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## Abortions drop; debate continues

As abortion rates fall, officials disagree about the cause of the decrease.

By **BRIANNA JETT**

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Abortion rates have fallen significantly nationally and in Iowa, but some local officials dispute the cause behind the decrease.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported a significant decrease in abortions across the nation in 2009 — the most recent year data are available. The number and rate of abortions fell 5 percentage points from 2008 and 2009, the largest decrease from 2000 to 2009.

The Emma Goldman Clinic reports similar results.

"We definitely have seen the same trends," said Jennifer Price, the director of the clinic, 227 N. Dubuque St.

However, Price is not sure what the future will bring. The CDC's report reflects the most recent data, but that is only from 2009.

"It does seem like it has leveled off over the last few years," she said.

Price attributes the decrease to women's increased access to affordable birth control — a sentiment heard in many areas.

"Nationally, and here in Iowa, birth rates, teen pregnancy, and abortion rates have all decreased over the past several years due to a variety of socioeconomic reasons including the struggling economy, increased contraceptive use, and access to family-planning services," Jill June, the president and CEO of Planned Parenthood of the Heartland, said in a statement.

Diana Cates, a University of Iowa professor who teaches a Sexual Ethics course, echoed one of those ideas.

"My suspicion would be that more women are using birth control," she

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## Once again, the cluckers have it

Citizens have one last chance to persuade the Iowa City City Council to allow backyard chickens within city limits — at least for now.

City councilors voted 5-2 Tuesday night on the second consideration of an amendment legalizing backyard chickens in city limits. The same vote of approval was cast for an ordinance that would amend the city's zoning code to establish a permit process for the chickens.

Much of the debate centered around giving neighbors the right to "veto" any neighboring chickens, which faced mixed reactions from the council and community.

"There's all sorts of things people do inside their property line that have adverse effects on neighbors," said Councilor Jim Throgmorton. "I oppose any veto provisions."

However, Councilor Michelle Payne was for a veto provision.

"I don't want to devalue my property with chickens on yours," she said.

Shannon Gassman a member of I-CLUCK — an Iowa City group in favor of legalizing urban chickens — said giving neighbors a veto would be unprecedented in Iowa City.

"[A veto] would be giving more rights to the neighbor, more so than the individual applicant," she said.

Councilors Michelle Payne and Terry Dickens again had the dissenting votes for the ordinance.

An ordinance requires three readings in the council to pass. The third consideration of the ordinance will tentatively take place on Dec. 4.

— by **Kristen East**

## Council dumps Taft levee



A view of houses along Taft Speedway from Lower City Park on Tuesday. The City Council rejected a proposal for construction of an \$8.1 million levee in the area on Tuesday. (The Daily Iowan/Ian Servin)

The city council voted 5-2 against approving the Taft Speedway levee.

By **NICK HASSETT**

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The Iowa City City council rejected a measure to construct a controversial \$8.1 million levee to help protect against floodwaters Tuesday evening, saying the arguments against the flood-mitigation project outweighed the benefits.

"We have to be very judicious in way we do protection," City Councilor Susan Mims. "We have to think about the impact it has on other people in other areas: the minute you put up a levee, it affects other people."

The proposed project — dubbed Alternate 7 — would have involved the construction of an earthen levee around the Idyllwild neighborhood and Parkview Church primarily along the Taft Speedway between Dubuque Street and No Name Road. The west side of the levee would have tied into the high ground along No Name Road, and to the east it would have tied into high ground north of Taft Speedway.

The proposed flood-mitigation project was one of eight proposals for the area, which ranged from establishing a floodwall to establishing a levee and floodwall system. The proposals ranged in estimated costs from \$3 million to \$14.3 million, *The Daily Iowan* has previously reported.

The National Housing and Urban Development Disaster Recovery Office would have administered the funding through a Community Development Block Grant the city would have had to apply for.

However, councilors and community members expressed doubts that the levee proposal met the requirements of the grant, including that "existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the

community for which other funding is not available."

"This is federal money, taxpayer dollars that would pay for this," said Gary Sanders, an Iowa City resident. "Should we really be spending \$8 million to save people who have bought property on speculation after the flood? To me, that's just not right."

Roughly 15 community members spoke during the public discussion, including some members from the Idyllwild and Taft Speedway neighborhoods. Most opposed the levee, though several thought the Idyllwild condominiums did not have the same level of flood response as other affected areas.

City Councilor Michelle Payne said the council should use logic rather than emotion in deciding the issue.

"Spending 8.2 million for 92 people while putting more in danger is too much money for the benefit of a few," she said.

Discussion surrounding flood-mitigation for this neighborhood is not anything new to the council.

Following the 2008 flood, many expressed concerns about how to mitigate risk around this area of the Iowa River. In 2009, city officials called a levee "the best option for providing a long-term benefit to the community," the *DI* has previously reported.

Not all opposed the city-backed project on Tuesday. Iowa City Mayor Matt Hayek and Councilor Terry Dickens were the only councilors to vote for the proposed levee.

Hayek said he was satisfied with the city staff's evaluation, which recommended the council move forward with the proposed levee, and thought the levee was consistent with city efforts.

SEE **LEVEE**, 3

## Seminar to promote multiculturalism

UI to launch first-year seminar in the spring to increase cultural awareness among students.

By **ERIC CLARK**

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In an attempt to both enrich the lives of University of Iowa students and raise cultural awareness, UI officials will be launching a new first-year seminar for the Spring 2013 semester.

The seminar, dubbed "Passport Project: Exploring Knowledge," will engage students by requiring them to attend 12 cultural events offered by the UI. Students can choose from events such as art workshops, dance recitals, political forums, as well as others.

Patrick Reed, academic coordinator for the seminar, said students will be exposed to different cultures, themes, and events that they may not have previously been aware of.

"[The project] aims to introduce them to the wide variety of high quality cultural and scholarly activity happening at the University and in Iowa City," he said. "It also aims to assist students in exploring other areas of potential or even unexpected interest that are outside their given realms of study."



Boys dressed in traditional Native American outfits circle around the drum at the 19th-annual UI Powwow on April 7. The new seminar Passport Project: Exploring Knowledge will begin in the spring semester, and will require enrolled students to attend 12 cultural events offered by the university throughout the semester. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

Jon Winet, director of the UI Virtual Writing University and supervisor for the Passport Project, said students for the inaugural semester will be very important in the development of the seminar.

"We're going to deputize students to be researchers," he said. "We want them to help shape the class."

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## News

## Light the Night saves bikers

By **QUENTIN MISIAG**  
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Area residents are increasingly running, walking, and biking on the many miles of paved area trails and streets that snake through Johnson County.

With that comes an increase in bicycle citations tied to evening riders. Rather than having to fork over nearly \$100 in fines for not having front and rear bicycle lights, one local program allows bikers to purchase and install the lights and bring a stamped citation to the police station to have the fine waived.

A local coalition implemented the Light the Night Program in May. Since then, 31 tickets were issued, 28 of which were waived through the program. That saved each individual \$93.75.

In addition to sparing bikers from the fine, many local officials stressed the success of the educational component so far.

Audrey Wiedemeier, a volunteer at Think Bicycles, said the program is being used primarily as a community educator.

"[The program] gives police officers the opportunity to educate riders about wearing lights at night and possibly other rights and responsibilities

as a bicyclist," she said.

Think Bicycles, a coalition of bicycle-friendly businesses and community organizations throughout Johnson County that encourages safe bicycling practices and healthy lifestyles, introduced the program, which is cosponsored by the Iowa City police.

Area businesses that participate in the program include World of Bikes, Scheels, 30th Century Bikes, Broken Spoke, Sugar Bottom Bikes, and Geoff's Bike and Ski. Reflectors and lights can be purchased and installed at any of the above businesses and the Iowa City Bike Library, 408 E. College St.

Wiedemeier said University of Iowa police are also participants in the coalition, but they have yet to issue a citation.

Michael Chamberlain, owner of the Broken Spoke and a contributor to Think Bicycles, said that the program is a great community asset that allows for further local cycling integration.

"It's essentially a very non-penalizing approach to not having your bike equipped with lights according to the law," he said. "It's all about increasing the visibility of cyclists at night for everyone."



Bikes are locked up downtown on July 16. A new program allows bikers ticketed for not having lights the option to install the required lights instead of paying the \$93.75 fine. The option has been used by almost all of those cited since May. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

Johnson County assistant transportation planner Kristopher Ackerson said the coalition has had a two-pronged beneficial approach to the county and echoed Wiedemeier's views of the program being a vital educational asset.

"It's helped coordinate education through the Light the Night initiative, and it has also helped consolidate input about the improvements to bicycle networks [streets, trails, bike lanes] so that the biking community can speak with one voice," Ackerson said. "The problem in the past is that we would get conflicting input from cyclists, and this group has helped bring all of this into one hub."

North Liberty Mayor Tom Salm and North Liberty City Councilor Coleen Chipman said the area trail systems are an important quality-of-life contributor and believe Iowa City and greater Johnson County's commitment to an extensive system and high level of use can be attributed to the high local levels of education and understanding of what it means to be healthy.

"It's really gratifying when you go out at night and see the use [of the trails]," Chipman said. "When we start connecting the trails between the cities and the county, I think that there is no doubt that it will get even more popular."

## METRO

## Jury selected in sex-assault trial

The jury has been selected in the trial for a former University of Iowa student accused of sexual assault.

Evann Pfeifer has been accused in connection with a reported rape of a woman on the west side of the Pentacrest during the early hours of Oct. 3, 2010.

Ann Lahey, an assistant Johnson County prosecutor, said the woman would testify during the trial. Lahey also said approximately four current UI students, a former resident assistant at Rienow Hall, and various UI police officials would also testify.

Lahey mainly asked two questions of each member of the juror pool of 26. She asked them if they would discount testimony from someone who might have been drinking or if drinking makes someone less of a victim. Police previously said the woman was intoxicated at the time of the alleged incident.

She concluded by asking jurors hypothetically if they would convict one person based on testimony of just one person if they believed the testimony "beyond a reasonable doubt."

Mark Brown, Pfeifer's attorney, did not ask each potential juror the same questions but asked individuals a number of questions, including if sex could still be consensual if alcohol was involved and if consenting adults could have sex in public.

An Iowa City resident reportedly saw the alleged sexual assault and reported it to UI police at approximately 3:45 a.m. The witness told police he saw a white man with his pants down

to his knees, kneeling toward the woman. The woman reported the alleged assault on Nov. 1, 2010, and police formally charged Pfeifer on April 4, 2011.

Sixth District Judge Mitchell Turner said "hopefully" the trial will finish by Friday, but delays in jury selection came from separate interviews of potential jurors who indicated a history or connection with sexual assault.

Pfeifer faces up to 10 years in prison if he is convicted of the Class-C felony.

— by Brent Griffiths

## FEMA allocates funds for floodwall

Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, and Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, announced the Federal Emergency Management Agency will allocate roughly \$8 million to the University of Iowa to construct a flood wall on campus.

The floodwall will surround the Iowa Advanced Technology Laboratories and will be similar to those built at the Art Building West. Iowa Advanced Technology Laboratories was damaged in the flood of June 2008.

Bidding on the construction of the project will take place next year.

— by Brianna Jett

## Man pleads guilty to several charges

A Davenport man has pleaded guilty to three charges, according to assistant Johnson County prosecutor Anne Lahey.

Jordan Garr, 21, pleaded guilty Tuesday to extortion, false imprisonment, and assault possibly in connection with an

April 18 incident at Currier Hall. Garr allegedly took a video of a female subject taking her clothes off and threatened to post the video online he took of her but said he would delete the video if the woman performed oral sex on him and another subject.

According to University of Iowa police complaints, Garr was involved in two other incidents in Currier Hall. On May 10, he allegedly held a woman's arm behind her back against her will. Garr also allegedly told another subject to take off the woman's pants, while a third subject held her legs. On May 11, Garr reportedly took a photograph of a female subject's breast. He allegedly promised to delete the photo if the woman bought him new sneakers, the complaint said.

Garr has been released from jail to the supervision of the Department of Corrections, according to online court documents. His sentencing is set for Jan. 28.

— by Brent Griffiths

## UI frat gets new digs

The UI Tau Kappa Epsilon Lambda-Eta chapter will soon have a new place to call home following lease agreements.

The fraternity plans to move into the recently vacated Sigma Alpha Epsilon house after the lease is signed, chapter President Robert Taylor said.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon was suspended from the UI Interfraternity Council last month following hazing violations and other misconduct.

Taylor said several of the Tau Kappa Epsilon members are

looking forward to moving into the new house.

"[The agreement process] was good overall; they were willing to work with us, and all the guys are really excited," he said. "It'll be an asset to our recruitment and everything."

— By Jordyn Reiland

## Ex-UI student released from jail

An official at the Johnson County Jail said a former University of Iowa student who pleaded guilty to lesser felonies in connection with assault of an Iowa City police officer was released Tuesday.

Branden Plummer, 21, was convicted of interference with official acts and inflicting bodily harm in connection with an assault on Iowa City police Sgt. Brain Krei on Nov. 18, 2011. Plummer accepted a plea deal, which dropped an attempted-murder charge in exchange for the two lesser charges.

Plummer was sentenced to serve 60 days in the Johnson County Jail with credit for time served. His time served plus the standard 20-percent reduction on his sentence meant he could have been released Nov. 25, according to court documents.

He will also have to pay a fine of \$625 and restitution totaling \$816.12 and serve two years of supervised probation.

Judge Nancy Baumgartner denied Plummer's request to defer his sentence during a hearing on Nov. 2, meaning he will remain a convicted felon for the rest of his life.

— by Brent Griffiths

## BLOTTER

**Taylor Ackerman**, 20, Dubuque, was charged Sunday with presence in a bar after hours.

**Tyler Bachman**, 24, West Des Moines, was charged Nov. 23 with public intoxication.

**Jeffrey Breitbart**, 20, Dubuque, was charged Sunday with public intoxication, interference with official acts, presence in a bar after hours, and unlawful use of a driver's license.

**William Cooney**, 20, 429 S. Van Buren St., was charged Nov. 23 with public intoxication.

**Ryan Davis**, 36, Norwalk, Iowa, was charged Nov. 23 with public intoxication.

**John Dayton**, 30, West Des Moines, was charged Nov. 23 with public intoxication.

**Nicole Feller**, 19, La Vista, Neb., was charged Nov. 24 with presence in a bar after hours.

**Cody Geilenkirchen**, 22, Omaha,

was charged Nov. 23 with public intoxication.

**Autumn Gibson**, 18, Marion, was charged Sunday with presence in a bar after hours.

**Joe Honn**, 42, Ely, Iowa, was charged Nov. 23 with public intoxication.

**Chad Hutchinson**, 41, West Des Moines, was charged Nov. 23 with public intoxication.

**Todd Johnson**, 48, Dakota Dunes, S.D., was charged Nov. 23 with possession of an open container of alcohol in public.

**Kathleen Kelly**, 18, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with presence in a bar after hours.

**Brian Lahey**, 30, Cedar Rapids, was charged Nov. 23 with public intoxication.

**Mark Lehenbauer**, 57, Davenport, was charged Nov. 23 with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance.

**Christopher Martinez**, 37, Visalia, Calif., was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

**Eric McComb**, 28, Council Bluffs, was charged Nov. 23 with public intoxication.

**Shane Meyer**, 41, Walford, Iowa, was charged Nov. 23 with public intoxication.

**Lucas Moyers**, 22, Muscatine, was charged Nov. 23 with public intoxication.

**Della Nuno**, 18, E216 Currier, was charged Monday with possession of a controlled substance.

**Stephen O'Donnell**, 24, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

**Kaylie O'Hara-Hoyle**, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with presence in a bar after hours and PAULA.

**Carrie Parke**, 33, Marion, was charged Nov. 23 with public intox-

ication. **Michael Reigle**, 36, Coralville, was charged Monday with third public intoxication.

**Janine Richards**, 40, Urbandale, Iowa, was charged Nov. 23 with public intoxication.

**Trevor Richards**, 33, Fairfield, Iowa, was charged Nov. 23 with possession of an open container of alcohol in public.

**Matthew Schleusner**, 19, 508B Mayflower, was charged Sunday with possession of drug paraphernalia.

**Mitchell Thiel**, 36, Omaha, was charged Nov. 23 with public intoxication.

**Joseph Thompson**, 33, St. Charles, Mo., was charged Nov. 23 with possession of an open container of alcohol in public.

**Chelsey Yirkovsky**, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with presence in a bar after hours.

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## LEVEE

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“To put this in perspective: This levee is something I think is consistent with long term flood-mitigation protection strategy that the city has pursued in the past four and a half years,” he said.

Though the resolution was ultimately shot down, Hayek proposed a follow-up resolution to explore other methods of

Lower City Park and the Taft Speedway area flood on June 10, 2008. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

dealing with flooding for such areas as Idyllwild, and City Councilor Jim Throgmorton expressed interest in finding other avenues for the federal grant.

“We should identify alternative uses of [block grant] funds to benefit low- to moderate-income households,” he said. “[The levee] would be an inappropriate use of those funds.”

‘We have to think about the impact it has on other people in other areas: the minute you put up a levee, it affects other people.’

— Susan Mims, Iowa City city councilor



## ABORTION

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said.

Not everyone agrees. “The idea that contraceptives decrease abortion is not true,” said Maggie DeWitte, the director

of the Iowans For Life. “Availability of contraceptives actually increases abortion.”

Instead, DeWitte hopes the decrease is due more to the influence of anti-abortion organizations.

“I would love to believe that the number of abortions have decreased in Iowa,” she said. “[And] that

the pro-life movement is there assisting women.”

Cates said the anti-abortion movement might be part of the decrease.

“I would expect them to be more effective, but I don’t think it’s a major effect,” she said.

Cates believes the changes conservative

groups have undergone have increased their influence. These changes include making adoption easier and increasing rational conversations.

“Pro-life groups are becoming more sophisticated,” Cates said. “They’re actually having respectful conversations and are potentially more influen-

tial.”

The CDC cites contraceptive use as a viable way to decrease abortions.

“Because unintended pregnancies are rare among women who use the most effective methods of reversible contraception, increasing access to and use of these methods can help further re-

duce the number of abortions performed in the United States,” reports the CDC’s Abortion Surveillance 2009 report.

But DeWitte insists there are other options to preventing abortions.

“Contraceptive isn’t the end all be all,” she said. “There are other options.”

## PASSPORT

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While the class is currently limited to Honors students, Winet said he hopes the class will become available for all students in the near future.

“When we’re able to fully implement the class, we’re hoping to have as many as 650 students in the course,” he said.

According to the ISIS website, there are currently three of 50 students enrolled in the course as

of Tuesday evening.

John Logsdon, director of the Pentacrest Museums and supervisor for the seminar, cited a lack of attendance at cultural events as a recurring issue at the UI.

“We noticed that a lot of students don’t show up for these types of events,” he said. “By implementing this course, we’re trying to promote the enrichment opportunity that these events offer.”

The class will include small group discussions regarding the attended events, as well as multi-

media reviews and reflections that students will complete during and after the events.

Reed stressed that while the seminar is a class, it offers unparalleled opportunities for students to become more involved with and aware of the different people and cultures that help shape the UI.

Logsdon said the core goal of the seminar is to broaden the perspectives of students and help encourage students to pursue lifelong learning opportunities.

“Part of the definition of university is universe,” he said.

Reed, Logsdon, and Winet all said they felt the seminar can serve a major purpose in the required coursework for UI students.

“It’d be great to have this be a part of the inherent curriculum,” Logsdon said.

### Passport Project

Students will be able to choose from numerous cultural events in order to satisfy the required 12 attended events for the course.

- Political forums
- Dance recitals
- Engineering demonstrations
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- Musical performances
- Literary readings

Source: Patrick Reed, academic coordinator of the Passport Project

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## EDITORIAL

### Expand access to reproductive care

A study to be published in the December edition of the *American Journal of Public Health* has found that the use of telemedicine abortions in Iowa has not increased the state's abortion rate, despite expanding access to such procedures in much of rural Iowa.

Telemedicine abortions — a unique type of procedure during which a doctor consults with a patient via videoconference and administers pregnancy-terminating drugs via remote-control — have been available in Iowa since 2008. The procedure ensures that women living in rural Iowa, far from clinics that perform in-person abortion services, could receive adequate medical treatment. Since then, the study found, the overall abortion rate in Iowa has fallen and the proportion of medical (non-surgical) abortions has risen from 46 percent to 54 percent.

The availability of telemedicine has decreased the likelihood of second-trimester abortion and improved access to abortion services for women living more than 50 miles from a clinic offering in-person abortion services.

These findings point to an important theme emerging in the research surrounding abortion rates: as access to reproductive health care increases, abortion rates fall. Arguments against expanding access to important reproductive health services are usually characterized by a fear that such measures will serve to increase the number of abortions performed. There is simply no empirical reason to believe that.

The *Daily Iowan* Editorial Board applauds the state of Iowa for introducing telemedicine to the rural reaches of the state; we believe that responsibly expanding access to reproductive health care is the best way to bring down abortion rates and ensure that women who do choose to have abortions receive high-quality care.

In Iowa and nationwide, abortion rates are falling. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention last week released the abortion-surveillance data for 2009, which show a 5 percent drop-off in the number

of abortions performed from the 2008 rate. Prior to that, abortion rates had trended downward for more than nearly three decades. Between 2000 and 2009, the abortion rate fell by 7 percent.

One crucial contributor to falling abortion rates is increased access to contraception. As top-line rates have fallen, abortion has become more concentrated among poor women, who have increasingly limited access to contraception and accounted for more than 40 percent of the nation's abortions in 2008, according to a study published in *Obstetrics and Gynecology*.

"The economic recession that was occurring in 2008 may have made it harder for poor women to access contraceptive services, resulting in more unintended pregnancies," wrote Rachel K. Jones and Megan Kavanaugh, the study's coauthors.

The study also noted that poor women are the group most likely to be hurt by policies that limit access to health care, which could explain why abortion rates remain stubbornly high among this group.

Access to contraception does indeed make a world of difference. A study released in the fall by researchers at Washington University in St. Louis found that provision of free contraception dramatically lowers abortion rates. For three years between 2008 and 2010, approximately 9,000 females aged 14 to 45 were given free contraception. The abortion rate among the experiment group was about 6 per 1,000; nationwide, the average was 19.6 per 1,000.

Abortion is an unfortunate reality, and we should all act to reduce the number of women who must deal with the decision.

Improving reproductive health care reduces abortion rates; moral suasion and shuttering clinics do not. Iowa and the nation should continue to expand access to reproductive care; ultimately, it is every-one's best interest.

Your Turn.

Should Iowa expand access to reproductive care?  
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## GUEST COLUMN

### Join the Hawkeye Caucus' efforts

Since its inception in 1847, the University of Iowa has been the state's top public institution and consistently one of the nation's best. Currently, the UI is ranked as the 28th best public university in the nation, 72nd overall. The university boasts some of the most impressive statistics in all of higher education.

The university has made great contributions to the state in medicine, dentistry, education, and law. One hundred percent of Iowa counties have UI-trained nurses, teachers, and lawyers.

Iowa truly is the Hawkeye state.

It is imperative for the success of our university that members of our community come together and speak with our legislators, continually thanking them for current and future support of our institution. By joining the Hawkeye Caucus, you have the opportunity to truly make a difference and have your voice heard loudly in Des Moines and Washington, D.C.

The Hawkeye Caucus is a student-run advocacy group that encourages students to get involved and understand how their education is influenced at the state and federal levels. The Hawkeye Caucus

engages with both state and federal legislators through activities both off and on campus including: email campaign blitzes to state legislators, hosting legislators on campus, as well as visiting Des Moines and Washington, D.C. We are asking state legislators to support an in-state tuition freeze for undergraduate students and a minimal tuition rise for out-of-state students because we believe a valuable public education should continue to be affordable.

All students and majors are invited to get involved with the Hawkeye Caucus, as we are an organi-

zation that is dedicated to the students. As students, we can affect our future by simply speaking with our local legislators, or as they call it in Des Moines and Washington, D.C., "lobbying."

We are looking for students to participate in our own advocacy training session on campus next week with Rep. Mary Mascher, D-Iowa City.

Hawkeye Caucus provides an opportunity for us to have our voices heard in Des Moines so that those who represent us know that they're advocating for our futures.

Andrew Bates and Tim Krueger  
Hawkeye Caucus

## Contracting affordable housing



By KATIE KUNTZ  
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On Thursday, Family to Family, an AmeriCorps program in Iowa City, will host an event to help more than 45 families prepare for a likely move next spring.

The Iowa City Housing Authority canceled its contract with Dolphin Lake Point Apartments last month because the apartment complex breached the contract, and now, more than 45 families will need to find alternative housing, such as moving to places that will accept Section 8 housing vouchers.

Community members must refocus attention on the need for affordable housing, because so many families are working hard and abiding by their contracts but still face the hardships of poor housing conditions and questioning whether they will be able to find a place to live.

"The thing about it is that Dolphin Lake has had chances over and over again to fix the problems, but I guess it didn't do it," said Valerie Horton, the co-coordinator of Family to Family. "Dolphin Lake is not a first choice — it's like

a last choice, for people who say, 'I don't know what else to do, and I don't want to lose my voucher.'"

Housing Administrator Steven Rackis said some families living at the apartment complex wanted a reason to move, and though the transition may be difficult, six families have found new homes that will accept their vouchers. The Housing Authority is working to ensure that every family will find homes that accept their vouchers.

"That's why we engaged the Neighborhood Center, because we want to look for all ways to help the families," Rackis said. "Currently, 100 percent of the vouchers are in use, so everyone with a voucher has found a place to live that will accept the voucher."

Still, affordable housing presents a significant issue for many families in this community, and though the city correctly canceled its contract with Dolphin Lake Point, all members of this community should be aware of the problems some families face.

"This needs to be out there — people need to know what's going on and that it's not the tenants' fault," Horton said. "You get a woman supporting her kids making minimum wage and doing what she's supposed to do, but these landlords did not do what they needed to do." ■

## Fearing Fido



By SRI PONNADA  
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Man's best friend might be turning into man's new mall buddy.

The Iowa City City Council is considering an ordinance requested by the Downtown District that would allow dogs on the Pedestrian Mall, as reported by *The Daily Iowan*.

The dogs would have to be leashed, and the leashes could be no longer than 6 feet.

There are some restrictions — dogs would not be allowed within 15 feet of the playground equipment, tethered to public or private property, or be near a sidewalk café, outdoor service area or a limestone planter.

As much as we may adore our faithful pals, they shouldn't be allowed on the Ped Mall, because although it is a public space, the mall does not need to be further soiled by the unsanitary conditions that come with some dogs.

Geoff Furin, the assistant to the city manager, noted

that cleaning up after pets will be the No. 1 concern when it comes to the new ordinance. At present, city code requires that pet owners pick up all droppings deposited when walking their pets. Violation of this ordinance carries a \$100 fine.

But Matthew Theobald, a co-owner and manager of the Soap Opera, 119 E. College St., said that he believes that with more dogs downtown, waste could become even more of an issue.

"We already have a situation where dogs are on the Ped Mall anyway; [the current law] is not enforced," he said in a previous interview with *The Daily Iowan*.

People who do not clean up after their pets will lead to unsanitary conditions, where poop is abandoned to be stepped on by unsuspecting pedestrians and played with by unknowing toddlers.

The Ped Mall is a mall, after all. People shop and dine there. Allowing dogs would take away from its aesthetic appeal and potentially wreak havoc. There are plenty of other places in and around the city, such as Thornberry Off-Leash Dog Park, where dog owners can take their pets to play. ■

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# Iowa City City Council passes taxi regulations



A taxi waits for patrons on Dubuque Street in 2010. The City Council on Tuesday voted in favor of an ordinance requiring cab companies to have dispatch offices in Iowa City or Coralville and that each company's taxis have a consistent color scheme. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

Iowa City city councilors voted 7-0 in favor of ordinance amending taxi regulations.

By **NICK HASSETT**  
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The Iowa City City Council moved forward with an amendment to city regulations regarding taxis, despite opposition from several small taxicab representatives.

The council voted 7-0 in favor of the ordinance in its first consideration, which would require cab companies to have a distinctive and consistent color scheme and label, a dispatching office within the Iowa City or Coralville city limits, and would change the date for when taxicabs are required to obtain a license.

Several members of the public spoke out in opposition to the amendment, including local taxi operator Dennis Doderer.

"My concern is that these amendments have not been thought out thoroughly," he said. "In pure economic terms, it will increase the concentration of the two major companies in the marketplace. Adding additional costs to cab companies is only going to be a

'Anything that we can do to make cab companies more professional would be good.'

— Roger Bradley, manager of Yellow Cab in Iowa City

limitation for entry into the marketplace. If you want to talk about job killing, that's what it would do."

Several other taxicab drivers and representatives spoke during public discussion of the amendment, saying the amendment would be anticompetitive and that the changes proposed were largely unnecessary.

However, not all taxi companies were opposed to the amendment.

Roger Bradley, the manager of Yellow Cab in Iowa City, said the amendment was necessary for consistency and improving standards.

"Anything that we can do to make cab companies more professional and more worried about their behavior in general would be good," he said.

City staff maintained that the changes would only apply to companies with a four-cab fleet or larger,

though there was some confusion as to what was allowed under current law in regards to the number of taxis a company must maintain.

Iowa City Mayor Matt Hayek said overall he thought the amendment would have a positive impact.

"We can't please everybody in the process," he said. "I have faith in the process of city staff to come up with the best practices and improvements on what we do."

However, despite voting for the first consideration, City Councilor Jim Throgmorton expressed some concern about some cab companies being excluded from the decision process.

"We should contact and speak with individuals that came up here tonight," he said. "I don't feel comfortable approving this policy given what I've just heard. This is new information."

# Funding decision for Hawks Nest on hold

No decision has been reached on new collaboratively funded organizations, because the two student-government bodies feel differently.

By **RISHABH R. JAIN**  
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The University of Iowa might see new collaboratively funded organizations on the block next year, but it is going to take longer than expected with two student bodies in a split about the decision.

Benjamin Gillig, the director of graduate and professional allocation committee and co-head of the Joint Finance Committee, said that panel recommended collaboratively funded status be allotted to Indian Student Alliance on Nov. 11 but not to other two applicants, Walk It Out and Hawks Nest.

Gillig said the two student organizations did not meet all the objective qualifiers for that status that would put them on the list with eight other student organizations that receive expedited funding.

"[Collaboratively funded organizations] don't necessarily get more money," Gillig said during an Executive Council of Graduate and Professional Students meeting on Tuesday evening. "They get their funds at the beginning of the year so they can better plan their annual events. These have to be organizations of grave importance to the university and have a broad community impact."

While the Executive Council voted in favor of

the Finance Committee's recommendation, the UI Student Government — its undergraduate counterpart — voted against the recommendation to re-evaluate Hawk's Nest's application. This means the Joint Finance Committee will have to meet again to review all the applications, and then the two student-government bodies would vote again on the new recommendation.

Hawks Nest members, who appealed their application to be re-evaluated after not receiving Joint Finance Committee's recommendation, made statements at both UISG's and the Executive Council's meetings on Tuesday.

"We are here to address the queries that the Joint Finance Committee had with our application," Matt Boeding, the vice president of the Hawks Nest, said during a statement at the meeting. "And we ask you reconsider the recommendation."

Members of the Hawks Nest present at the meeting addressed the concerns the Finance Committee had with their initial application — graduate-student involvement, evidence of broad community impact, and the Athletics Department as an alternative source of funding.

"We currently have two graduate students on our executive board," Boeding said during the meeting.

"... And to increase graduate-student involvement, we have also thought of working with the [Executive Council] and maybe even have a [council] member on our executive board."

The members of Hawks Nest also stated that they had received only minimal funding from the Athletics Department.

Executive Council President Michael Appel said members of the student-government body almost always defer to Joint Finance Committee's recommendation, because the panel spends a substantial amount of time going through the nit-picky-gritty of applications.

This did not hold true — the student-government bodies had different opinions on the recommendation.

Jostna Dash, the president of the Indian Student Alliance, said she was confident that the financial committee will recommend the group again.

"It will definitely feel great," Dash said. "It was a big accomplishment to even get the recommendation the first time. It is big not only for me but for every member who has been in the Indian Student Alliance for the past 15 years. I am going to email all past presidents to let them know that we have got the recommendation, and I am sure we are safe even for the new recommendation."

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- Mom says I'm too good for you.
- Sometimes, a person is just what you need, just when you need her. Your time for me is passed, and you're no longer who or what I need. Right now, I need someone Asian. Got an itch. Gotta scratch it.
- I don't like the way you kiss. Actually, I don't like pretty much anything you do with your tongue.
- I've got some good news and some bad news. Which would you like first? WAIT! — before you answer, the bad news is that I'm breaking up with you, so keep that in mind. Also: There's no good news. Except for me. Because I'm free! Freeeeeeee!
- Guess what you and a mountain of garbage have in common? You've both been dumped! Hahahahaha! Just kidding. But, no, seriously. Leave.
- I like it better when we were just friends having tons of sex. With other people.
- All I'm saying is that I can't be in a relationship with someone who doesn't trust me to be alone in a room with a paid escort.
- I think four years is long enough, don't you?
- I need more space. That's why I'm moving to the Moon.
- I think you love me more than I love you. To be fair, you'd have to.
- It's not me, it's you. You're horrible.
- It's not you, it's me. I hate you. Because you're horrible.

Andrew R. Juhl misters you even more than he did yesterday.

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- **Final Thesis Defense**, "Catalytic Mechanisms of Thymidylate Synthase: Bringing Experiments and Computations Together," Zhen Wang, Chemistry, 8:30 a.m., CIO Pomerantz Center
- **Film and discussion, It's Elementary**, College of Education Diversity Committee, noon, 300 Lindquist Center
- **"Transformations in the Pharma Industry,"** Andrew Dahlem, vice president and COO for Lilly Research Laboratories and LRL Europe, noon, C44-A UIHC General Hospital
- **Inorganic Chemistry Seminar**, "Metallo-cenyl-containing Porphyrins and Their Analogues as Prospective Active Components for Molecular Electronics and Photoinduced Electron Transfer," Victor Nemykin, University of Minnesota-Duluth, 12:30 p.m., W268 Chemistry Building
- **Final Thesis Defense**, "I. Hydrophobic Nanoporous Silica Particles for Biomedical Applications. II. Novel Approaches to Two Dimensional Correlation Spectroscopy," Claudiu Brumaru, Chemistry, 2 p.m., W323 Chemistry Building
- **Joint Astrophysics/Space Physics Seminar**, TBA, Thomas Brantseg, Physics/Astronomy, 3:30 p.m., 309 Van Allen
- **Hy-Vee Walking Club**, 4 p.m., Hy-Vee, 812 S. First Ave.
- **HIV Criminalization Panel Discussion**, 5 p.m., Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Resource Center
- **Opera Series lecture, La clemenza di Tito**, Robert Ketterer, Classics and Cinema/Comparative Literature, 5:30 p.m., 2520D University Capitol Center
- **Salsa Practice Group**, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Room at the Iowa City Senior Center, 28 S. Linn St.
- **Spoken Word**, 7 p.m., Uptown Bill's, 730 S. Dubuque
- **"Live From Prairie Lights,"** Dylan Nice, fiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Burlington Street Bluegrass Band**, 7 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Marjorie Shearer**, clarinet, 8 p.m., University Capitol Center Recital Hall
- **Jam Session**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- **Talk Art**, 10 p.m., Mill

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- 6:30 p.m.** Conversations from the Iowa Writers' Workshop, interviews with authors associated with the famed Iowa Writers' Workshop, hosted by Kecia Lynn
- 7** WorldCannvass Studio, lively talk and music on location with Joan Kjaer and International Programs
- 8** "Van Allen: Flights of Discovery," a biography of the life of James Van Allen, Iowa's premier astrophysicist
- 8:45** School of Music Encore Selections
- 9** Iowa Magazine, human-interest stories from the UI
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## horoscopes

Wednesday, November 28, 2012 by Eugenia Last

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Work on personal and professional partnerships. Set up rules, schedules, or whatever else is required to avoid setbacks. Back away from the people dragging you down, and spend more time with the people who can offer you something in return.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Control whatever situation you face. Put a unique touch on whatever you pursue. Revisit old relationships, and consider how you can revitalize a situation that you feel has potential. Love is in the stars, and a commitment or change is apparent.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Do your own thing. Pursue your dreams, hopes, and wishes. Don't settle for less when you know you can have so much more. Speak up honestly about your needs, and you will weed out the people who are taking advantage of you.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Spend more time with friends, family, or your lover. Personal opportunities will develop if you get involved in an event that interests you. Don't hold back — you have good ideas that will be well received. Love is highlighted.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Don't leave room for error. Offer honesty, and you will find out where you stand and what can be accomplished. Problems with your residence or a family member can be expected. You'll have to implement change if you want to avoid discord.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You'll gain knowledge by interacting with people in your community. Knowing what is in demand will help you strategically come up with a service you can offer in order to bring in extra cash. Don't settle for less when you can have more.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Review your past, and you will recognize a pattern you continue to encounter. Set a new standard, and strive to use updated means and methods to accomplish your goals. Don't argue a losing battle when you should be following your own path.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Take time to turn your home into a stress-free sanctuary. You need to find your comfort zone in order to revitalize your creativity. Love and romance are in the stars. The people you associate with should be those who inspire you the most.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** The past will come back to haunt you if you are indulgent emotionally, physically, or financially. Reconsider the partnerships you have and if you are benefiting — or giving up too much. Put more effort into a creative skill that can bring you greater prosperity.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Being a team player will help you with your professional achievements. Getting along and sharing interests with someone you enjoy spending time with will turn into a long-term partnership. Don't make a radical decision for the wrong reason.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Choose your words carefully. Don't make a promise you won't be able to keep. Focus on family and stability. Home will be your safety zone and where you should put your time and effort. A visitor will offer positive feedback and inspiration.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Wheel and deal until you get what you want. Offer a creative plan that will be difficult to ignore. There is money to be made and partnerships to be formed. Don't feel you must compete or outdo when you just have to follow your heart.

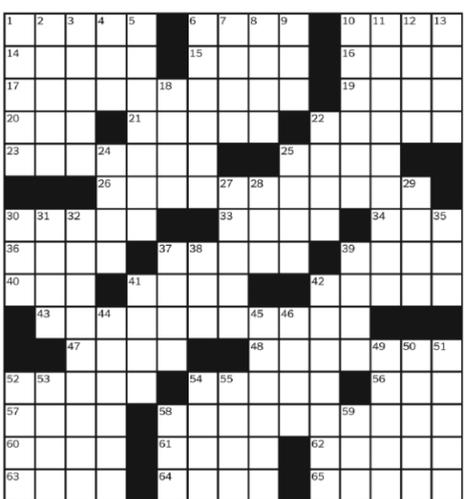
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- 1 Cavalry weapon
  - 6 "And there it is!"
  - 10 Argue (with)
  - 14 Spasm
  - 15 Hollywood has some big ones
  - 16 Summon
  - 17 Actor Norris, after gaining weight?
  - 19 Attendee of the fictional Lowood Institution for girls
  - 20 "... \_\_\_ quilt"
  - 21 Symbols of speed
  - 22 Flower part
  - 23 1993 Peace Nobel
  - 25 Hankering
  - 26 What a tosspot fantasizes the clouds would do?
  - 30 Designed to pique interest, say
  - 33 Toot
  - 34 Collar
  - 36 "Hurry!"
  - 37 Some makeup ... or a hint to 17-, 26-, 43- and 58-Across
  - 39 Badlands feature
  - 40 Unite
  - 41 Whoosh!
  - 42 A bit questionable
  - 43 Thieves at an all-night dance bash?
  - 47 Show some respect to a judge
  - 48 All riled up
  - 52 Emo emotion
  - 54 Conceived
  - 56 Sugar ending
  - 57 Strike
  - 58 Someone responding to a party R.S.V.P.?
  - 60 \_\_\_ Krabappel, Bart Simpson's teacher
  - 61 Boxer's fare?
  - 62 Kind of glasses
  - 63 Dieter's amount

- DOWN**
- 1 Longtime senator Thurmond
  - 2 Now, in Nogales
  - 3 Bobby Orr, notably
  - 4 Impatient person's wait, seemingly
  - 5 Conan O'Brien, e.g.
  - 6 Mideast capital
  - 7 Bad fit
  - 8 Entries in two Oscar categories, slangily
  - 9 "That's all I \_\_\_"
  - 10 Address
  - 11 There used to be a lot more of these on corners
  - 12 Indian tourist locale
  - 13 Country dance
  - 18 District of Colombia?
  - 22 Knock off
  - 24 Stalactite producer
  - 25 Knocks off
  - 27 Manhattan Project result, informally
  - 28 Guitarist Paul
  - 29 Shipboard punishment
  - 30 Bar topic
  - 31 PC operator
  - 32 Items for baseball scouts and highway patrol officers
  - 64 Paint swatch choice
  - 65 Common door sign

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- Puzzle by Ian Livingsgood**
- 35 Triple Crown winner Citation or Gallant Fox
  - 37 Reason for an R rating
  - 38 Back of a public house, maybe
  - 39 Get wrong
  - 41 Spice
  - 42 Where many Greeks are found
  - 44 Outlooks
  - 45 Part that may be pinched
  - 46 Sufficiently, in poetry
  - 49 Tribal figure
  - 50 Rhône tributary
  - 51 Put on again
  - 52 Jump on the ice
  - 53 Intersection point
  - 54 Western accessory
  - 55 N.F.L. broadcaster
  - 58 \_\_\_ in hand
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- 4-5 p.m., Key of Kate
- 5-6 p.m., Little Village Live
- 6-7 p.m., Yew Piney Mountain
- 7-8 p.m., Live from Prairie Lights
- 8-10 p.m., Standing on the Verge
- 10-midnight, Theater of the Mind
- Midnight-2 a.m., Mo and Johnny Blade



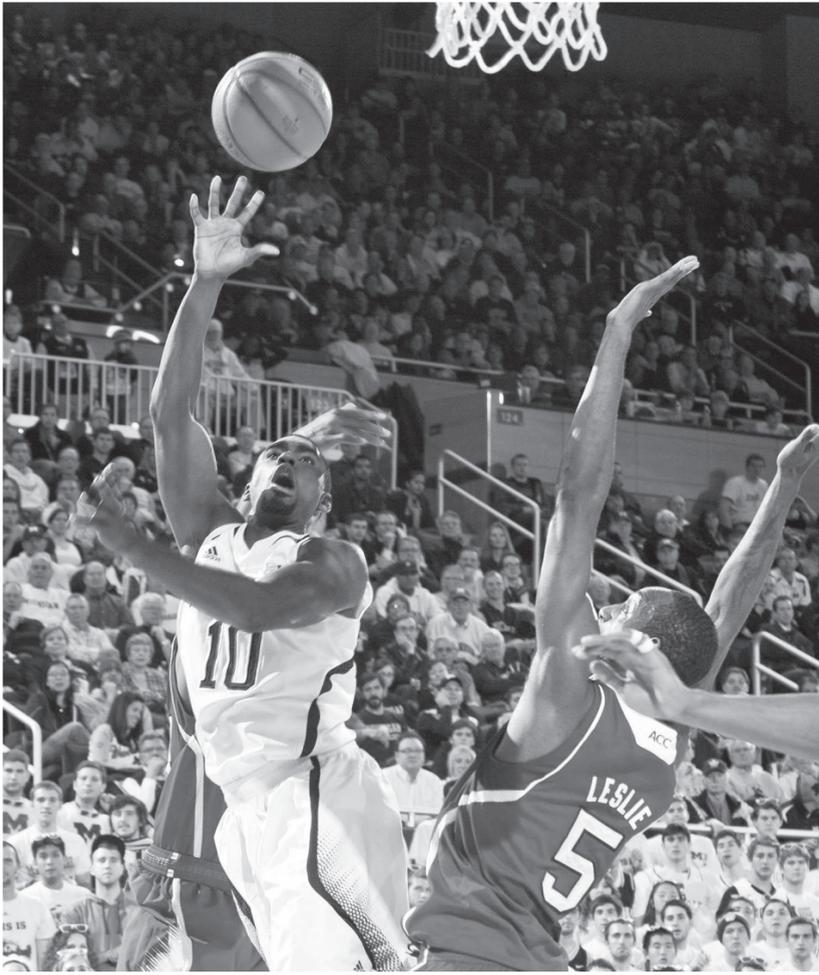
John Hall plays saxophone during his student recital at Trinity Episcopal Church on Tuesday. Originally from Southern California, he is pursuing a master's degree in saxophone performance from the UI. (The Daily Iowan/Ian Servin)

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# Michigan beats back N.C. State rally



Michigan guard Tim Hardaway Jr. (10) shoots while defended by North Carolina State forward C.J. Leslie (5) during the second half Tuesday in Crisler Center in Ann Arbor. Michigan won, 79-72. (Associated Press/Tony Ding)

By **NOAH TRISTER**  
Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Trey Burke had 18 points and 11 assists, and No. 3 Michigan held

off a late rally by No. 18 North Carolina State in a 79-72 victory Tuesday night.

Freshman Nik Stauskas led the Wolverines (6-0) with 20 points, and

Tim Hardaway Jr. added 16, but Burke controlled the game, equaling his previous career high of 9 assists in the first half and going the whole game without a turnover.

N.C. State (4-2) trailed 73-58 before going on a 10-0 run capped by T.J. Warrens lay-up with 2:11 remaining. Hardaway answered with a driving bank shot.

It was 75-70 when the Wolfpack forced a turnover and called a timeout with 54.4 seconds to play, but C.J. Leslie was called for an offensive foul.

Leslie appeared to swing his left arm a bit while backing

down against Michigan's Mitch McGary. N.C. State coach Mark Gottfried was incensed by the call on the sideline.

Warren led the Wolfpack with 18 points.

Michigan committed only 6 turnovers — 4 in the first half. N.C. State shot 57 percent from the field but lost its fifth-straight game in the ACC-Big Ten challenge.

Michigan led 45-40 after Leslie's twisting

dunk early in the second half. The Wolverines answered with an alley-oop pass to Glenn Robinson III, whose dunk popped out of the basket momentarily before dropping back in.

Michigan methodically built its lead into double digits and led 62-48 after Stauskas made a 3-pointer from the right wing.

It was 73-58 before N.C. State made a game of it down the stretch.



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**The "Two-State Solution."** This second solution is favored by much of the world, including the U. S. government. But this solution is not much better than one state and almost as unacceptable to those who support the welfare and future of the Jewish state. The example of Gaza is instructive. In order to advance peace and appease world opinion, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon abandoned Gaza with no reciprocal agreement from the Palestinians. All Jewish inhabitants, most living there for generations, were expelled from their homes by Israel and resettled in "Israel proper." What reward, what thanks did Israel get for its generous gesture? Today, almost daily bombardments by deadly Hamas rockets force up to one million Israel civilians into bomb shelters. Israel's forbearance to these affronts is almost unbelievable. One can imagine how our country would respond if Mexico were to launch hundreds of rockets on San Diego. Thus it's easy to foresee what would happen if, under a "two-state solution," Israel were to abandon Judea/Samaria (the "West Bank"). Israel would surely suffer daily rocket assaults on its population centers—Tel Aviv, its international airport, its industrial heartland and its military installations. Life would become impossible.

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# Sports

## WRESTLING

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ing. He wasn't as intense as he wanted to be, he said, and his offense faltered because of that.

He quickly adjusted in the practice room the week after, and the results showed. He collected a pin and a technical-fall against Iowa Central and Southern Illinois-Edwardsville.

Gambrall said the competition may have been different, but it's the amount of focus and preparation he had that will need to carry over into a tougher part of the season. "The weekend of the Vir-

ginia dual, I felt like I was moving very slowly the whole time without much explosion," he said. "Now, I've been focusing on that in my training."

### Evans moving up - for now

Gambrall won't be the only Hawkeye wrestler weighing in at 174 Saturday.

Mike Evans will dress alongside Gambrall for this weekend's dual at 174 pounds, Brands said. Evans wrestled at 165 pounds last season and earlier this year. He's been ranked as high as fourth in the country at that weight. The most recent individu-

al rankings from Intermat have Evans ranked seventh at 174 pounds.

The sudden upward shift from Evans was brought on because he cut down to 165 pounds too quickly to start the season, Brands said.

"He went down too fast," Brands said. "And it affected his body in a lot of different ways ... He's grown, too, from last year. He's going to have to be more disciplined. It's going to have to be more of a process."

Evans, who called the potential battle at 174 a "sensitive topic," wasn't sure how long he would remain there moving forward. He plans to train and prepare the same way

he did before the move.

"I'm going to battle him for the spot. He's going to battle me for the spot," Evans said. "Can't really over-talk things like that. That's how it is."

### Race for 149 is heating up

There are four options for the spot at 149 pounds, and Iowa coaches are determined to slim that list down to two.

The front-runners are redshirt freshman Brody Grothus and redshirt sophomore Mike Kelly, Brands said. Even then, there's no clear indication on who will eventually earn the spot.



Iowa 174-pounder Grant Gambrall wrestles Southern Illinois-Edwardsville's Deshoun White during the Iowa City Duals on Nov. 24 in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Gambrall won by a technical fall, 23-6. (The Daily Iowan/Rachel Jessen)

"There's a lot of progress being made in here that people don't necessarily see," the coach said. "I don't think it makes it

any clearer who the guy is, though."

## FOOTBALL

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### Defensive line

This unit started strong for Iowa but became a major liability as the season wore on. Iowa got no pass pressure and was often pushed around up front on defense.

Sack leader Joe Gaglione and tackle Steve Bigach graduate, leaving plenty of question marks at the position.

Louis Trinca-Pasat and Darian Cooper played well at tackle for stretches of the season, and they will be counted upon next year. Defensive end Dominic Alvis will also be back for his senior season.

### Linebackers

This could well be the strength of the team next year for Iowa. James Morris, Anthony Hitchens, and Christian Kirksey all were solid performers this season, and all will be back as seniors next year.

Injuries limited Morris at the end of the year, and Hitchens struggled

at times in pass coverage, but this will be a talented, experienced unit in 2013.

### Secondary

The Hawkeye secondary was torched down the backstretch of the season, and it loses star cornerback Micah Hyde. The Hawkeyes benched and

re-benched safeties numerous times over the final two games, trying five different players at the position. Nico Law and Tanner Miller will have to take major steps forward next year.

## DOOLITTLE

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"I'm having fun, more success, and more opportunities," Doolittle said. "It's been really fun to learn a new po-

sition; learning how to do new things has been fun.

"I think the West Virginia game was a really

good experience. Teammates have encouraged me and helped me out to have similar performances in the future."

## BASKETBALL

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Green, the reigning ACC Player of the Week, led all scorers with 24 points, 5 rebounds, and 5 assists, while sophomore guard Robert Brown notched 18 points for Virginia Tech. The Hokies moved to 6-0 with the win. They had five different players reach double figures and are one of the nation's best offensive teams, averaging more than 85 points per game on the young season.

"A lot of the reason they shot such a high percentage was transition. We were getting balls to the basket and had ample opportunities to break their defense down, and we settled for 3s," Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery told KXIC. "Whenever we missed a 3, and we missed 18 of them, they would score. That's disappointing."

The Hawkeyes were dealt a blow less than six minutes into the contest when freshman center Adam Woodbury picked up his second personal foul of the game at 14:11 of the first half. His absence allowed Virginia Tech to dominate the offensive glass for most of the opening frame and outscore Iowa 9-2 in second-chance points as well as get to the free-throw line 15 times compared with the Hawkeyes' seven.

"We've been emphasizing [rebounding] all year long, it's something we've needed to improve on" Virginia Tech head coach James Johnson told KXIC. "It was a focal point; they came in averaging 15 offensive re-



McCaffery coach



Virginia Tech's Erick Green (11) lays up the ball through a gap in the Iowa defense in Blacksburg, Va., on Tuesday. (Associated Press/Roanoke Times, Daniel Lin)

bounds per game, and we held them to 8. All of our guys stepped up."

With its nonconference schedule fairly light on quality competition, Iowa can ill afford to lose too many more games prior to the start of the Big Ten season if it hopes to be dancing in the NCAA Tournament come March.

And Tuesday night, after a sloppy 40 minutes

filled with undisciplined decision-making highlighted by poor shot selection, the Hawkeyes looked like anything but one of the top 68 teams in America.

"I'm disappointed in the attention to detail on the road, against a team that is undefeated and clearly has talented players," McCaffery said in his postgame interview. "We just need to mature."

## COMMENTARY

# Eliminate NCAA preseason polls



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As the adage goes, don't judge a book by its cover. So why we judge NCAA sports teams based on preseason impressions.

With college athletics seemingly on the precipice of a new era with football playoffs and power conferences, one more convention should be left behind: preseason polls.

There have been previous arguments that have focused on the influence of a preseason poll on college football and the national championship.

Much of this discourse is valid, such as the idea that of three undefeated teams, the two ranked the highest preseason will automatically stay the higher ranked of the two, regardless of actual results.

Or how teams would be forced to play a tougher nonconference schedule if they were forced to earn a ranking instead of rack-

ing up wins against small schools in order to stay undefeated.

Although these rankings relate to a sport with an exclusive avenue to the national championship — even come playoffs, the criteria will be to finish as one of the top four teams in the country — there's still purpose to eliminating preseason rankings in every sport.

While not absolute, almost every team sport in the NCAA has both a top-25 poll and an end-of-year tournament to determine the national champion.

Every one of these sports follows football's suit and releases preseason rankings, and the effects of a preseason poll are felt come postseason selections.

Sometimes a team is overrated because of preseason rankings, skewing its rankings high for the entire season.

Other times, preseason polls exclude teams that are top-25 quality, giving them an uphill climb the whole season.

Take the NCAA volleyball tourney — which begins on Thursday — where the only seeds awarded in the 64-team field are to the

top-16 teams. But those 16 seeded teams earn a competitive advantage in the right to host the first and second rounds of the tournament.

This year, Creighton will travel to Minneapolis, where it will face Marquette, and the winner likely gets eighth-seeded host Minnesota. The Blue Jays began the year not even receiving votes in the preseason poll.

Despite finishing with a 28-3 overall record and currently sitting on a 16-game winning streak, the Blue Jays must travel.

Meanwhile, Kentucky (20-10) is the final seeded team and will host first and second rounds starting Friday in Lexington. The Wildcats lost to numerous non-tournament teams this season and had a four-game losing streak in the middle of the year.

But Creighton began the year not receiving votes and didn't work its way in to the top 25 until the third-to-last week of the season.

It finished the season ranked No. 21. Kentucky, despite finishing the year unranked, began the year ranked 13th, giving pollsters the impression they

were a sure top-25 team.

Already in this year's college basketball season, preseason No. 13 UCLA has lost to Georgetown and was just upset at home by perennial doormat Cal Poly.

Even after a loss to the Mustangs, the coaches decided to rank UCLA 24th, and Bruins are still receiving significant votes in the AP poll. If there were no preseason poll and fans were awaiting the first rankings in the next week, UCLA likely wouldn't sniff the rankings.

So here's a proposition: Wait until conference play begins to release the first poll in any sport.

Force teams to play a tough nonconference schedules and force voters to truly decide who is in the top-25, not just re-shuffle the preseason rankings week-by-week.

If conference play is staggered in said sport, at least wait a month after the first games are played.

To use another adage, patience is a virtue. So let's not hastily try to determine the nation's best before the season even begins.

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# Ferentz: 'Lot of work to do'



Iowa's Jake Rudock talks with James Vandenberg during Hawks' game against Northern Iowa in Kinnick Stadium on Sept. 15. (The Daily Iowan/Rachel Jessen)

The Daily Iowan looks ahead to Iowa football in 2013.

By **SAM LOUWAGIE**  
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Kirk Ferentz is confident better days are ahead for his program.

After Iowa's season ended with a loss to Nebraska on Nov. 23, the Iowa football coach said he was confident the Hawkeyes would improve on their 4-8 record.

"Our players. Start with that," Ferentz said. "We've got some good players on our football team. There's no reason we can't be successful. We fully realize we have a lot of work to do right now."

The Daily Iowan takes an early look at how the Hawkeye roster might shape up in 2013.

## Quarterbacks

"One thing for sure, whoever wins the job will be inexperienced," Ferentz said. "We think we have three guys on campus who all have the potential to be good players. Now the competition begins."

That competition is among redshirt freshman Jake Rudock, junior college transfer Cody Sokol, and true freshman C.J. Beathard. None of them saw a snap this season—senior James Vandenberg played every down on offense.

The likely frontrunner for the job as of now is Rudock, who held the No. 2 spot on the depth chart all season. Vandenberg said Rudock has been "groomed for two years" for the job, and he does have impressive credentials. Rudock

led his high-school team to an unbeaten season and a Florida state championship as a senior, winning South Florida player of the year honors from the *South Florida Sun-Sentinel*.

## Running backs

Iowa had a pair of productive sophomore backs this season. But the two never shared a backfield together, as they continually swapped spots on the injured list and the starting lineup.

Mark Weisman and Damon Bullock should both theoretically be back next season, and they would make for a nice one-two punch at running back.

## Receivers

This position might get a little thin next year, as Keenan Davis graduates and leaves sophomore Kevonte Martin-Manley as the only consistent proven target. Junior Jordan Cotton will have to step up and provide a deep threat, and true freshman Tevaun Smith saw a few snaps of action this year.

Tight end C.J. Fiedorowicz should also be back after a strong finish to his junior season, and he said he knows Iowa's pass-catchers need to make more big plays next year.

"There just weren't enough big plays being made as a group by us," he said. "If you want to win, you've got to make five, six, seven big plays in a game."

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VA. TECH 95, IOWA 79

# Hawks drop sloppy game

The Hawkeyes allowed a season-high 95 points and wasted Aaron White's double-double in a loss to Virginia Tech on Tuesday.

By **TOM CLOS**  
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Not even a 14-0 run and a double-double could make up for the Iowa men's basketball team's defensive deficiencies Tuesday night.

The Hawkeyes looked overwhelmed in their first real test of the season and allowed a season-high number of points in a 95-79 loss to Virginia Tech in the Big Ten/ACC Challenge at Cassell Coliseum in Blacksburg, Va. It was the team's second-straight loss and seventh-consecutive in the annual cross-conference event dating back to a victory over North Carolina State in 2005.

Trailing 55-38 with 16:34 remaining, the Black and Gold went on a 14-0 run in 3:30, cutting the deficit to 55-52. The Hokies regained control of the game however, outscoring Iowa 40-27 the rest of the way and posting 95 on a Hawkeye team that had yielded just an average of 65.2 points per game entering the day.

Sophomore forward Aaron White put up a double-double with 21 points and 10 rebounds to pace Iowa, and junior guard Devyn Marble added 18 points, 7 rebounds, and 7 assists.

White felt his team responded well after falling into such a big hole on the scoreboard. But in a postgame interview with 800-AM KXIC, he said poor decisions by the group down the stretch canceled any hopes to complete the comeback.

"In the second half, we came out unprepared mentally, but we fought back," White said in the interview. "It was looking good, but then we ended the game taking bad shots, turning the ball over, and weren't stopping them. Then they blew it out."

Virginia Tech senior guard Erick

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# Doolittle does much for Hawks

Bethany Doolittle has spent much of the season playing power forward, joining with Morgan Johnson down low to give the Hawkeyes a size advantage.

By **BEN ROSS**  
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A year after switching positions, Bethany Doolittle has found steady success in her newfound spot at power forward. The sophomore set a personal scoring record with 17 points in a 79-70 win over then-No. 12 West Virginia on Sunday.

Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder said she had been waiting to see that kind of production from Doolittle—who hit 7-of-12 shots and also grabbed 6 rebounds—during a game, because her ability had been on display during practices.

"We felt like she's had that potential all year long," Bluder said. "We finally got to see it against West Virginia. We've seen in it practice; she's a big target and has a nice corner jump shot. She's had some other good games in her career."

Iowa will take on an undefeated Florida State team today in Tallahassee, Fla. The Seminoles are coming off a win against No. 17 Vanderbilt. And the Hawkeyes may need Doolittle's 6-4 frame in the paint rather than shooting from the perimeter.

Florida State is seventh in the country in defensive rebound margin, having a surplus of nearly 15 rebounds per game. Iowa has struggled on the boards, averaging 12 offensive



Iowa's Bethany Doolittle attempts a shot during a game against Illinois State in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Nov. 11. (The Daily Iowan/Ian Servin)

rebounds over its past six contests.

"Everyone on our team is working on [offensive rebounds]," Doolittle said. "It has been a weakness, and Florida State is strong in that department."

Senior guard Jaime Printy said when a player has a big game like the one Doolittle had against West Virginia, it helps the team's offense as a whole by adding another element for which opposing teams have to prepare.

"She definitely had a huge game against West Virginia," Printy said. "Other teams know they have to stop her now. It adds to her as an offensive threat."

Doolittle changed to power forward

this season after spending time at center during her freshman year. With already an effective center on the roster in senior Morgan Johnson, Doolittle made the switch, hoping it would help her team on the court. Rather than playing behind Johnson, Doolittle has spent time alongside her in the frontcourt, giving the Hawkeyes a size advantage.

So far, the switch has paid off. Doolittle said she's having fun learning a new position, and that a performance like the one she had against West Virginia is something that she'll hope to duplicate in future contests.

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## NOTEBOOK

# Gambrall re-aims focus

Coaches say Grant Gambrall hasn't yet shown his full capabilities at his new weight class.

By **CODY GOODWIN**  
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Iowa wrestling coach Tom Brands made it clear on Tuesday that Grant Gambrall would start at 174 pounds at this weekend's dual against Iowa State.

"He looks better in the room," Brands said. "[He's] maybe more of a spark to be offensive and aggressive and score points. But it's got to translate, too."

Some uncertainty about whether Gambrall could keep the 174-pound spot arose after his performance in Iowa's dual meet against Virginia on Nov. 16. The senior was pinned by No. 9 Jon Fauser in between two victories against unranked opponents by a combined 4 points.

But Brands said Gambrall's match against Virginia wasn't an indication of the 2011 All-American wrestler's capabilities.

"We want him to emerge from that," Brands said.

Gambrall agreed all three matches of his first weekend were disappoint-

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