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Leading despite facility



A room in the UI Pharmacy Building on Dec. 4. The quality of the building is said to be adequate but holding the College of Pharmacy back. (The Daily Iowan/Juan Carlos Herrera)

The University of Iowa College of Pharmacy leads the nation in progressive pharmaceutical practices, but students and faculty say the college's facility needs an upgrade.

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Despite a struggle to overcome problems with a lower-quality facility, graduates of the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy practice in 95 of 99 of Iowa's counties — a state known for its progressiveness in pharmaceuticals.

"I think from a place-to-practice-pharmacy perspective, we are a state as good as any," said Jay Currie, a UI clinical professor of pharmacy.

UI pharmacy officials credit the progressive work of the

university and the state with the success of the UI's graduates. The state focuses on specific care that allows pharmacists to spend more time tending specifically to patient needs, while allowing assistants to fill the prescriptions.

Currie worked with Drake University and the Iowa Pharmacy Association to create the Iowa Center for Pharmaceutical Care Center. The goal of the center is to provide students with opportunities to implement a focus on patient care.

SEE PHARMACY, 3

Changes proposed for downtown parking

Electronic meters, mobile applications, and free ramp parking are among options proposed for improving the downtown parking environment.

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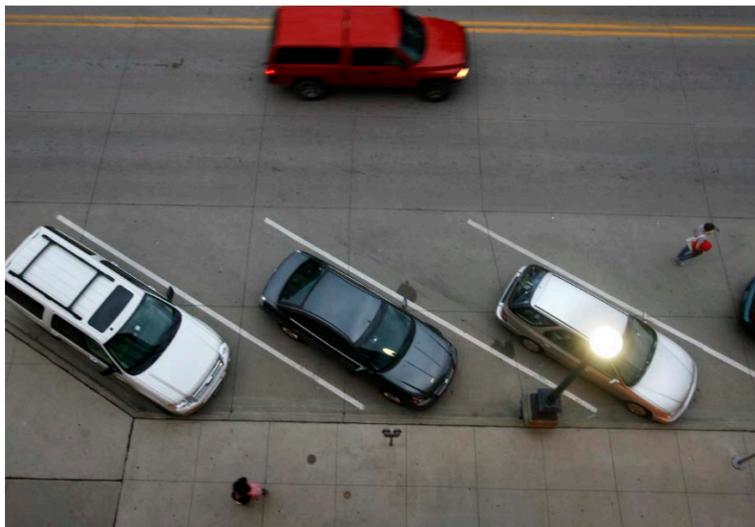
Come July, visitors to downtown Iowa City may see easier parking accessibility and convenience, thanks to a \$1.5 million technological upgrade and signage improvements helping drivers locate parking.

The ability to pay for parking by way of credit card, use of a smart-phone app in locating the nearest available parking space, and one free hour in city parking structures were just a number of options presented at a public forum on Monday in the Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn St.

The ideas, in addition to a reconfigured parking-fine system, aim at enhancing the downtown parking experience and encouraging users to opt for ramp parking, while increasing the turnover for on-street parking.

City officials hope the initiatives will help reduce the overarching problem of the parking gridlock that occurs after 5 p.m.

"Let's not make people work for parking — let's make parking work for downtown," said Chris O'Brien, the city



Cars and pedestrians pass by vehicles parked on Clinton Street on June 16, 2009. Downtown Iowa City may see easier parking accessibility and convenience in July 2013. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

director of transportation services.

O'Brien said downtown is often synonymous with having a lack of parking, with drivers having to circle around the blocks hunting for a space.

"I think that what we've seen more of is a demographic change downtown," he said. "I think a lot of the new developments feel that they need to have parking [available]."

Individuals who missed Monday's meeting will have a second opportunity on Wednesday in the Iowa City Public Library's Meeting Room A, beginning

at 1:30 p.m. Online feedback on the city's website will be accepted until Dec. 21, and a public budget hearing is tentatively scheduled for January.

The two main types of parking are surface (parking lots and street spots) and covered (ramps and underground). Assistant to the City Manager Geoff Fruin said fines between surface and covered parking need to be adjusted, calling the fine structure "too low."

SEE PARKING, 3

Amid turmoil, dean resigns

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The University of Iowa College of Education leadership is subject to dramatic changes in the near future.

On Monday, Dean Margaret Crocco presented her resignation to Provost P. Barry Butler. The resignation, she said, was in response to the controversy that has arisen over the past few weeks in the education school.



Crocco
dean

"Even at this late date, I remain perplexed about the reasons behind faculty resistance, since the senior faculty leading the opposition have been unwilling to step forward, identify themselves, and share openly the specific issues behind the conflict," Crocco said in a statement on her resignation. "Thus, in an effort to end the discord in the College

SEE CROCCO, 3

UI releases Gray documents

The Daily Iowan obtained thousands of pages of documents Monday from the University of Iowa regarding former UI adviser Peter Gray. While the documents didn't provide any major insight into the sexual-misconduct controversy, they provided a few more details in the timeline of Gray's resignation from the university.

The UI declined to release of Gray's resignation letter, despite numerous media requests for the document, citing Iowa Code 22.7 (11) for confidential personnel records.

Gray's resignation was announced on Nov. 5 amid allegations of sexual misconduct and inappropriate touching of student-athletes in the workplace, as well as allegations of trading Hawkeye football tickets for sexual favors.

In an Oct. 29 email signed by Associate Athletics Director Fred Mims, he told UI colleagues that Gray submitted his resignation in a meeting between the two the previous weekend.

"He requests that staff refrain from contacting him at this time," Mims said in the email. "It is my hope that he will reach out to us at a later time to inform us of his future plans."

In an email sent to numerous UI officials, Athletics Director Gary Barta informed his colleagues that personnel matters cannot be discussed and that official comments to the media would be "extremely limited."

The UI is continuing its investigation into the allegations, and officials plan on discussing the findings during the February state Board of Regents' meeting.

Regent President Craig Lang said he was disappointed in the UI's response to the allegations during a Dec. 5 telephonic meeting.

"Clearly, the latest incident at the UI suggests the UI is not doing a good enough job in this area," he said at the meeting. "It is my expectation that the university continues to address the obvious breakdown in the process, then develop and implement new procedures as soon as possible to ensure the full implementation of board policies to fully protect our students."

— by Eric Clark

WEATHER

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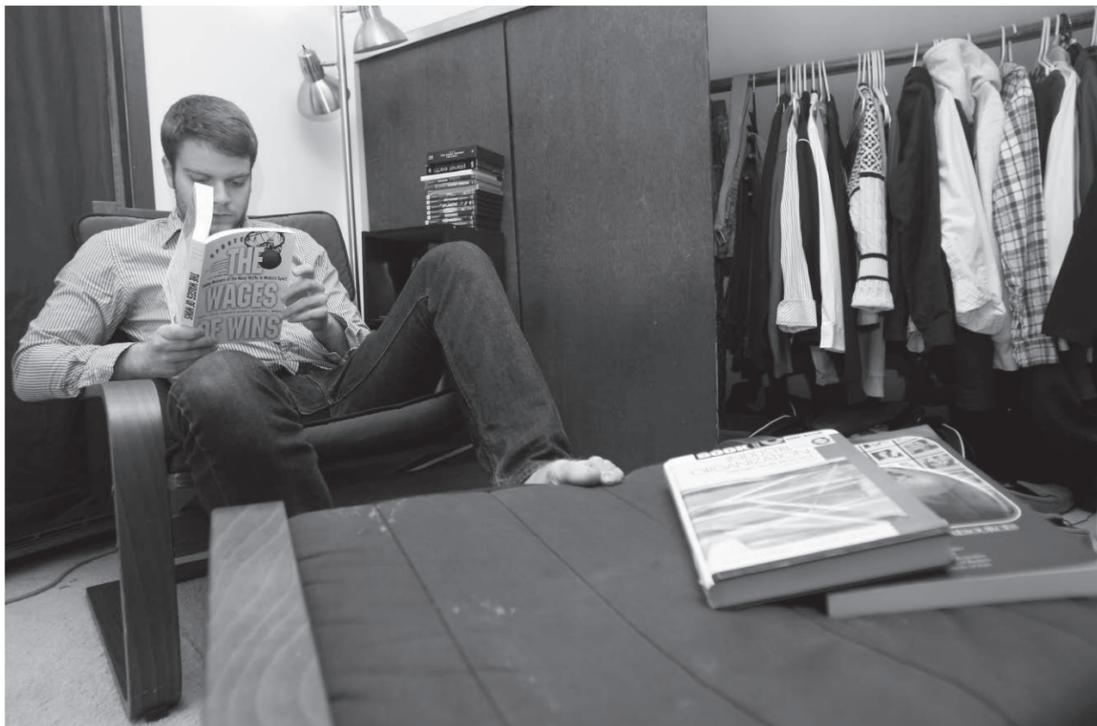


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GRADUATE PROFILE

Learning to surprise himself



UI senior Adrian Slade sits in his residence on Nov. 7. Slade will graduate this semester with a major in economics. (The Daily Iowan/Juan Carlos Herrera)

One UI student is walking straight into the business world after securing a post-grad job.

By **CASSIDY RILEY**
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Not all graduating students can say they have a job lined up right after college — one who can is University of Iowa senior Adrian Slade.

He will graduate at the end of this semester after only three and a half years, with a degree in economics. He starts his new job at C.H. Robinson — a third-party logistics provider — the day after Christmas. He will oversee the creation of contracts and ensuring the shipment of products.

“[It’s] something that allowed me to combine everything I was studying but also something a little outside my comfort level,” he said.

Slade said C. H. Robinson was very persistent in pursuing him as a future employee.

“They asked me on a scale of 1 to 10 how interested I was in the job, and when I said a 7 or an 8, they said, ‘What can we do to make that 10?’” he said.

METRO

Trucker charged with controlled-substance violation

A Soldier, Iowa, man has been accused of recklessly operating a semi-truck while possessing methamphetamine ingredients.

According to an Iowa City police complaint, Jay Melby, 53, 238 Oak Street, was charged Sunday with third-offense possession of a controlled substance.

On Sunday, numerous callers reported that a truck “was all over the roadway” and “driving erratically.” Callers were afraid to pass the truck, the complaint said.

Officers located the truck at the Interstate 80 and Dodge Street interchange in Iowa City. Upon contact, officers reportedly noticed Melby was fidgety, had a hard time staying still, and appeared “on the nod.”

Melby consented to a search of the truck, and officers allegedly found a small bag with clear crystals resembling crystal methamphetamine.

The bag was found alongside Melby’s other medications.

— by **Quentin Misiag**

Dental student busted

A University of Iowa dental student has been accused of

Slade, a native of Dubuque, is glad to have job security going into graduation because a lot of students are afraid about getting jobs after graduation. He encourages student not to give up and not to be too picky.

“Something I had to realize pretty early on is you rarely get your dream job right out of college,” he said. “The people who tend to be the longest without jobs are the people who tend to be the pickiest.”

Matt Messerli, a supervisor at C.H. Robinson who was part of process of hiring Slade, said he’s optimistic about Slade’s abilities and the contribution he will make to the company.

“His presence when he was in the office interacting with our team, that was something that caught our attention,” he said. “From our team standpoint, we’re growing. We’re looking to grow again in 2013, and we think that Adrian can be a big part of that growth

looking forward.” During Slade’s time at the UI, he was involved in several organizations that helped him practice his marketing skills, including being the marketing director of the Campus Activities Board and working with Student Life Marketing and Design.

“Some of his current experiences will help him with what we do on a daily basis,” Messerli said.

Nancy Abram, the director of Student Life Marketing and Design, said Slade learned things in her department that will benefit him as he moves on.

“Every experience we have, we learn something and we gain additional skills,” she said. “We try to train them and give them real-life experiences as much as possible so they have some skills when they try to get a real job. And watching them leave is part of it. Many students have left these offices and been tremendously successful.”

Preparing now to leave

manufacturing compartment containers to distribute marijuana to fellow dental students in the UI College of Dentistry.

According to Iowa City police complaints, Geoffrey Skinner, 27, 41 Valley Ave. Apt. 2, was charged Nov. 26.

Using a search warrant at Skinner’s home, the Johnson County Drug Task Force investigators reportedly recovered a small quantity of marijuana along with numerous large glass Ball jars that allegedly contained marijuana residue and 15 miscellaneous fabricated false compartment containers suspected of being used to distribute marijuana. Additionally, investigators reportedly recovered “Jelltrate Plus,” a dustless dental impression material that Skinner allegedly used in order to add weight to his false compartment containers, the complaints said.

Possession of a controlled substance is an aggravated misdemeanor, punishable up to two years in prison with a maximum fine of \$6,250.

A controlled-substance violation is a Class-D felony, punishable up to five years in prison with a maximum fine of \$7,500.

— by **Quentin Misiag**

Woman charged with criminal mischief

A Coralville woman has been

accused of causing extensive damage to another person’s home.

According to a Coralville police complaint, Tera Harris, 24, was charged Dec. 8.

Harris allegedly poured oven cleaner in a fish tank and bleach onto the bedroom carpet in a person’s home. She also punched a hole in a bedroom wall, the complaint said.

The damage costs exceed \$1,000.

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

— by **Quentin Misiag**

Trial in child’s death rescheduled

The trial has been reset for a man accused of felony child endangerment in connection with the death of a 20-month-old child, according to online court records.

Jorge Perez, 21, was originally charged with child endangerment without injury, but those charges have since been dropped. He is now charged with child endangerment resulting in death. Perez allegedly left the infant, Marcus Balderas, home alone in April.

According to police reports, Perez admitted to hitting, stepping on, tossing, and dropping Balderas. He also

Adrian Slade

Slade will graduate this semester and start his new job at C.H. Robinson on Dec. 26.

- **Major:** Economics
- **Hometown:** Dubuque
- **Favorite Class:** Sports Economics
- **Age:** 23

Source: UI student Adrian Slade

the UI, Slade said he can look back on all the UI has taught him.

“Before college I thought of myself as a very independent person, but after coming to the University of Iowa you learn a whole new skill set,” he said. “The University of Iowa basically just taught me so much about myself, more about who I wanted to be, what I wanted to be and it also gave the tools to expand myself socially as well as academically. I feel like the University of Iowa helped me surprise myself as far as what I could do and what I could motivate myself to accomplish.”

allegedly held a pillow over the child’s face when he wouldn’t fall asleep.

Perez was at first set to go to trial with Mireya Balderas, the child’s mother, but the cases have since been separated.

Perez’s trial is now set to begin at 9 a.m. Sept. 17, 2013, with a pretrial conference scheduled for 3 p.m. Aug. 30, 2013. His trial was previously set to begin today.

Child endangerment resulting in death is a Class-B felony, punishable by up to 50 years in prison.

— by **Sam Lane**

Man charged with theft

A Hiawatha man has been accused of stealing from a Coralville department store.

According to a Coralville police complaint, Delvin Jackson, 19, 980 Eisenhower Road Apt. 12, was charged Sunday. Jackson was allegedly browsing merchandise at the Coral Ridge Dillard’s store and attempted to exit without paying, the complaint said.

Jackson has two prior theft convictions in 2012.

Third-degree theft of less than \$500 is an aggravated misdemeanor, punishable up to two years in prison with a maximum fine of \$6,250.

— by **Quentin Misiag**

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Trisha Babbitt, 28, 2230 Taylor Drive, was charged Dec. 7 with fifth-degree theft.

Jerome Jackson, 28, 2602 Bartelt Road Apt. 2D, was charged Dec. 8 with violating a harass-

ment/stalking protective order. **Lamont Monroe**, 23, 2112 Miami Drive, was charged Dec. 10 with public intoxication and possession of an open container of alcohol in public.

Christopher Palmietto, 21, 627 Iowa Ave. Apt. 1, was charged Dec. 7 with public intoxication.

Michael Parker, 29, Washington, Iowa, was charged Sunday with fifth-degree theft.

Kory Vedepo, 38, 1128 St. Clements Alley, was charged Dec. 10 with public intoxication.

Bernard Winkler, 25, 1185 Hotz Ave., was charged Sunday with OWI.

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PHARMACY

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“We have really great pharmacists in the state to help us deliver the excellent program,” UI pharmacy Professor Bernard Sorofman said. “We have 435 volunteer faculty, not all in Iowa, who help to educate the next generation.”

The pharmacy program gives students numerous opportunities to work throughout the state, and access to these opportu-

nities has been a major reason for the success and widespread placement of UI graduates.

Brett Barker, a graduate of the College of Pharmacy, took advantage of these opportunities in a placement-day activity, allowing him to meet the president from NuCare, the company where he now works.

Barker personifies what Barbara Kelley, the strategic communications director for the college, believes — the cooperation of the community keeps

out-of-state students in Iowa to work in the field. Barker graduated from high school in Illinois after growing up in Florida, but chose Nevada, Iowa, as a place to reside.

“Not just Iowans stay in Iowa,” she said. “The students who come here are very endeared with the community, and they delve right in, whether it’s in western Iowa, central Iowa, or here in eastern Iowa.”

While the program’s progressive nature provides a national reputation for quality education, the col-

lege faces issues with the Pharmacy Building.

The current pharmacy building was built in the 1960s with a wing added roughly 20 years later. It has two lecture-style classrooms, with the capability to hold 124 seats in each. The typical class size runs between 108 to 110 students.

According to a consumption report from fiscal 2009, the Pharmacy Building consumes more energy per square foot than any other building on campus, and its consumption totals

more than all the buildings on the Pentacrest.

Barker and Sorofman both have issues with the building, citing it as “adequate” but essentially holding the program back.

“The program is going really well, but in order to stay good, you have to think toward the future,” Sorofman said.

Barker, a 2008 graduate, said he earned a good education at the university and the facilities were adequate, but adequate isn’t always enough.

“I would say they were

adequate,” he said. “But the UI building is falling behind, and [an improvement] is definitely needed in order to keep up.”

While Iowa moves forward in pharmaceuticals, the university pushes for a building improvement to maintain a top-notch program in a state geared for pharmacists to practice successfully.

“Iowa’s known nationally for [its progressive-ness],” Barker said. “The university is right there at the forefront of that movement.”

CROCCO

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of Education, I chose to resign and move on.”

Butler said he stands behind all that Crocco did while serving as dean and expressed his regret about her resignation in a statement.

“It is remarkable what she has been able to do during her short time as dean, especially in terms of raising public awareness about the College of Education, throughout Iowa and nationally,” he said. “She is exceptionally smart, warm, and outgoing, and she is a strategic thinker. She has all the traits of a great leader. I was delighted when she agreed to take on this important role, and I

am saddened to see her go.”

Stewart Ehly, a UI professor of psychological and quantitative foundations, said he was surprised to see Crocco resign.

“I can only imagine that she thought it was better to do it now than to let the process drag on,” he said. “I think she did what she thought was best for her and for the college.”

At a meeting hosted on Monday afternoon, Ehly said Butler emphasized the need to move forward from the current crisis.

“If you’re calling the events surrounding the dean a crisis, what [Butler’s] sort of suggesting is that it is over, and we should look forward and move on,” Ehly said.

Dakoda Flory, a student in the college, said he has been troubled by the cur-

rent situation.

“It just seems like there’s no sense of direction inside the program,” he said. “I want to know what direction the program is going to go in. I want to make sure I’m taken care of in the College of Education.”

On the evening of Nov. 7, ballots for a vote of confidence/no confidence were distributed by an unknown group of senior faculty. Out of the 91 votes distributed, 65 were returned. There were 44 votes of no confidence, 16 votes of confidence, and five votes abstaining.

Weeks later, Crocco was also made aware of comments left on a survey intended to assess the work environment of the college. The comments critiqued her performance and leadership in the college. But-

ler chose to treat these comments as he says he would any comments made about job performance by making them confidential, a move which inflamed the situation further.

The “crisis” in the college continued to grow when all seven members of the college’s Faculty Advisory Committee resigned on Dec. 7.

Butler said it will be a top priority of the interim dean to work to restore

trust and confidence to the faculty and staff in the school following the controversy, and he said he hopes the interim dean will work with those members of the Faculty Advisory Committee who resigned.

“Dean Crocco worked hard over the last three to four weeks to reach out to faculty and staff,” he said. “She made every effort possible, and it just did not seem like it was going to be resolved.”

Despite his regret over the dean’s resignation, Butler said the school will not suffer. He is receiving input from faculty and staff about who the interim dean should be, he said, and he will announce whom he will appoint at the end of the week.

“I am sure the college will attract an outstanding new dean and will continue on its trajectory of excellence,” he said in a statement.

PARKING

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“Differentiating these rates is, in my mind, critically important,” he said. “In order to invest in the technology, we need to adjust our rate structure.”

If the new plan is implemented, enforced parking times in the downtown core — the area from Clinton and Market Streets to Burlington Street — would be expanded from 5 to 9 p.m. during the week. The duration of parking fines would also be extended from the current six-month period

to a year-round basis.

Despite the rise in fines, O’Brien and Fruin stressed that overall cost would be reduced, because the average time someone parks downtown is three hours.

In all, there are 1,150 parking meters and more than 4,300 parking spaces in the city ramps and surface street parking. Total city revenue from the downtown parking system is approximately \$5.35 million.

Additionally, the new proposal also calls for the removal of the Park ‘n’ Shop program in favor of a First Hour Free initiative. Under the new program,

the first hour in the Capitol Street, Dubuque Street, Tower Place, and Court Street Transportation Center ramps would be free with each additional hour costing \$1.

Iowa City Downtown District Executive Director Nancy Bird said the new initiatives will encourage people to stay downtown.

“The feedback that I’ve received from downtown members is that it’s not going to be that big of a jump to the technology like the smart meters,” she said. “I think the convenience factor is going to trump the cost. It’s time. [City officials] know it’s time.”



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EDITORIAL

Resignation makes the UI's lack of transparency evident

On Monday, University of Iowa College of Education Dean Margaret Crocco submitted her resignation. In a statement regarding the resignation, she said that she is trying to end the discord in the education school and choosing to “resign and move on.”

Also in her statement, she listed some of her accomplishments since she became dean in July 2011. Despite these accomplishments, many members of the college admitted frustration with her leadership this semester, and 44 members submitted a vote of no confidence, largely asking for her removal.

Though there have been some discussions between Provost P. Barry Butler and members of the faculty and staff, the UI administration must do more to recognize the concerns of its faculty members and the value of transparency.

The so-called crisis in the college escalated on Dec. 7, when all seven members of the Faculty Advisory Committee resigned. In an email to the education faculty, the committee stated that the “lack of transparency in administrative decision-making processes have rendered the [Advisory Committee] powerless in effectively and efficiently meeting its responsibilities.”

Earlier in the semester, a college-wide survey was distributed to all staff and faculty in the education school, which included an open-ended question about the college. In this section, many faculty members focused their complaints against the dean.

After these surveys were returned, the provost demanded that all copies of the surveys with negative responses regarding the dean be turned over to him and made them confidential because they are now considered personnel files.

“I requested that the anonymous comments collated in the survey be retained by me to ensure that the comments are used constructively by the faculty and staff leadership, dean, and mediator to work on positioning the College of Education for the future and to protect against any misuse,” Butler wrote in an email. “The comments relate to the performance of the dean and others in the

college and are personnel-related, which need to be treated appropriately.”

However, these surveys were not the only documents that reported the unrest and the mistrust of Crocco. Some senior faculty members also approached the advisory panel, asking the members to distribute anonymous ballots for a vote of no confidence. The panel agreed to distribute and tally the ballots, which largely supported the vote of no confidence against Crocco.

Still, the controversy surrounding Crocco has not solved some of the disputes regarding the changes in the school, and it certainly has not done enough to open honest communication and allow voices of dissent to be heard.

The Faculty Advisory Committee reported that the lack of transparency stopped it from being able to communicate between faculty and administration, and it appears the administration has done little to enable the open and honest flow of discussion.

The anonymity and confidentiality is not a completely one-sided issue; faculty members reported their concerns and issued their vote for no confidence anonymously. However, anonymity in that case guarantees honesty, while confidentiality and secrecy on the part of the administration only harbors greater distrust.

Crocco was able to achieve some important goals she had for the education school, even in her short time as dean. However, these accomplishments were not all completed with the full support of the faculty, which ended very poorly for the school.

The issues of this case, and any other scandals in this university, will not be resolved until university officials and administration recognize that faculty members, community members, and students want their voices heard, not silenced and sealed.

Your turn.

What do you think about the UI College of Education situation?
Weigh in on at dailyiowan.com.

GUEST COLUMN

Get the most out of Hawk Alert

With the winter weather season approaching, it's a good time to remind the campus that University of Iowa students and employees will be notified through Hawk Alert if classes are canceled.

Hawk Alert is the emergency-notification system that allows campus administrators and public-safety officials to send text messages, voice messages, and emails to the campus community within approximately 15 minutes.

Federal law requires all colleges and universities to have a plan and method of notifying the campus in emergency situations. In 2007, the UI selected a third-party vendor to provide the technical solution for its Hawk-Alert system. Since then, the UI has used it to communicate about weather emergencies and to warn individuals about potential threats to their safety.

In each situation, campus officials must make a judgment call about whether to issue a Hawk Alert. In some cases, the decision is an obvious one; other times, it's not so clear-cut because the events are rapidly unfolding and

not all desired information is available. Some of the many considerations include the proximity of a threat to campus, whether the threat is serious and ongoing, and whether weapons are involved. Individuals responsible for issuing Hawk Alerts face a challenging balancing act of gathering and confirming information but also getting the message out quickly.

Preferences on emergency notifications vary. Some people want to know as much as possible as the event develops. Others would rather hear less, especially if the situation is occurring during late hours.

We do our very best to use the system conservatively, issuing Hawk Alerts only when we believe a situation warrants a mass emergency notification in the interest of public safety. The system is one of the university's emergency communication tools, but it is not intended to provide blow-by-blow updates as details emerge. We think of it as a flare gun to let the campus know something is going on and to be aware. After an alert is issued, we encourage you to keep

an eye on other reliable sources of information, including the university's new emergency website, emergency.uiowa.edu, and local news outlets.

The Hawk Alert system isn't perfect; as with almost anything, it is subject to technical glitches and human error. But it is currently the most effective tool we have available to reach the campus community quickly in an emergency situation. A Hawk Alert typically reaches 90 percent of the approximately 50,000 individuals and classrooms on campus. (The system is unable to reach 100 percent of individuals on the list because in some cases, recipients may not have updated their contact information when it changed, or they may not answer the Hawk Alert phone call.)

We encourage every member of the campus community to partner with us and take the following steps to help optimize use of the Hawk Alert system.

Update your contact information at hawkalert.uiowa.edu. Select the ways you'd like to be notified (text message, email, phone

call). Texts are the preferred, fastest, and most reliable method.

Limit contact information to your own (employees and students, not friends and family).

Answer Hawk Alert calls. (Otherwise the system will keep trying, slowing the notification process.)

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Starry-eyed in the Kuiper Belt



By **BEAU ELLIOT**
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Last week, our government proved that it is far stranger than fiction — or even real life, which, for those of you who still believe in it, is mighty strange, given Twitter, Facebook, and Sally Mason, a social media all to herself. It takes a Ph.D. to accomplish that, so don't try it at home using vinegar, cucumbers, and some twine.

Especially the twine. Meanwhile, back at the stranger-than-fiction ranch (take a right at the WYZ Hey-Dude Resort, left at the ethanol plant, and stop before the Astrology Farm — there are some signs there), Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., last week ended up filibustering his own bill to prevent it from being voted on.

Yes — you heard that right. McConnell filibustered his own proposed bill, because he was afraid Democrats would pass his own proposed bill.

Is this a great country or what?

(The McConnell bill was about the debt ceiling. Haven't we been here before? Yeah, I know — yawn.)

Such action would never happen in Kyrgyzstan or Kazakhstan, stalwart allies that they are, which are still what we euphemistically call “developing democracies” — meaning they have not yet developed the concept of filibuster, which would make them completely mature democracies.

Apparently, the filibuster concept that Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan employ — the AK-47 filibuster — is not considered “mature,” at least in the democracy sense.

A “mature” democracy allows one person to thwart the wishes of the majority by filibustering, which used to mean going yakkety-yakkety-yak on the Senate floor for next to forever or until the climate warms up but now means filing some papers.

Sorry, Jimmy Stewart.

McConnell's action probably qualifies as the strangest filibuster ever in this country's long history of the quite odd notion we fondly know as filibusters. Some of us, no doubt, know it less fondly than others.

(Of course, somebody — maybe Borges — would point out that fiction and real life are the same thing. Well, Borges might point that out if he were still around — and I would argue that with all his books, Borges is still quite round, if not quite around.)

In any case, I suspect that somewhere, maybe near the Kuiper Belt, the atoms that once made up Borges are arguing the real-life/fiction question with atoms that once composed comets. Or will compose comets. The Kuiper Belt is quite nice this time of year, and we should all go there for spring break, I get it on good authority — but then, I hear via email from those same good-authority-people that I can make Warren-Buffett-like money if only I will give them my bank-account number.

(Chad, I believe those email people come from. “A gaggle of Chads,” a friend once observed as we sat in a local restaurant and watched a crowd of 15 or 17 fraternity guys fist-bumping their way down the sidewalk. “Tough on your knuckles to walk on your hands that way,” I said.)

“By the way, I'm going to steal that line sometime,” I said. Rollicking somewhere near the Kyper Belt, the atoms of Borges smile. Though it might be an isotopal effect. Isotopal, you-sotopal, he-sotopals, though perhaps not quite so often as his live-in girlfriend might prefer.)

Meanwhile, back at the narrative (there was a narrative? — that's so 20th century), have you ever noticed that “filibuster” sounds a whole lot like “full of bluster”?

Me, neither. Back in real life (remember that?), some of you will graduate this month, so congratulations. Just don't let your career filibuster you.

I mean, look what happened to Mitch McConnell. ■

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IC, UI celebrate int'l human rights

Keeping the University of Iowa Center for Human Rights on campus was one of the main topics of concern at the Monday reading of Universal Declaration of Human Rights at the Old Capitol.

By RISHABH R. JAIN
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While locals celebrated Human Rights Day in Iowa City, several took the opportunity to further discuss the future of the University of Iowa Center for Human Rights.

Members from various local advocacy organizations convened Monday to discuss the importance of universally defined human rights, on the 64th anniversary of the U.N. General Assembly's ratification of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

After shifting the venue into the Old Capitol because of freezing conditions on the Pentacrest, speakers took to the stage and read aloud the 30 articles in the declaration and talked about their importance.

Harry Olmstead, a member of the Iowa City Human Rights Commission, declared Dec. 10 as Human Rights Day in Iowa City. He also declared the commission's support for keeping the UI Center for Human Rights on campus, which was followed by a roar of applause.

"The city of Iowa City encourages citizens to join the Iowa City Human Rights Commission in addressing all threats and discriminations and protecting human rights for all residents of the city," Olmstead said. "I would also like to say, on the behalf of Human Rights Commission, that we all support in keeping the Center for Human Rights here on university campus."

UI officials have decided to discontinue funding for the center. Officials said that does not necessarily mean the Rights Center would close if supporters are able to find other means to fund it.

Amy Weismann, associate director of the center, spoke briefly about its significance.



Maureen McCue of Physicians for Social Responsibility reads Articles 16-18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in the Old Capitol on Monday. (The Daily Iowan/Sumei Chen)

"The Center for Human Rights has been engaged for 12 years in efforts to educate a global community about the human rights of individuals and what organizations and individuals can do to protect those rights," Weismann said.

She noted that it is most important to protect the rights of individuals who are most vulnerable and have spent time in incarceration or detention.

Maureen McCue, UI adjunct assistant professor in International Programs, also expressed her support for keeping the center on campus.

"If we are ever going to promote a global community that works for the betterment and security of all, we must pay attention to and promote the values embedded in the [Rights Center]," McCue wrote in an email. "We need to not only save the center but to strengthen its mission and incorporate the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights] into the university's mission."

Ed Flaherty, the president of Iowa Veterans for Peace, said human rights has a very global aspect to it, and therefore, it is important for people in Iowa communities to know more about what is happening in such places as Afghanistan and Syria.

"We need to understand what life on the ground

Declaration of Human Rights

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights has 30 articles.

- Article 1: Right to Equality
- Article 2: Freedom from Discrimination
- Article 3: Right to Life, Liberty, and Personal Security
- Article 4: Freedom from Slavery

Source: Universal Declaration of Human Rights

is like in Afghanistan because we have been engaged with that country for more than a decade," he said. "... And to decrease the psychological gap between American citizens and say, Afghan citizens, we need to first stop killing each other."

Thomas Baldrige, the vice president of Iowa United Nations Association, said that sometimes, the universal interpretation of human rights may contradict the American interpretation of the same. He used the issue on same-sex marriage as an example.

"We are brought up to think that well, this is the best country in the world, and everything that is right and just is what we do," he said. "And then we look at the declaration and go, Oops, we are different in this category and that category."

Finals mean more coffee

By LAUREN COFFEY
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With finals week finally here, many students will stay up into the early morning hours to get that last minute studying done. Students frequent coffee shops more often this week, and local shops are noticing a difference in their sales. They're also offering specials.

Capanna Coffee

Capanna, 136 S. Dubuque St., offers a free shot of espresso with every drink a student studying buys during this week. Its hours are also extended by one hour this week.

"Even if you get an iced coffee, for instance, you could get a free shot of espresso," Capanna supervisor Logan Fales said.

Capanna will accommodate students this week by staying open until midnight every night.

"I work here five to six nights a week, and I've definitely seen an influx

in customers," Fales said. "Students usually come in during the day and stay for several hours."

T-Spoons

T-Spoons, located in the Old Capitol Mall and at 301 E. Market St., also offers a free shot of espresso with any mocha or latte special. It will continue to operate in its normal hours, closing the Market Street location 11 p.m. and the mall location at 7 p.m.

T-Spoons owner Jammie Goedken said she usually sees an increase in the number of student customers the week before finals.

She said coffeehouses have more flexibility to offer students, instead of the rigidity that can be associated with a library.

"We try to have the nice ambience, be similar to a comfy kitchen," she said.

Fair Grounds

Fair Grounds is also following the trend of offering a free shot of espresso

so with a purchase of a drink; it will be open until 8 p.m. this week.

Fair Grounds, 345 S. Dubuque St., offers a full breakfast and lunch menu all day, as well as coffee, which manager Geoffrey Kunkler believes sets it apart from other coffee shops.

"Anytime during finals week, groups tend to come in here and work for hours," he said.

"You can grab a cup of coffee and a bowl of soup, and that's pretty good study food. I also think offering vegan and vegetarian options for food is an aspect of the place that draws people in as well."

For UI senior Kayla Harrington, Fair Grounds' location and openness drew her in.

"I like the atmosphere here — sometimes, the library's a little too quiet," she said.

"I like how there are always open tables, compared with places like the Java House, and I like the location a lot better."

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“I respect faith, but doubt is what gives you an education.”
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Advice from Sun Tzu's Art of War that my girlfriend strictly adheres to in our relationship:

- Hold out baits to entice the enemy, feign disorder, and crush him.
- Attack him where he is unprepared, appear where you are not expected.
- Take heed: Peace proposals unaccompanied by a sworn covenant indicate a plot.
- One must be able to mystify one's man by false reports and appearances and thus keep him in total ignorance.
- ... Exhibit the coyness of a maiden until the enemy gives you an opening.
- Be subtle! Be subtle! And use spies for every kind of business.
- ... To fight and conquer in all your battles is not supreme excellence; supreme excellence consists in breaking the enemy's resistance without fighting.
- The enemy's spies must be sought out, tempted with bribes, led away, and comfortably bedded. Thus, they will become converted spies and available for your service.
- If a man is punished before he has grown attached to you, he will not prove submissive; and, unless submissive, he will be practically useless.
- On contentious ground, you should protect your rear.
- ... The enemy can be forced into an engagement even if he is sheltered behind a high rampart and a deep ditch.

Andrew R. Juhl said: Neener, neener, neener.

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Doonesbury BY GARRY TRUDEAU

TEXAS IS SECEDING! WELL, THERE'S A BIG ONLINE PETITION FOR IT... THE ORGANIZERS WANT US TO PUSH THE IDEA ON THE HILL. PERSONALLY, I THINK IT'D BE GREAT FOR THE COUNTRY. IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN. IT'S TOO LATE NOW. WHY TOO LATE? THE BUSHES HAVE ALREADY SPREAD TO OTHER STATES. BUT THE PERRYS HAVEN'T! THIS COULD CONTAIN THEM!

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- **Finals Week Study Space**, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Toddler Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **English Conversation Group**, 12:30 p.m., Pomerantz Family Pavilion Melrose Conference Room 6
- **Library-Community Writing Center**, 4 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Flight School**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- **English Conversation Group**, 12:30 p.m., Pomerantz Family Pavilion Melrose Conference Room 6
- **Campus Activities Board Variety**, Message Chairs, 10 p.m., IMU Hubbard Commons

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Campus channel 4, cable channel 17

12:30 p.m. "Grant Wood: Artistic Rags to Riches," UI Alumni Association Lifelong Learning event with Dr. Randy Langeling

2 p.m. Book Festival Encore, Best of noted authors and writers at the Iowa City Book Festival

3 p.m. Iowa Dance, Select performances from the UI Dance Department

4:30 p.m. "Grant Wood: Artistic Rags to Riches," UI Alumni Association Lifelong Learning event with Dr. Randy Langeling

5:30 p.m. Old Gold, classic films from the UI

6 p.m. Iowa Magazine, human-interest stories on research, service, and education

6:30 p.m. Iowa Basketball with Fran McCaffery, Iowa men's basketball coach hosted by Gary Dolphin, produced by HawkVision productions

7 p.m. UI Explorers Lecture, lectures on natural-history topics presented by UI Museums

8 p.m. Old Gold, classic films from the UI

9 p.m. Iowa Basketball with Fran McCaffery, Iowa men's basketball coach hosted by Gary Dolphin, produced by HawkVision productions

9:30 p.m. Daily Iowan TV News

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11 p.m. Old Gold, classic films from the UI

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Tuesday, December 11, 2012 by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Finish overdue projects that have to do with legal, financial, or health issues. Travel to whatever destinations will help you push through paperwork. Complete anything that may hold you back next year. A creative investment will pay off.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Make your year-end plans to ensure you don't miss visiting someone special. Traveling, communicating, and sharing with the people who mean the most to you will bring you closer together. Be creative when shopping for gifts or personal items.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Ignore anyone standing in the way of your progress. It's important not to let your emotions take over, causing you to be excessive or outspoken. Job interviews look promising if you stick to the truth regarding what you can offer.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) An unusual visit or short jaunt to a destination that sparks ideas to motivate, inspire, or excite the people you love will pay off. Don't let someone at work cause you to worry about something that is not your responsibility.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Take the stage. Set up events or whatever else you can do to win favors and boost your reputation. Don't let your insecurities or someone eager to put you down lead to wasting. You should be intent on following through with plans.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Separate your work and your personal life in order to avoid suspicious innuendoes or a scene based on unwarranted emotional overreaction. You are best to keep the peace. Don't confuse someone's motives or emotionality to make you look bad.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Backtrack if it will help you put your personal matters in order. It's important to address unfinished business that entails seeing someone you have had feelings for in the past. Let your intuition guide you regarding children, loved ones and money.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You can't lose if you follow your gut feeling when it comes to personal matters. An impulsive move won't pay off, but a well-thought-out and precisely executed attempt will. An honest, heartfelt effort will lead to good fortune.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) A surprise may leave you speechless. Try not to show your emotions. Positive actions will far exceed the results you get if you are dishonest, negative, or uncompromising. Focus on decorative changes you can make at home, but stick to a budget.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Join in any activity that will allow you to get to know your associates better. The chance to share your thoughts and to claim a good position among your peers will result in offering favors that will buy future support. Love is highlighted.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Listen to authority, and follow the rules to avoid any mishap that might cost you personally. Don't question someone's feelings when you should be considering your motives. Positive changes at home will help your situation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Say little, do more. Your actions will determine what others think of you. Leading someone on will not bode well in the end. Focus on family funds and putting aside cash that will allow you to share with the ones you love.

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5-7 p.m., Devious Dance
7-8 p.m., Purveyors of Sound
8-9 p.m., The Real Freshman Orientation
9-10 p.m., Thematic
10 p.m.-midnight, Local Tunes
Midnight-2 a.m., Steven Conlow

ART MEETS ROBOTS

UI senior Kristen Weismantle and UI junior Jack Eckert, students in the Intro to Robotic Art class, work on displaying a project in Art Building West on Monday. (The Daily Iowan/Jessica Payne)

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The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 1106

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 - Game in which the orange ghost is named Sue, not Clyde
 - "Seinfeld" woman
 - Heated disputes
 - Song sung by a patriotic politician
 - Jungle swinger
 - F.D.R. or L.B.J.: Abbr.
 - Vice president Gore and others
 - And others, for short
 - Stridex target, informally
 - Blue stone
 - Singer Damone
 - Party
 - Old Italian coin
 - How a director of campaign advertising works
 - Sought-after rock
 - Rap's Dr. ___
 - However, briefly
 - Turn-___
 - Exactly ... like a conservative's plan to lower taxes?
 - Possible cause of brain freeze
 - It's seen off la cote de la France
 - Subject of many a political scandal
 - Rooms in una casa
 - ___ Mahal
 - College org. with a Color Guard
 - The Cowboys, on scoreboards
 - React with extreme disgust
 - Louis XIV, e.g.
 - Religious belief of eight U.S. presidents
 - Like no stone, for the meticulous
 - Grand ___ Island
 - Nuisance that keeps returning, in metaphor
 - See 1-Across
- DOWN**
- Genesis maker
 - Alter altar plans, maybe
 - Space ___
 - Tease
 - Blowup: Abbr.
 - Cheesed (off)
 - James Stewart title character who goes to Washington
 - ___ Na Na
 - Mountain cat
 - "Does that ring?"
 - Event in which you may drive a hard bargain?
 - Hosp. test
 - "This Week" airtel
 - Intelligence org.
 - "___ who?!"
 - Bird: Prefix
 - Fancy chocolatier
 - Choppers
 - Assigner, as blame
 - Memorable 2011 hurricane
 - Mouthing off
 - 32 PC insert
 - Hearth residue
 - London mayor Johnson
 - Writer Jong
 - German philosopher who wrote "The true is the whole"
 - Fundamental belief

Puzzle by Erik Agard

40 One on the way up

46 "Fore!"

47 "Julius Caesar," for one

48 Kitchen brand

53 Buffalo player

55 Pickle holder

57 What a plea bargains obviates

58 Vogue competitor, for short

60 Loretta who sang "Coal Miner's Daughter"

62 Pop's Brothers

64 "___ my wit's end"

65 Darts venue

66 Biol. class topic

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It takes a 'flunker'

The website ClusterFlunk is aiming for a mid-January launch.

By **NICK HASSETT**
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There are some students at the University of Iowa who call themselves "flunkers." But their goal isn't to fail classes — it's quite the opposite.

ClusterFlunk, a new service for UI students that brings students together to collaborate in classes, is aiming for a full launch early next year. Right now, the website is in beta, a "smoke and mirrors test," in the words of one of its cofounders.

The service, which has around 750 registered members, allows students to look up courses at the university and find other students in those courses.

The website offers a forum-like system for users to post and share information, including old study guides and exams. The founders hope the service will become a searchable database for courses, combining discussion with study materials.

UI student A.J. Nelson, the CEO of ClusterFlunk, said he and Joe Dallago, a cofounder and CTO of ClusterFlunk, saw a void in the education system.

"Right now, students can only turn to instructors and TAs for help, even in a 400-person lecture," Nelson said. "ClusterFlunk is about students helping each other."

Nelson, who is responsible for the marketing and promotion side of the service, said ClusterFlunk has engaged in several promotional activities around campus. One such activity, with Nelson promoting the service on university property, ended up getting him in some hot water.

"I got a citation for trespassing for being out on the Pentacrest with a megaphone," he said. "We

like to think of it as a citation for marketing too well."

Despite the warning, Nelson is no less enthusiastic about promoting the service. Branding the site's users "flunkers" and asking students to join the "flunkin' movement," the two cofounders hope to change the meaning of the word entirely.

"Our goal is to shift the paradigm of education," Nelson said. "We want people to think of flunking differently; if they're 'flunking,' they're not using our site."

Dallago said the idea is a change for the way things are done at the university.

"We're trying to mix things up and disrupt the current education system," he said. "We believe this will result in students learning more effectively and efficiently and having a more fun way of learning with their peers."

But some at the university think the service should be cautious about how it operates.

Lyombe Eko, a UI associate professor who specializes in media law, said the legality of students sharing course material is questionable.

"It depends on the content," he said. "Students are allowed to share their own notes and hold discussions, but if students digitize and share a book they paid for, that would be a copyright violation."

However, Eko said he didn't see anything wrong with sharing old test materials or other course content.

"Information sharing is protected by the First Amendment," he said. "As long as the information is not proprietary, it can be shared."

ClusterFlunk

The service's founders hope to have the service running next year.

- Now: ClusterFlunk in "beta" with 750 members
- Mid-January 2013: Project-ed launch
- Jan. 24: Launch party at Summit
- 6-12 months: Consider expanding to other schools

Source: A.J. Nelson, cofounder of ClusterFlunk

Nelson said the service will be monitored for copyrighted material when it launches.

"We're going to moderate content and take down anything infringing," he said. "We are legally backed. But if a user posts something, they could be liable."

UI student Deepika Mehta, who has signed up for ClusterFlunk, said the service would help students collaborate.

"As a student, it's sometimes hard to meet classmates in big classes," she said. "The difference between this and other tutoring services is you meet students in your actual classes."

UI student Dylan Pond, who also signed up, was optimistic about the service and hoped to see it expand.

"I want to see how it'll pan out; hopefully, it even goes nationwide," he said. "That would be awesome."

STATE



Gabriella Troiano on Monday places an ornament on one of the four Christmas trees that have been decorated for Elizabeth Collins and Lyric Cook-Morrissey in Evansdale, Iowa. The bodies that hunters discovered last week at Seven Bridges County Park have been confirmed to be the bodies of missing cousins Lyric and Elizabeth. (Associated Press/Waterloo Courier, Matthew Putney)

Autopsy confirms identity of girls

EVANSDALE, Iowa — Police in Iowa say an autopsy has confirmed that two bodies found last week in a wildlife area are those of two young cousins who have been missing since last summer.

Evansdale Police Chief Kent S m o c k says he received confirmation Monday from the Iowa State Medical Examiner's Office that the bodies were Elizabeth Collins and Lyric Cook, who had been missing since Ju-

ly 13. The full autopsy hasn't been released to police.

Elizabeth was 8 and Lyric was 10 when they went for a bike ride and didn't return.



Hunters found their bodies last week in the Seven Bridges Wildlife Area, approximately 25 miles from where the girls were last seen.

Authorities closed the park while they searched for evidence but now have reopened the area.

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The Forgotten Refugees

Why does nobody care about the Jewish refugees from Arab lands?

The world is greatly concerned about the Arabs who fled the nascent state of Israel in 1948. But no mention is ever made of the Jewish refugees from Arab lands. Their history is as compelling and arguably more so than that of the Arab refugees from Israel.

What are the facts?

Jews in Arab countries. Jews have lived since Biblical times in what are now Arab countries. After the Roman conquest, Jews were dispersed, mostly to what are now the Arab countries of North Africa and the Middle East. Many Jews migrated to the Iberian peninsula — Spain and Portugal. They were expelled from those countries at the end of the 15th century.

They mostly migrated to the Arab countries, where, by now, they have been living for almost 500 years, many Jews for over 2,000 years.

There is a myth that Jews had an easy life in Muslim/Arab countries. The opposite is the case. Jews under Islam were treated as second-class citizens and worse. The relationship was governed by a system of discrimination, intended to reduce the Jews in those Arab countries to conditions of humiliation, segregation and violence. They were excluded from society, from government, and from most professions. They were barely tolerated and often, under the slightest pretext or no pretext at all, were victimized by vicious violence.

When Israel declared its statehood in 1948, pogroms broke out across the entire Arab/Muslim world. Thousands died in this violence. Their homes and businesses were destroyed, their women violated. The vast majority of those Jews fled from where they had lived for centuries. They had to leave everything behind. Most of those who were able to escape found their way to the just-created state of Israel.

Over 850,000 Jews were driven from Arab countries, most of them in 1948, at the birth of Israel. Most of the remainder were chased out during or immediately following the Six-Day War in 1967, when, in fury about the disastrous defeat, the "Arab street" erupted and subjected its Jewish population to bloody pogroms. Israel received every one of those Jewish refugees from Arab countries with brotherly open arms; it housed, fed, and quickly integrated them into Israeli society. They and their descendants now make up more than one-half of the country's population.

Jewish refugees from the Arab countries are the forgotten refugees. The world, and especially of course the Arabs, claim compensation from Israel for the Arab refugees and insist on their return to what has been Israel for over 60 years. The Jewish refugees from Arab countries, all Israelis now, have no desire to return to their ancient homelands, where they had been treated so shabbily and so brutally. But if there is to be any compensation, those forgotten Jewish refugees are certainly entitled to such compensation as much as the Arab refugees. Anything else would be an outrage and a great injustice.

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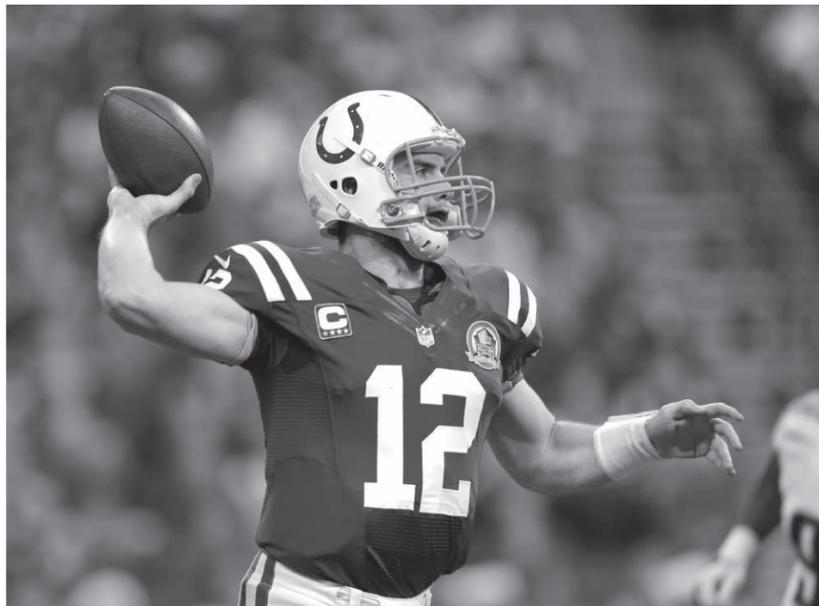
Consider these stats: He's on pace to shatter every NFL rookie passing record, and he has set the first-year records for most 300-yard games (6) and most passing yards in a single game (433, on Nov. 4 in a win over the Dolphins). Luck is 8-1 this season in one-possession games, with five game-winning drives in the fourth quarter or overtime. That should speak volumes about how the rookie handles pressure.

But there was more pressure than to just win games. Luck came into Indianapolis facing the most uphill battle in the history of pro sports: He was the true "replacement" for, arguably, the NFL's greatest quarterback.

But here's something else not many people knew when we were halfway through the season. Colt legend Peyton Manning, now quarterback for the Denver Broncos, had thrown for 2,404 yards after just eight games this season. Luck had also thrown for 2,404 yards after eight games.

Additionally, both of their teams were 5-3 at the time.

Robert Griffin III didn't have that pressure coming into this season. And neither did Russell Wilson, Doug Martin, or any other potential Offensive Rookie of the Year. Andrew Luck is proving that the



Indianapolis Colts' Andrew Luck (12) throws a pass during the first half against the Tennessee Titans on Sunday in Indianapolis. (Associated Press/Jeff Roberson)

Colts, once again, made a smart decision to draft a quarterback with the No. 1 overall pick.

— by Cody Goodwin

QB Robert Griffin III, Washington Redskins

Robert Griffin III is not just the best rookie in the NFL this year. He is one of the best players in the entire league.

Andrew Luck and the Colts keep winning, which is impressive. But if you look at the actual performance of both rookie quarterbacks, it isn't all that close.

Griffin has a passer rating of 104.2, the best in the NFL. Luck's is 74.5, which is 31st in the league. Griffin has the fifth-best completion percentage in the league,

while Luck is 33rd. Griffin averages 8.3 yards per pass attempt. That, again, is the best mark in the league. Luck is 18th in the category.

Both quarterbacks have thrown 18 touchdowns. Luck has 18 interceptions to go along with them, while Griffin III has 4.

It's clear Griffin has been better throwing the ball. That's before you factor in his 748 rushing yards and his 6.7 yards per rush attempt.

So how could anyone give this award to Luck? Well, based on team success. This made more sense after week 9, when Indianapolis was 5-3 and the Redskins were just 3-6. But since then, Washington has won four straight, and now both hot-shot rookie quarterbacks

are in playoff contention.

And sure, Luck's Colts are two games better in the standings. But these guys can only control what happens on one side of the ball, and Washington averages more yards and points per game than Indianapolis. So unless you think Luck deserves credit for his team's defense being better than Griffin's, even the team-success argument doesn't make sense.

These are both good players with bright futures. The Colts should be happy to have Luck.

But Griffin is having such a ridiculously good season that the Offensive Rookie of the Year debate seems too modest. He is playing like a deserving MVP.

— by Sam Louwagie

WILLIAMS

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capping off a great start to the 2012-13 indoor track season.

The sophomore won state titles in the 100-meter hurdles and long jump in high school.

"She's someone we felt was a tremendous all-around athlete when we recruited her," Iowa women's track and field head coach Layne Anderson said. "I've been watching her since she was a freshman, when she'd come here for our indoor high-school meets."

Anderson said a background in other sports she played in high school, including volleyball, made her an attractive candidate for a scholarship. For director of recruiting and assistant coach Clive Roberts, it was very clear why he wanted Williams to attend Iowa.

"She was the best kid

in the state," Roberts said. "We at the University of Iowa thought we needed to ensure that we get the best Iowa kids to stay at home."

Williams was able to win the high jump and 60-meter hurdles at the New Year's Classic held in Iowa City on Jan. 14. But overall, she still struggled to stay consistent as a freshman, which disappointed her.

"It was different from high school going to college; I had to adjust to it," Williams said. "I had knee problems, too, and it affected how I jumped. It wasn't my best performance last year."

This year is the first year that Williams is working closely with Roberts, who said they are working on events in which she had previously not competed.

"I'm training for multi-events, and that showed me that I need to get stronger in certain parts of my body," Williams said. "It helped my knee a lot."

Anderson said despite

some of the events being new to Williams, he believes that her natural talent will give her the opportunity to succeed at a high level.

"Khanishah has the kind of athletic ability that she can put her mind to just about anything and do it," Anderson said. "She can excel at whatever she puts her heart into."

At the intrasquad meet, Williams not only won two events, she also put up marks that could score for her team once real competition starts in January.

"She's certainly doing what we would hope she would do," Anderson said. "If she could pick a second event or multi-event points, it would be a bonus. It's still early."

At the Black and Gold meet, Williams had three close attempts at the 6-foot mark, which leads Anderson to be optimistic when it comes to how high her competitive ceiling is.

"Not many women at Iowa

team that posts a 1.2 assist/turnover ratio overall.

Turnovers Committed – 133 (3rd most in Big Ten)

Not all has been well for Iowa throughout its 8-2 start. Frequent giveaways have plagued the Hawkeyes in numerous games thus far, leading the team to commit the third-most in the Big Ten behind Minnesota (166) and Michigan State (150).

Oddly enough, the team's most careless ball-security performance — an 18-turn-over night against Western Kentucky on Nov. 20 — ended in a 63-55 Black and Gold triumph. Still, the team has committed double-digit giveaways in every game this season, and that habit could come back to haunt Iowa once its opponents' defensive intensity rises during conference play next month.

BOX SCORE

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has notched back-to-back 8-assist, 1-turnover performances in wins over South Dakota and the Cyclones. Clemmons' uncanny ability to take care of the rock as well as distribute the ball throughout the court could prove crucial for an Iowa

SPORTS

Hyde to fight charges

Former Iowa defensive back Micah Hyde plans to fight the disorderly conduct ticket he received over the weekend and a public-intoxication charge he received in October.

Hyde's lawyer, Cathy Cartee, said Monday that Hyde did nothing wrong when police responded to a loud party in his apartment building early Sunday, but she hasn't seen the complaint yet.

Cartee says Hyde also denies being intoxicated during the October incident. But Hyde pleaded guilty to interfering with police and was ordered to pay nearly \$400.

Hyde is scheduled for two trials in January. The public-intoxication case will be heard on Jan. 22, and

the disorderly conduct charge will be heard on Jan. 24.

Hyde started 38 games for the Hawkeyes before his career ended last month.

— Associated Press

Juco wideout commits to Hawks

The Iowa football team brought in some junior-college help at wide receiver on Sunday when Diamond Powell committed to the team.

"I'm committed to Iowa!! Lets go hawks," the receiver tweeted Sunday morning.

Powell is a 5-11, 175-pound speedster from Snow College in Ephraim, Utah. According to njcaa.com, he caught 41 passes for 1,231 yards and

14 touchdowns this past season. That average of 30 yards per catch indicates a big-play ability that Iowa desperately needs — the Hawkeyes' leading receivers in 2012, Keivonte Martin-Manley and Keenan Davis, averaged just 11 and 12 yards per catch respectively.

Powell, a native of Toledo, Ohio, reportedly also had interest from Ohio. But a visit to Iowa City on Dec. 7 persuaded him to commit to Iowa. He could have a chance to make an impact in the passing game immediately; Davis will graduate this year, leaving Martin-Manley as the top returner with 52 catches this past season. Jordan Cotton is next among returning receivers, with 12 receptions in 2012.

— by Sam Louwagie

Khanishah Williams

Hometown: Burlington
Class: Sophomore
Events: High jump, hurdles
 College Bests: 60-meter hurdles, 8.96; high jump (indoor), 5 feet, 8 inches

have cleared 6 feet," Anderson said. "Once she breaks that, it's kind of a magical barrier at high jump. You're sort of separating yourself from the crowd at that point. If you do that in college, you'll compete for Big Ten titles and All-American honors."

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THE BOX SCORE: MEN'S BASKETBALL

Freshmen spark Hawkeye basketball



Iowa center Adam Woodbury shoots against Iowa State in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Dec. 7. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

Anthony Clemmons and Adam Woodbury have shone for the Iowa men's basketball team, while the Hawkeyes as a whole continue to struggle with ball security

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The Box Score is a weekly segment in which a Daily Iowan reporter uses statistics to contextualize an Iowa team's performance over the course of the season.

The Iowa men's basketball team has gone through a transformation of sorts over the past two weeks. Junior forward Zach McCabe's struggles have led Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery to insert freshman guard Anthony Clemmons in the starting lineup. The move has paid off for the Hawkeyes in the form of three-straight wins, the most recent an 80-71 victory over Iowa State on Dec. 7. Clemmons' defensive prowess and ability to take care of the ball has given the Black and Gold a more dangerous look as the Big Ten season rapidly approaches.

Total Rebounds – 419 (3rd in Big Ten, 27th in NCAA)

The addition of freshman center Adam Woodbury has given the Hawkeyes the large presence down low they sorely missed last season. He and sophomore forward Aaron White have combined to pull down 115 of the team's 419 total boards, with White leading the group at 65. The duo most recently combined for 12 on Dec. 7, helping the Black and Gold become the first team to out-rebound Iowa State this season (37-35). The Cyclones are the best rebounding team in the Big 12. Iowa

is third in the Big Ten in total boards, trailing only Minnesota (491) and Purdue (434).

Field-Goal Percentage, C Adam Woodbury – 63.8 percent (12th in Big Ten)

The rookie big man has found his stroke after an up-and-down offensive start, using his hook shot to its full potential and becoming a matchup nightmare on the low post. Woodbury has hit 14 of his last 17 attempts from the field over a three-game span, and his 63.8 shooting percentage leads the Hawkeyes. The center is the 12th most accurate shooter in the Big Ten, third among true centers. Woodbury has notched 32 points over the past trio of contests, including a career-high 13-point output against Texas A&M-Corpus Christi on Dec. 1.

Assist/Turnover Ratio, PG Anthony Clemmons – 3.8 (4th in Big Ten, 54th in NCAA)

Since being named starting point guard for Iowa's contest against Texas A&M-Corpus Christi on Dec. 1, Clemmons has dished out 21 assists while committing only 4 turnovers in three games. The freshman

AP Men's Basketball Top 25, Week 6

(Previous Week's Ranking)

1. **Indiana (1)**
2. Duke (2)
3. **Michigan (3)**
4. Syracuse (4)
5. Florida (6)
6. Louisville
7. **Ohio State (7)**
8. Arizona (8)
9. Kansas (9)
10. **Illinois (13)**
11. Cincinnati (11)
12. Missouri (12)
13. **Minnesota (14)**
14. Gonzaga (10)
15. Georgetown (15)
16. Creighton (16)
17. New Mexico (18)
18. San Diego State (17)
19. **Michigan State (19)**
20. UNLV (21)
21. North Carolina (20)
22. Notre Dame (22)
23. Wichita State (24)
24. Oklahoma State (23)
25. North Carolina State (25)

*Bold denotes Big Ten

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Jumping into Iowa prominence

Hawkeye high-jumper and hurdler Khanishah Williams has 'All-American' capability, her head coach said.

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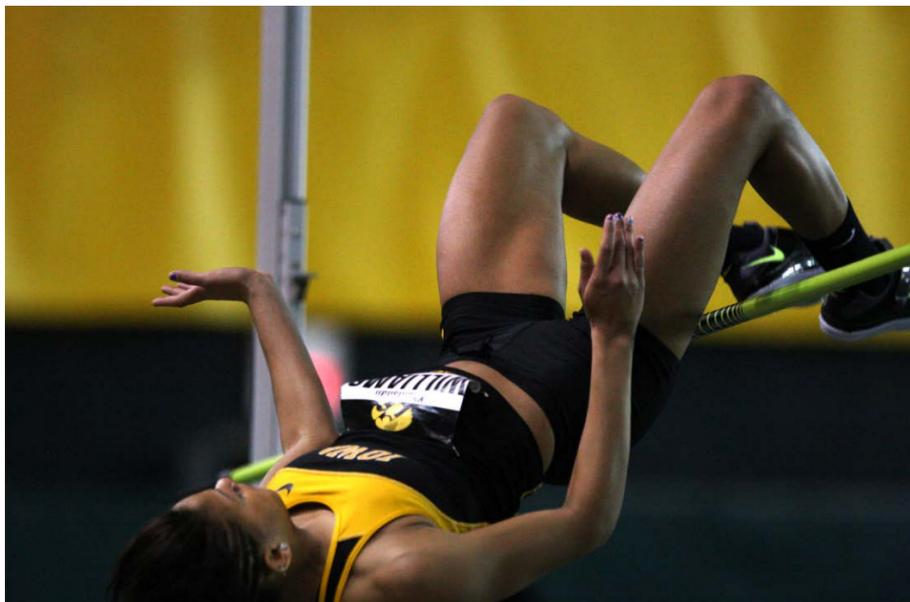
A buzz started to form in the crowd during the Iowa track and field team's annual Black and Gold intrasquad meet on Dec. 1.

It was hard to keep track of what is going on at the meet — shot-put balls were slamming the ground, gunshots were starting racing heats, and the public-address announcer was interviewing Director of Track and Field Larry Wieczorek.

But in the back of the room, a young Hawkeye turned heads.

Khanishah Williams was taking her turn in the high jump, an event in which she holds the Iowa High School Athletics Association's record. She jumped 5 feet, 10 inches while at Burlington High School.

During the Black and Gold meet, Williams unofficially



Khanishah Williams competes in the high jump during the Black and Gold intrasquad meet in the Recreation Building on Dec. 1. During the meet, Williams unofficially topped her personal best, jumping 5 feet, 11 inches. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

topped her personal mark, leaping 5 feet, 11 inches, just clearing the bar. Even though scores from the intrasquad meet don't count officially, Williams was ex-

cited about topping her previous best. "It was awesome," she said. "To get a new [personal record] is always a good thing ... I feel

more confident in myself." Williams also won the 60-meter hurdles race that day, too,

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POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Griffin or Luck?

Two *Daily Iowan* reporters debate: Will Andrew Luck or Robert Griffin III win the NFL's Offensive Rookie of the Year award?

QB Andrew Luck, Indianapolis Colts

Andrew Luck — the man who was chosen No. 1 overall in April by the Indianapolis Colts, and who has since taken the once-broken franchise and has it in serious play-off contention — deserves to be the NFL's Offensive Rookie of the Year.

The guy is a winner. He's proven that time and time again. He took a team that went 2-14 a year ago and has it at 9-4 so far this season. He's taken responsibility for so much of his team's success this season, and in more ways than one, it's been fun

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