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A recent committee opinion released by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecology pushes for oral contraceptives to be available for purchase over the counter. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 10.7 million women were using the birth-control pill as of 2008. (Photo Illustration by The Daily Iowan/Juan Carlos Herrera)

## Pill may go counter-side

By **BRIANNA JETT**  
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Soon, birth-control pills could sit alongside vitamins and pain medicine in the local pharmacy.

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecology released a December 2012 committee opinion last week pushing for oral contraceptives to be available for women over-the-counter.

However, some local people are in disagreement over the consequences of such a suggestion.

"A potential way to improve contraceptive access and use, and possibly decrease unintended pregnancy rates, is to allow over-the-counter access to oral contraceptives," the report said.

"[Oral contraceptives] should be available over-the-counter."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 10.7 million women were using the Pill as of 2008.

Linda Stewart Kroon, the director of the UI Women's Resource and Action Center, is in favor of over-the-counter access — as long as safety for users is maintained.

"In general, I am in favor of making options for birth control more available," she said. "If this would help that, I'd be in favor."

One opinion that proponents of increased access to birth control focus on is the idea that contraceptives provide more freedom for women.

"To be on fairly equal footing with men, socially and economically, women

need to be able to choose if and when and under what conditions they become pregnant and give birth," Diana Cates, a University of Iowa professor who teaches a Sexual Ethics course, wrote in an email.

Jennifer Price, the director of the Emma Goldman Clinic, 227 N. Dubuque St., agreed.

"Birth control absolutely does empower women," she said.

However, not everyone believes contraceptives provide the power.

"We should be empowering [young people] to take control of their bodies and see them as what they are — a gift from God," said Maggie DeWitte,

SEE **BIRTH CONTROL**, 5

## Rape trial turns scrappy

By **BRENT GRIFFITHS**  
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A line of questioning nearly led to a mistrial Thursday in the case against a former University of Iowa student accused of sexually assaulting a woman on the Pentacrest in October 2010.

Evan Pfeifer, 20, allegedly raped a woman on the west side of the Pentacrest in the early morning hours of Oct. 3, 2010. On Wednesday, the reported victim testified about the alleged incident, saying she was walking back to her room at Stanley Residence Hall when Pfeifer approached and eventually raped her.

On Thursday, Pfeifer's attorney, Mark Brown, began to ask a witness — one of the reported victim's friends — about the extent of his relationship with the accuser. *The Daily Iowan* does not publish information that could lead to the identification of reported victims of sexual assault.

Just as Brown appeared to be asking the witness whether he was "more than" friends with the alleged victim, assistant Johnson County prosecutor Anne Lahey objected. The two attorneys then approached 6th Judicial District Judge Mitchell Turner, who asked the jury to leave the courtroom.

Turner decided Brown could continue his line of questioning for the record, but the jury could not be present. The witness then testified he and the accuser had sex before, and three weeks after, the alleged incident.

Then, for fewer than 10 minutes, the two sides presented their views on the line of questioning. Lahey characterized it as "very improper," and said Brown was trying to "back door" a previous judge's ruling on questions regarding the accuser's relationships.

SEE **PFEIFER**, 5

## Week highlights HIV awareness

By **TIERRA SIMPSON**  
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Young people still contract HIV infections at a high rate, according to a study released this week — and a large percentage don't even know they have it.

State and local officials point to a lack of knowledge about HIV/AIDS among young people today as a possible explanation.

"Dealing with stigma associated with HIV [is one of biggest problems in the field] because it impedes care and it impedes prevention," said Jeffery Meier, a University of Iowa associate professor of internal medicine. "HIV carries this baggage around that it only happens to bad people. And it's not true."

HIV is a retrovirus that causes AIDS. AIDS is the final stage of the infection, which can ultimately cause severe damage to the human immune system.

This week, UI Global Health Club and One UIowa collaborated on Iowa City Red Week. The week of events addresses issues such as stigma and funding around HIV/AIDS.

"IC Red Week is a week to raise awareness in the Iowa City community about the HIV/AIDS epidemic [happening] globally," said Sharon Sanghez, the copresident of UI Iowa Global Health Club.



In the IMU River Room on Tuesday, UI junior Mackenzie Papini asks a passerby to support a petition to extend HIV/AIDS awareness programs in Africa. This week, UI Global Health Club and One UIowa collaborated for Iowa City Red Week, which aims to address issues surrounding HIV/AIDS. (The Daily Iowan/Joshua Housing)

IC Red Week leads up to World AIDS Day on Saturday. In light of World AIDS Day, UI Student Health and LGBT Resource Center will host "The Mirage," an event with a '20s flair, in the IMU.

According to a 2012 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report,

people ages 13 to 24 account for more than a quarter of new HIV infections each year. Of these people living with HIV, 60 percent of them are unaware of the infection.

SEE **MIRAGE**, 5

## Officials back Mason on privacy

Mason told the *Press-Citizen* she wouldn't have made the Peter Gray information public.

By **ERIC CLARK**  
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Several University of Iowa officials defended the comments UI President Sally Mason made to the *Iowa City Press-Citizen* on Tuesday concerning the leak of documents regarding alleged sexual misconduct by Peter Gray.

Mason told the *Press-Citizen* on Tuesday if the documents had not been released, she wouldn't have made the information regarding the investigation public. She said that would have been part of the personnel record.

If a prospective employer were to ask Mason about Gray, she said she would not discuss the investigation.

"I would simply say, 'I don't have anything that I can share with you,'" Mason told the *Press Citizen*.

Gray, a former associate director of UI

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## KID CAPTAIN PROFILE

## Premature baby now a captain

By STACEY MURRAY  
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Just before Christmas Eve in 2006, Sarah and Erik Tillberg received a present they weren't anticipating would come until 15 weeks later — their first child.

Emery Tillberg is now a healthy 5-year-old. But the Rock Island youngster spent more time in the neonatal intensive-care unit than he did in his mother's womb.

Sarah delivered him 27 weeks into her pregnancy. Emery spent the next eight months inside the intensive-care unit, as the hospital attempted to create a similar environment to his mother's womb in hopes of aiding his development.

Now, the energetic little boy anxiously awaits Christmas. Emery was chosen to be the honorary Kid Captain for Hawkeye football's postseason play. Although he won't have a specific game to be captain for, he attended the Kids' Day this past summer and enjoyed the experience.

"Everything they've done is way above and beyond," Erik Tillberg said. "It's a cool ending to a terrible start."

Today, Emery loves to wrestle with his dad, seemingly unaware of the struggles he faced before his birth. After all, Sarah Tillberg's first pregnancy seemed entirely normal.

She faced the discomfort of nausea, but during the second trimester of



Emery Tillberg, now 5, is shown here after being born at 27 weeks of gestation. The Rock Island youngster is this week's honorary Kid Captain. (Contributed Photo/Sarah Emery)

her pregnancy — dubbed the "honeymoon phase" because of the disappearance of morning sickness — her sickness instead got progressively worse.

Other problems arose. Her blood pressure eventually reached a scary 160 over 100 — dangerously high. She spoke to her doctor about other symptoms, such as shortness of breath and extreme fatigue, and he put her in the hospital.

"If I'd have never said those things, he would've sent me home on bed rest," she said. "And it's a good thing he did. I gave birth three days later."

Emery's father didn't quite realize the gravity of the situation when he received the phone call as he left work.

"You don't know how to feel until you get that phone call and she says, 'They want you here now. They're going to take the

baby,'" he said.

Doctors referred the Tillbergs to the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. Sarah Tillberg was diagnosed with preeclampsia, a problem with an unknown cause that leads to dangerously high blood pressure in the mother, causing problems with the baby's growth.

The only cure for preeclampsia — a potentially life-threatening condition for both mother and child — is delivery.

So at 27 weeks, Sarah gave birth.

At this stage of the pregnancy, the lungs and eye retinas aren't developed. The intestines don't work normally and neither do the kidneys, said John Klein, a UI adjunct clinical assistant professor of family medicine.

Developing a baby's body outside the womb proves to be a difficult

## 2012 Kid Captains

- Iowa at Northern Illinois: Shawn-Brooklyn Young
- Iowa vs. Iowa State: Chaz Renken
- Iowa vs. UNI: Skylar Jacobson
- Iowa vs. Central Michigan: Brandi Yates
- Iowa vs. Minnesota: Ally Mauck
- Iowa at Michigan State: Brynn Bowman
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- Iowa at Indiana: Ellie Schmidt
- Iowa vs. Purdue: Adam Weckel
- Iowa at Michigan: Cian Bonnett
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- Bowl Game: Emery Tillberg

task.

"It's hard to have a baby's brain develop as well in [the intensive-care unit] as compared with inside the mother," Klein said. "No one can match the mom."

Today, Emery lives a healthy and active life.

When asked this week what he wants for Christmas, Emery said, "A windmill," before sprinting across his living room to play with his leap pad.

"He has a lot of personality," Sarah said. "He likes to make people laugh and he loves to be the center of attention."

## METRO

## Woman charged with fraud, theft

A Coralville woman has been accused of making fraudulent charges and stealing from an Iowa City bank branch on numerous occasions.

According to a Coralville police complaint, Melody Moody, 20, 717 Fifth Ave., was charged between Sept. 24 and Oct. 15 with making numerous deposits with three newly opened customer accounts at Hills Bank & Trust Co., 201 S. Clinton St.

Reportedly assisted by Larkita Porche, Moody deposited three empty envelopes marked with her address or that of her next-door neighbor. As a result, Moody knowingly made five entries into the ATM totaling \$2,500, which falsified bank account balances, the complaint said.

As a result, the bank suffered a \$1,145.48 loss.

Second-degree fraud is a Class-D felony punishable up to five years in prison with a maximum fine of \$7,500.

Second-degree theft of more than \$1,000 is a Class-D felony punishable up to five years in prison with a maximum fine of \$7,500.

— by Quentin Misiag

## Man charged with domestic-abuse assault

An Iowa City man has been accused of domestic abuse after he allegedly lashed out against his wife in a recent dispute.

According to an Iowa City police complaint, Chad Tyree, 33, 716 N. Dubuque St. Apt. 10A, was charged Oct. 21.

Officers responded to a Miami Drive address after receiving a report of a domestic assault.

The victim, Tyree's wife, reported that he became upset when she told him to leave her residence. Tyree became angry, throwing a vacuum cleaner at the refrigerator. He then alleged-

ly put his wife in a chokehold using his right elbow for several seconds, lifting her briefly off the ground, the complaint said.

The victim's cousin attempted to break up the fight and was struck by Tyree. He then took the victim's keys and punched the windshield of her car, causing it to shatter.

Tyree then allegedly drove off in the victim's car and parked it approximately two blocks away.

The alleged victim later went to the hospital for treatment for a strained neck.

Tyree was convicted of a second-offense domestic abuse on June 25.

A third or subsequent domestic-abuse assault charge is Class-D felony.

— by Quentin Misiag

## Public to comment on development proposals

The public will have a chance to weigh in on five development proposals for property at the intersection of College and Gilbert Streets at the next Iowa City City Council meeting.

The five finalist proposals for the development of the property are 4 Zero 4, the Chauncey, Chauncey Gardens, Ryan Company/Iceberg Group, and Sherman Associates. The developers presented their proposals at a special City Council work session on Monday.

While no action in particular will be taken at the Dec. 4 meeting, councilors are expected to discuss selection of a preferred proposal at the Dec. 18 City Council meeting.

— by Nick Hassett

## Council to mull plastic-bag ban

The Iowa City City Council will consider implementing a ban on plastic bags at an upcoming work session meeting.

Various groups have come to the city with requests to implement plastic-bag bans, such as 100 Grannies, which met with city staff.

However, the city staff members do not recommend a plastic-bag ban. Instead, the staff have recommended continued recycling education and improved opportunities for plastic-bag recycling around the city, such as a recycling bin for grocery bags at the East Side Recycling Center.

There are eight locations that have plastic-bag recycling receptacles, with most being retail stores such as Walmart and Target.

— by Nick Hassett

## Council to take up chicken policy

The final chance for citizens to sway Iowa City city councilors' opinions on allowing urban chickens will come at the next City Council meeting.

An ordinance requires three readings to pass. After much debate and public input on the first two considerations, they both passed 5-2, with councilors Michelle Payne and Terry Dickens voting against the ordinance both times.

However, Councilors Jim Throgmorton and Rick Dobyms were uncomfortable moving forward with the ordinance if the policies for keeping chickens would contain a "veto" provision allowing neighbors to request a request for a chicken license.

"When we get around to [passing the ordinance], I may vote against things I've already voted for," Throgmorton said on Tuesday. "I oppose the idea of a neighbor veto."

However, Dobyms said he thought the ordinance may need the veto provision to move forward.

Mayor Matt Hayek said he would not support the policy without a veto provision, and he wants to start the process of keeping urban chickens conservatively.

If the resolution passes at the

Dec. 4 meeting, the council will consider a resolution to adopt an urban-chicken policy, setting the rules for provisions such as the veto provision and the number of chickens one would be allowed to own.

— by Nick Hassett

## Fire captain retires

Iowa City Fire Department Captain Larry Kahler retired Thursday after a 26-year career.

Kahler joined the department on May 19, 1986; throughout his career, he received a slew of certifications, according to a city press release.

Kahler was a member of the Fire Department Safety Officers Association, the National Fire Academy Alumni Association, and the Johnson County Hazardous Materials Team. He previously served as a coordinator for the Johnson County SAFE KIDS Coalition, the release said.

Kahler had served as a lieutenant and a training officer before being promoted to captain in December 2000.

— by Kristen East

## Dogs may get Ped Mall rights

Dog owners could soon be allowed to walk their pets on the Pedestrian Mall if an Iowa City City Council resolution passes at the next meeting.

The change to the city code would allow dogs on the Ped Mall if leashes are less than 6 feet, outside of sidewalk cafes, as well as other provisions.

An ordinance requires three readings to pass. The previous two considerations passed 7-0 for the first reading and 6-1 for the second, with Councilor Jim Throgmorton opposed.

"After thinking it over, I'm inclined not to support it," he said at the last City Council meeting.

The ordinance would also allow dogs to be off-leash in all city parks.

— by Nick Hassett

## BLOTTER

**Patrick Avello**, 21, 919 E. Burlington St. Apt. 5, was charged Nov. 29 with possession of a controlled substance and interference with official acts.

**Barbara Clemons**, 57, Waterloo, was charged Nov. 18 with third-degree theft.

**James Furgason**, 25, 902 N. Dodge St. Apt. A12, was charged Nov. 29 with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance.

**Adam Jarr**, 34, 2050 N. Dubuque St., was charged Nov. 16 with selling alcohol to a minor.

**Alexander Karr**, 25, 274 Westgate St. Apt. 2, was charged Nov. 16 with selling alcohol to a minor.

**Ollie Mitchell Jr.**, 54, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 2805, was charged Nov. 28 with violating a protective order.

**Daniel Peterson**, 32, 1100 N. Dodge

St. Apt. 1, was charged Nov. 16 with selling alcohol to a minor.

**Aaron Studer**, 22, 923 Iowa Ave., was charged Nov. 29 with public intoxication.

**Kory Vedepo**, 38, 1128 St. Clements St., was charged Nov. 29 with criminal trespass.

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## METRO

### Regents to vote on tuition freeze

The state Board of Regents will meet Dec. 5 to vote on the tuition freeze proposed by University of Iowa President Sally Mason and the board this past September.

Resident tuition accounts for 43.7 percent of total tuition revenues.

The regent universities will keep tuition for resident, undergraduate students at the current level, \$6,678.

Nonresidents will see their tuition increase by 2.6 percent at the UI, or \$648.

In the graduate and professional programs at the regent universities, UI tuition will increase by \$206 for residents and \$626 for nonresidents.

The regents' tuition policy states that a minimum of 15 percent of the gross tuition must be used for tuition set-aside programs. The policy is being revised, and the regents say fiscal 2014 will be a transition year.

— by Stacey Murray

### Regents to vote on school fees

The state Board of Regents will meet Friday via telephonic conference to vote on changes in various common fees for the 2013-14 academic year.

The department exam for credit fee will increase from \$50 to \$100.

For graduate students, the master's and doctorate thesis fees will increase from \$100 to \$145.

Among the new fees will be for those applying for graduation and their degrees after deadline. The fee will be \$20. The Carver College of Carver Medicine will impose a \$1,349 for the extension course Medical Physiology Online.

The College of Nursing will have a \$70 fee to cover the National Student Nurse Association dues.

The College of Dentistry will increase all certificate program fees by 2.6 percent. The Operative Dentistry certificate will rise from \$1,072 to \$1,100.

— by Stacey Murray

### Charges at UI increase again

The state Board of Regents released the crime statistics for the three regent universities for the quarter ending Sept. 30.

The University of Iowa's number of offenses, incidents, and charges increased for the third-straight quarter this year. The number of overall charges increased by roughly 330 and arrests increased by 250 from the same quarter last year.

The UI has had 1,005 alcohol-related charges in the year to date, with 556 of those charges taking place last quarter.

— by Stacey Murray

### Regents to consider UI projects

The University of Iowa will seek approval for three facility projects and the ratification of the executive director's actions in regards to the steam lines in the Burlington Street dam tunnel project.

The university wants the state Board of Regents to approve the schematic design and \$4.4 million budget for the Labor and Delivery Suite Expansion project, which would expand the suite on the sixth level of the UI Hospitals and Clinics' Pappajohn Pavilion.

The project would take two existing operating rooms and transform them into three new operating rooms. The project will be funded by the UIHC Building Use Funds.

Stanley Hall renovations will also be presented to the regents. The project would include restroom renovations and replacement piping. Dormitory improvement funds would cover the \$6.7 million project.

The UI is also requesting approval to demolish the east wing, three south buildings, and below-grade classroom additions in the Art Building complex. The project will cost \$1.5 million.

Razing the Hancher, Voxman, Clapps project would bring down all the buildings and the area

would be maintained as green space. The demolition would cost an estimated \$4.95 million.

The regents will vote on these actions at their meeting on Friday.

— by Stacey Murray

### Regents ponder new research-board members

The state Board of Regents will consider approval for the new members of the Board of Directors of the University of Iowa Research Park Corporation.

The corporation leases building sites and space to companies that require sustained research relationships with the university.

At the June 2012 meeting, the board approved amendments to increase the Board of Directors from 12 members to 15. Following retirements and resignations, the board elected eight new directors.

The directors include Don Guckert, Stephanie Dengler, Christine Miller, John Murry, Christopher Klitgaard, Christine Evans, Dennis Jordan, and David Hensley.

— by Stacey Murray

### Regents to receive sabbatical reports

The University of Iowa approved 58 faculty members for professional development in 2010 assignments for fiscal year 2012, with five members not accepting an assignment or deferring.

The professional-development assignments obtained \$9.3 million.

These assignments included researching, writing, working, and presenting papers in order to better the educational environment of the university.

These assignments lasted for either one or two semesters. The faculty members will return to the institution for at least twice the length of the assignment or repay the costs for it.

— by Stacey Murray

## THE BEARDS HAVE IT



University of Iowa student Russ Mills is evaluated by judges Ben Clark and AJ Honoré on Thursday for the Second Beard Competition. The event was sponsored by the Tippie College of Business, and raised funds for Table to Table. "It's for a great cause," Mills said. "The beard competition is always a lot of fun. It's something we always look forward to." Mills won first place in the Longest Without Trimming part of the contest. (The Daily Iowan/Jessica Payne)

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## EDITORIAL

# The birth control pill should be offered over-the-counter

Last week, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists released its December 2012 Committee Opinion encouraging the over-the-counter sale of oral contraceptives.

The opinion cited the consistently high rates of unintended pregnancies in the United States as a primary reason for wanting to increase women's accessibility to the birth-control pill, which is easily the most popular form of contraception, especially among college-age women.

The birth-control pill should be switched to an over-the-counter drug, but efforts must focus on keeping the costs low so that all women will be able to access this important family-planning medication.

Selling the pill without a prescription does not alone make it more accessible. In fact, the *Journal of Managed Care Pharmacy* reported that for several drugs switched from prescription-only to over-the-counter, many consumers experienced higher out-of-pocket health-care costs.

The report examined the increased costs of allergy medicines such as Nasalcrom, as well as other medications, including Vagistat, Nizoral, and Lamisil. In evaluating the economic effects, the report concluded that "the combined effect of increased out-of-pocket medical expenses and out-of-pocket drug costs contributed to higher out-of-pocket health-care costs for all categories of consumers."

This was especially evident for patients who received their coverage from Medicaid; they may have seen costs increase by as much as 113 percent after their prescriptions became available over the counter.

"I'm generally in favor of anything that makes birth control more accessible to more people," said Linda Kroon, the director of the Women's Resource and Action Center. "My preference would be to see it both prescribed and over the counter so that people who rely on insurance would not be hurt by the switch."

The economic effects are especially important in regards to this topic. Nearly 50 percent of all preg-

nancies in the United States are unintended, and this has been the case at least since 1995, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Though women of all income levels may have unintended pregnancies, low-income women are more likely to become pregnant unintentionally.

While switching birth control from a prescription may mean losing insurance coverage and increasing costs of the pill, eliminating the often unnecessary cost of visiting a doctor could help to bring costs down.

"We don't make men have a prostate exam before they can buy condoms," said Ann Laros, a staff gynecologist for the University of Iowa Student Health Service and member of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. "Birth control is as safe as Tylenol."

In fact, Laros said, often the greatest risk relating to oral contraceptives is the chance of developing a blood clot. However, that risk is increased substantially for women who become pregnant and is far higher for women who have delivered a child, according to a recent study by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

"Taking the pill is safer than being pregnant," Laros said. "I would like to encourage all people to continue with regular health-care maintenance, but I think birth control is safe and should be more accessible."

Allowing the birth-control pill to be sold over the counter could seriously increase the health of women and children in Iowa and throughout the United States.

Still, it is important to focus on making the pill accessible to women of all income levels. Anymore, financial shortcomings are just as inhibitive as other barriers to birth control, and before this pill goes the way of allergy pills or Tylenol, efforts must focus on keeping it affordable.

Your turn.  
Should the Pill be over-the-counter?  
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Center for Human Rights integral

The UI Center for Human Rights was integral to my undergraduate experience at Iowa, and it must not close so that it can affect future generations of students.

It offered me a place to grow professionally and personally as a student. It prepared me for graduate work and ultimately for my job by providing funding for an internship. The center provided me lessons you cannot learn in the classroom, unlikely faculty and student collaborations, a place for student ideas to thrive and be carried out, and an education that is consistent with the "Iowa Experience."

It also allowed me to grow as a responsible member of our local and national community. The center is a fundamental must-have if we are to keep up with the status and respect of any major public university in the United States. The act of closing the center would be a loud and public statement that our university administration does not support and respect the work toward the human rights of people, that the administration does not respect the growth of students' experience outside the classroom, and that our administration does not acknowledge that human rights is an issue that affects those around you every minute of every day.

The staff and students at the Rights Center do hard behind-the-scenes work that goes unacknowledged in our university and local community because it does not bring in any direct funding.

However, it is this work that brings people from different walks of life together to begin dialogue and awareness to issues regarding human rights.

In an age of bitter politics, war, terrorism, a hard-hit economy, cuts to education, worsening human-rights offenses everywhere, I ask the UI administration to stand up, make the right decision, and save the Human-Rights Center.

- Elizabeth Petersen  
UI staff

### RE: 'A look ahead to 2013 Iowa football'

Ricky Stanzi was a pretty good quarterback. We definitely need someone to step up at wide receiver. And there are many who redshirted this year. Faith Ekakitie and Jaleel Johnson could be pretty good red-shirt freshmen on the defense line. Louis Trinca-Pasat really showed improvement down the stretch. But I do believe that Greg Davis needs to be replaced. The offense is just not working under his system.

- Rick Niedermann

# Let's shoot for 50/50



By MCCULLOUGH INGLIS  
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Women have come a long way over the past decades. In higher education, top-ranked universities such as Harvard did not admit women on equal basis with men until 1975.

Women's attendance at college now exceeds that of men's in this country.

In the workplace, it was not until 1968 that sex-segregated help-wanted ads were outlawed, five years after the Civil Rights Act aimed to end such discrimination and 41 years before President Obama signed the Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, continuing the work of that law.

Women now account for 45.8 percent of the workforce.

In Iowa, the "50/50 in 2020 Program" aims to continue this work and equalize women and men's representation in state government. Its goal is a good one — Iowa has never elected a woman to the U.S. Congress or the governorship — but it runs the risk of denigrating women while attempting to uplift them.

Women are not a cohesive political bloc. While

55 percent of women voted for President Obama this past election, 44 percent voted for Romney. To suggest that a woman will vote for a candidate on the sole basis of her sex is not fair to women voters who have thought through their political positions in more sophisticated ways.

Likewise, while the goal of equal representation by 2020 makes sense in an historical light, given it marks the 100-year anniversary of women's suffrage, the likelihood that this goal can be accomplished is slim to none.

As of this election, Iowa has 25 women in the 100-seat Iowa House and 10 women in a 50-seat Senate. To achieve a 50-50 split by 2020 would require 40 more seats to open up in the next eight years and be won by women. In an attempt to accomplish this feat, the 50/50 in 2020 Program may risk nominating women without appropriate vetting, inadvertently hindering the goal of greater women representation by doing so.

Women need the structural support in politics that a program such as 50/50 in 2020 provides, but when it comes to Election Day, we should elect women based on their merit, not on their contribution to a quota. To do otherwise would undermine the very work of women's rights this movement hopes to continue. ■

# Passport to learning



By SRI PONNADA  
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In a city such as Iowa City, where students at the University of Iowa are surrounded by so much science, art, and culture, it is a shame to not delve into and make full use of the multiplicity of offerings that we have. Furthermore, an interdisciplinary approach to education has become an important and challenging technique in the modern curriculum.

Understanding this, a UI group consisting of individuals from various centers and organizations around campus has paved the way for "Passport Project" — an exciting new first-year program seminar that is being offered in the spring of 2013.

"It [the Passport Project] broadens the students' horizons," said John Logsdon, the director of the Pentacrest Museums and supervisor for the seminar. "I think that there are a lot of things to do on campus,

and it's hard for undergraduate students to understand what things they might be interested in."

"We're not aware of something that tries to engage all areas of the university, especially for first years," said Jon Winet, the director of the UI Virtual Writing University and supervisor for the Passport Project.

Currently, the course is only open to Honors students, unless special permission is granted. Winet noted that the program, however, is not intended to be exclusive.

"This is like the pilot version, and we expect to have somewhere between 20 to 30 students this time," he said. "When we get fully up to speed, we expect to have 650 students."

That's basically the size of Macbride.

We are at college to learn and earn a degree — but what a lot of people seem to fail to realize is that knowledge knows no boundaries. As of Thursday night, there are three of 50 students enrolled for the course. On Dec. 3, when I register, there will be four, and I definitely think there should be more. ■

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**PRIVACY**  
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athletics student services, resigned Nov. 5 amid allegations that he had inappropriate sexual contact with student-athletes and exhibited sexual and non-professional behavior in the workplace, *The Daily Iowan* has previously reported.

UI Presidential Committee on Athletics head N. William Hines backed Mason's comments, citing traditional procedures for personnel matters among higher-education institu-

tions. "Ordinary discipline takes place in a very private environment," he said. "The law allows us to release that information, but it does not compel us to."

Citing his 28 years as the UI College of Law dean, Hines said internal punishment for misconduct for both student and faculty misconduct has been fairly private.

"That's always been the way we've preferred to do things," he said. "Even with student discipline, we'd never reveal their identity."

UI psychology Profes-

sor and Athletics Committee member Michael O'Hara endorsed the use of confidentiality among investigations similar to Gray's.

"In some cases, these complaints are not necessarily always founded," he said. "There's not always a clear-cut decision."

O'Hara did express concern about the manner in which recent hiring policy changes were announced, saying he wasn't sure if the changes would have been made if not for the media's coverage of the case.

The UI plans to review

all hiring processes, specifically beginning with athletics.

In a prior interview with *The Daily Iowan*, Regent Robert Downer also expressed concerns regarding hiring policy.

"My concern is from the regent-policy standpoint," Downer said. "In my view, this is something the Board of Regents has to look into for all the institutions for which we have responsibility."

Downer was not available for comment on Thursday evening.

While the enhanced review and potential policy changes may be better for

the UI in general, Hines believed the leak of the document and extensive media coverage have made the situation regarding Gray much worse than it really is.

"There's no doubt about that," Hines said. "It's hard to see if any good has come of it."

Hines was quick to note the documents that were released earlier this month did not necessarily demonstrate that the investigation was complete.

"Reading the document, that's how it read," he said. "It was incomplete, and it went to the public."

O'Hara said situations regarding internal investigations and punishment are all very complicated and different in nature.

"There are some situations where the public demands the information," he said. "The final decision is the president's."

Hines said by keeping investigation reports and punishments confidential, the UI aims to rehabilitate the student or staff member, and help get them back on track.

"As a management strategy, it makes sense," he said. "Tradition has always been to err on the side of privacy."

**PFEIFER**  
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Lahey argued Brown violated "rape shield laws," which protect alleged sexual assault victims from having to testify about their sexual history.

But Brown said the revelation should have been presented to the jury so he could respond to testimony from other witnesses who said the alleged victim was traumatized, including one who said she "looked like

**Pfeifer Footage**

Prosecution showed surveillance footage of Oct. 3, 2010:

- Old Capitol Town Center camera: image of a subject walking down Washington Street
- Rienow Hall: image of a man in black sweatshirt with yellow shoulders
- UI police Detective Brian Meyer testified the images were of Evan Pfeifer
- Pfeifer's attorney, Mark Brown, objected to allowing both of the clips but was overruled.

Source: Court footage

she had just gotten hit by a bus."

"The reason why I developed this line of question-

ing outside of the jury is the simple fact the prosecution reports for day and a half about the alleged

witnesses' emotional state," Brown said. "... It just seems like fair information for the jury, because [the alleged victim] was so emotionally traumatized ... but when, in fact, three weeks later is having a relation with this gentleman, and what I think is critical is that they're not dating, not engaged, not romantically involved beyond consensual sex."

But Turner told Brown "we're simply going to have to agree to disagree" about whether the questioning violated the previous rul-

ing and shield laws. Turner also asked Brown to warn him if a similar line of questioning would ever be used again.

"Mr. Brown if you get into those areas again, please alert the court before you come within a country mile of waving distance," Turner said.

One legal expert said the shield laws exist because defense lawyers used to "put the woman on trial."

"A lot of blame was thrown on the woman based on her dress or behavior, and enough people

thought that excused what the man did," said Michael Fenner, a law professor at Creighton University. "Eventually, we became enlightened enough to see that rape is rape, no matter what she is wearing, how she is behaving, or if she is a virgin or not."

Both sides presented their final witnesses Thursday; the trial will reconvene at 10 a.m. today, when the attorneys will present their closing arguments before the case is handed to the jury. Pfeifer faces up to 10 years in prison if convicted.

**BIRTH CONTROL**  
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the director of Iowans For Life. "We don't see birth control as anything that we should be giving our young women."

Kroon suggests the contraceptives be restricted in the same way that some cold medicine is — the user must speak first to the pharmacist.

"There might be a way to dispense [the pills]

without a physician where you can still talk to a pharmacist," she said.

Price favors no restrictions on birth-control pills if they were to be released over-the-counter.

"We are strong advocates of any move that allows women to take more control of their reproductive lives," she said.

Some disagree about whether they should be available for purchase over-the-counter.

"I think it's just a completely terrible idea," De-

Witte said. "They get the perception that if something is available over-the-counter, it's safe."

Noelle Bowdler, a clinical professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the UI Hospitals and Clinics, worries as well about the health impacts.

Although rare, some serious side effects of oral contraceptives include high blood pressure, blood clots, heart attacks, or strokes, according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Bowdler said she believes birth control pills are safe, but a physician should assess a patient before using them.

"My personal opinion is for some sort of health-care provider to assess patients for increased risk and provide counseling about alternatives," she said.

Another benefit of speaking with a physician before prescribing birth control pills is the chance to discuss other aspects of a sexually active lifestyle,

Bowdler said.

"One aspect of sexual activity is risks for sexually transmitted infections, so the time of discussion about contraceptives is also a time to discuss screening for STI's and condom use," Bowdler said.

Bowdler said she respects the opinions of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. However, she says the best-case scenario would be one in which combination pills — those containing both estrogen

and progestin — would not be available over the counter.

The CDC reports that 94 percent of women age 15 to 44 have had premarital sex and half of all pregnancies are unintended. According to the FDA, only about nine out of every 100 women using combination birth control pills gets pregnant.

"The risks associated with pregnancy are greater than the risks associated with hormonal birth control," Bowdler said.

**MIRAGE**  
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In 2010, approximately 12,200 youths were infected with HIV, according to the CDC. In Iowa, the number of people living with HIV/AIDS is now more than 2,400, according to the Iowa Department of Public Health. More than 200 people in Johnson County have HIV.

"I think what's happening is that people aren't talking about HIV/AIDS anymore," said Steven Williams, a copresident of One at the UI. "They're

just really staying quiet about it. And so people who are young, who are the most vulnerable ... we're not educating about HIV/AIDS."

Meier, who has worked with HIV/AIDS patients since 1987, thinks young people believe that the disease will happen to someone else.

"I think younger people tend to feel this sense that they are invincible, that it's not going to happen to me," he said.

The Mirage on Saturday will include a "condom" casino, free HIV testing, drag show, and a burlesque performance. Steph

Beecher, a health educator at Health Iowa Student Health, says everyone is welcomed to come.

"This is an open event for anybody, regardless of how you identify," she said.

Williams stresses the importance of having a week dedicated to bring awareness to HIV/AIDS.

"It's important because we need to say 'Look at what we've accomplished, we've done so much,' he

said. "And we need to keep going."

Officials say education may help the stigma around HIV/AIDS.

"I don't think kids are getting the education anymore," said Tami Haught,

the president of Pitch Iowa. "Everybody assumes that kids know what's going on since HIV/AIDS has been around their entire lives. But the thing is no one is talking to them about it."

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### Reconsidered analogies:

- Robert's utterance went unheeded, like the "Employees Must Wash Hands" sign in most workplace bathrooms.
  - Swashed with vitriol, hatred seeped into Michael's thoughts like tanker-spilt oil into the fur of helpless, adorable baby sea otters.
  - In the years since I had last seen Jonathon, his belly had swollen to the size of a pregnant woman's in the fifth trimester.
  - Watching the two of them kiss was like watching an obese man attempting to extricate himself from a particularly cushy beanbag chair.
  - The arrow scythed through the air exactly as you'd expect a balloon half-filled with grape Jell-O not to.
  - Rachel's teeth were as immaculately white as the Klan robes of her father.
  - The skiff smelled of sulfurous rotting fish and bacon, much like a Long John Silver's breakfast platter.
  - The brocade rug looked as if it had been crafted by someone with all the weaving skills of an Easy-Bake Oven.
  - Chandler was a pestiferous man wearing a charcoal duster that reminded Emily of a duster covered in charcoal.
  - Thunder clapped in the distance like a lone audience member getting an obscure joke.
  - Salty-sea foam covered the bucktoothed child's face, invoking her resemblance to that of a rabid walrus.
  - Mr. Tibbs beamed the Cheshire smile of an eight-legged asskicker at an all-the-ass-you-can-kick asskicking festival.
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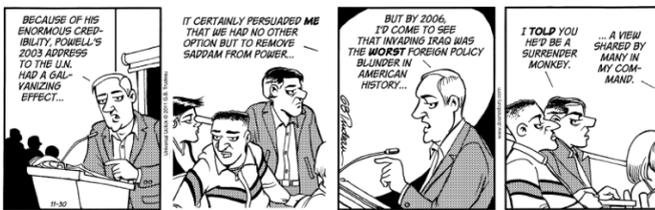
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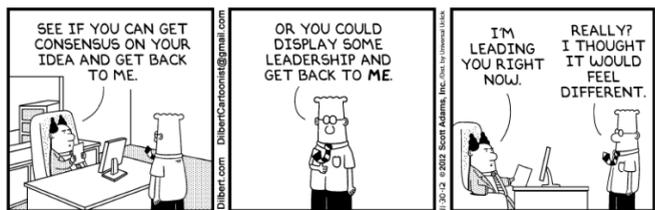
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  - 18 Goliath's master of old TV
  - 19 Showiness
  - 20 Private chat
  - 22 Ref's call
  - 23 Secret rival
  - 24 Santa Maria's chain
  - 25 Number retired for Steve Largent and Jerry Rice
  - 28 One hanging in una iglesia
  - 30 Truncated parlor piece?
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  - 35 Sitcom mom of Cheyenne and Kyra
  - 36 There's nothing in it
  - 38 "I have had a perfectly wonderful evening, but this wasn't it" speaker
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## today's events

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- **European Studies Conference**, "Napoleon and the World: Literature, Politics and the Arts," 9 a.m., 315 Phillips
  - **A Little Lunch Music**, featuring UI School of Music students, 12 p.m., 2780 University Capitol Center
  - **Life in Iowa**, Gingerbread House, 4:30 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Center
  - **Soundscape Trio**, 5:30 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
  - **The Faceless**, 5:30 p.m., Blue Moose, 211 Iowa
  - **Viola Studio Recital**, 6 p.m., University Capitol Center Recital Hall
  - **Link Movie Night**, 6:30 p.m., Asian Pacific American Cultural Center
  - **"Live from Prairie Lights"**, Charlie Beye, memoir, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
  - **Quey Percussion Duo**, 7 p.m., 150 Music West Interim Building
  - **The Nutcracker**, 7:30 p.m., Englert, 221 E. Washington
  - **Collaborative Performance**, 8 p.m., North HallSpace/Place
  - **Catfish Keith**, 8 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
  - **Campus Activities Board Film**, *The Bourne Legacy*, 8 and 11 p.m., 348 IMU
  - **Memoir**, Gallery Series, 8 p.m., Theater Building Theater B
  - **Nethervoid**, 9 p.m., Gabe's, 330 E. Washington
  - **Jon Wayne & the Pain**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
  - **Campus Activities Board Comedy**, Upright Citizens Brigade, with Paperback Rhino, 10 p.m., IMU Main Lounge

## UITV schedule

- Campus channel 4, cable channel 17
- Noon** Iowa Dance Concerts, UI Dance Department
- 2 p.m.** WorldCanvass, lively talk and music with host Joan Kjaer, produced by UI International Programs
- 4** School of Music presents orchestra and band concerts and recitals
- 5** Iowa Dance Concerts, UI Dance Department
- 7** WorldCanvass, lively talk and music with host Joan Kjaer, produced by UI International Programs
- 9** *Van Allen: Flights of Discovery*, a biography of the life of James Van Allen, Iowa's premier physicist
- 9:45** Inside Iowa, news and features from the UI
- 10** *Performing Iowa, Dance Gala* (2008), behind-the-scenes documentary on Iowa's renowned dance program
- 10:45** Inside Iowa, news and features from the UI
- 11** Fran McCaffery Press Conference, media conference with Iowa men's basketball coach Fran McCaffery
- 11:30** Hawkeye Sports Report, Iowa sports magazine produced by HawkVision Productions

## horoscopes Friday, November 30, 2012 by Eugenia Last

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) A change because of an emotional revelation will help you push forward with innovative plans for the future. Pick and choose your friends, partners, and geographical location to suit your needs. A secret may be difficult to keep.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) Associate with groups that have something to offer. A partnership will contribute to a more fulfilling lifestyle. You will learn from someone accomplished in your field. Share what you discover, and you will receive help in return. Love is in the stars.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) Excess will be your downfall. Refrain from making choices based on hearsay. Without knowing exactly where you stand and what's available, you are likely to end up losing. Your past must be dealt with before you move ahead.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) Sharing will be what counts. Getting out with friends or a lover will spice up your life and give you a fresh look at what you can strive for in the future. Love is enhanced. A partnership will take a serious turn.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) Don't put pressure on others, or you may get the same in return. Find an outlet for your stress. Begin an unusual hobby or activity, or travel to an exciting destination. A break from tedious work or making personal changes will have a positive influence.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Satisfaction is what you must strive for. Show everyone what you are capable of doing, and you will impress someone who has something that will help you advance. Traveling will bring positive results.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Stop worrying, and start doing. You can't change the past, but you can change the present. Use your experience to fix a wrong or to change the way you proceed now. Personal problems will develop if you put up with emotional blackmail.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Don't hesitate to pursue a creative dream. Your biggest hurdle to cross is your lack of belief in your capabilities. Let your talent speak for itself and let your confidence grow. You will find the success you are searching for. Take a chance.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Dealing with partnerships will be dicey if you exaggerate. Stick to basics, and be honest about the facts. Whether a personal or business relationship, maturity and good intentions will determine the outcome.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Someone in a powerful position will notice you if you focus on your beliefs and your abilities. Don't hold back if you have something to say. A partnership looks promising. Love will reign supreme.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Protect what you have, and say little to raise suspicion. Concentrate on your home and making your surroundings more desirable and geared toward your health and wellness. Someone from your past can make a difference to a choice you must make.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) Look over what you need to complete before the year comes to a close. Spend money fixing up your place or investing in something that will ensure that you advance in the future. A promise or commitment will improve your lifestyle.

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- 11-noon, The Jewel Case
- 12-2 p.m., College Football Preview
- 2-3 p.m., I've Made a Huge Mistake
- 3-5 p.m., RadioSCOPE
- 5-6 p.m., The Science Hour
- 8-10 p.m., The Bomb
- 10 p.m.-midnight, The After Party

## PEACE OF CAKE



Iowa City resident Nathan Miller enjoys cupcakes with his daughter, Romy Steinitz-Miller, at Molly's Cupcakes on Thursday. Romy's favorite cupcake is the Very Berry. (The Daily Iowan/Jessica Payne)

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# Crossing disciplines in studying floods in Iowa

Educators from around the state will come to the UI to learn how to implement flood-based curricula in schools.

By RISHABH R. JAIN  
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After witnessing two severe floods in recent years, various departments of the University of Iowa are collaborating to develop a new arsenal to fight the force of nature — education.

Teachers from more than seven Iowa communities will come to Iowa City this weekend to participate in a three-day Interdisciplinary Flood Institute organized by the UI College of Education.

The Flood Institute — which aims at developing and training teachers to incorporate flood education in their curriculum — is a part of the Living with Floods project that was first developed in February 2011.

The project will kick off today with guest teachers working with faculty from the UI College of Education and College of Engineering to develop curricula they will take back to their schools and roll out to students in the spring.

Participating teachers belong to various departments of education ranging from science and math to arts and English. The goal is to create an interdisciplinary curriculum for flood education in Iowa.

UI Professor Greg Hamot, the coordinator of the Interdisciplinary Flood Institute, stressed the im-



Floodwaters threaten the IMU, Hubbard Park, and Iowa Avenue on June 16, 2008. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

portance of flood education.

"This sort of education does at least two things," he wrote in an email. "First, it will maintain a living memory of these life-changing natural events. Second, it will give students the opportunity to build a vision of the future in their areas and communities that will be more adept at addressing the effects of a natural disaster."

Hancher Auditorium, which was severely damaged by floodwaters in 2008, is one of the participating departments.

"What I really truly like about this is that this is an interdisciplinary project," said Charles Swanson, the Hancher executive director. "It is not only about science and geography, but the arts are a part of it too, and writing is a part of it. It just shows that to come back from a disaster such as a flood, it takes everybody to bring us back from something like that."

Underlining the importance of multi-department education, Leslie Flynn, one of the coordinators of the project, said the approach of having a

common goal in various academic departments is relatively new, and more importantly, has a strong effect.

"No matter what class you're in, every single person is going to study how to fix floods," said Flynn, also a clinical instructor in the UI College of Education. "It is important to Iowans because we have had the floods. Imagine the kinds of conversations students will have if this interdisciplinary approach is implemented."

One of the first things teachers will learn at the institute is the art of working with other academic departments toward a common goal, she said.

However, the project is not all about education. It has a nostalgic aspect to it.

Swanson talked about the role this project plays in commemorating the 2008 and 2011 Iowa floods.

"What we want to do with this is look at how far we have come and what we have learned from that experience," he said. "What I love about the entire project is that there is such a spirit of collaboration within the university and throughout the state."

# Palestians celebrate U.N. statehood vote

By KARIN LAUB AND MOHAMMED DARAGHMEH  
Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Palestinians erupted in wild cheers Thursday, hugging each other, setting off fireworks, and chanting "God is great" after the United Nations granted them, at least formally, what they have long yearned for — a state of their own.

The historic General Assembly decision to accept "Palestine" as a non-member observer state won't immediately change lives here, because much of the territory of that state — the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and East Jerusalem — remains under Israeli control.

Yet many Palestinians savored the massive global recognition — 138 of 193 General Assembly members voted "yes" — following decades of setbacks in the quest for Palestinian independence in lands Israel captured in the 1967 Mideast War.

"It's a great feeling to have a state, even if in name only," said civil servant Mohammed Srour, 28, standing in a flag-waving a crowd of more than 2,000 packed into a square in the West Bank city of Ramallah. "The most beautiful dream of any man is to have an independent state, particularly for us Palestinians, who have lived under occupation for a long time."

After the euphoria over the vote, Palestinians will return to their

harsh reality. They lack most trappings of statehood, including control over borders, airspace, or trade. In a further complication, they are ruled by rival governments, one run by Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in the West Bank and the other by the Islamic militant group Hamas in Gaza.

Yet, Palestinians say the recognition isn't just symbolic. They believe U.N. recognition will strengthen their hand in future talks with Israel, which has lambasted the the Palestinian move as an attempt to bypass such negotiations.

The warm embrace by the international community could also help Abbas, who led the recognition appeal, restore some of his domestic standing, which has been eroded by years of standstill in peace efforts. Hamas, entrenched in Gaza, has seen its popularity rise after holding its own during an Israeli offensive on targets linked to the Islamists there earlier this month.

After initially criticizing the U.N. bid as an empty gesture, Hamas has come around to supporting the popular move, with reservations.

Palestinians in the coastal strip also celebrated the vote, though on a smaller scale than after the massive eruption of joy in the streets after last week's ceasefire deal with Israel.

Some set off fireworks, others shot in the air, and children in the streets

cheered and flashed victory signs. "Today is a big joy for all of us," Abu Yazan, a 29-year-old Abbas supporter, said.

Izzat Rishaq, a senior Hamas figure in exile, said he welcomed the U.N. vote as an achievement but noted that Hamas counts on "heroic resistance" to create a Palestinian state — underlining the group's deep ideological rift with Abbas, who opposes violence.

In Israel, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu dismissed the U.N. vote as meaningless and accused Abbas of delivering a "defamatory and venomous" U.N. speech "full of mendacious propaganda" against Israel. Netanyahu argued that the U.N. move violated past agreements between Israel and the Palestinians and that Israel would act accordingly, without elaborating what steps it might take.

The Palestinians reject Israel's claim that the recognition bid is an attempt to dictate the future borders of Palestine. Instead, they say, it's a last-ditch attempt to rescue peace efforts threatened by Israeli settlement building on occupied land. Since 1967, half a million Israelis have settled on lands the United Nations says are part of Palestine.

Abbas aides say that with its vote, the United Nations rebuffs Israeli attempts to portray these territories as "disputed," or up for grabs, rather than occupied.

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## SWIMMING

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short of its 2010 first-place finish when it was defeated by the Wolverines.

But a lot has changed for the men's team since then. This year's team may have more youthful faces, but the potential to be a very good team is still there.

"We've got a lot of depth in places that we didn't have last year," junior Kyle Noser said. "The people that are still here are a year older and have more racing under their belt, and I think the newcomers are going to surprise us."

Long also wants the swimmers to get the feel of facing off against tough competition, and he said it's important for them to get experience against Michi-

gan and other tough opponents prior to the Big Ten championships.

"They get to see the best," Long said. "Some of the best the Big Ten has to offer will be here, so I think that helps prepare them very well for facing them later on in the year."

As for the women, Arizona transfer Lindsay Seemann shares Long's sentiment that this meet will be an important measuring tool for the team.

"It's basically a practice meet for Big Tens," Seemann said. "It is a really good trial run to see where were at mentally. The meet is basically the exact same format as Big Tens, so it'll be good to see where we stand at this point in the season."

Both the men's and women's teams have battled through two meets this season, and they will have to use that experience to push them through their first championship-style meet.

"We've had two really tough Big Ten meets already, in Michigan State and Minnesota," assistant coach Nate Mundt said. "Having both of those on the road were big tests, with high-level competition. It was good to see those early in the season to prepare us for what we'll see this weekend."

The swimmers aren't fazed by the tough competition — they welcome it as they look to regain first place in the Hawkeye Invitational. In order for the men's squad to come out on top, Iowa will have to out-swim the Michigan distance swimmers and the freestylers of Notre Dame, which Huff said are the strong points of those teams.

"We're just going to have to get our hands on the wall first," Huff said. "With a team like Michigan coming in, not only do they have stellar individuals, but they have very quick relays."

Noser said the experience of the Hawkeye In-



Iowa's Jordan Huff looks at his time after swimming the 100 freestyle at the Big Ten finals in the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center on Feb. 25. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

vitational will be an eye-opener for some of the younger swimmers as they face off against more than one team, and that it's also good for them to get it

under their belt before the Big Tens.

"The first time it's scary," he said. "They come in, and you know that their names are known through-

out the country, but you've just got to realize that the names don't matter, racing the blue cap or whatever team's next to you — you've just got to race."

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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tine, Nesbitt said, felt good.

"It was tough, especially after losing [to Florida State]," she said. "But it feels so good to be back."

The memories of games past are soon to be lessons learned. But the trip wasn't a complete loss.

Nesbitt said the team's hotel was situated right

next to a beach, giving the Hawkeyes a nice view in the evening before dinner. The Hawks never trekked out to catch some waves during their time off — head coach Lisa Bluder made sure the team practiced each day they didn't have a game — but the women took pictures, using the ocean as a backdrop.

Many of the athletes' families also made the trip to Florida to watch the women play and celebrate Thanksgiving in the sunshine. Nesbitt said it was nice to relax with everybody's families. It

helped the team strengthen its chemistry.

"It's fun to go and do something fun together as a team," she said. "We grow closer and closer off the court by experiencing those opportunities together."

The Black and Gold also made their way to American Airlines Arena on Nov. 24 to watch LeBron James and the Miami Heat beat the Cleveland Cavaliers. Theaira Taylor, a self-proclaimed LeBron fan, was more than excited to watch her idol live and in-person. Treats such as the game

in Miami are usually on the agenda for the Hawkeyes during road trips. It helps to let the team recuperate after a tough practice earlier in the day — or in this case, help raise spirits after an agonizing loss to Florida International.

"Our coaches always try to do something for us on these trips," Taylor said in a release after the Miami Heat game. "I've wanted to see LeBron play for years. He is my favorite player ... It was an amazing experience."

The relaxation was nice,

but the Hawks know another tough opponent in Northern Iowa awaits them on Saturday. That means new schemes and game plans for Iowa, starting today after having Thursday off to rest from the late-night traveling.

Bluder knows exactly what her team needs to accomplish in order to be prepared for the Panthers. After a performance against Florida State that included 24 turnovers, coaches will emphasize ball control. Slowing down the pace will be key for

Iowa, as many of its mistakes came from pushing the pace faster than usual.

It will help, though, that the Hawkeyes will be inside Carver again, where they're 4-1 this season.

"Anytime you play at your home court, it's an advantage," Bluder said on Nov. 11 after a home victory over Illinois State. "It's fun that we get to play on our home court and share this with our fans."

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

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the free-throw line, Gesell said. It helps get a shooter in rhythm and find his stroke. And the best way to get there is by driving and drawing contact, which the Hawkeyes haven't done enough, the freshman said.

"We just haven't been aggressive enough," he said. "Like I said, we've got to continue to work on our toughness. We've got to continue to not be afraid to drive it in. Basketball is a game of runs. The other team might make a run, but you've got to move past that and make your own run."

McCaffrey said a number of the missed shots from outside were good looks, but the situation called for a more

deliberate offensive approach, particularly during the runs by Virginia Tech.

"I would have liked to have seen us, if we were going to take the 3, at least take it at the end of the shot clock," McCaffrey said. "You could get the same shot at the end of the shot clock, but we needed to keep them on defense a little longer in that stretch."

The shot selection was an issue, but the Hawkeyes also strug-

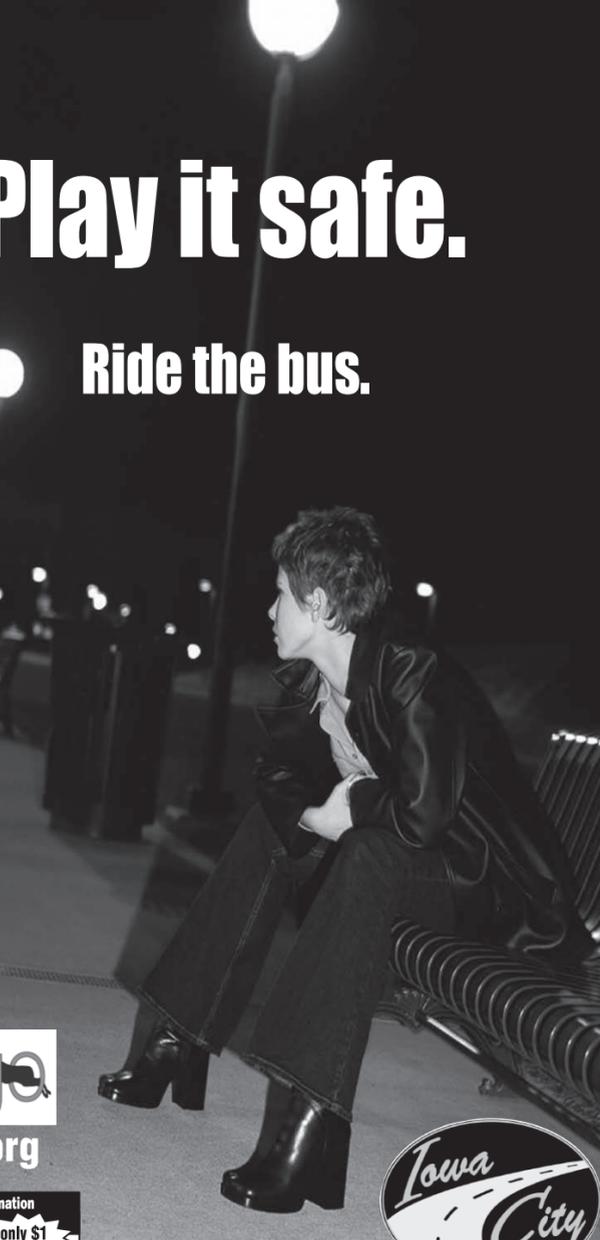
gled to corral their misses. The Black and Gold snagged just 8 offensive rebounds on 33 missed shots. Junior Devyn Marble said that poor performance falls on everyone's shoulders, not just the post players.

"[Rebounding] has been a struggle," he said. "The guards, we've got to rebound more. I felt like I did a good job rebounding in this last game, but we've still got to make it a team effort."

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# Young Hawkeyes prepare for new gymnastics season



Iowa's Emma Willis leaps into a back handspring on the balance beam against Iowa State in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Feb. 17. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

By **MATT CABEL**  
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One of the most important events of the season for Iowa head gymnastics coach Larissa Libby will likely come before the squad even faces an opponent.

The GymHawks will enter the Dec. 2 Black and Gold intrasquad meet with only three seniors: Kaitlynn Urano, Maya Wickus, and Emma Stevenson. The remainder of the roster is filled with underclassmen, featuring four sophomores and five freshmen.

"We're going to be using [the intrasquad] more to see what the underclassmen do," Libby told *The Daily Iowan*. "We know what to expect with the upperclassmen."

Entering her ninth season as head coach of the Hawks, Libby said she knows what it takes to lead her team to its sixth-consecutive post-season appearance.

## Iowa Gymnastics Black and Gold Intrasquad Meet

**Where:** Field House Main Deck  
**When:** 2 p.m. Dec. 2

The team needs to check off at least three accomplishments in order to achieve that, Libby said. Those include being one of the best teams in the Big Ten, finishing with a strong home record, and implementing a championship mentality.

Libby said she expects freshmen Alie Glover and Alyssa Lopez to join sophomores Sydney Hoerr and Emma Willis in all-around competition.

"We could potentially have a really big impact on this team," Glover said. "We have a lot of talent that can help out a lot."

Libby and her staff will

closely watch their young gymnasts during this weekend's intrasquad, the first open to the public. Focus will be key for the young gymnasts as they leave the confines of their practice space for competition. The different environment, atmosphere, and waiting time between events were points Libby said affect transitions.

"It's a heavy load to bear for younger kids," she said. "I think that they will be incredibly impressive once they get out there and get used to it. Hopefully, all of the intrasquads we've done will put them in a position to be hungry enough and just get tired of always doing this in practice and get out there in competition and show them what they're made of."

With an underclassmen-heavy team, the leadership responsibilities of the seniors are extremely important. Both Stevenson

— a member of last year's Big Ten All-Championship team — and Wickus stressed the importance of leading by example.

"They're great leaders. They're almost like second coaches," Glover said. "They give us great advice; they've been there, they know, they've been in our shoes. They can tell us when we're doing something wrong, even the little things: how to act, how to do gymnastics, just anything. They help us out a lot."

But with youth comes new opportunities for the GymHawks — not only in breaking old habits but improving as individuals and as a team.

"I think the youth is making us better," Stevenson said. "It's driving me and the seniors to keep up with what we're doing. They're younger; they have a lot more energy. They're pushing us, too, as well as we're pushing them."

# Hawkeye tracksters set to take off

By **KEVIN GLUECK**  
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The Iowa track and field teams will have their first competition on Saturday in the annual Black and Gold intrasquad meet.

Head coach Layne Anderson's and Director of Track and Field Larry Wiczorek's athletes come off a disappointing 2011-12 indoor season with the men's team finishing 8th in the Big Ten and the women finishing 10th.

"It wasn't a lack of talent or a lack of ambition on people's part. It was more injuries and not having kids ready to compete because of physical setbacks," he said. "It's a more competitive conference. Our performance is a reflection of our progress we did or didn't make; we just have to have our kids at our best and competing."

Anderson's women's squad has 23 freshmen this season, but when it comes to being competitive in the conference, he's not worried.

"I think we have a level of expectation in that we have a young group, but it's a talented group, and we're expecting to perform a higher level than last year," he said. "We're not going to use inexperience as a reason to lower the standard of expectation."

Despite the number of newcomers to the program, the Hawkeyes have some experience. The distance runners are headlined by Mareike Schrulle, fresh off of a seventh-place finish at the NCAA cross-country meet. Also returning are team captains Raven



Iowa's (left to right) D'Juan Richardson, Tevin-Cee Mincy, and Justin Austin run in the 60-meter dash final at the Iowa Invitational in the Recreation Building on Feb. 17. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

Moore, Megan Ranegar, and Jasmine Simpson.

The distance runners who ran in the cross-country season will not compete in Saturday's intrasquad meet, but distance runner Ranegar said she thinks it will help those who didn't race this fall.

"It's a really good starting point for the girls on the distance team who have been training with us but haven't gotten to compete," she said. "They have a lot to be excited about, and they just haven't gotten to show it yet."

While the meet may seem like a glorified practice, Ranegar said, the atmosphere is different.

"You're putting on the Iowa uniform, you're putting on your spikes, and you're racing each other," Ranegar said. "You know

it's still your teammates, but there's definitely a feeling of competition that you don't get at practice."

Everyone else on the team who didn't have a fall season will compete, including Simpson, who said she's excited.

"We've been practicing all summer and fall just to get a level where we're basically competing," she said. "It's really awesome to get to put that uniform back on and get a feel for where you're at, do well, and hopefully show all the training we've been doing is working."

Simpson, a thrower, shows no lack in confidence in herself and other throwers on the team.

"The returners we have for weights are going to do a really good job this year," Simpson said. "I think the

## Iowa Track Black and Gold Intrasquad Meet

**Where:** UI Recreation Building  
**When:** 2 p.m. Saturday

record [for indoor weight throwing] will be broken this year."

With a blend of new and returning talent, Anderson is careful about making predictions for the season.

"We have a lot here on paper, but at this stage, it's still all preliminary," he said. "Until we get into the fire and start competing in January, we're going to be seeing where these individuals stack up at the Big Ten level."

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# Ramos ready for 'phenom'



Iowa 133-pounder Tony Ramos nabs a takedown during his match against Topher Carton during wrestle-offs on Saturday, November 10, 2012. This Saturday, Ramos will face Iowa State freshman John Meeks, who finished his career at Des Moines Roosevelt with a 168-0 record, in their dual at Carver-Hawkeye Arena. (The Daily Iowan/Rachel Jessen)

Tony Ramos hopes to 'prove a point' against an Iowa State freshman phenom.

By **SAM LOUWAGIE**  
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Tony Ramos can't wait to find out what all the fuss is about. He remembers hearing last year about an Iowa high-school wrestler who was pursuing a fourth-straight undefeated season, and that the younger wrestler had committed to Iowa State.

John Meeks eventually did win that title, finishing his career at Des Moines Roosevelt with a 168-0 record. He became just the sixth Iowa prep wrestler to go undefeated and win four championships.

Earlier this week, Ramos finally sat down to watch some tape on the phenom he'll likely face Saturday when the Hawkeyes square off against Iowa State.

"Real slow," Ramos said. "Not too impressed by it. I'll be ready to go."

The junior 133-pounder, who placed third nationally last season, said he made sure to send a message to Iowa's highly touted true freshman in the practice room this summer. He'll try to do the same in Carver-Hawkeye Arena this weekend.

"With all the freshmen you hear a lot about, you want to go and prove a point right away," Ramos said. "This guy is no different than wrestling [Iowa's Cory] Clark or [Thomas] Gilman."

Meeks lost in his debut as a starter, falling 6-3 to Old Dominion's Scott Festejo. Ramos, meanwhile, has been dominant early this season. He pinned five of his first six opponents and beat the other by major decision. Iowa coach Tom Brands praised his approach.

"You need an example, look at him," Brands said. "He's very mature and grown up, and he's done some good things. He's got a good test with this freshman they're high on, and he's got to be ready."

Ramos is ranked No. 3 at 133 pounds by Intermat, and Meeks isn't ranked. But the freshman's pedigree means their showdown might be the best match of a dual meet that Brands admitted isn't the spectacle it was in 2008 or 2009, when the teams faced off as Nos. 1 and 2 in the nation.

The Hawkeyes are ranked No. 4 in the *USA Today*\* Coaches Poll. Iowa State lost to Old Dominion and is outside the top-25.

"Results show they're not happy," Brands said. "You don't have the No. 1 team in America, nor do you have two high-ranked opponents. From the outside, experts don't see it as a top-billed event. But we don't look at it that way. Regardless of what it looks like on paper, we have to get ready to wrestle."

It looks good for Iowa on paper. The Hawkeyes have the higher-ranked wrestler at eight of 10 weights. Mark Ballweg, Ethen Lofthouse, and Nathan Burak should all have difficult tests, but the Hawkeyes are heavy favorites.

Senior Grant Gambrall has seen Iowa-Iowa State when it was a big deal. And while he knows fans may not see it that way this year, he said the wrestlers still do.

"If you're talking about the perspective of our team and the way we train and the way we approach things, I don't think it's lost any of its luster," he said. "But if you're talking about from the fans' perspective, I can see where maybe they're not as hyped up. Fans want the No. 1 and 2 team in the country going at it. They've had that in the past, and those aren't the rankings between the two teams right now."

## No. 4 Iowa (5-0) vs. Iowa State (0-1)

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# Hoopsters seek offensive smarts

To address some of the team's defensive issues, the Hawkeyes have to be smarter on offense.

By **TORK MASON**  
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Iowa men's basketball head coach Fran McCaffrey said cleaning things up on the offensive end of the floor is a key to improving defensively.

The Hawkeyes allowed Virginia Tech to shoot a blistering 52.5 percent from the floor in a 95-79 loss in Blacksburg, Va., on Tuesday. The Hokies had success in transition, scoring 17 fast-break points. McCaffrey said the issue wasn't a lack of defensive effort but rather, a loss of composure on offense.

"A lot our problems in terms of transition defense were not as much [about] not getting back as it was poor shot selection," McCaffrey said. "That's a maturity thing, and that was everybody involved."

The Hawkeyes took 22 shots from behind the arc and made just 4. A num-



Iowa guard Mike Gesell passes to forward Aaron White against Texas-Pan American in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Nov. 9. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

ber of those misses sparked Virginia Tech runs. Freshman point guard Mike Gesell, who went 0-for-3 from 3-point range, said the team sat back too much against the Hokies' zone defense and didn't press the issue as much as it should have.

"Lately, we've been rely-

ing a lit bit too much on the 3-point shot," Gesell said. "On nights like that, when it's not falling, we've got to continue to attack more."

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# Swim teams face tests

By **JALYN SOUCHEK AND CARLOS SOSA**  
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The Iowa men's and women's swimming and diving teams will host the annual Hawkeye Invitational today through Dec. 2.

The men's teams coming to Iowa City include No. 1 Michigan, No. 19 Notre Dame, Denver, and Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Iowa is currently ranked No. 21.

All of those teams except Notre Dame will also swim on the women's side of the invitational, but Nebraska, Northwestern, and Washington State will join the competition.

The invitational will be the first meet for the Hawkeyes in almost a month, and the swimmers are excited to get back into the pool to compete.

Time off from competing has been beneficial for Iowa. Senior Jordan Huff said it allowed the Hawkeyes to get better by working on turning and stroke techniques in practice, and head coach Marc Long said the team had more time to also concentrate on schoolwork.

But it's back in the pool now for the Hawkeyes. The invitational will serve as a learning opportunity for coaches and athletes. The meet, which has a championship format, helps familiarize and expose the new and returning swimmers with the Big Ten championships as well as the NCAAs.

"They're still developing, and we're not quite sure where everything's going to go event-wise so this meet is a great learning opportunity for the coaches as well," Long said. "I have no idea where they're going to finish, but I know they're hungry to race."

Last season, the men's team fell

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## Hawkeye Invitational

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# Hawks finally back

Bluder's Bunch returns to Carver for this weekend after spending a little more than a week in the Sunshine State.

By **CODY GOODWIN**  
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Trisha Nesbitt woke up in her own bed Thursday morning for the first time in a week.

A long trip that included three basketball games in five days in the Sunshine State finally came to an end Wednesday night after a tough loss in Tallahassee.

The senior guard, still a little disappointed, said it was nice to be back in Iowa City. The weather was naturally colder than when they left on Nov. 21. But to be back in a rou-

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## Iowa (5-3) vs. Northern Iowa (3-3)

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