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In 2009-10, only one-third of Americans who studied abroad were male.

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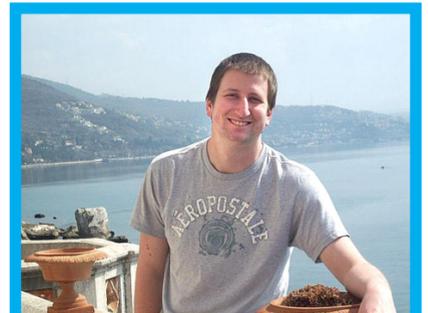
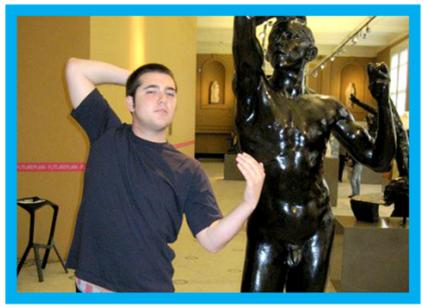
Navi Bajwa took his studies to the United Kingdom because he wanted to immerse himself in the political and social atmosphere.

"The reason I went to the University of Edinburgh is because of the world-class education that institution has to offer," the University of Iowa senior said. "I have a lot of family in the UK, and I have been there a lot during my life, so I was comfortable going there."

Bajwa belongs to a rather small percentage of men — both nationally and at the UI — who study abroad each year. Both national and local experts say men often don't believe studying abroad leads to a greater international perspective.

According to a *Chronicle of Higher Education* report last month, only one-third of 270,600 American students who studied abroad during

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Shoplifting up in IC

Hy-Vee, Walmart, and other major retail stores in Iowa City have loss-prevention training to combat shoplifting.

By **JORDYN REILAND**
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Local police officials note that shoplifting charges are on the rise, though they believe this is little reason for concern.

In 2011, the Iowa City police saw 348 cases of shoplifting, up almost 70 from the year before and almost double since 2007.

Officer Jorey Bailey said the increase in the number of



A flier is seen at Active Endeavors, 138 S. Clinton St., requiring customers to leave backpacks at the store's counter. Active Endeavors put this policy into effect to decrease shoplifting. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

shoplifting charges could be the result of security renovations in Hy-Vee or Walmart — two of

Iowa City's larger retail stores.

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Jump in electricity cost worries many in IC

By **LOGAN EDWARDS**
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MidAmerican Energy officials say an electric-rate increase is necessary to keep up with rising energy-production costs, but that didn't do much to soothe locals' concerns Thursday night.

Officials from the company and the Iowa Utilities Board held a public hearing in Iowa City on Thursday evening to explain why they want to increase rates by an average of \$2.33 each month for the rest of 2012 and an additional \$1.30 each month in 2013.

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School changes upset many



Ann Feldmann, assistant superintendent of the Iowa City School District, helps lead a discussion about redistricting elementary schools for 2013-2014 at City High on Thursday. The proposal has sparked much concern among parents and teachers. (The Daily Iowan/Melissa Wilson)

No new elementary schools have been built on the East Side of Iowa City since 1970.

By **ASMAA ELKEURTI**
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School officials plan to shake up elementary boundaries for the 2013-14 school year, but local parents say details about those plans are scarce.

District officials hosted a public forum on the boundary changes at City High on Thursday evening and attracted more than 100 people. Questions and comments ranged from the basis of school capacity, students' families' income diversity, and busing, though many audience members expressed frustration over the statistics presented.

Major transfers under the current draft include moving 104 students from Twain Elementary to Longfellow Elementary and 69 students from Twain Elementary to Hills

Elementary. Twain would in turn receive an equal number of Longfellow students from the Windsor Ridge and Redwing Estate areas.

Longfellow parent Julie Hastings said she believed the numbers presented were misleading, pointing out it excluded other district schools that would inevitably be affected by redistricting. Board consultant Geoffrey Smith admitted all the numbers presented were estimates, leading locals to ask why the meeting wasn't postponed until hard data were available.

"If we're not using accurate numbers, why are we here now?" Longfellow parent Lori Kramer said. "I think people feel this is disingenuous because there's nothing concrete; it's all wishy-washy."

District officials agreed

the estimates could be confusing.

"It's a bit like looking into a crystal ball, and then you add to that the complexity that we're on the cusp of change of government rules, be it federal or state legislation," Associate Superintendent Becky Furlong said. "That makes it very difficult for us to say how it's going to be this year or even in five years."

Some parents noted Twain children currently attending Hoover Elementary were not on the redistricting estimates school officials provided.

"All of the Twain children who go to Hoover weren't even spoken to, so it didn't even make any sense that we had the discussion without talking about schools that would be affected," Hoover parent Kristen Brown said. "They didn't address concerns about

why money is spent on the West Side of town and how it's been 40 years or some since anything's been built on the East Side of town."

Kramer said she felt board members at the meeting lacked enough knowledge and preparation to answer questions the community presented.

"Everything's about as clear as mud," Kramer said. "I don't feel like there's enough clarity or transparency."

District officials said they were working on developing long-term goals to avoid the confusion of changing school neighborhood boundaries in the future.

"[Long-term planning] is certainly something we have discussed," said Assistant Superintendent Ann Feldmann. "I don't know how you'd put a number on that, but it's something to consider."

METRO/NATION

Man faces drug charges

A Massachusetts man has been charged with possessing a large amount of marijuana and cash.

According to an Iowa City police complaint, Peter McClean, Brookline, Mass., was charged Feb. 11, 2011, with a controlled-substance violation and permitting gatherings to use marijuana.

On that date, Iowa City police officials reportedly searched 2387 Mehaffey Bridge Road, North Liberty, and found approximately half a pound of marijuana and more than \$7,000 in cash.

The complaint said numerous pipes and devices used for the consumption and distribution of marijuana were also found at the residence.

A controlled-substance violation is a Class-D felony.

Gathering for use of marijuana is a serious misdemeanor and is punishable of up to one year in jail and a maximum fine of \$1,875.

— by Jordyn Reiland

Supervisors OK budget

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the county's fiscal 2013 budget on Thursday.

The budget will total \$84,208,573. Countywide taxes increased by \$1,047,456. Residential property tax rollback will be 50.75 percent per \$100,000 of property valuation.

The supervisors' budget for fiscal 2013 will be \$720,566. It is divided into 19 notable projects, the majority of funds going to mental health and disability services.

— by Derek Kellison

Supervisors approve rental code

Johnson County officials passed a new rental code on Thursday.

The new rules will make it easier for renters to have their complaints investigated by county officials. Violations of safety

standards will be the responsibility of the property owner to solve. Property owners could face fines if their properties are not up to code.

Agricultural land will be exempt.

County Planning and Zoning Department officials say that the codes are in progress and will be reworked later.

The measure passed 3-2 at Thursday evening's Johnson County Board of Supervisor's meeting. Supervisors Janelle Rettig and Rod Sullivan voted no.

— by Derek Kellison

House joins on small-business, startup bills

WASHINGTON — Showing that they can on occasion work together, House lawmakers on Thursday overwhelmingly passed a package of bills making it easier for small businesses and startups to raise the capital they need to grow and hire new workers.

Republicans praised what they

referred to as the JOBS Act, insisting that President Obama's support for it shows they can work with him in the nation's interest. "It is a welcome sign that we can put our differences aside and work together to produce results to help boost the economy and get people back to work," House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va., said.

Democrats, while saying the legislation deserved a yes vote, said the measure was a modest effort by Republicans to prove they can accomplish something in an otherwise do-nothing Congress.

Rep. Jared Polis, D-Colo., said that while the measure would free up capital flow for startups, "it's not a jobs solution for our country; it's not a jobs bill."

"In fact, I think the frustration of some is that to a certain extent it represents the spinning of the wheels that has typified this Congress," Polis said.

— Associated Press

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Clint Askvig, 31, address unknown, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication, possession of prescription drugs, and possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Bradford Barclay, 30, Roseville, Ill., was charged Thursday with OWI.

Le Deo, 25, 320 S. Westminster St., was charged Thursday with OWI.

Jessica Gleason, 29, 8 Remote St., was charged Wednesday with public intoxication.

John Hall, 19, E233 Currier, was

charged Thursday with falsifying a driver's license.

Ryan Hartmann, 19, E233 Currier, was charged Thursday with falsifying a driver's license and possession of a controlled substance.

Jack Hollis, 49, 913 Harlocke St., was charged Tuesday with obstruction of emergency communication and domestic abuse.

Trevone King, 21, North Liberty, was charged Tuesday with driving while license revoked.

Sylvia Lovanrack, 20, 1643 Langenberg Ave., was charged

Thursday with OWI.

Ryan Mains, 19, 340 Rienow, was charged Wednesday with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance, and falsifying a driver's license.

James Murphy, 65, Madison, Wis., was charged with public intoxication.

Robert Murphy, 61, Hastings, Neb., was charged Wednesday with OWI.

Chase Nauman, 22, 914 S. Gilbert Court, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication.

Beverly Pewa, 20, Coralville, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication, simple assault, and fourth-degree criminal mischief.

Evan Prachar, 21, 925 N. Dodge St., was charged Tuesday with OWI.

Jordan Teboda, 20, 419 N. Dubuque St. No. 3, was charged Tuesday with presence in a bar after hours and interference with official acts.

Russell Weston, 52, address unknown, was charged Tuesday with public intoxication and possession of an open container of alcohol in public.

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the 2009-10 academic year were male.

One UI official said the school's study-abroad statistics mirror national percentages.

"I think we're just spot-on with the way things are happening all across the country — very, very similar trends," said John Rogers, an assistant director of the UI Study Abroad Office.

In 2010-11, 908 students studied abroad. Sixty-eight

percent of those students were female.

Rogers said men tend to be more pragmatic about their study-abroad options.

"When they pick a study-abroad program, they're doing it so they can earn major credit ... there tends to be a real sort of practical element to it," he said.

Females are typically liberal-arts majors and have more flexibility in their course schedules to transfer credits, Rogers said.

UI sophomore Tyler Raymond said he wants to study abroad, but he understands why other men wouldn't want that experience.

"I want to study abroad

in southern Germany for language acquisition," he said. "That's the only reason I want to go. I think men are lazier. They find it harder to organize it, so they're less likely to want to."

Low male participation in study-abroad programs is also present at the other recent institutions.

Yana Cornish, the director of study-abroad programs at the University of Northern Iowa, said the school saw its highest level of male participation this academic year at 37 percent.

The percentage of male participation has been as low as 17 percent in the last decade, she said.

"Women are more proactive and jump on opportunities fast," she said. "Males take a while longer to take an opportunity, and [UNI operates] on a first-come, first-served basis. Men want to pick and make their own programs."

One study-abroad expert, however, said men's participation in study-abroad opportunities really boils down to their disposition and the reputation and marketing of opportunities.

Jim Lucas, an assistant dean at Michigan State University, has completed extensive qualitative research on men's participation in study-abroad programs.

"Study abroad is often viewed as kind of frivolous and extra and not core to what college is about," Lucas said.

Lucas said more men would seize study-abroad opportunities if advertising appealed to them and demonstrated the importance of an international experience.

"If [men] saw a reason and a value to go and study abroad, they would," he said. "If they didn't, they wouldn't. Study abroad was no more valuable, or less valuable, than getting a job or internship."

Lucas said females

choose to study abroad because of a desire to gain a greater world perspective.

UI sophomore August Shultz enjoyed his study-abroad experiences when he traveled to India, and he said all students — male or female — should take advantage of the opportunities.

"I think all should be taken out of their comfort zone and [be] placed in a situation that is drastically different from anything they have known," Shultz said. "Only then am I able to be truly confident in my decisions and my life."

SHOPLIFTING

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"Statistics rise and fall," Bailey said. "The numbers [could] be up because more people are getting caught."

Despite the increase, Iowa City police Sgt. Denise Brotherton said police officials are mostly unconcerned.

"For us, that's not a huge enough jump where we

Shoplifting

Iowa City police have reported an increase in the number of charged shoplifters for the community:

- 2007: 208
- 2008: 191
- 2009: 329
- 2010: 276
- 2011: 348

Source: Iowa City Police

would consider it a problem," she said. "Our [numbers] are fairly consistent for the population and the

added security at Hy-Vee."

Brotherton and Bailey pointed to additional security cameras and loss-prevention officials at the grocery chain. Hy-Vee officials were unable to comment.

At smaller operations, the increase might not apply.

"I don't think it's affected us that much," said Record Collector owner Kirk Walther. "We're a fairly small store, and it's pretty hard to get away with stealing because of the setup of the store."

Bailey said many businesses have looked into loss-prevention training, taught by the police, to combat shoplifting.

Regular staff members can be trained as loss-prevention officials, who can examine potential shoplifting risks in the layout of their businesses.

The predominant number of reported shoplifting cases come from large retail areas, largely because of their security personnel, Brotherton said

Brotherton said shoplifters often use the poor economy as an excuse, but she doubted the economy was related to the shoplifting increase.

"I think people will say that, that will be an excuse when they are caught, but once again, a criminal is a criminal, and they are going to take advantage of the opportunity," she said.

Brotherton believes Iowa City offers an adequate number of resources for

the community to get meals and assistance.

"If we were in an area where meals were not provided by service agencies here, then that might be a valid excuse for somebody [to steal]," she said.

Bailey said he thinks the number of shoplifters will remain steady after new loss-prevention efforts have been put in place.

"I think [the numbers] will plateau with the added equipment," he said. "More people are getting caught."

ELECTRIC

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MidAmerican spokesman Tim Grabinski said the company's coal-transport contract with Union Pacific Railroad will soon expire, leading to a likely price increase as the company looks at bids for alternate services. Other costs have also been on the rise, he said.

"We are fundamentally at a point that we have to start looking at increases," MidAmerican Energy Chief Executive Officer Bill Fehrman said.

But many MidAmerican customers expressed con-

cerns over the rate changes. Customers questioned whether the hike is wise while the economy is still sluggish.

"I can't afford to be paying electric bills and gas bills that I paid this year," local resident George Thompson said. "And this was a very mild winter."

Jean Falk, who said she had recently been diagnosed with cystic fibrosis said, offered similar con-

cerns. "I'm here for a number of reasons. Because, you're looking at someone who really depends on utilities in order to breathe," she said. "I don't have this kind of money every month to put away at this point, unless I win the lottery."

MidAmerican officials said they understood customers' concerns. They said their energy-efficiency programs can aid to those

struggling with energy bills.

"We always say that the most important thing is to call us," said Terry Ousley, the MidAmerican vice president of customer service. "We're in touch every day with community-action agencies."

MidAmerican began sending out rate-increase notices to consumers in January and filed an electric-rate increase request

with the Iowa Utilities Board in February, state officials said.

The new rates took effect this month, but state officials can squelch the increase following public input. That decision will come by the end of the year.

"If it is determined that the rate increase would be less or not allowed, the customers would receive a refund, plus interest," Grabinski said.

Fehrman agreed that the rate increase would be hard on consumers but said the company needed to make the decision.

"We know that there is never a good time to do this, but there are reasons for it, and we are committed to try to keep our costs as low as we can," he said. "The fact of the matter is we're in a situation now where we have to be the judge."

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Editorial

Learn from homeschooling to improve public schools

The number of U.S. students homeschooling has nearly doubled since 1999. It continues to be a viable alternative to public or private education, and as trust in the public-school system dwindles, more and more parents are turning to educating their kids themselves.

An increase in the popularity of homeschooling in America demonstrates a severe lack of confidence in the public-education system. Americans should be able to trust in their government's ability to provide an adequate education for the next generation, and if they can't, we should re-evaluate and refine our approach to schooling. One method is to determine the reasoning behind homeschooling's success and attempt to implement those principles in public classrooms.

The reason homeschooling works is largely because of its individualized approach. This, of course, runs upstream from the consequences of No Child Left Behind, which, in effect, requires teachers to instruct homogeneously. By applying an individualized approach to teaching, interest and innovation would propel our schools to higher achievement and attract more would-be homeschoolers, freeing up parents to contribute to the workforce.

Homeschooling has steadily evolved into more than just a self-righteous alternative for Bible Belt parents who cower at the thought of evolution being taught in biology classes as something more than a hypothesis. Today, the attraction of homeschooling transcends political lines of division.

"Homeschoolers of all stripes believe that they alone should decide how their children are educated, and they unite in order to press for the absence of regulations or the most permissive regulation possible," writes Robert Reich in a 2005 Stanford University research paper, "Why Homeschooling Should Be Regulated."

The results — without accounting for control factors — indicate that homeschooling produces better students. While the percentile rank for public schools is, by definition, 50 percent, homeschooled children rank between the 65th and 80th percentiles, according to the National Home Education Research Institution.

This gap in achievement should act as inspiration for school reform. But of course, evidence parallel to public classrooms should be evaluated before taking any bold action.

One 2012 study, called "Assessing Performance: The Impact of Organizational Climates and Politics on Public Schools' Performance," found that four "climates" were positively correlated to public-school performance: participative, innovative, leadership, and service — two of which are integrated in the foundation of homeschooling. In a perfect world, every child would be homeschooled and receive the same individualized attention.

Yet, not all families have the time or the financial flexibility to homeschool, not to mention the vast majority of parents are most likely not qualified to educate their children in a fashion that prepares them for college and the professional world. The majority of families in America depend on the public-school system to educate their children.

Instead of bashing the government for its methodologies and flawed system of funding, we should address the issue that while some parents might choose to educate their children for personal reasons, others do it out of a fear of sending their kids through flawed or failing systems. Fear of an inadequate education should not be a weighty factor in any family's decision to homeschool.

The goal should be to eradicate circumstantially prompted homeschooling by tailoring educational policy based on what does and what does not improve overall student performance.

Schools should focus on individual tutoring, increased instructional time, and cooperative learning. Initiatives such as Edutopia offer some insight into potential methods of bettering public-school performance.

Homeschooling essentially revolves around parental involvement. In the same light, one might also consider the agency of parents in the sphere of public education and the positive effects of being involved in their child's K-12 schooling. Parents getting involved in local educational reform and vocalizing concerns can have an obvious, tangible effect. Programs such as Project Appleseed call on parents to "pledge" to improve public-school systems by being involved.

Every child should have access to an adequate education. Policy should not aim to eliminate homeschooling — it should aim to learn from it.

Your turn. Is standardized schooling the best approach? Weigh in at dailyiowan.com.

Letter

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Diversity blooms, and IC schools are helping

A headline in *The Daily Iowan* on leap day, Feb. 29, caught my eye: "Slowly, diversity blooms in Iowa City."

That is so true. We have, in the past few years, had a change in the "color" of Iowa City. We have people from other communities (other countries, other states, other cities) who have moved in that change our perception of "who we are" as a community. We are blooming, and that brings with it wonderful opportunities and the requisite problems that come with change.

I spend a lot of time with students at different schools as a substitute teacher in the Iowa City School District. I have seen the problems, but the progress is more obvious to me. We have always had students in Iowa City who take responsibility for their education with an expectation that they will go to a college of some sort. We have students who are newer to the educational process who are beginning to understand that they, too, can go to college. These students are studying, taking part in activities, volunteering, working, and they are meeting the expectations of the community as well as exceeding their own previous expectations.

MYEP Fas Trac works with students, both from Iowa City and stu-

dents new to the area who have a desire to achieve academic success, be contributing members of their community, and to prepare for college.

One hundred percent of seniors in the program have gone to college since its inception. Six seniors are going to college this year after being a part of Fas Trac. Twenty-eight of 33 students who started college since 2007 are still in college.

Forty-five students have earned the right to leave March 10 on a tour of important civil-rights sites as well as visiting six historically black colleges and universities.

We can be proud of these students and the contribution that they are making in Iowa City and the Corridor. We can be the community that supports all of our stu-

dents with greater awareness of what is being accomplished and with greater awareness that our support is desired.

Tonya Peebles, a professor of chemical and biochemical engineering at the University of Iowa, said it this way in the *DI* on Feb. 29. "A perfectly diverse Iowa City would look like ... the partnership between the University of Iowa and the Iowa City community and even the state of Iowa to create an inclusive environment where people can be accepted and successful."

I hope we can be that community.

Leora Houghton

Nuclear zombies



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If you've been to Zombie Burger in Des Moines, you understand. The walls are splattered with murals of the apocalypse — fat men and women slowly walking on the streets of the once humble and quaint city. The burgers are great, but the sentiment stays with you.

Being a zombie would suck.

But, it seems, if Iowans are even thinking about building a nuclear-power plant, then we have pretty much already become zombies of a certain nature. And they are thinking about it.

The Iowa Senate Commerce Committee was scheduled to take up a bill in which MidAmerican Energy proposed the construction of a nuclear-power plant Thursday. The estimated costs for the "small-scale" plant are estimated at around \$2 billion.

A bit of a hefty cost that would leave any zombie groaning. Sure, finding alternative-energy sources is in my top-five most important issues, but nuclear energy? Really?

The bill to construct this plant was approved in the House last session, and Commerce Committee Chairman Sen. Matt McCoy is trying to revive it.

"We're legislators," McCoy said. "We want to keep this option on the table and allow MidAmerican the opportunity to run this bill up the flagpole with the [Iowa Utilities Board] and consumer advocates and try to make a business case for why it should proceed."

But a business case should not be the only one made. Of course it's good business for MidAmerican to tap into the nuclear-energy market.

As it stands, Iowa gets its lion's share of electricity from coal plants, roughly 72 percent. And no one can like coal because it kills the penguins. The state's only nuclear-power plant provides nearly 8 percent of the energy. If MidAmerican could tap into this market, it would look good for

doing its part to save the penguins, while having a terrific stake in the nuclear-energy market in Iowa.

But just like being a zombie, having a nuclear-power plant in your neighborhood sucks, too.

According to U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission records and a yearlong report from the Associated Press concerning nuclear safety, Tritium, which is a fun, radioactive form of hydrogen, has been known to leak from nuclear-power plants over time. This would be fine if the leak were harmless, but obviously, contaminating major water sources with radioactive material will kill something. Here's the kicker — Tritium has leaked from at least 48 of 65 sites, a few as close as Illinois and Minnesota.

And we all know that these power plants need uranium. Uranium needs to be transported; mistakes can happen in the process. So, all of the sudden, we have massive trucks carrying uranium driving around the boonies of Iowa.

Oh, and then there's the waste generated from mining uranium. And rainwater runoff contaminating groundwater with heavy metals. We may not be mining it, but we're already buying the product.

Of course, the case can be made that nuclear-power plants will do more for the community than bad.

For one, it will decrease Iowa's reliance on coal, which, McCoy says, will go up by 40 percent in cost in the near future because of increased federal regulations.

For another, it doesn't give off the amount of greenhouse gases that other forms of electricity generation, such as coal, do. And it's an alternate. So we should give it a try.

I'm not buying that. We need alternative-fuel sources that can be sustained for the growing population of the world. But nuclear power is not it. There are too many risks, too many holes, too much unknown about the potential side effects. We need a real answer, not a business answer.

And until we get it, we'll all just be walking around like zombies. ■

Guest column

UISG: Distinguish public urination from sex-offenses

The City Council approved on Tuesday night the first vote of an ordinance amending section 6 of City Code 8-5-6. For those who are unfamiliar with the code, section 8-5-6 pertains to committing acts of indecent exposure and conduct.

At present, this ordinance principally defines sexually offensive infractions — acts such as public displays of masturbation

or sexual intercourse. However, 8-5-6 is also where it is deemed unlawful to urinate in public. Herein lies the problem. 8-5-6 unreasonably agglomerates those who are committing lewd or sexual acts with those who are not.

By no means should urinating in public be tolerated, and those who are charged with doing so should be reprimanded.

However, the current

ordinance is ambiguous and does little to distinguish between indecent exposure and indecent conduct. This in turn creates undue consequences for those who have been cited as violating 8-5-6.

Greg Bal, the supervising attorney for University of Iowa Student Legal Services attests to several incidents in which his office has been contacted by prospective employers

of UI graduates to help clarify a student's criminal record as it applies to section 8-5-6.

The lack of clear distinction between the infractions circumscribed within 8-5-6 has the potential to create unfair misconceptions about those who are charged with violating the section, and as a result, UI graduates who have been charged with urinating in public may wrongfully be

denied admittance to graduate programs or be dismissed from consideration for employment under the erroneous belief that they have committed sexually offensive acts.

What I have proposed is to simply detach public urination from the already existing section and create a new section that would deal solely with public urination and defecation.

Amending the City Code

in order to create a clearer interpretation of this ordinance is just and well within reason. What I have proposed to the City Council will in no way minimize current fines or penalties but serve to remove any prejudicial consequences of the current ordinance.

— Cody Graham is the UI Student Government's liaison to the City Council.

FROM THE SOUL



University of Iowa Voices of Soul members learn to sing with expression for the audience during a rehearsal on Thursday in the IMU. The choir has performed African-American gospel music for more than 40 years. (The Daily Iowan/Chastity Dillard)

Obama, GOP bond on schools

By **KIMBERLY HEFLING**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A funny thing is happening between President Obama and many Republican governors when it comes to improving America's schools: They are mostly getting along.

After Obama spoke recently to the nation's governors, Louisiana GOP Gov. Bobby Jindal publicly praised the administration's efforts on education, and Virginia Republican Gov. Bob McDonnell said there was a lot of room for "common agreement" on fixing schools. Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam, another Republican, introduced Obama in September at the White House before the president announced that states could be freed from stringent rules under the No Child Left Behind law if they met certain conditions.

GOP Gov. Mitch Daniels freely credits Obama and Education Secretary Arne Duncan for helping to pave the way for a "tectonic" shift in education, including comprehensive law changes passed in his home state of Indiana last year that include the rigorous use of teacher evaluations and one of the nation's most expansive uses of vouchers to help parents send children to private schools.

Republican governors are unabashedly behind some of the most aggressive changes in education policy today, from Indiana to Florida, where Republican Gov. Rick Scott successfully pushed law

changes to establish merit pay and eliminate tenure protections for new teachers, to Wisconsin, where Gov. Scott Walker seeks statewide screening of incoming kindergartners and requirements that elementary school teachers take a more rigorous licensing exam.

While Obama doesn't agree with all these actions, he and the governors have found common ground in a number of areas, including teacher-evaluation systems with consequences, merit pay for teachers, holding teachers and schools more accountable for how much students learn, and charter schools, which are public schools run by an independent third party.

Obama's awarding of waivers from No Child Left Behind in exchange for a promise by states to improve how they prepare and evaluate students has been popular with many governors of both parties, as has been the opportunity to compete for billions of dollars in the administration's "Race to the Top" competition, which rewards states for pursuing policies Obama supports.

"In today's political world, where you can't get Republicans and Democrats to agree on anything hardly in Washington, I think that's one area where you have a lot of Republican governors who would say we don't agree with everything the president wants to do on education, but there are a lot of things we do," Haslam said in a phone interview.

Senate blocks pipeline

By **MATTHEW DALY**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Under pressure from the White House, the Democratic-controlled Senate on Thursday blocked a Republican bid to speed approval of an oil pipeline from Canada to Texas.

The 56-42 vote came after President Obama called Democratic senators to lobby them to oppose the 1,700-mile Keystone XL pipeline, which would carry tar-sands oil from western Canada to refineries along the Texas Gulf Coast.

Even so, 11 Democrats sided with Republicans to sidestep Obama's rejection of the pipeline and allow the \$7 billion project to go forward. Sixty votes were needed for approval.

Senate Minority Leader

Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., blasted Obama after the vote.

"President Obama's personal pleas to wavering senators may have tipped the balance against this legislation," McConnell said. "When it comes to delays over Keystone, anyone looking for a culprit should now look no further than the Oval Office."

Democratic opposition to the pipeline "shows how deeply out of touch they are with the concerns of middle-class Americans," he said.

White House Press Secretary Jay Carney confirmed that Obama called senators, but did not identify them.

"The president believes that it is wrong to play politics with a pipeline project whose route has yet to be

proposed," Carney said, referring to a yet-to-be-settled route that would avoid the environmentally sensitive Sandhills region in Nebraska. Obama had cited uncertainty over the Nebraska route in rejecting the pipeline in January. The president said there was not enough time for a fair review before a deadline forced on him by Republicans.

Carney dismissed GOP claims that the pipeline would ease rising prices at the gas pump as "false advertising."

Carney called the Republican proposal "ineffectual sham legislation that has no impact on the price of gas and is irresponsible because, as we said before, it tries to legislate the approval of a pipeline for

which there is not even a route." The State Department initially had blocked the project in November, citing concerns about a proposed route through the Sandhills.

Pipeline supporters, including Congressional Republicans, the oil industry, and some labor groups, have attacked Obama for blocking the pipeline, which they say could create thousands of jobs and provide a stable source of oil from a close neighbor and ally.

Democrats and environmental groups counter that the pipeline would transport "dirty oil" that takes huge amounts of energy to extract, adding to the pollution blamed for global warming. They also worry about a catastrophic oil spill.

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- Ed, Ed, and Eddy
- Pee-Wee's Playhouse
- The Angry Beavers
 - Rocket Power
- The Adventures of Pete and Pete
 - Romper Room
 - Curious George
 - Maya and Miguel
 - Maggie and the Ferocious Beast
- Angelina Anaconda
- Dave the Barbarian
 - Go, Diego, Go!
- Salute Your Shorts
 - Mr. Meaty
 - George Shrinks
 - The Trapdoor
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- **English Conversation Group**, 10 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Book Babies**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Web Basics**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Finding God at Iowa Lunch Forum**, "What Do You Do When a Client Talks About Satan: The Intersection of Psychological Science, Religion, and Spirituality," William Ming Liu, noon, 343 IMU
- **"of air and amion,"** Johanna Kirk M.F.A. thesis, noon, UI Hospitals and Clinics Atrium
- **Chess Group**, 1 p.m., Uptown Bill's, 730 S. Dubuque
- **Chemistry Colloquium**, "Catalytic Dehydrative SN2' Reactions: Mechanistic and Synthetic Implications," Aaron Aponick, University of Florida, 3:30 p.m., W128 Chemistry Building
- **Friday Night Jazz**, 5 p.m., Uptown Bill's
- **Jazz After Five**, with Eric Thompson and the Talented Tenth, 5 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Knights of Columbus Lent Dinners**, 5 p.m., KC Family Center, 4776 American Legion Road
- **Lenten Fish Fry**, 5:30 p.m., Eagles Aerie 695, 225 Highway 1 W.
- **Sweet Equality**, 6 p.m., hotelVetro, 201 S. Linn
- **Dickens in Film**, 7 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Dogplotz Lit Zine fiction and poetry reading**, 7 p.m., Defunct Books, 1650 Sycamore
- **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** Amy Quan Barry, poetry, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Ballroom Dance**, 7:30 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E. Market
- **Twist and Shout**, 7:30 p.m., Eagles Aerie 695
- **Under the Community Big Top**, 7:30 p.m., Coralville Center for Performing Arts, 1301 Fifth St.
- **Walking the Wire: This Will Never Work**, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Theatre, 213 N. Gilbert
- **High School Hero**, 8 p.m., 172 Theatre Building
- **The Fez**, 8 p.m., Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington
- **A Place to Bury Strangers**, 8:30 p.m., Gabe's, 330 E. Washington
- **Heligoats**, with the Grand Tetons, 9 p.m., Mill
- **S.S. Web**, Saint Christopher, Half Hearts, the Olympics, Zoo, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- **Ladies' Night**, 10 p.m., L&J Kitchen BBQ House, 320 E. Burlington

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- Campus channel 4, cable channel 17
- Noon** Symphony Band & Concert Band Concerts
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- 6** Dance Marathon 2012, Final Two Hours, the dramatic closing session of the 2012 Dance Marathon event, Feb. 5
- 8** WorldCanvass, "Images of the American West," Joan Kjaer and International Programs, December 2010
- 10** Faculty/Graduate Dance Concert, Dance Department, Feb. 18

horoscopes Friday, March 9, 2012

- by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 Put some thought behind your next move. Impulse may push you to take a leap of faith, but this time around, you are best to take a practical approach to both personal and professional concerns. Focus on self-improvement for now.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Put more faith behind what you do and the skills and knowledge you can contribute to any group in which you participate. Charm, warmth, and genuine affection will attract plenty of attention when it comes to love and dealing with important relationships.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Use your ability to adapt to whatever comes your way, and you will bypass a situation that leads to a no-win argument. Emotions will be skyrocketing, but if you channel your energy into love and romance, good relationships will evolve.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22 Not everyone will think the same way you do. Back up if someone tries to goad you into a discussion that strikes an emotional chord. Focus on love and helping others, and work on creative projects that ease your stress.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 Travel, learning, and discovering new talents will all add to adventure, opportunities, and new friendships. Take good care of your health. It will be easy for you to lose track of what you should be doing to ensure wellness.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Consider different ways to bring in extra income. Offering services or adding skills to what you already do will help you expand your client base. Draw on resources from your past to get ahead now.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Emotional discussions will lead to a stalemate. Look at what you can do to improve your domestic situation instead of making changes without consensus. You can improve your assets if you cut corners and stick to a budget.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Partnerships must be nurtured. Your dedication and relentless courage will persuade others to get involved in something you feel has potential. Take suggestions seriously, and you'll get further ahead. Love is highlighted, and celebrating should be scheduled.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Follow your heart in matters pertaining to home, family and reputation. Good fortune will come your way through a connection you make with someone you find quite unique. Honesty will pay off and help you avoid an awkward situation.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Don't overlook the way someone else feels about what you are doing. A problem will arise with a friend, relative, or neighbor if you are critical. Fix up your home, or look at investments that can alter your current lifestyle.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 You'll excel at making last-minute changes to accommodate others. Your diverse and practical approach will bring you praise and rewards. Be honest with someone who wants more from you than you are able to give.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 Avoid erratic individuals trying to stir up conflict. Focus your efforts on your goals, or work overtime to help subsidize your income. An old friend or lover will play an important role in your life.

SPIDEY MAKES COMEBACK



In this image released by Universal Orlando, a man dressed as comic-book hero Spider-Man is surrounded by face-painted fans to celebrate the reopening of "The Amazing Adventures of Spider-Man" on Thursday at Universal Orlando, Fla. The attraction features digital high-definition animation, an Infitec 3-D projection system, and a new music score. (Associated Press/Universal Orlando, Roberto Gonzalez)

The New York Times Crossword

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 - Drifting type
 - Some help
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 - Britain's Douglas-Home
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 - Response to being tickled
 - They often have quiet eyes
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 - Santa's checking things
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 - 37 Revolutionary Tribunal casualty
 - 40 Verdugo of "Marcus Welby, M.D."
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 - 42 Automne follows it
 - 43 Fort's steep slope
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 - 52 Korean War outbreak year
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 - 56 African antelope
 - 57 Discovery of Vitus Bering before his shipwreck
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 - What 007 might shoot with
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 - "Live at Red Rocks" pianist
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NCAA DIVING QUALIFYING

Divers solid, but ...



Iowa's Arsen Sarkisian dives at the NCAA Zone D diving championships in the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center on Thursday. (The Daily Iowan/Ian Servin)

The Hawkeyes didn't fire on all cylinders at the NCAA qualifying meet.

By **TORK MASON**
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The Iowa diving team was left searching for answers following Thursday's action at the NCAA Zone D Qualifying Meet.

The women put together a performance that diving coach Bob Rydze called "solid overall" on the 1-meter springboard. Senior All-American Veronica Rydze — the coach's daughter — qualified for the finals and posted an eighth-place finish.

But the Iowa City native missed on her third dive of the finals, halting the momentum she had built through the first two rounds — she had climbed as high as fifth place before the miss. She faltered again on her fifth dive before hitting on her final leap of the day.

"She missed that dive in the prelims, too — she was just short on it," Bob Rydze said. "We'd gotten back into the hunt, but you can't miss the same dive twice. And after she missed that dive, her adrenaline was gone."

Osvel Molina had similar trouble in the finals of the men's 3-meter finals. He posted a preliminary score of 317.70 points but appeared to have trouble finishing his dives in the finals on his way to a 15th-place tally of 608.50.

"I'm glad I made it to the finals, but I could have done a little bit better," Molina said. "Everything was a little short, and in this meet, you lose a lot of points [if you're short on a dive]."

Molina admitted after the meet that he was fatigued, but he won't get much time to rest; he's competing in this morning's 1-meter event.

Bob Rydze said both Molina and his daughter have been executing their dives in practices and he's not sure what the issue was in the meet.

"If I knew the answer to that, we'd always dive well," he said.

Rydze said he'll have his athletes go through a less strenuous warmup routine today in hopes of keeping them as fresh as possible for competition.

Molina said he's ready for the challenge going forward because the 1-meter and platform events are his strongest. He won't necessarily have to place in the top four spots to earn a bid to the NCAA championships. The top four finishers earn an automatic bid; but if any diver in the top four has already qualified in another event, the next diver who has not already qualified gets the bid.

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The Hawkeyes had four other divers compete on Thursday. Redshirt freshman Joelle Christy placed 22nd overall with a score of 246.10; sophomore Lauren Kelba and redshirt freshman Abby Grilli finished 27th and 28th with scores of 236.40 and 234.50, respectively. Sophomore Arsen Sarkisian placed 29th with a tally of 236.00 in the 3-meter.

Christy had expressed anxiety before the meet, but she said the competition wasn't as intimidating as she initially thought.

"It wasn't as big as I was expecting," she said. "[After] going through Big Tens, [this] was comparable but not overwhelming."

Rydze said he was pleased with how his divers competed but admitted they still have work to do.

"The younger kids ... they dove like they were youngsters," he said. "But obviously, today I didn't have them ready to dive at their best, so I have to take responsibility for that. But tomorrow's a new day."

GymHawks host LSU

The Hawkeyes return to Carver-Hawkeye Arena for Senior Night after a week-long hiatus.

By **ALEX FRENCH**
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The Iowa women's gymnastics team will return to Carver-Hawkeye Arena this evening for Senior Night and the Hawkeyes' first meet since they posted a season-high 195.875 in Denton, Texas, in a quad-meet on March 3.

Iowa (6-7-1) will host No. 10 LSU (5-8), a program that is 9-2 against the Hawkeyes all-time — including 2-0 in Carver-Hawkeye — and are fresh off a 196.550-194.875 victory over No. 21 North Carolina State on March 2.

But the GymHawks topped LSU in the Cancún Classic — both teams' first competition this season. Iowa finished fourth, and the Tigers finished fifth.

Head coach Larissa Libby said plenty has changed since early January, though. The Bayou Bengals have climbed four spots in the rankings to No. 10 and haven't posted lower than 196.450 in their last four meets.

Libby — who graduated from LSU in 1996 — said she's looking forward to the challenge.

"It's good to compete against other conferences; the SEC is the best," she said. "In the back half of the season, you want to compete against quality teams, test yourself, and really push the envelope."

Libby competed and coached under LSU's D-D Breaux — who's in her 34th year at the helm in Baton Rouge — for a combined nine years.

A strong performance tonight would be sweet, she said.

"It's special for many reasons," she said. "Every coach hopes to beat their mentor. I hope she'd be proud and not mad."

No matter the outcome though, Libby said, the night will be worth



Iowa's Emma Stevenson performs the floor exercise against Minnesota in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Feb. 24. Stevenson and the Hawkeyes will host No. 10 LSU tonight in Iowa's last home meet of the regular season. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

remembering because of Iowa's seniors.

"For [the seniors] to score well and see them contribute to the overall team score would be great," she said. "Their first meet as freshmen was against LSU, and now they're ending with LSU; it's fitting to end that way."

One of those seniors, Jordan Ezslinger, said returning home will help the GymHawks feel comfortable against their highest-ranked opposition of the season.

"It means a lot," she said. "The excitement of the crowd, under the

lights — it's an atmosphere we thrive in."

Iowa is 2-2-1 at home this season, averaging 194.34 in overall score. Its season-high at home — 195.150 — came in a loss to Penn State on Feb. 3.

And while the Hawkeyes have yet to defeat LSU in Carver-Hawkeye Arena, sophomore Tesla Cox said squaring off against one of the SEC's best could play to Iowa's advantage.

"They're coming from a conference with a better reputation, so it's like being an underdog," she said.

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Rowers ready to swing

The Hawkeyes will host two meets this year, instead of the customary one.

By **TOM CLOS**
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The Iowa rowing team is ready to get back out on the water after a three-month hiatus; the Hawkeyes haven't competed since hosting the Head of the Iowa meet on Oct. 30.

Head coach Mandi Kowal said the break between the fall and spring presents new challenges each year, but it also gives the team time to make adjustments.



Kowal
head coach

"You take the fall, and you do long rowing pieces; then you regroup in the winter and redefine the things you want to work on," she said. "Between that November and March phase, you have so much time to make a difference."

The Hawkeyes have been working on incorporating their race plan into workouts, as well as tightening the technical aspects of their performances.

"We've switched up our training a lot this year," senior Chloe Zwiacher said. "The team dynamic is really positive, and everybody's really driven right now."

The team has been champing at the bit to get outside and see if its hard work will pay off.

"We've been working really hard, and I'm excited to actually race six boats across," senior Sarah Radke said. "I want to see where our training has taken us — hopefully, to the next level."

Zwiacher and Radke are two of eight seniors the Hawkeyes will look toward to guide them during the spring.

"We do a lot of reaching out to underclassmen," Zwiacher said. "If someone's having a rough day, we'll go talk to her and try to get her into a better place."

Iowa has seven recruits coming up to the varsity team from the novice boats, and the seniors said they're trying to make that transition as smooth as possible.

"We've been incorporating the new recruits into Iowa rowing and what it's about," Radke said. "We've been embracing them and showing them what we do and how we want them to row with us."

Kowal said seniors spent the break working on what they want to be remembered for when they depart at the end of the spring.

"Each class has a legacy

they would like to leave on the program," she said. "Their leadership is important."

The seniors have one other legacy they would like to continue in their final season.

Iowa rarely hosts meets in the spring season, instead spending the majority of its time on the road. This year is no different; Iowa hosts only two meets, on March 24 and April 7.

While several rowers said they enjoy having their friends and family see them compete in person, they said nothing is as fun as when they travel around the country.

"We usually only have one home meet, so it's exciting to have two," Zwiacher said. "But nothing can replace the travel; it's amazing."

Kowal says the rowers always receive plenty of support from their fans, no matter where the meet is.

"We have an amazing group of traveling parents," Kowal said. "Whether we're in San Diego, Indianapolis, or Boston, they follow us."

The Hawkeyes will get their spring season underway when they head to Clemson, S.C., on March 17.

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minutes later.

"I found a good spot to get a steal there and a quick bucket," he said. "Just in the time-out, just trying to keep guys being aggressive and believing. And Coach said when we were down 7, you know, it's only a couple possessions — it's not over."

The normally stoic Gatens couldn't resist beaming as he spoke afterwards in the locker room, enjoying his first career victory beyond the regular season.

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"It was great to see our guys believe, and be confident, and put a run of our own on them, and go up 7 on our side," he said.

Teammate Devyn Marble called Gatens' spark the "turning point." Numerous facets of Iowa's game began functioning at their best from then on, but rebounding was perhaps the most important. The

Illini out-rebounded the Hawkeyes in the first half, 18-12.

"We couldn't get any traction because we couldn't get a second shot," Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery said. "We couldn't get a put-back. We couldn't get an opportunity. If we were going to effect some change in the second half or the way things were going for essentially three halves, we had to get some second-shot opportunities."

McCaffery's wishes came true. In the second half, Iowa grabbed 27 boards to Illinois' 17. Fourteen of the Hawkeyes' offensive rebounds came in the second half, allowing for 12

second-chance points in the second frame.

Freshman forward Aaron White played the biggest role in Iowa's rebounding advantage, collecting a team-high 9. White also scored 13 points and tallied 3 steals.

"For a freshman like him to step up in his first Big Ten Tournament experience today, he was huge" Gatens said. "He's such a heady guy who makes big plays when we need them. Whether he was rebounding or playing defense, getting good buckets in transition, he was just huge the whole game."

Bryce Cartwright assisted 2 of White's 5 baskets

and recorded a game-high total of 7. Cartwright operated Iowa's transition offense with peak efficiency, helping the Hawkeyes outscore Illinois 11-4 in fast-break points.

The senior point guard found his performance especially rewarding because of the frustrating path his season has followed. Injuries to his hamstring and ankle and concussion-like symptoms rendered Cartwright a different player from the one who led the Big Ten in assists last season.

"When healthy, I know I can play. I can play this game," said Cartwright, who is averaging 6.7

assists over his last three games. "So it was very gratifying today just to ball like I did and get my teammates involved."

Iowa will advance to play No. 8 Michigan State (24-7, 13-5), the tournament's top seed, today in a quarterfinal matchup at 11 a.m. CST. The Spartans walloped the Hawkeyes, 95-61, in their meeting on Jan. 10 in East Lansing, Mich. The Hawkeyes are 7-6 against Big Ten competition since.

"I think we're a much better team from when that happened," Marble said. "That was a long time ago. We're going to prepare properly. We're going to come out here and fight."

WRESTLING

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Big Ten champion Penn State racked up 24.5 bonus points in West Lafayette, Ind., last weekend; the Hawkeyes only earned 5.5, even though they entered the finals with more wrestlers in title matches than any of their opponents.

"[Bonus points] were the difference in the Big Ten Tournament right there,"

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Ramos said. "If we want to win nationals, we've got to go out there and win more than five and a half bonus points."

Brands said he expects top wrestlers like Ramos to "widen the gap" by earning

more bonus points. Ramos scored bonus points in 18 of 28 wins this season, including 6 pins and 7 technical falls.

Big Ten champion McDonough also scored a plethora of bonus points this season, earning them in 19 wins with 10 pins, a technical fall, and 8 majors.

But McDonough's bonus-point productivity fizzled near the end of the season. Brands said he needs the returning NCAA champion and All-American to revive his ability to pin and earn major decisions.

"We just got to get him to start blowing the doors off people in higher level matches, in championship-type matches," Brands said. "They don't have to be close. He's shown that ... but let's take the next step."

Iowa focuses to improve escapes

Telford entered the Big Ten Tournament seeded sixth but battled his way to the championship match last weekend. But Telford

struggled to escape after starting down in the third period against Minnesota's Tony Nelson; the Iowa heavyweight was shut out, 2-0.

The Hawkeyes are working to improve on the bottom as they prepare for the NCAA championships.

"I need to stop being so static on bottom," Telford said. "Looking back on my matches ... I'm real static. I've got to get my hips in it. I need to get those kids off me right away."

Lofthouse to see a familiar face in pigtail round

Lofthouse will wrestle Brown's Dave Foxen in the first round at 174 pounds. The two have never met in competition, but they used to train in the same facility.

Ivy League schools don't allow freshmen to redshirt; they can only take a year off, which Foxen did and spent training in Iowa City during Lofthouse's freshman year in 2009-10.

Defense smothers Illini

The Hawkeyes used several defensive schemes to shut down the Illini in the second half.

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INDIANAPOLIS — The first 20 minutes of Iowa's first-round game against Illinois Thursday saw many similarities to the teams' initial meeting in Champaign, Ill., last month.

The Illini out-rebounded Iowa, 18-12. Illinois center Meyers Leonard had his way with the Hawkeyes' post defenders. His teammates shot 50 percent from the field.

Then came halftime, and some much-needed adjustments for the Hawkeyes that led to a 64-61 win.

"I could see it early — our effort level was incredible," Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery said. "And then you look down at halftime, and they shot 14-for-28, shot 50 percent, and they had 11 assists on 14 baskets."

"So in the second half, it was much better — I think in particular in the first five minutes. We really made a little push, and then we had the 20-to-[6] run, which was really evident when we got up toward the ball, and got in the passing lane, and got a couple steals."

Along with a second-half scoring outburst came increased intensity from the Hawkeyes on the defensive end. Iowa clamped down on the Illinois offense, preventing the Illini from scoring on 16 of their final 23 possessions over the final 14 minutes.

While the points showed when Iowa turned a 7-point deficit into a 7-point lead, the coinciding defense was equally important to the Hawkeyes' first victorious Big Ten Tournament outing since 2006.

"I thought with the ball pressure and guys being all over the ball, and our bigs fighting their butts off the whole night, [the defense] really turned up when we went on that run," guard Matt Gatens said.

Gatens did a particularly good job while defending Brandon Paul. The senior held Illinois' star guard to 4 points on 2-of-11 shooting. Paul posted 17 points against Iowa in the teams' only regular-season matchup.

McCaffery changed the team's defensive scheme a few times in the second half, and the Hawkeyes utilized the 2-3 zone more

than they did before halftime. Iowa also played a 1-2-2 three-quarter-court press for a few possessions after building a lead midway through the second half.

Both defensive adjustments were meant to slow down the Illini, guard Devyn Marble said. The plan worked, and Illinois' shooting percentage dropped to 38 percent after the break.

"[The press was] just to make them use some time on the shot clock getting the ball across half court," Marble said. "We weren't trying to necessarily force turnovers, but they happen to cough it up a few times, and we'll take it if that happens."

"Zones make you think and make you want to pass — do things a little bit differently," Marble said. "You can't be as assertive as you would want to, and that's a very aggressive team, so it had them thinking a lot."

The Hawkeyes also did a much better job rebounding after halftime, collecting 27 missed Illini shots compared with 12 in the first half.

"I thought in the second half in particular, we



Iowa guard Devyn Marble defends Illinois guard Tracy Abrams during the first round of the Big Ten Tournament at Bankers Life Field House in Indianapolis on Thursday. Marble had 2 steals in the Hawkeyes' 64-61 victory over the Illini. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

played with a lot more energy level on the glass," McCaffery said, noting that all 14 of Iowa's offensive rebounds came after halftime.

The increased intensity was especially needed in the final 9:19, a stretch in which Iowa failed to convert a field goal. But the Black and Gold's defense was enough to buoy the Hawkeyes, and they held Illinois to only four scoring trips down the floor in the same span.

"It was just about taking

more pride in our individual defense, keeping our guy in front of us," Marble said. "That was the big key today."

Doris, Sowinski set for NCAAs

Doris and Sowinski grew together through the season, earning conference titles and NCAA berths along the way.

By **CODY GOODWIN**

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The captains of the Iowa men's track and field team worked all season to exceed their own expectations. They've been determined, and the results prove it; Erik Sowinski and Troy Doris are the only two Hawkeyes who will compete this weekend in the NCAA indoor track and field championships.

Sowinski, a Big Ten champion this year, will compete in the 800 meters in Nampa, Idaho. His preliminary rounds take place on Friday evening. If he qualifies for the finals, the senior will run again on Saturday night.

Doris, who has won the conference meet twice, will triple jump on Saturday at the Jacksions Indoor Track on the campus of Boise State.

Sowinski said he and Doris would have liked to see more teammates qualify for the national meet,

but that it's still "pretty cool" that both of them got the opportunity to go.

"At the beginning of the year, we thought maybe we would have a chance to be one of the top five teams in the country," Iowa's 800-meter indoor record-holder said. "Obviously, that didn't happen. But it's still exciting that it's the two of us, because we're pretty close."

The duo's success is the result of each captain pushing the other. Each has gotten in the other's face to remind him to keep the hustle and pursuit of excellence.

That type of motivation, Doris said, has gotten each to where he is today.

"We both have the same expectations, and that's why we get along so well," Doris said. "We're both level-headed, and we don't try to get ahead of ourselves. We both know what we both want, and that's the best thing we have for each other."

Both athletes' chances to

succeed this weekend look brighter than ever.

Five of the 15 finalists running in the 800-meter preliminaries hail from the Big Ten. Sowinski enters the NCAAs as the conference champion, adding confidence as he enters the preliminaries this afternoon. The Wisconsin native enters the meet seeded sixth. The seeds are based on each athlete's seasonal best; Sowinski's was set in the preliminary rounds of the Big Ten meet, when he ran 800 meters in 1:47.62 minutes.

While he's not looking for any record-setting performances, Sowinski did express the importance of the preliminary rounds in his event.

"Prelims are always the hardest part," he said. "Once you get passed prelims, anything can happen in the finals ... I just want to make it to the finals and try to run a good race there."

Doris enters the meet

seeded fourth; his best jump this season sits at 16.28 meters, or 53-5 feet. The senior's all-time personal record is 54-0 feet (16.46 meters). In perspective, the top-seeded triple jumper in the field has a seasonal best of 16.63 meters (54-6 feet).

Doris said he believes anything can happen at a meet of the NCAA's magnitude.

"I have to focus and know what I'm capable of," he said. "I'm not going to worry as much. I'm just going to go and jump."

Both athletes said they're trying to "dumb down the meet," even if it does feature the nation's best under one roof.

And that kind of focus has their coaches believing anything can happen.

"As good as anybody's," assistant coach Joey Woody said, when asked about their chances.

Doris agreed.

"We just have to go out and do it."

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BIG TEN TOURNAMENT: IOWA 64, ILLINOIS 61

Gatens sparks Hawk win



Iowa guard Matt Gatens drives past Illinois guard Brandon Paul (3) in the first round of the Big Ten Tournament at the Bankers Life Field House in Indianapolis on Thursday. Gatens finished with 20 points in the Hawkeyes' 64-61 victory over the Illini. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

The senior guard's five consecutive points was the turning point in Iowa's first tournament win since 2006.

By **JORDAN GARRETSON**
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INDIANAPOLIS — Matt Gatens talks about it repeatedly: He doesn't want to take the Hawkeye uniform off for the final time. But with 14:14 remaining and Iowa trailing Illinois, 44-37, Thursday looked like the day it might happen.

So the Iowa senior guard took matters into his own hands and made sure Thursday wasn't the day. He spotted up and drilled a 3-pointer. Then he swiped the ball from Joseph Bertrand and dashed the other way for a break-away dunk.

The one-man 5-point run cut the deficit to 2 and helped

the Hawkeyes swing the Big Ten Tournament opening-round game in their favor; they ultimately won, 64-61, in Bankers Life Field House. Iowa's win was its first in the league tourney since 2006, snapping a five-game losing streak.

The Iowa City native said he needed to make something

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Iowa used a variety of defenses to shut down the Illini in the second half. **8**

happen with his team trailing by 7. Illinois immediately called a time-out following Gatens' dunk, but the Hawkeyes seized a 7-point advantage fewer than four

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NOTEBOOK

Wrestlers hunt for bonuses

Iowa only qualified eight wrestlers for the NCAA championships, so bonus points will be a must in St. Louis.

By **MOLLY IRENE OLMSTEAD**
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The Iowa wrestling lineup narrowed from 10 weight classes to eight for the NCAA championships next week. The Hawkeyes' 149-pound Mike Kelly and 197-pound Vinnie Wagner failed to earn berths for nationals at the Big Ten meet on March 3-4.

While the No. 4 Black and Gold will only have eight men to score points in St. Louis, seven of these are seeded in the top five of their classes — including first-seeded Matt McDonough at 125 pounds and No. 2 Derek St. John at 157 pounds. Tony Ramos (133 pounds) and Montell Marion (141) are seeded third, and Mike Evans (165), Ethen Lofthouse (174), and Bobby Telford (285) are fifth. Grant Gambrell enters the tournament unseeded at 184 pounds.

Missing two men makes earning bonus points crucial, but Iowa's nationals lineup features the most seeded wrestlers of any school. The team is more than capable of scoring the extra points even though they didn't do so at Big Tens, head coach Tom Brands said.

"We weren't going to win the Big Ten Tournament by wrestling at our seeds," Brands said. "You have to slam the door on opponents with big wins, with pins, with bonus points. We didn't do that enough."



Brands
head coach

SEE WRESTLING, 8

5 men swimmers head to NAAs

Five Iowa swimmers will return to the NCAA swimming and diving championships later this month for the opportunity to double their All-American statuses.

Seniors Paul Gordon, Ryan Phelan, Duncan Partridge, and junior Jordan Huff will travel to Federal Way, Wash., on March 22-24 with hopes to improve on their 15th-place finish in the finals of the 400-freestyle relay at last year's championships. The quartet posted a time 2:52.53 minutes at the Big Ten meet last month, improving on last year's time by more than 2 seconds.

Gordon, Phelan, Partridge, and sophomore Gianni Sesto will also compete in the 200 freestyle in Washington. The four swam the event in 1:17.61 minutes at the Big Ten meet, the seventh-fastest time in the country this year.

Gordon and Phelan will also represent the Hawkeyes in individual events — Gordon in the 200 free and Phelan in the 50. Phelan has the country's 12th-fastest time in the event, sprinting two pool lengths in 19.52 seconds.

Gordon placed third in the 200 free at the Big Ten meet, and his time 1:35.26 minutes is the 20th-fastest mark in the country.

— by Ben Ross

Baseball to take a road trip

The Iowa baseball team will hit the road for its annual spring-break trip beginning Saturday.

The Hawkeyes (3-6) will embark on a stretch of seven games in seven days. The schedule will likely create an opportunity for a majority of the roster to see action — especially the pitching staff.

Iowa will play Georgetown (8-2) on Saturday afternoon, and left-hander Jarred Hippen (1-1, 3.86 ERA) is expected to start. Hippen has thrown a team-high 21 innings.

A trio of freshmen has led the Hawkeye offense through the first three weeks of the season. Shortstop Jake Yacinich is hitting .391, designated hitter Ryan Rumpf is batting .385 with 8 RBIs, and outfielder Kris Goodman has a .350 average with two doubles.

Other notable opponents for the Hawkeyes are Illinois State (7-3), Eastern Illinois (4-6), and Jacksonville State (2-7).

— by Matt Cozzi

Tracking the tracks

What makes one track faster than another?

By **TORK MASON**
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It's not uncommon to hear track coaches and athletes say a track is fast; a fast track is something for which they search as they chase top times.

That pursuit can influence where some athletes compete. Iowa recently sent Jeff Thode and Erik Sowinski to Washington and Justin Austin to Arkansas while the majority of the team was competing at Iowa State — all on the same weekend.

"We'd rather have the team together at the same site, but occasionally during the year — for the benefit of the individual athlete — we try to get them to a site that is more conducive to [good] performances for them," said Iowa head coach Larry Wiecek.

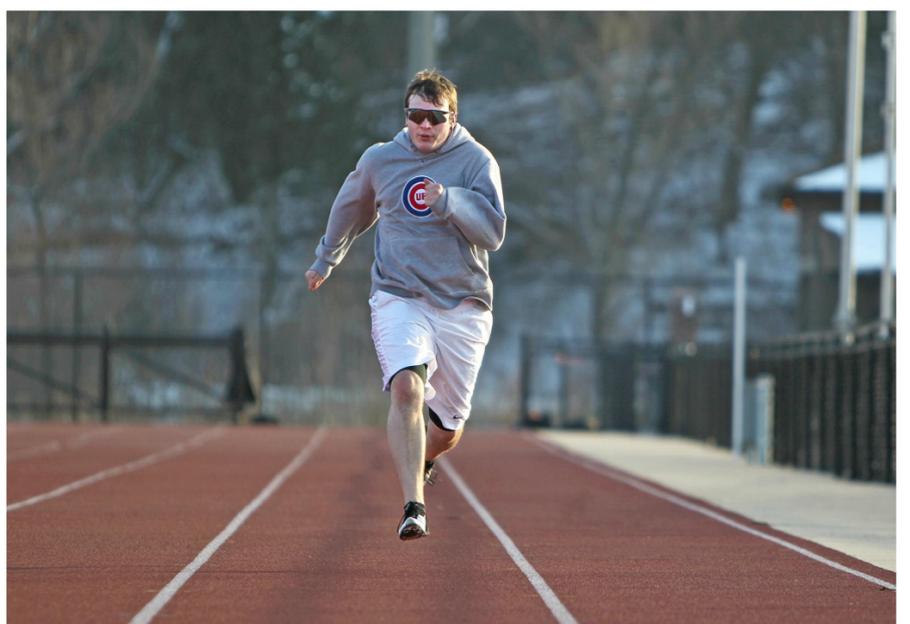
But what makes one track different from another?

Two major factors make up the answer to that question: the surface on the track and the dimensions of the circuit.

One of the most popular surfaces in the track world is produced by Mondo, an Italian company that has been the official supplier of track surfaces for the past seven Olympic Games.

The surface's pure rubber construction gives it a firmer bounce-back, Drake assistant coach Brian Brown told *The Daily Iowan*. Brown also serves as the director of the Drake Relays. The harder the surface is, the faster a runner can go. Its carpet-like design — it's produced in sheets and then laid down and glued — also makes it popular.

"With a sheet-good product like Mondo, they have a way of checking that material — before it ever leaves the facto-



Daily Iowan men's track reporter Tork Mason sprints 100 meters at Cretzmeyer Track on Monday. Mason ran on both indoor and outdoor surfaces to test how they affect a runner's performance. (The Daily Iowan/Ian Servin)

ry — as to the quality of the material, if it's where they want it," Nebraska head coach Gary Pepin told the *DI*. The Cornhuskers use Mondo tracks for both their indoor and outdoor seasons.

Other products are polyurethane-based and poured, and they have to set and harden before they can be used. Iowa's outdoor Cretzmeyer Track uses such a surface, produced by Benyon.

Brown said the poured tracks don't always react as well to natural elements as a Mondo track.

"Even when it rains and then dries, [a Mondo track] tightens and contracts; that allows for athletes to run a lot faster," Brown said.

But the surface isn't the only factor that affects a track's speed.

Nebraska, for example, boasts a 200-meter, hydraulic-banked track — one of four

such tracks in the nation and just one of eight worldwide. Pepin said the banked surface is highly beneficial for athletes who run at least 200 meters.

"It's faster to run a race that has to go around the oval at least once on a banked track than it is on a flat track," he said. "That's why you see the banks in the big stock-car races and in bicycle races."

Other schools — such as Washington — have what are called oversized tracks, which are classified as indoor tracks longer than 200 meters. These tracks cater more to middle-distance and long-distance runners because they require fewer turns — and the turns themselves are more gradual, which makes them less strenuous on a runner's legs than tight turns.

But indoor tracks aren't indexed by size, so there isn't

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DI men's track reporter Tork Mason ran 100 meters at Cretzmeyer Track and in the Recreation Buildings to test each surface; log on for a video of his findings.

a handicap placed upon times recorded on an oversized track. Pepin said he feels that negatively affects indoor track as a sport, because of the effect oversized tracks have on schools with smaller surfaces.

"A great number of schools wouldn't be interested in running at Iowa or any school that has a 200-meter flat track," he said. "The odds are, they'll get a faster time if they go to a big track or a 200-meter banked track ... And so you have schools that kind of get eliminated in terms of the home competition they want to have because other schools are off chasing times."