:10** Interviews from the Iowa Writers' Workshop, Marilynne Robinson, produced by the Center for Media Production and the Big Ten Network
  - 6:35** Interviews from the Iowa Writers' Workshop, Ethan Canin, produced by the Center for Media Production and the Big Ten Network
  - 7** Interviews from the Iowa Writers' Workshop, Andre Dubus III, produced by the Center for Media Production and the Big Ten Network
  - 7:25** Interviews from the Iowa Writers' Workshop, ZZ Packer, produced by the Center for Media Production and the Big Ten Network
  - 7:50** Interviews from the Iowa Writers' Workshop, Tom Grimes, produced by the Center for Media Production and the Big Ten Network
  - 8:15** Interviews from the Iowa Writers' Workshop, Margot Livesey, produced by the Center for Media Production and the Big Ten Network
  - 8:40** Interviews from the Iowa Writers' Workshop, Alan Gurganus, produced by the Center for Media Production and the Big Ten Network
  - 9:05** Interviews from the Iowa Writers' Workshop, Abraham Verghese, produced by the Center for Media Production and the Big Ten Network
  - 9:30** Daily Iowan Television News
  - 9:45** Writing In and Beyond the City, Souk Ukaz, International Writing Program
  - 10:15** Java Blend Encore, music videos from the Java House
  - 10:30** Daily Iowan Television News
  - 10:45** "Writer as a Public Figure," Panel Discussion, Michael Cunningham, Jane Smiley, Ethan Canin, Abraham Verghese, June 11, 2011
  - 11:45** Java Blend Encore, music videos from the Java House

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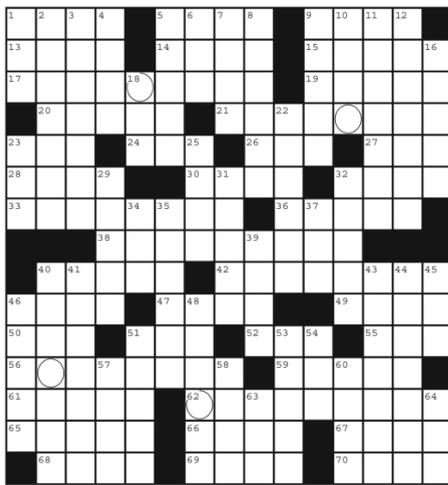
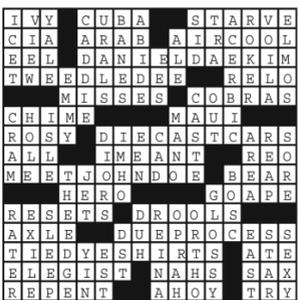
- by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 Your spontaneity, charm, and imaginative ideas will attract attention. Speaking freely will encourage someone to engage in a relationship with you for personal or professional reasons. Don't let emotions stop you from accepting an offer.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Keep your business private, and you will avoid getting into a debate with someone who doesn't agree with the way you are doing things. Offer a helping hand to an organization in need, and you will raise your profile and reputation.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Emotions will be difficult to control and can lead to trouble if you are not honest about the way you feel or what you are doing. Choose your battles wisely, and stick to the truth if you don't want to ruin your reputation.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22 Ask questions if you feel uncertain about a situation. You must be satisfied with the information given before you engage in a partnership or a project that will influence your life. An unusual turn of events will lead to a last-minute change.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 You'll feel compelled to help others. Whether it is to show off or out of the goodness of your heart, you must avoid being taken advantage of. Love is on the rise, and engaging in such an encounter will change your life.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Handle whatever situation you face carefully. An emotional matter will cause anger and lead to a conflict with someone you are involved with financially. Protect your assets, possessions, and emotional well-being, or you may end up in a costly battle.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Do the best job possible, or you will be criticized. A change in position or the environment in which you are working can be expected. Don't allow a partnership to limit your productivity. Romance is highlighted.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Don't overspend on unnecessary luxuries. Protect what you have, and set up a budget that allows you to save for the future. Put together a unique plan that will help you combine what you have to offer with someone else's expertise.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Don't say anything that may incriminate you. Someone will misinterpret you and make you look bad. A relationship may be exciting, but if it has the potential to hinder your reputation, you are best to keep your distance.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Avoid implementing change based on hearsay. Impulsive moves will lead to loss. Protect your assets, home, and family. Let your intuition guide you, and you will bypass someone taking advantage of you and what you have to offer.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Rely on the people who have always been there for you. A favorable domestic change will lead to greater stability. Romance is in the stars, and making special plans to enhance your love life will bring good results.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 Be careful what you share. Someone will take advantage of your generosity. Emotions will be difficult to control. You will lack good judgment when dealing with friends, relatives, and neighbors. Don't make promises you won't want to keep.

## The New York Times Crossword

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- Across**
- Gulp from a flask
  - Classic sci-fi terror, with "the"
  - Began a triathlon
  - College in New Rochelle, N.Y.
  - Running behind
  - Afghanistan's Karzai
  - What the annual Dove Awards are awarded for
  - "The Hot Zone" virus
  - Source of T-bones
  - Like winter in Siberia
  - Game with Skip and Reverse cards
  - Baseball card fig.
  - Followers of lambdas
  - "The Crow" actress \_\_\_ Ling
  - Song title for both Fleetwood Mac and Starship
  - Kind of aerobics
  - Phyllis's never-seen TV husband
  - Open to suggestion
  - Coming-clean words
  - Indicators of age ... and a hint to this puzzle's theme
  - Sweet filling, in commercial names
  - Inviting a blessing?
  - Sing a paean to
  - Pursuers of the Sopranos, for short
  - Drop \_\_\_ (start to disrobe)
  - "Newhart" setting
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- Down**
- Autograph: Abbr.
  - Ian who won the 1991 Masters
  - Yet to come
  - Act starstruck, say
  - Words on a jacket
  - Chorus syllables
  - Ear-related
  - Look good on
  - Gets rid of
  - Indiana river
  - Sights on slides
  - President Fillmore
  - "The Persistence of Memory" and others
  - Name for a bull
  - Wolfish
  - Team \_\_\_
  - Trinidad or Tobago
  - Chipped in
  - Like telegrams, typically
  - City of Kyrgyzstan
  - Tricky turn
  - One at a crime scene
  - Take illegally
  - Noir or comedy
  - Place for iodine
  - Perfumer's compound
  - "Horrorst"
  - Accelerator particles
  - Drunken spree
  - Staph-caused irritation
  - Cherub at Notre Dame
  - "Hungarian Rhapsodies" composer
  - Chance upon
  - Part of a slot machine
  - Any of the "Stayin' Alive" singers
  - Apparel abbr.
  - \_\_\_ uncertain terms
  - "Gold Digger" rapper
  - Suppose so
  - Having chips, say
  - NASA's Grissom
  - Feudal subject
  - Rifle problems
  - Dog in the funnies
  - Classic Bogart role
  - \_\_\_ polloi
  - Palm smartphone
  - Army NCO
  - 1998 Sarah McLachlan hit
  - Scotland's Firth of \_\_\_
  - Mao \_\_\_-tung

### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



- Puzzle by Gareth Bain
- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
  - 13, 14, 15, 16
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## ON THE STREET

### How often do you call your parents during the average week?



"I call my parents about seven times a week, but not my dad."  
**Brianna Neyen**  
UI sophomore



"About once a week."  
**Julia Dirks**  
UI sophomore



"Probably once every week."  
**Cooper Travis**  
UI sophomore



"It depends on the week, but usually once a week."  
**Kevin Underwood**  
UI sophomore

# Slowly, diversity blooms in IC

## What do you think a perfectly diverse Iowa City would look like?

Samuel Fitzpatrick, Ph.D. in English



I would like to see more people of color, period. [...] I think it enhances the educational experience for everyone where you have diversity as visible. It's not just in classrooms but also out in the street. When you go out into the city you have different kinds of people.

Bridget Tsemo, assistant professor of rhetoric and African American Studies



If there was more diversity in the town, you know in the community for people to feel as if they are part of the community as opposed to visitors of the town. I feel like that would really retain a lot of the students, professionals, professors. I think a lot of people would stay.

Diana Bryant, SROP/McNair Scholars coordinator



I think when students come here to school — students of color — I don't think they think they need to be taught exclusively by faculty of color, but I do think they want to see faces that look like theirs as a professor so they have a general idea of 'Oh I can do this, too'. And that's important.

Lyombe Eko, journalism professor



The University of Iowa is definitely lacking in intellectual diversity. People from all backgrounds people of all races and colors and cultures bring intellectual diversity ... A lot of people at the University of Iowa look at diversity in terms solely of skin color, and they tend to pigeonhole people of according to their colors or cultures. That is not for me.

Keshia Field, UI senior



It would be where organizations from different cultural backgrounds acknowledge one another ... If we could somehow intermingle, intertwine and not see as color but acknowledge the differences that we have and promote that diversity and gain knowledge about each other. That would be a big thing.

Jostten Sackitey, UI senior



In terms of promoting diversity, I guess it's one of those buzz words that gets thrown around a lot, but then when you think about what it actually means, it's hard ... True well-rounded diversity would be being on UI campus and not immediately noticing a stark difference in terms of population versus other places in the country.

Tonya Peoples, professor of chemical and biochemical engineering



It would be looking at the partnership between the University of Iowa and the Iowa City community and even the state of Iowa is to create an inclusive environment where people can be accepted and successful.

Gabriel Hearn, UI junior



Somehow incorporate some kind of mentoring program so that once people get here they have a reason to stick here stay here. The mentor may not have the same kind of ideal dream, but they can give you advice.

Ervin Mafoua-Namy, UI sophomore



Being young and coming from Miami where it's very diverse ... it's very different to come to a school where it's a majority Caucasian, and I feel as though diversity here has been kind of a letdown.

Winnie Lejukole, UI senior



I feel like we should have more cultural events. I think we should have a lot more events like that because I don't think people are aware of things that the University of Iowa does. I think we could do a better job of that.

Ibukunoluwa Majekodunmi, UI freshman



I don't think it's the school that needs to do much, I think it's the black students and making themselves more seen on campus. A lot of people just hide out. Like when I visited last year, I barely saw any black people. We need to make ourselves more friendly even to just approach since there's not that many, and I think once people start noticing more black people on campus, I think they will feel more prone to come here.

Jamal Knowles, IC resident



I'd say the ideal dream would be more different people communicating together and just hanging out and doing different things together and at the same time see each other as brothers and sisters.

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### Activities aid minority retention

Increased involvement in campus activities helps retain minority students at the UI, officials say.

By **CHRISTOPHER W. HARRIS**

The University of Iowa's Office of Minority Affairs and Diversity reported that 10.9 percent of the 2011-12 freshman class was made up of students of color, an increase from 10.3 percent in 2010-11. The report, released by the office's director, Dr. David L. Braxton, said that the increase was due to a variety of factors, including increased involvement in campus activities and retention programs. Braxton said that the office has been working to create a more inclusive campus environment and that the increase in diversity is a sign of progress. He said that the office will continue to work to improve the campus environment and to support the success of all students.

### Regents Name Deans To 2 Vacant Positions

Philip G. Hubbard First Negro Dean

By **CHRISTOPHER W. HARRIS**

The Board of Regents today named Philip G. Hubbard as the first African American dean of the University of Iowa's College of Engineering. Hubbard, 47, is a professor of mechanical engineering and has been at the university since 2007. He is also the director of the Center for Engineering Education and Research. The regents also named two other deans to vacant positions: Michael J. Smith as dean of the College of Business and David L. Braxton as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Hubbard said he is honored to be named dean and that he will work to create a more inclusive and successful college. He said that he will continue to support the success of all students and to work to improve the campus environment.

### Big shoes to fill

Executive Committee of the American Council on Education (ACE) has named Dr. David L. Braxton as the 10th president of the UI. Braxton, 52, is a professor of psychology and has been at the university since 1997. He is also the director of the Center for the Study of the History of the University of Iowa. Braxton said he is honored to be named president and that he will work to create a more inclusive and successful university. He said that he will continue to support the success of all students and to work to improve the campus environment.

### Finding an Iowa home

The Hubbard Group connects young black men to the local community.

By **SAMANTHA HONKEN**

For some UI students, coming to college can be like coming to a foreign country. Even though they may only be three hours from home, the University of Iowa can feel like a new world. The Hubbard Group, a student organization that helps young black men find their way at the university, is working to make the transition easier. The group provides a safe space for students to talk about their experiences and to get support from others who have been through the same thing. The group also offers various leadership opportunities and provides a place where students can build relationships and find a sense of community. The group's activities include panel discussions, social events, and one-on-one mentoring. The group's goal is to help young black men feel like they belong at the university and to support their success.

### Lawsuit hinges on privacy act

Speakers provide advice for student athletes.

By **CHRISTOPHER W. HARRIS**

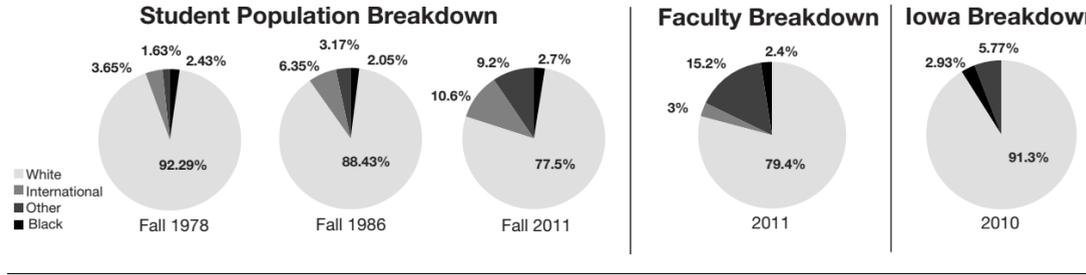
A lawsuit filed by the University of Iowa's Office of Minority Affairs and Diversity against the University of Iowa's Office of Student Athlete Support hinges on the privacy of student athletes. The lawsuit, filed in federal court, alleges that the office of student athlete support has violated the privacy of student athletes by releasing their names and other information to the media. The office of student athlete support said that it has a duty to protect the safety of student athletes and that it has a right to release their names and other information to the media. The lawsuit is the latest in a series of legal battles between the office of student athlete support and the Office of Minority Affairs and Diversity. The lawsuit is expected to be resolved in the next few months.

### Athletes' run-in rate down

Speakers provide advice for student athletes.

By **CHRISTOPHER W. HARRIS**

The rate of injuries to student athletes at the University of Iowa has decreased significantly in recent years, according to a report released by the University of Iowa's Office of Student Athlete Support. The report, which covers the years 2007-08 to 2011-12, shows that the number of injuries to student athletes has decreased by 15 percent. The report also shows that the number of injuries to student athletes who are returning to play after an injury has increased. The report is a positive sign for the University of Iowa's Office of Student Athlete Support and for student athletes. The report is the result of a comprehensive review of injury data and is expected to be used to guide future injury prevention efforts.



FOUR VOICES AMONG MANY CONTINUED FROM 1 GRAPHICS AND PAGE LAYOUT BY ALICIA KRAMME

### Marcella David

"Over the course of our afternoon in downtown, [my mother] actually became a little upset, and she said, 'Do you know all the black people in Iowa City?'" David said. David remembers her reply as "Yeah, probably I actually do." But that isn't the case anymore, she said. "The diversity in Johnson County and Iowa City has increased dramatically," David said. "So I don't feel as alone or unique as I used to feel in Iowa City." The New York native has held many titles at the UI, one of the most important to the campus being interim associate provost for diversity. In 2004, David said she jumped at the role, because the UI was beginning an initiative to diversify the campus population. "There was an interest in combining central diversity functions and seeing if diversity efforts could be improved," she said. "It was a plan that for the very first time included diversity as its main goal and linked diversity to educational excellence." One of the benchmarks for the plan was to reach a 10.9 percent minority population among the students. That goal was achieved in 2009. "I'm not saying the progress that was made was solely by the offices I worked for," she said. "But I think having a coordinated, central effort facilitated the progress the university was trying to attempt." And though David is proud of the progress thus far, she said the city needs to come together to further increase diversity. "In Iowa City, there is this notion that if we all have good intentions, then we will be able to adapt to the changes in our community, and we won't have any problems," she said. "But I think we need to have more deliberate thought as to how we can do that."

### Motier Haskins

"Reality really smacked me in the head," he said. "You might see one or two [black] faces across campus." After searching, he said he found his people. "I felt like I died and went to heaven when I discovered the [UI's] African American Council," he said. The council — which is dedicated to improving campus life for black faculty, staff, and students — was concerned with young black men running into trouble in downtown bars, criminal charges, and police profiling at the time, he said. Iowa City police reports showed African-American adults made up 20 percent of all arrests in 2007, and that grew to almost 24 percent in 2008. According to the 2010 Census Data, Johnson County's black population is 4.8 percent. But for Haskins, the council's lack of swift action caused him to step up to the challenge. "For me, personally, the most logical folks to deal with brothers' issues are other brothers," he said, remembering the first Black Male Forum in 2008. "And we certainly had some extremely intelligent and energetic black faculty and staff." The forum was part of Haskin's creation — the then-newly formed Hubbard Group — dedicated to developing young black men on campus. "We thought we'd honor him," Haskins said, noting Philip G. Hubbard, who was the first black male administrator at any of Iowa's three public universities. "Most people go by Hubbard Park, and they don't know what that means, and so we want to keep that name alive." Though the group has grown — even outgrown its current venue, the Afro House — Haskins would like to see faster changes. "I'm very happy to see the name out there ... but unhappy because the issues are still the same," he said. "There are too many not making it and too many not staying. So what's the problem? All we are seeing is it getting little bit better, but it isn't enough."

### Joe Henry

"Long story short, he was my graduate assistant," Henry said. "We worked closely together and got a chance to talk about life and his dreams, professional goals, and aspirations." Lewis is just one of many graduate students of color whom Henry has helped as the graduate outreach coordinator in the Graduate College. Henry said he is very proud of his role in a student's choice to attend the university — especially one of minority background. "Through conversation, dialogue, and reaching out to people who are not from here, you get a chance to build a relationship that can be a friendship down the road," he said. "It's especially exciting to see them when they show up for the new graduate-student orientation. It's a very electric and exciting kind of moment." Henry has worked at the UI for more than 25 years, and through that time, he has interacted with thousands of prospective minority students — leading to the recruitment of hundreds. In fall 2011, the UI Graduate College enrolled 33 African American students out of 206 applications — down from 35 enrolled out of 217 applicants in 2010. After working at the UI for seven years, Henry moved to the Graduate Student Office in 1992 to increase minority enrollment. He said the dean helped orchestrate the move. "It gave me an opportunity to have a broader reach in participating in the graduate recruitment effort," he said. As the student population at Iowa slowly becomes more diverse, he said his favorite part of the job is still when a student praises the UI for successfully preparing them for the real world. "[Students] feel like they are really in competitive positions in comparison with their peers," he said. "They feel like Iowa really was the cauldron for honing those research and writing skills, and those skills are serving them at a really high level."

### Vanessa Shelton

"African-American people have been more disassociated from the professions just because of our history," she said. "We don't have generations of professionals. It's the young people who are getting into the professional world." That's why she jumped at the chance to serve as an adviser to help revive the UI's student chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists in 1991 — a group she had been a part of since her undergraduate years at Coe College. Shelton said she knew the importance of connecting students to the organization. Currently, the chapter has 12 active members. Membership has been as high as 14 and as low as six throughout the years. "I believe that [the chapter] has a lot to offer the students," said the 23-year-veteran of the UI. "I am a big believer in mentoring young people and providing support and guidance." And so each semester, chapter members produce a newsletter — meant to improve news coverage of African Americans in the community — called "Nuru," which is Swahili for "ray of light." "We need to bring in more and more people of color," she said, as a way of adding more voices to the important discussion of the day. And Shelton said Iowa City residents have realized the importance of having a community that mirrors the global society. "Not just the students who are minorities but for students of the majority," she said. "There are a lot of students who are white here who want that experience. They want it because they know their world is diverse. They want to learn from people of all different stripes. So the university is embracing that."

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

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concern earlier this week after the senior sprained his left ankle on Feb. 25. The injury occurred during the last play of the first half in Nebraska's 62-34 loss at Michigan State. Spencer didn't return after half-time.

The *Omaha World-Herald* reported on Feb. 26 that X-rays of Spencer's ankle came back negative, and Nebraska head coach Doc Sadler said he expected Spencer to play tonight

### Iowa (15-14, 7-9) at Nebraska (12-15, 4-12)

**When:** 8 p.m. today  
**Where:** Devaney Sports Center, Lincoln, Neb.  
**Where to watch:** ESPNU

against Iowa.

Sadler said during the Big Ten coach's teleconference on Monday that Spencer "got treatment three times [Sunday]. Definitely won't practice [Monday]. Hopefully, he'll be good enough to where he can give us some minutes on Wednesday night. We'll see."

Despite the star forward's unclear status,

Sadler said he doesn't expect many differences tonight compared with the teams' first meeting in Iowa City a month ago.

"I don't know that we'll do that many things different, but at the same time, you're more familiar with them playing the second time," he said. "You know kind of what they want to do against you. There will be minor adjustments at this point in the season but not a whole lot."

Spencer scored 16 points against Iowa in the first matchup but played second fiddle to Cornhusker guard Brandon Richardson. The senior posted a career-high 25 points in the first meeting, torching the Hawkeyes by making 6-of-7 3-point

attempts. He has made 8 treys in Nebraska's last seven games combined.

Iowa guard Matt Gatens has displayed a shooting stroke in the Hawkeyes' last four games similar to the one Richardson showed in Carver-Hawkeye. Gatens earned Co-Big Ten Player of the Week honors on Monday; the senior is averaging 26.5 points in the last four contests and shooting 73 percent (24-of-33) from beyond the arc.

"You try to defend him, just like everyone else is trying to do," Sadler said. "That basket, I'm sure, to him is looking very, very big. We'll try to do the best we can with him."

## HAWKEYE SPORTS

### Doris, Sowinski first team All-Big Ten

Two members of the Iowa men's track team were named first-team All-Big Ten on Tuesday, the conference announced.

Seniors Troy Doris and Erik Sowinski both earned the nod three days after they were crowned conference champions in their respective events.

Doris won the triple jump at the Big Ten indoor meet in Lincoln, Neb., with a leap of 15.89 meters. He edged out Indiana's Olu



**Doris**  
senior



**Sowinski**  
senior

Olamigoke by .07 meters (approximately 2.76 inches). The Illinois native also finished in sixth place in the 60-meter dash with a time of 6.83 seconds; he placed third in his preliminary heat at 6.745.

Sowinski took home the league 800-meter title with a time of 1:47.90 minutes. His 1:47.62-minute finish in the preliminary round set a conference record.

"Nobody was ahead of him for even one step in the prelims or final," head coach Larry Wiczorek told *The Daily Iowan* on Sunday.

The Wisconsin native also ran the last leg of the 4x400 relay team that finished sixth in the conference.

Both Doris and Sowinski were indoor All-Americans last year.

The Iowa women didn't put any athletes on the All-Big Ten first or second teams.

— by Seth Roberts

## JOHNSON

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the amount of contact and amount of physical style that's played not only in Division-I, but in the Big Ten," head coach Lisa Bluder said.

The Platte City, Mo., native worked on her jump shot during the summer, and she said she's confident about using it as a weapon in any situation.

Her big year caught the eye of her coaches and the rest of the conference; Johnson was named second-team All-Big Ten on Monday.

"When [Morgan] came in as a freshman, she was initiated, baptism by fire," Bluder said. "She came in here expecting to back up Jo Hamlin; [but Hamlin

### Next Up: Big Ten Tournament

**When:** Friday  
**Where:** Bankers Life Field House, Indianapolis

missed the season], and all of a sudden, she's thrown into a starting position right away in her freshman game."

Johnson suffers from tendinitis, and she normally arrives at Carver-Hawkeye Arena at least an hour before practice begins to treat her knees, back, and ankles. Her routine includes everything from having ultrasounds on her ankles to sitting in an ice tub.

She faces constant pain to play but said it doesn't bother her.

"To be able to play on the Big Ten stage, you have to do different things; part of

my payment is a little bit of pain," Johnson said. "It's such a blessing to play at this level I'll accept that. The physicality of the Big Ten and playing here just overwhelms the negatives, and the pain I play through will always be tolerable."

### Logic, Dixon share chemistry

Freshmen guards Sam Logic and Melissa Dixon knew each other well before they committed to Iowa; they played more than 30 games together on the same AAU team every summer during high school.

Their chemistry has continued to develop, especially after Dixon was thrust into the starting lineup alongside Logic when leading scorer Jaime Printy was lost for the season.

Dixon made a career-

high 6 3-pointers and scored 22 points against Michigan on Sunday, and most of her looks were set up by Logic.

"I think it really does [help that we played together in high school]," Logic said. "We worked out together for a couple years, and just knowing each other's tendencies helps out a lot."

Logic ended the Michigan game with her first career triple-double, and she has matured into a floor leader for the Hawkeyes.

Her teammates have noticed.

"She's just more comfortable out there," senior Kamille Wahlin said. "She was thinking a bit too much; freshmen have the tendency to do that. Now, she's a lot more comfortable in her role and knows the offense a lot better."

## WYNN

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went over what she learned at the conference and went over all of the movements," Dougherty said. "She's very good at what she does and is very consistent; you know what you're going to get out of her."

### Next Up: Iowa at Notre Dame

**When:** 2:30 p.m. Friday  
**Where:** Eck Tennis Center, South Bend, Ind.

Dougherty said Wynn does a good job of adapting her program to the needs of specific players, and Wynn's work has been received well by the

Hawkeyes. She commands respect right away with her attitude, freshman Shelby Talcott said.

"Coach Wynn is really great — she's always motivating, positive, and works us hard," said Talcott, Iowa's No. 2 starter. "She has really helped me with my movement, specifically my footwork on the court."

Wynn said she's driven to help the Hawkeyes achieve

their goal of making the NCAA Tournament. But ultimately, she said, she wants to push them even further.

"The end goal is to make it to the NCAA Tournament and win," Wynn said. "That should be every team's goal; if it's not, I don't know what we're doing here."

# Men's tennis faces Drake

The Hawkeyes will try to end their losing streak against No. 62 Drake tonight in Des Moines.

By TOM CLOS  
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The Iowa men's tennis team will hit the road for a midweek clash with No. 62 Drake (9-1) in Des Moines today.

The Hawkeyes carry a 1-6 record into the meet; they have lost their last four in row by a combined score of 20-8.

Singles play is once again the biggest problem facing Iowa, which enters the Drake meet with a 14-27 overall record, including a combined singles record of 2-12 from senior Will Vasos and freshman Matt Hagan.

Head coach Steve Houghton said he feels his team's lack of mental toughness has been a big part of the poor showing.

"The best word I can think of to use right now is 'fragile,'" he said when asked to describe his team last week. "We're just fragile when it comes down to key situations."

Iowa dropped two doubles matches in tiebreakers in its last meet, on Feb. 19 at Western Michigan. Those losses have bothered Houghton ever since, he said.

"We had three match points in No. 1 doubles," Houghton said. "We get any



Iowa senior Will Vasos practices in the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex in 2011. Vasos and the 1-6 Hawkeyes will take on No. 62 Drake in Des Moines tonight. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

of those, and we win the meet 4-3. It's as simple as that."

Instead, Iowa lost, 5-2.

The team has struggled recently in doubles, dropping the point in each of its last two meets.

"We know we have the talent and the skills and players to win," sophomore Michael Swank said on Feb. 21. "It just comes down to everybody taking care of his job."

The lone on-court success in singles play has come courtesy of junior Garret Dunn, who has won five-straight singles matches. Four of those were in straight sets.

"I've been playing well," Dunn said last week. "It's all about confidence out on the court and playing your game."

The Drake Bulldogs are

led by junior Anis Ghorbel. The Tunisian is the reigning Missouri Valley Player of the Week, and he is ranked 73rd in singles.

Houghton said slowing down the Bulldogs and getting back in the win column won't be easy.

"They usually win the Missouri Valley Conference — or are right up there," he said. "It'll be real challenging."

The longtime head coach said Drake is known for having large crowds at its tennis meets, especially when the Hawkeyes come to town.

"They really get a lot of fans when we play over there," Houghton said. "It's a big deal when Iowa comes in."

Dunn said he'll enter today's meet fully prepared for what awaits his team

when it hits the court, because he has prior experience in the series.

"I remember my freshman year, they had a lot of people there," Dunn said. "Iowa State doesn't have a team, so it's the closest thing to a big rivalry game."

Houghton's team is in the midst of a four-match losing streak and is facing one of the hottest teams in the nation, but the 31-year Iowa head coach said he still feels his players can get the job done today.

"Sooner or later, our guys will get over the hump," Houghton said.

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Iowa guard Matt Gatens prepares to catch an inbounds pass from Bryce Cartwright during the Hawkeyes' 79-73 loss to Nebraska in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Jan. 26. The Hawkeyes and Huskers will meet again tonight in Lincoln, Neb. (The Daily Iowan/Ricky Bahner)

The Hawkeyes have a chance to win their third conference road game tonight when they face Nebraska.

By **BEN SCHUFF**  
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The Iowa men's basketball team played in a winnable game against Nebraska on Jan. 26.

But it left Carver-Hawkeye Arena that night with 79-73 loss.

The Hawkeyes were ahead

for a considerable portion of that contest, the Cornhuskers outscored them, 18-12, in the final 5:29.

"The interesting thing about the first Nebraska game — we were in a position to win," Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery said in a teleconference on Monday. "What I said at the time — and it still holds true —

the reality was that was a game that either team could've won. They played better than we did in the last [five] minutes. You have to credit them for that and their coaching staff."

The Hawkeyes (15-14, 7-9 Big Ten) will play what should be another winnable game tonight when they take the floor in the Devaney Sports

Center on Nebraska's Senior Night. The Cornhuskers (12-15, 4-12) are tied with Penn State for last place in the Big Ten, and they have lost six of their last seven games since beating Iowa in late January.

Nebraska leading scorer Bo Spencer's health was an area of

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### NOTEBOOK

## Johnson becomes paint artist

Morgan Johnson has tweaked her game to become an anchor in the middle for the Hawkeyes.

By **BEN WOLFSON**  
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The Iowa women's basketball team heads to Indianapolis as the No. 3 seed in week's Big Ten Tournament, and the Hawkeyes' tallest player is one of the biggest reasons behind their success.

Junior center Morgan Johnson stands 6-5, and she has become into a force in the middle for the Hawkeyes in her third college season.

Johnson is averaging 15 points and almost 7 rebounds per game to go along with her 54 percent field-goal shooting.



**Johnson**  
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Unlike her previous two seasons, Johnson has developed enough strength and confidence to push opponents around in the paint.

"Getting bigger and stronger was the main thing; I had to bulk up to hold my own and keep position," she said on Tuesday. "I find myself being able to push people out of the paint and hold my own ground more than I was."

Johnson often committed fouls while trying to block shots during her first two seasons, but she said she has realized she needs to stay in the game and help the team on both the offensive and defensive sides of the court.

"What Morgan had to change was

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## Strength coach aids Hawkeyes

Jamie Wynn has reworked the Hawkeyes' conditioning program since she was hired in August.

By **PATRICK MASON**  
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Iowa women's tennis strength and conditioning coach Jamie Wynn has helped the Hawkeyes become stronger, more mobile, and more flexible than their opponents since August.

The 27-year-old started coaching after she received a master's degree from Missouri in 2009, and she helps a number of Iowa teams — including the women's golf, soccer, cross-country, and track and field squads. Wynn comes from a track and field background — she was an All-Big 12 discus thrower in college — and attributed her knowledge of overall strength and conditioning to her college coaches.

"I had some very smart coaches in college when I was on the track team," she said. "They really knew about lifting and training, so I picked their brains a lot. I built what I know and do now off their knowledge."

One of her main goals is to keep the Hawkeyes healthy, and she said performing sport-specific workouts can greatly

decrease the chances of injuries. Her techniques include looking at injury trends with certain players and tailoring programs to not let the setbacks occur again.

"I usually start out with a program, and it's a strong suggestion," Wynn said. "Then, when we actually execute the program, I might see certain needs for certain people and I'll simply adjust what they do. Some are more advanced and other require little tweaks. If a player needs to be more flexible, her workout will be a little shorter so she can work on flexibility."

She is also adept at learning what each sport requires for its athletes to remain in top shape. Wynn went to Tampa Bay, Fla., in December to attend a conference on tennis conditioning; she learned new ways to train tennis players, and rewrote Iowa's conditioning program based on the workouts professional players perform.

Iowa head coach Katie Dougherty said she was pleased with Wynn's depth of knowledge and how she implemented workouts specifically designed for tennis. A major improvement, she said, was integrating drills to improve unilateral movement, in which only one muscle group is worked at a time. Unilateral movement is a large part of tennis and the drills have helped the team get better, she said.

"When she came back, we

SEE TENNIS, 8

## Wickus vaults over obstacles

Gymnast Maya Wickus has broken through barriers in her second season as a Hawkeye.

By **ALEX FRENCH**  
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Maya Wickus was the anchor for the Iowa women's gymnastics team's vault lineup on Feb. 24 against Minnesota. Her routine, a 9.85, tied for second place.

That score helped the GymHawks to a season-high 49.075 in the vault.

Wickus has scored 9.725 or better in every meet this season; she has finished in first twice and never lower than third.

The road to Iowa City hasn't been all that smooth for the second-year transfer student from Auburn, though.

"I definitely struggled the first semester [here]," she said. "It was like freshman year all over again; new coaches, new teammates. It was hard at the beginning."

Iowa's coaching staff also said Wickus' change in scenery was rocky at first.

"Last year was a challenge; she had to overcome a mental wall," assistant coach Linas Gavioka said. "All we had to do is be patient and persistent with her."

Wickus was a four-time state vault champion and regional qualifier while in high school in Wisconsin, but she developed that "mental wall" her first

year at Auburn, she said. It affected her so much that at one point of her freshman year, then-Auburn coaches Jeff and Rachelle Thompson said she wouldn't travel with the team to regionals if she didn't vault in practice.

Wickus couldn't vault that practice. She didn't travel with the team.

"I was stressed out; I had trouble getting over the horse," she said.

The Thompsons — who now coach at Penn State — left Auburn at the end of the 2009 season. The Auburn Athletics Department said Wickus could remain with the team if she chose because of the coaching change, but Wickus decided a different atmosphere was the best option.

Head coach Larissa Libby learned shortly thereafter that Wickus was interested in Iowa. The Port Washington, Wis., native pledged her allegiance to the Black and Gold after a few visits to campus.

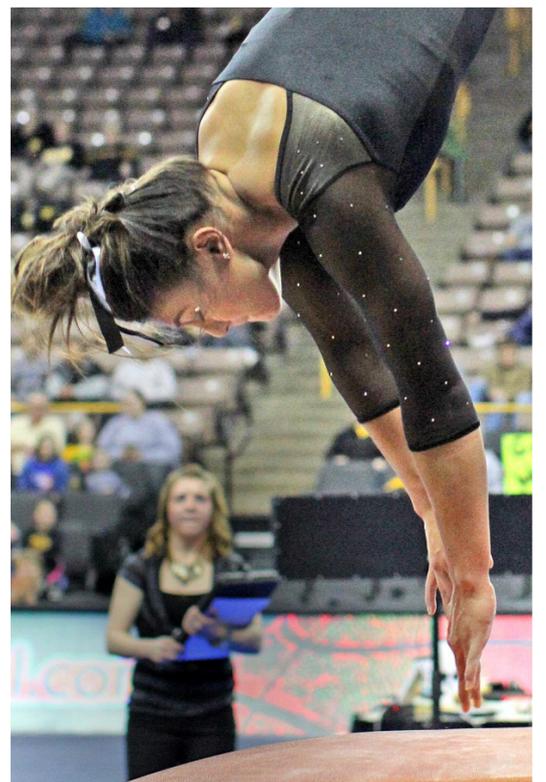
Libby said she never asked Wickus why she left Auburn.

"I tried not to ask why — we've had a number of transfers, and we're trying to give a fresh start [to each one]," she said. "I don't care what happened there; here, it's carte blanche."

Wickus said the coaching staff was essential in helping ease her switch.

"Larissa completely understood where I was coming from, and Linas and I became really close," she said. "We did lots of drills to help my vault."

Wickus rewarded the



Iowa's Maya Wickus competes in the vault against Penn State in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Feb. 3. Wickus, a transfer from Auburn, has scored at least 9.725 points in the event in every meet this season. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

coaches when she hit her career-high — a 9.925 at Southern Utah — in March 2011. But she sprained her ankle shortly after, had surgery to remove bone chips and spurs, and stayed in Iowa City all summer rehabbing with trainer John Fravel.

Gavioka said he has noticed a difference in Wickus' performance between this year and the last — and he isn't the only one who has seen it.

"Last year, she was getting used to the team,

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vaulting, and breaking through that mental hurdle," he said. "This year, she knows how to get through [the hurdles] ... some have small ones, and some are more severe. Hers were more severe, but once you get over it, it's more rewarding."