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GRATE WORK

Chef Chris Grebner gives a cooking demonstration to students at Kirkwood Elementary on Thursday in Coralville. The University of Iowa group Healthy Hawks teamed up with the Farm to School program this year and started cooking classes at the afterschool program at Kirkwood. Local farmers and the New Pioneer Co-op have made donations to the classes.
(The Daily Iowan/Juan Carlos Herrera)

Council to decide on dam consultant

The city staff recommended the council work with a Denver design group.

By NICK HASSETT
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A revitalized Iowa Riverfront may be coming sooner than expected.

The Iowa City City Council will vote on whether to proceed with a particular design group for the Burlington Street dam proposal at the next council meeting.

The city staff has recommended that the council authorize it to sign a consultant agreement with Whitewater Design Group of Denver.

The group submitted a proposal for the Burlington Street dam, which the city hopes to modify for safety improvements, riverbank stabilization, fish passage, and educational and recreational opportunities.

The dam is a "low-head" dam, also called a weir. Iowa Natural Resources encourages dam owners to remove or modify low-head dams, also known as "drowning machines," according to a Natural Resources brochure. The dams can trap fallen branches and debris, along with victims, in recirculating currents below them.

The proposal was one of three submitted to the city; it involves the construction of a new dam in addition to developing recreational areas for swimming, kayaking, and other water activities, as well as creating an area for fish to pass through.

Steve Long, the Iowa City community development coordinator, said the combination of recreational facilities and fishing areas makes sense for the proposal.

"The two complement each other," he said. "The design would create areas where fish would congregate and improve their habitat, and in the same area there may be a jetty for fishing."

The design and engineering phase will include public input and acquiring



The Iowa River and Burlington Street bridge and dam are shown here on July 17. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

construction documents, and officials project it to take about 18 months, with a similar amount of time allotted for the construction.

Long hopes more people will use the river after the project is completed.

"Whether walking, biking, paddling, or fishing, [this proposal] is about opening up the river," he said. "It's really an underutilized river, and we're hoping for lots of input."

The cost for the consultation is \$360,141, which the city plans to pay for primarily with grants. The city has applied for and received grants from the Environmental Protection Agency, Iowa Great Places Program, and the Iowa Natural Resources Low-Head Dam Safety Program. Iowa City has authorized up to \$49,000 in city funds for the project.

Several other cities in Iowa have undergone dam modifications, including Charles City, which transformed its low-head dam into a whitewater rafting area and surrounding park.

The Charles City Riverfront Park opened in July 2011, and it has been

open year round since. There's no charge for the public, but surrounding areas have enjoyed increased business.

"We see traffic at local restaurants, gas stations, and other businesses around the area," said Ginger Williams, the tourism coordinator at the Charles City Chamber of Commerce. "There's a local outfitter renting out inner tubes, and that's been profitable for them."

Williams said the Riverfront Park has been well-received by the city.

"It makes the whole river area more approachable and inviting," she said. "More people are drawn to the river, and there's always activity down there. It's an exciting element of community attraction in itself."

Tom Brownlow, the city administrator for Charles City, said the park wasn't used as much during the drought, but activity is usually high.

"Before we joked that the park was

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Gender ID change hailed

The University of Iowa added a third option for gender identification as well as an optional sexual orientation question on application materials.

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Yet again, the University of Iowa distinguishes itself with a first.

As of Dec. 1, students applying to the University of Iowa are able to mark transgendered as an option under gender identification. Applicants will also have the option to identify with the lesbian, bisexual, gay, transgendered, and questioning community.

"The university has been at the forefront for LGBTQ students as well as faculty," said Molly Tafoya, the communications director for One Iowa.

The UI is the first public institution in the United States to ask students questions regarding sexual orientation and gender identity — a move to make students feel at-home and comfortable with the university.

"I hope this enables the students to feel more content," said Georgina Dodge, the UI chief diversity officer. "It indicates to future students that we identify

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UIHC kills transit system

The UIHC Patient Transportation Service will be discontinued after Dec. 31.

By KRISTEN EAST
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University of Iowa hospital administrators will disband a service providing free transportation to thousands of IowaCare patients from around the state. UI Hospitals and Clinics officials say the cost of the program has grown to become prohibitive, and patients have other options available to them. However, not all are happy with the decision.

The UIHC Patient Transportation Service currently provides free transportation to and from its Iowa City location from anywhere in the state for confirmed IowaCare patients or patients with pre-existing chronic conditions who have made appointments. That service will come to an end on Dec. 31.

Officials estimate the closure will save the UIHC roughly \$600,000 per year.

Most people who use the service are IowaCare beneficiaries. IowaCare is a health-care program that serves adults between 19 and 64 years of age who earn less than 200 percent of the federal poverty level and who are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid. The program began on July 1, 2005.

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News

Officials warn about burglaries

The Iowa City police crime-prevention officer warns against winter-break burglaries.

By ERIC CLARK
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With a dramatic increase in the number of reported burglaries over the holidays in the last two years, local law-enforcement officials urge students to take proper precautions before going home for the winter break.

Between December 2010 and January 2011, Iowa City residents reported 39 burglaries. In that same short time period a year later, that number spiked to 86 reported burglaries.

"We call it a rash of burglaries, where we get these hot spurts of crime," Iowa City police crime-prevention Officer Jorey Bailey said. "Maybe we have a burglar who is hitting more residences in town, whereas maybe the year prior, that particular person wasn't doing that or was locked up. It's more relative to the people doing it."

The University of Iowa police issued an email earlier this month to UI students, staff, and faculty, containing the latest version of the Crime Prevention Newsletter.

The newsletter provided several tips for people to protect their belongings in their unattended residences while they are away for break.



With a dramatic increase in the number of reported burglaries in the last two years, local law-enforcement officials are urging people to take proper precautions before leaving for the holiday break. (Photo Illustration by The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

Bailey said there are many things students and citizens can do to prevent the theft of their possessions.

"First thing is obviously locking your doors," he said. "And making sure your roommates are doing the same."

UI senior Danny Altosino said he isn't worried much about having his property stolen while he is away.

"We have a pretty safe spot, so I'm not really worried," he said. "We've lived there for three years now and haven't had any issues so far."

Altosino said he and his roommates take all their items of high value home with them, eliminating

the chance that they'll be stolen.

"We will have one of the three roommates up at Iowa periodically throughout break, so we'll be able to make sure everything is safe and sound," he said.

Bailey said there are various other precautionary measures that students can use.

"The second thing is making sure that all your mail is taken care of, stopped, or frozen with the Postal Service so it's not getting piled up outside," he said. "That's a really good sign for those who are trying to victimize those who aren't there."

The 10-year veteran of the Iowa City police said the force has officers on

patrol to curb burglaries as well.

"We have undercoverers who walk through apartments and make sure they're secure by checking doors," he said. "We get lots of calls of suspicious people walking through apartments checking doors, and it's not just our officers."

UI junior Kayley Steinberg said the thought of having her apartment burglarized hadn't even crossed her mind.

"I haven't heard of any recent break-ins," she said. "I consider my apartment to be pretty safe, because we haven't had any break-ins before."

Although Steinberg believes her possessions are safe from thieves, she said she plans to take most of her valuable belongings home with her for break.

The UI police newsletter also urged people to refrain from announcing their absences via social-media outlets such as Facebook or Twitter.

"During the holiday season, when students are gone, criminals know that," Bailey said. "Apartment complexes where students live predominately, they're at a higher risk, because criminals know they're gone, and they're looking for the easy take."

METRO

2 charged with credit-card fraud

Two men have been accused of knowingly using a stolen credit card to make more than \$1,500 in purchases at a Coralville department store.

According to a Coralville police complaint, Ousmane Diaby, 35, address unknown, and Mahamadou Djallo, 37, address unknown, were charged Wednesday.

Diaby and Djallo allegedly used a stolen credit card in the name of Calvin W. Chelston at the Coral Ridge Mall Dillard's for purchases in excess of \$1,500.

Additional cards have also been recovered, the complaint said.

Falsifying use of a financial institution is Class-D felony, punishable up to five years in prison with a maximum fine of \$7,500.

— by Quentin Misiag

Council to cluck along

Two resolutions related to urban chickens will be considered by the Iowa City City Council at its Dec. 18 meeting.

The first resolution would create a permit system for urban chickens. A permit would last for three years and would outline requirements for the coops and pens.

The second resolution would adopt an urban-chicken policy, setting the number of chickens allowed (four) and including the provision that no permit would be issued without consent of the neighbors, referred to as a "veto" provision in council discussions.

City staff has emphasized that urban chickens are not legal until the policy has been developed.

— by Nick Hassett

Council to vote on taxi rules

The Iowa City City Council will vote on the final consideration of an ordinance regulating taxis at the next council meeting, Dec. 18.

The proposed changes would include requiring a distinctive color scheme per taxi company, changing the date when licenses must be acquired to June 1, and requiring the location of the

dispatch office to be in the Iowa City or Coralville City limits.

An ordinance requires three readings to pass. The previous considerations passed 7-0 and 6-1 despite opposition from several community members during public discussion. Councilor Jim Throgmorton opposed the measure at its most recent reading.

— by Nick Hassett

Man faces drug charge

An Iowa City man has been accused of possessing more than 100 grams of marijuana without the drug tax stamp.

According to two Iowa City police complaints, Romario Cardoza, 22, 4494 Taft Ave. S.E. lot C11, was charged Aug. 9.

Members of the Johnson County Drug Task Force acted as undercover agents in meeting with Cardoza, reportedly to arrange a narcotics transaction. Four ounces of marijuana was delivered to the undercover agents. Later testing reportedly confirmed a total combined weight of 110.29 grams.

By law, this amount of marijuana requires a drug tax stamp to be affixed. No stamp was attached.

A controlled-substance violation and possession or distribution of a drug without a drug tax stamp are Class-D felonies, each punishable up to five years in prison with a maximum fine of \$7,500.

— by Quentin Misiag

City wants list of developers narrowed

City staff recommends that the Iowa City City Council narrow the number of finalists for the development at the intersection of College and Gilbert Streets.

Currently, five development teams have proposals before the City Council. City councilors will likely select their top two or three development proposals in order for city staff to begin negotiating a development agreement.

The five finalists for the development site include Sherman Associates, Chauncey Gardens, the Chauncey, 4 Zero 4, and Ryan Companies/Iceberg Development.

— by Kristen East

Council to consider School District resolution

The Iowa City City Council will consider a resolution at its next meeting recommending a shared vision for the development of the Iowa City School District.

City staff has proposed that the School District prioritize capital spending to bring all existing facilities to the standards of recently constructed facilities and that the School District construct two new elementary schools within the corporate limits of Iowa City.

This, the staff wrote, would benefit both the city and the School District.

If school officials decide to consider a third high school, it must not cause harm to the facilities, enrollment practices, or course offerings of existing city high schools, according to city documents.

City Manager Tom Markus and Mayor Matt Hayek are expected to meet with School District officials to discuss shared objectives prior to the board submitting the Revenue Purpose Statement.

— by Kristen East

IC noted for high volunteer rate

Iowa City has been recognized as having one of the highest volunteer rates in the country, according to recent data collected by the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Iowa City ranks third among 75 mid-size cities in the county, having a volunteer rate of 49.1 percent. This equates to roughly 58 volunteer hours per resident.

The report indicates that 32 percent of volunteer efforts were for educational purposes, followed by 26 percent who volunteered for religious organizations, and 16 percent volunteering for health organizations.

The report also shows that the volunteer rate nationally is at its highest level in five years. Additionally, 64.3 million Americans volunteered in an organization this year.

— by Kristen East

Search for communication VP to begin next year

The search for a new vice president for Strategic Communication at the University of Iowa will begin after the new year, according to a UI press release.

The position, which will be left vacant by current Vice President Tysen Kendig, administers university communication and marketing.

According to the press release, the search committee for the position is still being assembled.

"We have made tremendous strides in more aggressively promoting the profound impact that the University of Iowa is making on Iowa and the world, and I intend for that great momentum to continue," UI President Sally Mason said in the release.

Kendig accepted a job in a similar position at the University of Connecticut. There he will oversee UConn's Office of University Communications, beginning in mid-January.

Mark Braun, the chief of staff for the Office of the President, will serve as interim vice president for Strategic Communication, effective Jan. 3.

— by Kristen East

Downtown District seeks budget OK

The Iowa City Downtown District will ask the city to approve its fiscal 2014 budget and incorporate those figures into the city's respective budgets.

The Iowa City City Council will consider a motion at its meeting on Dec. 18 to accept the Downtown District's fiscal 2013 and 2014 budgets.

The district's proposed fiscal 2014 operating budget is \$517,616. Officials expect \$494,720 in expenses, and \$22,896 to be carried forward.

The district operated on a budget of \$537,238 in fiscal 2013. Among its expenditures, the district spent \$127,213 on events and \$133,850 on marketing.

— by Kristen East

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In the Dec. 13 story "Clinic exceeds expectations," *The Daily Iowan* incorrectly reported the name of the Coralville city councilor. His name is Tom Gill, not Tom Miller. The *DI* regrets the error.

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Abdullah Aishehri, 22, 1851 Melrose Ave. Apt. 112, was charged Tuesday with OWI.

Nathan Balukoff, 21, Ankeny, was charged with fifth-degree theft.

Ricky Doerscher, 45, North Liberty, was charged Wednesday with driving with a suspended or canceled license.

Sean Fleming, 21, 332 S. Linn St. Apt. 414, was charged Thursday with public intoxication.

John Fredericks, 49, 352 Camden

Road, was charged Wednesday with third-degree harassment.

Lee Hauser, 23, 618 N. Dodge St. Apt. 5, was charged Dec 13 with public intoxication.

Tyler Johnson, 26, Marion, was charged Thursday with OWI.

James Kray, 33, 736 Sandusky Drive, was charged Nov. 9 with giving false reports to law enforcement.

Stuart Krick, 20, S304 Parklawn, was charged Tuesday with possession of a

controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Jason Lepse, 23, 522 S. Clinton St. Apt. 309, was charged Thursday with public intoxication.

Michael Mason, 20, Chicago, was charged Tuesday with possession of a controlled substance.

Gilberto Mendez-Ayala, 36, 4852 Sioux Ave. S.E., was charged Wednesday with OWI.

Jeffrey Smurthwaite, 18, 732 E. Jef-

ferson St., was charged Wednesday with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Dustin Williams, 31, 1486 S. First Ave. Apt. 2, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication and interference with official acts.

David Villanueva, 22, Hanover Park, Ill., was charged Thursday with OWI.

Vincent Vogelsang, 50, 1121 Gilbert Court, was charged Tuesday with criminal trespass.

Leadership changes at Belin-Blank Center

Susan Assouline will take over as director of the center for the gifted.

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Although the new year will bring a name change to the University of Iowa's Belin-Blank International Center for Gifted Education and Talent Development, life will continue as usual for most of the center.

Nicholas Colangelo will step down from his job as director of the center, and Susan Assouline, the associate director, will become the new director effective Jan. 1.

"It feels like it's time," Colangelo said. "It's been a number of years. I wanted to make sure I stepped down in a way that would make a very smooth transition."

Assouline has worked with the center for 22 years.

"I am really excited about it," she said. "I feel ready."

The Belin-Blank Center works with an international gifted community, which includes teachers, students, and parents. The students have not yet entered their college years. The center was officially founded in 1988, and it will celebrate its 25th anniversary in July.

Since its inception, the center has raised roughly \$41 million and worked with more than 500,000 students in summer programs.

"It's been a lot of suc-



Blank Honors Center is shown on Thursday. (The Daily Iowan/Joshua Housing)

cess," Colangelo said.

To make sure the transition goes off without a hitch, he will remain on staff for another year as a full-time faculty member.

"I'll continue doing what I can to help support the center," he said.

Colangelo has complete faith Assouline can do a good job as director.

"I couldn't be happier to have her as the new director," he said. "I have a ton of confidence in her."

The center's faculty and staff agree, and they believe that the transition is a natural change.

"We're going to have a greater sense of continuity than change," said Laurie Croft, an administrator for professional development. "It's a very natural evolution."

Assouline hopes to continue the work the Belin-Blank Center has succeeded with.

"I am going to continue

our legacy of high levels of energy, enthusiasm, and optimism for serving gifted students," she said.

Assouline sees more growth on the horizon.

"I want to see growth in our clinic services for twice-exceptional students, close alignment of STEM with the state of Iowa STEM initiative, and enhancing our presence on the international front," she said. "We're hoping to in the very near future have programs for students in India."

Even though the director of the center is changing, Assouline believes there will not be large changes to the center just because she has a new title.

"There will be new things that will happen, but it won't be because it wasn't there before — it will be because the time is now right for these new programs and services," she said.

Officials unfazed by state's health rating

Iowa drops in ranking, but officials are not overly concerned with the results.

By **BRENT GRIFFITHS**
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Gov. Terry Branstad has a vision. He wants Iowa to be the healthiest state in the country.

However, a recent report indicates that Iowa has dropped four spots in national rankings. Despite the drop in rankings, several officials aren't fazed.

"The survey is a snapshot in time, and anything currently done would not show the lag in the survey," said Mariannette Miller-Meeks, the director of the Iowa Department of Public Health. "You don't want to have a knee-jerk reaction to something you may have already addressed."

America's Health Rankings ranked Iowa No. 20 in 2012. Iowa dropped four spots from No. 16.

Iowa's goal is based on a different survey — Gallup's-Healthways Well-Being Index — but, either way, one local doctor feels there is a "disconnect" when it comes to reaching the goal.

"While we set these goals, the big area we have not made an impact in is nutrition," said Jason Bradley, a nutritionist of Washington Street Wellness Center, 505 E. Washington St. "Why are spending billions upon billions upon billions

when it's so easy to focus on prevention?"

Miller-Meeks disagreed with Bradley's comments, saying there is a "tremendous amount of focus" on prevention coming from state programs and initiatives, which include: a state bureau of fitness and nutrition as well as an increase on the issue in the private sector with Hy-Vee now staffing dietitians and nutritionists.

Regardless of the ranking, Johnson County Public Health Director Doug Beardsley said the county continues to engage in healthy behaviors while trying to tackle issues related to binge drinking.

"We're changing the culture of binge drinking," he said. "The 21-ordinance and UI educating students, and following up on incidences even off campus have helped address the problem."

The university offers a variety of programs to help keep students healthy, including: a personal health assessment, life coaching, and access to the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center.

One student felt students should take up the resources offered by the Rec Center.

"A lot of students are present right now, and even more will be here

Health Rankings

Iowa is striving to reach its goal of being the healthiest state in the country by 2016. Iowa's standings:

- 2012 America's Health Rankings: 20
- 2011 Gallup's-Healthways Well-Being Index: 16
- 2011 America's Health Rankings: 16

Source: Gallup and America's Health Rankings

after break with New Year's resolutions and spring-break goes," said Jake Squillaci, a membership services attendant at the Rec Center.

According to the survey, binge drinking was one of the challenges the survey identified as well as limited availability of primary-care physicians and a high incidence of infectious disease.

Adding a change in survey methods was also to blame for Iowa's drop.

Beardsley said the rankings are a relative standard, so it's difficult to tell if Iowa is getting worse or other states are doing better.

"Don't worry about what other people are doing," he said. "Instead worry about what your community and state are doing to improve your health."

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EDITORIAL

Mason should be concerned

At a press conference Wednesday afternoon, University of Iowa President Sally Mason played down the significance of the state Board of Regents' August decision to deny her a new contract, citing her five-year deferred compensation package and a recent 2 percent raise as evidence of her support from the regents.

"The contract issue to me is not one I have much concern over," Mason said, "especially given the way I've been treated [by the regents]."

But any reasonable interpretation of the recent relationship between Mason and the regents casts doubt upon the president's affirmation of her own good standing. In August, the regents denied Mason a new contract, citing a need for her to revamp her goals for the next academic year. More recently, Regent President Craig Lang spoke critically about the UI's response to the resignation of Athletics Department adviser Peter Gray amid an ongoing internal sexual-misconduct investigation.

"Clearly, the latest incident at the UI suggests the UI is not doing a good enough job in this area," Lang said.

Mason warned the public against hasty judgments of her job performance, brushing off any criticism as misguided or even naive.

"Until you've sat in my shoes for a few hours, you might want to be a little, perhaps, calmer about your judgment on things," the president said. "I always tell people ... don't believe everything you read in the newspaper."

First, no matter how high a person climbs on the ladder of success, it is expected that the person conduct herself with integrity, taking responsibility for degradation of duty instead of taking easy shots at the media and the public for displaying a healthy level of skepticism.

And though her job is no doubt incredibly stressful, highlighting the difficulty of one's employment as an excuse to be distant from public scrutiny is petty, especially given the various scandals and transparency issues the UI administration has been a part of in the time Mason has been president. Furthermore, being a president at a public university usually merits some well-deserved public judgment, because most of \$450,000 in Mason's salary is paid by Iowa taxpayers.

Finally, for someone who can use the press as a means of getting information to the public she is supposed to be serving, Mason seems entirely too flippant about the media.

In an interview with the *Iowa City Press Citizen*, Mason replied to the question of how future employers would learn about Gray's speckled past: "Read the newspapers." This statement is in juxtaposition to her skepticism about the validity of criticism involving her administration, meaning the president is either truly unsure if the press can be trusted or she sees the Fourth Estate as merely a machine that is only useful when it is spitting out pro-Mason propaganda. This in light of the Gray controversy and the abrupt resignation of seven faculty members from a College of Education Advisory Committee and the dean of the education school.

"These are not unusual situations by any stretch of the imagination," Mason told the media Wednesday. "The fact that they get as much attention as they do here, I think that's [the media]. That seems to be the news that [the media] want to report."

Though her press conferences and monthly question-and-answer sessions unlock fruitful answers, the sessions are irregular and prone to sudden scheduling conflicts. These sessions are a tool for Mason to use, and we urge her to be proactive in using this tool in the coming semester.

And, despite what the president said, transparency is an issue she should be concerned about. Criticism of Mason has not been limited to the regents, however; this week, Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad also expressed concern about a lack of transparency in the UI administration.

The recent confluence of events at the university has led some to call for Mason's resignation. *The Daily Iowan* Editorial Board does not believe that the recent events merit resignation, but we do believe that Mason must improve her crisis communication, or her remaining time at Iowa will be brief and beset by controversy and she will ultimately pay the heavy price.

Your turn.

Should UI president Sally Mason have divulged more information to the Should Sally Mason be concerned about her position at UI? Weigh in on at dailyiowan.com.

Equality a right for all



By KATIE KUNTZ
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In 2009, the Supreme Court of Iowa was asked a question: how can a state premised on the Constitutional principle of equal protection justify exclusion of a class of Iowans from civil marriage?

The decision was that this state could not.

Last week, the U.S. Supreme Court decided that it would also face a similar choice, and though many distracting arguments will be presented, the Supreme Court must decide in favor of equality for Americans.

"What does it mean to be equal?" That is what is before the Supreme Court today," said Linda Kerber, a professor emerita of history at the University of Iowa. "That is really something you need to cling to, because otherwise you get into distraction."

Kerber contributed to the amicus brief, or "friend of the court" document, that was presented to the Iowa Supreme Court in 2009. She is again contributing to a brief that will be submitted to the U.S. Supreme Court as it considers some of the arguments for and against same-sex marriage.

In her research, she found that among the many distractions to the basic argument of equality are the arguments that same-sex couples are inadequate at raising children and that traditional marriage must be protected.

The first argument was presented to the state of Iowa Supreme Court, which found: "Many leading organizations, including the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Psychiatric Association, the American Psychological Association, the National Association of Social Workers, and the Child Welfare League of America, weighed the available research and supported the conclusion that gay and lesbian parents are as effective as heterosexual parents in raising children."

Still, homosexual couples do face greater challenges in raising their children because of the widespread denial of the right to be married.

"If you look at the impact of laws, we filtered a lot of privileges through marriage," Kerber said. "You get a lot of your coverage through marriage, and once it became practice to allow gay people to adopt, we have children who are not getting equal protection because their parents couldn't collect rights from the state."

Denial of the right to marry is a denial of equal protection of the laws, but the first argument is entirely disproved by researchers in many fields. However, the second argument is the basis for the Defense of Marriage Act, which will come under scrutiny by the Supreme Court.

"People who support the Defense of Marriage Act are certain that the definition of marriage has not changed over time," Kerber said. "But traditional marriage turns out to have many traditions — it is much less stable than you might think."

Kerber said that over centuries, the definition of marriage changed from allowing women no rights, under the legal principle of coverture, to allowing some rights to now having equality.

"There was a time in the revolution of marriage in which there was no concept of rape in marriage," Kerber said. "I say to people that you may not be a feminist, but would you at least be grateful for them for changing that?"

Not only did the definition of marriage change for women, it also changed for biracial couples.

"Miscegenation made it illegal for a white person to enter into marriage with someone from a different race until *Loving v. Virginia* in 1967," Kerber said. "People used to think biracial marriage was shocking and terrible, and now we say it is shocking and terrible that people thought it was shocking and terrible."

The definition of marriage is a fluid definition in the United States, and the Defense of Marriage Act specifically denies some Americans equal protection under the law.

Whatever objections some may have to same-sex couples, Americans must look past the biased and unfounded distractions and demand equal protection for all people. ■

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Color-coded cabs

The Iowa City City Council is at it again. Not satisfied with destroying the entertainment economy of downtown Iowa City, the councilors now turn their attention toward ruining the cab industry as well.

Have any of the councilors taken simple economics courses? Do they understand that when you artificially create barriers to entry in the marketplace, prices go up and competition goes down? And who pays for this? We do, of course, the citizens of Iowa City. This ordinance is nothing more than a power grab by the larger cab companies in this area.

To quote Councilor Rick Dobyns, "I think of a taxicab in a similar fashion to a police officer. Police officers have to be dressed uniformly; they can't just have their badge and dress any way they want. The same is true for taxis; the car needs to be standard and visible."

Is he serious? Someone needs to explain to Dobyns that the Police Department is a public institution, while cab companies are private companies. The next logical extension of this line of thinking is to require all bars to be blue, all department stores to be red, and all restaurants to be yellow. After all, how can I tell what type of place I am walking in to if everything isn't color-coded?

The people of Iowa City need to realize that their City Council thinks that the

citizens are all children and are unable to determine what is a cab and what isn't. Add this to the 21-ordinance and the red-light cameras to see how little the council truly thinks of your abilities to function as adults.

If you care about the economic future of our city, then please vote all of these people out of office at every opportunity available.

Doug Kallin
Iowa City resident

Free-market cheats

Yes, free markets in the taxi business are wonderful. They guarantee that any guy with a pulse who can put crooked sticker lettering on the side of an old Dodge Caravan can come out at bar rush and on game days and refuse all "undesirable fares" — such as people going long distances, single individuals, or people who aren't willing to pay three times the posted rate to go to North Liberty or Coralville.

Those of us at the responsible companies get to haul these angry refuse-niks and listen to their complaints every night. Forgive our frustration. Drivers at my company took a 15 percent cut in commission last year to help us survive all this "competition."

The thing we want most (that regulations sadly don't touch) is for any available taxi to haul any orderly person who requests they do so. Until all local companies do this, they won't be competing — they'll

be cheating.

Responsible companies, such as the one I work for, have professionally painted fleets, are properly licensed with 24-hour dispatch, paid dispatchers, an office that's actually open, a shop, a salaried manager, a mechanic — the sort of things required to serve the public adequately. I guess they're chumps to invest all that money. They could save so much cash if they shut down in the summer or during slow-day shifts, or if they closed their office at night, or if they waited several months past deadlines to get permits and licenses, or if they let a driver dispatch from his taxi, or if they refused to take your credit card, or if they paid dispatchers \$2.50 an hour — or if they used lost credit cards to buy gas.

Certain local companies have done all of these things. Can you really blame the City Council for stepping in to try to slow this race to the bottom?

Perry Rasmussen
Marco's Taxi

Fine-tune the project

In 1991, I initiated the petition to protect the College Green Park neighborhood as a Historic District. In just one year, my 1890 home will be surrounded by three new apartment buildings under construction: 500 and 600 E. Washington St. Three of the high-rise College and Gilbert Street proposals would shadow my house two blocks away

during winter afternoons.

In the recent election of 2012, Iowa City voters rejected the proposed jail-addition capacity, but also an architecturally incongruous glass structure dwarfing the historic landmark. This summer, 14 percent of Iowa City voters signed a petition against the city TIF funding of the 14-story Moen project at 114 S. Dubuque St. A similar jump in building mass from the Red Avocado house and its welcoming gardens just happened at 511-21 Washington. Here we go again.

Development on the College-Gilbert corner should be harmonious and appropriate with the one- to four-story buildings. We already have two 14-story TIF buildings shadowing the Pedestrian Mall public space. Global warming will soften winter, but 40 degrees is cold in the shade. Creating a canyon affects people's psychology and increased shadow on adjacent properties.

Why lose the sunlight in another public space? More taxes 18 years from now means no sunlight all winter for 100 years. Massive scale and subsidization benefits our 1 percent developers but costs the 99 percent.

This community deserves sustainable human-scale construction for the people, not another glass high rise that is spot zoned on the east side of Gilbert Street.

Energy and Environmental requirements (LEED) are imperative for city-supported proposals.

Pam Michaud
Iowa City resident

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UI spokesman Tom Moore said UI Health Care leaders discussed the growing number of Iowans on IowaCare and the expenditures facing them before ultimately choosing to discontinue the voluntary service earlier this year.

Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville, said the Iowa Legislature was only informed of the UIHC's decision about two weeks ago.

"The hospital administration has been great to work with, but ... I do think it's part of the mission of the hospital to make sure that critical-care patients can get there," he said. "There are going to be people who are hurt by the fact that they won't have transportation to the hospital."

According to a letter obtained by *The Daily Iowan* written by UIHC Director of Patient Financial Services Philip

Roudabush, UI officials are encouraging patients to find other means of traveling to and from the UIHC for appointments.

"Other transportation options you may choose to explore include: personal or family vehicle, friends, community resources, community volunteers, public transit services, or commercial options such as a taxi or shuttle service," the letter read.

Roudabush deferred all comments to Moore.

The UIHC has offered transportation for patients to and from Iowa City since 1915, when the Legislature first appropriated public funds for such services, Moore said.

IowaCare beneficiaries are all assigned to one of eight designated health-care centers throughout the state to allow for access to health care closest to home. All IowaCare patients, however, reserve the option of receiving care at the UIHC.

Moore cited the geographically dispersed provider network as one reason for UI officials to

discontinue the Patient Transportation Service.

"... As IowaCare grew, the percentage of enrollees whose transportation needs could be met from the existing UIHC transport resources dropped proportionately," Moore said.

In fiscal 2012, 23,860 IowaCare beneficiaries made 130,497 visits to the UIHC, roughly 43 percent of whom received transportation to and/or from the hospitals, according to information provided by Moore. UI officials recorded 1,940 trips, 10,146 patient transports, and 615,921 traveled miles in that same time period.

The UIHC is not reimbursed for these transports, which in fiscal 2012 cost approximately \$1.14 million.

While the Legislature has no say in the operation of the service, Jacoby believes it may have been salvaged had UI officials asked them for help.

"It is [the hospital's] call," he said. "... They could've come to us months ago so we could

work on alternatives. It's not that we're mad at them — we want to work with them to see if we can find a way to fund transportation for critical care patients."

Moving forward, Jacoby said the Legislature will likely look into reforming the health-care program.

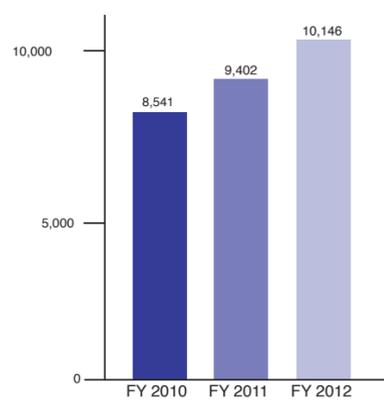
"[We should] look at the inadequate funding for IowaCare itself, but I do think we will need to revisit the transportation challenges for all of Iowa," he said.

However, Sen. Bob Dvorsky, D-Coralville, doubts the Legislature would want to discuss transportation options.

"Our track record hasn't been very good in the past," he said. "It's unfortunate that [the patients] won't have transportation, but it's one of those situations where [UI officials are] letting everyone know who was going to be affected by it and what their resources are. It's unfortunate, but they did the best job they could."

IOWACARE BENEFICIARIES COMING TO UIHC

The number of patient transports to the UIHC has increased by more than 1,000 in the past two years.



SOURCE: UIHC SPOKESMAN TOM MOORE

ADMISSIONS

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and welcome them."

With the new options, UI officials hope to adequately gauge the number of students identifying with the LGBTQ community, something that isn't currently available for officials.

"We only have anecdotal numbers," Dodge said. "This will provide us some beginning to make sure we provide adequate services to the students."

The discussion for a third gender-identity option has been ongoing until recently when technology allowed the UI to pursue it.

The UI's newest technology system, Made at the University of Iowa, allowed the university to make changes to standardized forms, in turn making alternative gender identification optional.

"Everything seemed to come together this past fall, and collectively, we decided this was the di-

Admissions Changes

The University of Iowa will now offer a third option for gender identification, along with an optional question asking if students identify with the LGBTQ community.

- The UI is the first public institution in the nation to offer the third option and attempt to identify its LGBTQ students.

- The options became available on the application on Dec. 1.

- The Admissions Office hopes to use the information to point students toward helpful resources.

Source: Michael Barron, director of UI Admissions

rection we wanted to go," said Michael Barron, the director of UI Admissions. "It was an appropriate time, because other changes were being made to the online application."

With the newest addition to the application, Jefri Palermo, a co-head of the UI LGBT Students and Faculty Association, said this is a "fabulous

improvement."

"I salute, admire, and thank all of those people who played a role in making this happen," she said. "Institutional change like this is very difficult to accomplish; the UI should be proud of its accomplishment."

Officials are unsure of the number of students who will honestly answer the survey for various reasons — many college students come to terms with sexuality issues when in college or may not identify with a parent watching the application process.

"There will be people who don't identify [with the LGBT community] but actually do," Barron said. "It's a question of being able to reach back to them and let them know the resources and those things exist."

But while officials are positive about the change, some students remain hesitant.

"There's concern in the general community," said Michael Fitz, a UI student identifying as a member of the LGBTQ community.

"They need to make sure there are limits imposed to ensure they will not use it for certain things."

With the statistical information available because of the new sexual-orientation question, officials could get inaccurate numbers, hurting the programs currently available. The form doesn't account for the allies of the community who participate in the programs.

"There is more to be to concerned with than those who mark 'yes' or 'no,'" said UI sophomore Richelle Miller, an ally of the LGBTQ community. "There are allies to think about."

Students said they also see the third option for gender identification as progress.

"There are still barriers even within the LGBTQ community [for transgender students], and any steps for them to be included is a very good step," she said.

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there for us to mow the grass," he said. "But when we have good water flow, it's a lot of fun; we've had people

here seven days a week."

Brownlow said the costs for the whitewater aspect of the Riverfront Park project were around \$900,000, the biggest cost coming from construction of the whitewater area and dam modifications.

As for how such a project would work in Iowa City, Brownlow thinks creating a recreational space would be great for the area.

"It's a lot of fun," he said. "The community is going to enjoy it once you get it built."

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A spring break of students pitching in

University of Iowa Center for Student Involvement and Leadership prepares to go south.

By **CASSIDY RILEY**
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For many students, spring break means sun bathing and spending time with friends. For 15 students at the University of Iowa, this spring break will mean rolling up their sleeves and making a difference.

Applications are due Jan. 1 for the UI Center for Student Involvement and Leadership's first-ever alternative spring break trip to Memphis, Tenn. The trip will focus on public health; the students will work with people with HIV and Aids.

Paul Mintner, the coordinator of leadership programs for the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership, said the trip will cost between \$250 and \$300 but there will be fundraising opportunities in the spring to counteract the cost. The center has received around 70 applications so far, which he hopes to narrow down to 15 before the end of winter break.

"Our hope is to offer more leadership and service opportunities out of the Center for Student Involvement [and] Leadership, and this is certainly one way we hope to grow those opportunities," Mintner said.

Students will be working with different nonprofits, including Friends for Life, a community center for people with HIV and Aids, as well as Hope House, a center that helps with children with HIV and Aids.

Gina Fortner, the operations coordinator for

Friends for Life, said the students will primarily help out with the food pantry and the Feast for Friends meal the center hosts twice a month.

"All of what we do here is about helping people stay medically adherent," she said.

Friends for Life provides a variety of services for people with HIV and Aids, including providing food to take medication with as well as housing and educational classes about the disease, Fortner said.

"If you don't have a stable home, or are sleeping under a bridge, you're not going to be worried about taking your medication," she said, noting that many services go into keeping the people with HIV and Aids on their medication.

Fortner said they always appreciate when large groups come to help.

"We love them," she said. "We appreciate young people who give to the community, even if it's not theirs, and we are very glad that they are coming to spend some time with us."

Other groups at the UI have offered numerous alternative breaks in the past, including the College of Law.

Associate Dean Linda McGuire said the college has offered trips since after Hurricane Katrina to cities ranging from New Orleans to Austin.

McGuire said the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership contacted her when it first started planning to ask about the college's planning process.

Alternative Spring Break

Costs for alternative spring break trips vary by location and depend on how much fundraising students do.

- \$250-\$300 for the UI Center for Student Involvement and Leadership trip
- \$400 for the UI College of Law's trip to New Orleans
- \$200 for the UI College of Law's trip to Chicago

Source: Paul Mintner, coordinator of Leadership Programs at the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership, and Linda McGuire, associate dean for the College of Law

She said she supports the center's ambition of planning a trip.

"I think it's wonderful because I think the potential is there for there to be both learning and great service," she said.

Mintner hopes the students make a difference in their work but more importantly are inspired for the future.

"I certainly do believe they're going to make a difference, but I think the real difference is going to be [in] the students," he said. "I think they'll have more questions when they leave, and I think that's a good thing."

He said there are systems in place that affect how treatment and care are delivered to people with disease, which aren't public knowledge.

"The questions I want them to have are why are things like this and what can I do about it?" he said. "I hope that they take a better understanding of how social justice relates to public health."

METEORIC NIGHT



The Geminids meteor shower is shown here crossing Iowa's night sky on Thursday. The shower is expected to be visible to the naked eye from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. The Geminids meteor shower was caused by the object 3200 Phaethon, which is thought to be an asteroid with a "rock comet" orbit. The annual shower peaked on Thursday night. (The Daily Iowan/Juan Carlos Herrera)

Rice withdraws as State candidate

By **BEN FELLER AND JULIE PACE**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Susan Rice, the embattled U.N. ambassador, abruptly withdrew from consideration to be the next secretary of State on Thursday after a bitter, weekslong standoff with Republican senators who declared they would vigorously fight her nomination.

The reluctant announcement makes Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry the likely choice to be the nation's next top diplomat when Hillary Rodham Clinton departs. Support for the possible choice of Rice had been waning.

In another major part of the upcoming Cabinet shake-up for President Obama's second term, former Republican Sen. Chuck Hagel of Nebraska now is seen as the front-runner to be defense secretary, with official word coming as soon as next week.

Obama has been weighing whether a Rice nomination would be worth the fight. He accepted her decision with a shot at Republicans.

"While I deeply regret the unfair and misleading attacks on Susan Rice in recent weeks, her decision demonstrates the strength of her character," he said.

If Obama taps Kerry for

State, the president will create a potential problem for Democrats by opening a Senate seat — one that recently defeated Republican Sen. Scott Brown is eyeing. Brown had been elected as Massachusetts' other senator in January 2010 after Democrat Ted Kennedy died, stunning the political world as he took the seat held by Kennedy for decades. Brown lost that seat in the November election.

Rice had become the face of the bungled administration account of what happened in Benghazi, Libya, on Sept. 11, when four Americans, including the U.S. ambassador to Libya, were killed in what is now known to have been a terrorist attack.

Obama had defiantly declared he would chose her for secretary of State regardless of the political criticism if he wanted, but such a choice could have depleted him of capital and gotten his second term off to a turbulent start with Capitol Hill. Already, Rice's withdrawal underscored Obama's difficulty in pursuing his next agenda in a time of divided and divisive government.

Rice withdrew her name in a letter to Obama — and in a media rollout aimed at upholding her reputation.

She said she was convinced the confirmation

process would be "lengthy, disruptive and costly — to you and to our most pressing national and international priorities."

"That trade-off is simply not worth it to our country," Rice said.

Rice may end up close to Obama's side in another way — his national security adviser, Tom Donilon, may move to another position. The security-adviser position would not require Senate confirmation.

Obama made it clear she would remain in his inner circle, saying he was grateful she would stay as "our ambassador at the United Nations and a key member of my Cabinet and national-security team." Rice, too, said in her letter she would be staying.

She would have faced strong opposition from Senate Republicans, who challenged her much-maligned televised comments about the cause of the deadly raid on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya.

Her efforts to satisfy Sens. John McCain, Lindsey Graham, Kelly Ayotte, and Susan Collins in unusual, private sessions on Capitol Hill fell short. The Republicans emerged from the meetings still expressing doubts about her qualifications.

"The position of secretary of State should never be politicized," Rice said.

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A look at the fall semester that was

The Daily Iowan recounts the top news events from the fall in Iowa City and at the University of Iowa.

Iowa City, UI draw stumbers in election campaigns

President Obama won re-election on Nov. 6, and a handful of other politicians and stand-ins campaigned in eastern Iowa in an attempt to gather votes.

Obama visited Iowa more than 10 times in 2012, holding more than 17 political events. One of those stops included the UI on Sept. 7 with Vice President Joe Biden and his wife and first lady Michelle Obama.

Many celebrities visited the UI campus in the fall to campaign on behalf of the Obama for America campaign, ranging from comedian Seth MacFarlane to singer Jon Bon Jovi.

GOP presidential nominee Mitt Romney visited Iowa as well, appearing in Bettendorf and Davenport, among other places.

In the Congressional race, Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, won re-election, defeating GOP candidate John Archer.

UI welcomes another record-breaking class

The University of Iowa welcomed another record-breaking class for the fall, with enrollment reaching 31,498 students – including 21,999 undergraduates and 4,470 first-year students, the UI reported in September.

UI officials also reported the class of 2016 as being the most diverse incoming class of its kind. The class of 2016 comprises 16.2 percent minorities, 47.2 percent in-state students, and 43.9 percent domestic nonresidents.

Johnson County auditor allegedly overspends budget on new technology

Johnson County Auditor Tom Slockett found himself in hot water with the Johnson County Board of Supervisors after reports surfaced that he spent more than \$58,000 on new office equipment.

Slockett spent \$62,580 buying 70 laptops, 70 printers, and 70 identification scanners. Supervisor Janelle Rettig previously told the *DI* that the supervisors only approved the purchase of five new computers.

Slockett, who has worked for 35 years in the Johnson County Auditor's Office, will not return next month; former Tiffin City Councilor Travis Weipert defeated him in the June primary.

Justice center fails to gather enough support

The bond referendum for the proposed Johnson County justice center failed to gather enough support on Election Day.

Fifty-six percent of voters voted in favor of the \$46.8 million bond referendum, but a 60 percent vote was required in order for the motion to pass.

The bond would have funded the construction of the \$48.1 million building.

The current jail holds 92 inmates, but an average of 160 to 170 inmates come into the jail per day. Johnson County has been paying approximately \$1.3 million per year to send the extra inmates to other counties, the *DI* previously reported.

Johnson County officials have said they're not giving up on the proposed project.



President Obama concludes his speech outside Jessup Hall on Sept. 7. The day after formally accepting the Democratic nomination for president, Obama laid out his campaign for re-election to a crowd of approximately 8,000. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)



Peter Gray, an associate director of athletics student services, sits in his office in the Gerdin Athletics Learning Center on Jan. 13, 2010. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

Former athletics adviser resigns amid sexual-misconduct allegations

UI officials announced the resignation of Peter Gray, a former associate director of athletics student services at the UI, on Nov. 5 amid allegations that Gray had inappropriately touched student-athletes and exchanged football tickets with a person not affiliated with the university for sexual favors.

The UI rehired Gray in 2002 despite alleged inappropriate touching and sexual behavior from 1993 to 1995 during previous employment at the UI.

UI officials have declined to release Gray's resignation letter.

Hawkeye football season disappoints fans

Things didn't pan out as well as Iowa football fans hoped in 2012 – the Hawkeyes fell to a 4-8 record and missed a bowl game for the first time since 2007.

Quarterback James Vandenberg struggled all season long, even though he was coming off 25 touchdowns passes a year ago. The senior didn't get his first touchdown pass until the fourth game of the season, and he totaled just seven scores through the air all year.

Things look better for Iowa next year, though; offensive coordinator Greg Davis will return for his second season to call the plays, and Iowa's running backs should be plentiful and healthy, even with the departure of Greg Garmon.

Regents approve tuition freeze for in-state undergraduate students

The state Board of Regents passed a tuition freeze for undergraduate resident students for the 2013-14 academic year without discussion at their Dec. 5 meeting.

The freeze will keep tuition levels for the 2013-14 academic year consistent with the current rates. Base tuition for undergraduate resident students will be \$6,678.

Nonresidents will see a 2.6 percent increase in base tuition, and graduate-student tuition will see a 2.6 percent for both residents and nonresidents.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon UI chapter removed from campus

University of Iowa officials decided Sept. 24 to remove the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity from campus following reports of hazing. All members were expelled from the fraternity.

"Sigma Alpha Epsilon's Board of Directors will not tolerate hazing or behavior that violates risk-management policies or the general guidelines for chapter operations," a statement from the fraternity's national headquarters said. "The organization expects its chapters to adhere to stringent policies and practices that help our members become gentlemen and leaders and to live up to our creed and principles."



Penn State defensive tackle Jordan Hill and offensive linebacker Michael Mauti celebrate after sacking Iowa quarterback James Vandenberg in Kinnick Stadium on Oct. 20. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

Former UI student who assaulted cop remains a felon

Former University of Iowa student Branden Plummer, 21, was convicted of interference with official acts and inflicting bodily harm in connection with an assault on Iowa City police Sgt. Brian Krei on Nov. 18, 2011.

Plummer accepted a plea deal in November, which dropped an attempted-murder charge in exchange for two lesser charges – a Class-D felony charge and interference with official acts inflicting bodily injury.

Plummer was sentenced to 60 days in the Johnson County Jail with credit for time served; he has since been released.

Former UI student convicted

Former UI student Evan Pfeifer was found guilty of third-degree sexual abuse on Nov. 30.

Pfeifer was accused of raping a woman on the west side of the Pentacrest in the early morning hours of Oct. 3, 2010.

Pfeifer will be forced to register as a convicted sex offender, and he could face up to 10 years in prison.

Pfeifer's sentencing is scheduled for 9 a.m. Feb. 1, 2013.

Mason working without a contract

UI President Sally Mason has been working without a contract this academic year, according to a letter obtained by *The Daily Iowan*.

The state Board of Regents chose not to renew Mason's contract upon meeting in August.

"Based upon my discussion with the Board of Regents in August, the board and I set mutually agreed upon goals that I am committed in reaching," Mason said in a statement released on Dec. 7. "The regents have asked us to improve our outreach across the state and the university's relationship-building with the Iowa Legislature and to set specific targets on a range of objectives."

College of Education dean resigns amid 'crisis'

Margaret Crocco resigned as dean of the UI College of Education on Monday in response to faculty's claims that the college is in "crisis."

"... In an effort to end the discord in the College of Education, I chose to resign and move on," Crocco said in a statement.

Crocco's became the dean on July 1, 2011.

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

Additionally, all seven members of the college's Faculty Advisory Committee resigned on Dec. 7.

Flood recovery updates

While four flood-damaged University of Iowa buildings were expected to come down this year, updated demolition dates will have those structures standing for at least another year.

Hancher/Voxman/Clapp and the Art Building were previously expected to be demolished this month. New dates set by the regents on Dec. 5 schedule the demolition of Hancher/Voxman/Clapp to take place in December 2013.

The replacements for Hancher and the Music Building will be completed in December 2015 and March 2016, respectively.

The Daily Iowan DAILY BREAK

“To be or not to be. That’s not really a question.”
— Jean-Luc Godard

the ledge

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Christmas Trivia:

- After *A Christmas Carol*, Charles Dickens wrote additional Christmas stories, one each year — none so successful as the first. “So why did he keep writing them,” you ask? That’s easy: greed.
 - During this holiday season, more than 1.8 billion candy canes will be made — enough to keep a medium-size rave going for up to eight hours.
 - Frustrated by poor Christmas sales, Charles Pajean hired several midgets, dressed them as elves, and asked them play with Tinker Toys in a display window at a Chicago department store in 1914. Within a year, more than 1 million sets had been sold. The moral of the story: When in doubt, exploit midgets.
 - According to Greek myth, malicious creatures called Kallikantzaroi like to play troublesome pranks around Christmas time. To be rid of them, it is suggested that you burn either salt or an old shoe. Personally, I’d use Pikachu’s thundershock attack ... or perhaps Bulbasaur’s ever-effective vine whip.
 - During Victorian times, Christmas turkeys were herded from Norfolk to London and given boots made of sacking or leather to help protect their feet from the frozen mud. So, yeah, there’s yet another tradition you may associate with Christmas: the death march.
 - In 1647 [1649?], the English Parliament passed a law that made Christmas illegal because Oliver Cromwell considered feasting and revelry on holy days to be immoral. When the Royalists returned to power in 1660, Cromwell’s corpse was dug up and posthumously executed by beheading.
- MERRY CHRISTMAS.
- Andrew R. Juhl** thanks the Internet for supplying him with so many Christmas factoids.

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RIGHT, OR JERUSALEM WITHOUT CHECKPOINTS.

DILBERT BY Scott Adams

LET'S SEE WHAT'S ON MY "TO DO" LIST FOR TODAY.

USELESS MEETING... BUSYWORK... MAKE MISLEADING POWER-POINT SLIDES... AND... ANOTHER USELESS MEETING.

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today's events

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- **Book Babies**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
 - **Hallelujah Chorus Sing-Along**, noon, UIHC Colleton Atrium
 - **Chess Group**, 1 p.m., Uptown Bill's, 730 S. Dubuque
 - **Knitting Nurse**, 2-4 p.m., Home Ec Workshop, 207 N. Linn
 - **First Friday Coffeehouse**, Iowa Humane Alliance Fundraiser, 5:30 p.m., Beadology, 220 E. Washington
 - **Graduate College Commencement Ceremony**, 7 p.m., Carver-Hawkeye Arena
 - **Annie**, 7:30 p.m., Iowa City Community Theater, Johnson County Fairgrounds, 4265 Oak Crest Hill Road
 - **A Christmas Carol**, City Circle, 7:30 p.m., Coralville Center for the Performing Arts, 1301 Fifth St.
 - **Tallgrass, Iowa Shares Benefit**, 8 p.m., Englert, 221 E. Washington
 - **Item 9 & the Mad Hatters CD Release Party**, 9 p.m., Gabe's, 330 E. Washington
 - **Salsa**, 9 p.m., Wildwood, 4919 Walleye N.E.
 - **Scholars and Tyrants**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

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- Campus channel 4, cable channel 17
- Noon** Iowa Dance, select performances from the Dance Department
 - 2 p.m.** World Canvass, lively talk and music at Old Capitol, with Joan Kjaer and International Programs
 - 4** School of Music presents UI Symphony, select performances
 - 5** Iowa Dance, select performances from the Dance Department
 - 7** Graduate College Commencement Live
 - 9** Performing Arts Iowa, *Dance Gala* 2008, documentary on the UI's renowned dance program
 - 10** *Van Allen: Flights of Discovery*, a biography about the life of James Van Allen, Iowa's premier astrophysicist
 - 11** Iowa men's basketball coach Fran McCaffery's weekly press conference
 - 11:30** Hawkeye Sports Report, weekly sports magazine produced by HawkVision Productions

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horoscopes

Friday, December 14, 2012
by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** (March 21-April 19) You may have a great idea and quick response, but problems will begin if you take on too much. Gauge your time, and enlist people to pick up the slack. Enthusiasm will be short-lived if you don't leave time for pleasure.
- TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) Take the initiative to please the ones you love, and you'll ensure a positive response. The little extras you get don't have to go over budget. As long as you put time and effort into your personal plans, you will be well-received.
- GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) Partnerships will make or break your efforts. You may be pro-change, but in order to get your way, you must be willing to compromise and lay out a plan that will entice others to follow your cue. Count your cash before you spend.
- CANCER** (June 21-July 22) Work toward your personal goals. Pick up last-minute items or deal with family or friends who depend on you. Even the playing field by asking for help in return. Everyone can pitch in if you delegate wisely. Be a leader.
- LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) Don't expect anything — you won't be disappointed. Participate in events or activities that will help you reach your goals. Don't let a personal responsibility stifle your plans. Arrange to take care of matters, and enjoy good friends and conversation.
- VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Network, socialize, and mingle with people who share your concerns, interests, and goals. Taking an interest in others will set you up for a leadership position. Don't let your personal life stifle your chance to advance. Update your image.
- LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Do whatever it takes to avoid discord in your personal life. Not everyone will agree with your direction, and tension and anger will make it difficult for you to make a move one way or another. Have your facts and figures ready.
- SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Think and do. Your actions will speak volumes about who you are and what you are capable of doing. Don't sit back waiting for approval when you can turn heads and gain respect by following your heart and your intuition. Be original.
- SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) The end of the year is fast approaching. If you don't make your move now, you may not be considered for future prospects. Speak honestly about what you can and will do and for what. Misleading actions will stand in the way of victory.
- CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Help those less fortunate. Your gesture will change the opinion someone may have of you. Much will be accomplished if you are serious and resourceful about the solutions you offer. Roll up your shirtsleeves, and prepare to take action.
- AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Don't neglect to finish paperwork that can influence your future. Meet with officials who can help you understand your position and what you must do to clear up matters. Don't underestimate someone's ability to disrupt your life.
- PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) Try something new, and you will discover a talent you didn't realize you possessed. Turning something you love into a prosperous endeavor will help you move into the turn of the year with greater optimism. Love is in the stars.

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OBJECTS OF ART

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 1109

- ACROSS**
- 1 He said "I don't want my album coming out with a G rating. Nobody would buy it!"
 - 7 Bomb's opposite
 - 15 It typically has a ribbon around its crown
 - 16 Fudge ingredient in "The Alice B. Toklas Cookbook"
 - 17 Temporary spear
 - 18 Wave recipient?
 - 19 See 61-Down
 - 20 Encumbered
 - 22 Places for stumpers
 - 23 Fox Sports reporter Oliver and others
 - 25 They have flat tops
 - 27 Radio host Boortz
 - 28 Pribilof Islands resident
 - 30 Aid in planning a 35-Across
 - 32 (intl. shipper)
 - 33 India leads the world in its production
 - 35 See 30-Across
 - 37 Where chromosomes gather between poles during mitosis
 - 42 Like X, XX or XXX
 - 43 Hanger at a graduation
 - 44 French vineyard
 - 47 Greeting to a rider, maybe
 - 49 One-named actor from Tel Aviv
 - 50 Be a drifter
 - 52 How actors come in
 - 54 Title French orphan of film
 - 55 Carry
 - 57 Conspiracy
- DOWN**
- 1 Where to find departure info?
 - 2 Low figure for a nerd
 - 3 Starting point of a phone tree
 - 4 Like many drugs, briefly
 - 5 Dudley's love, in cartoons
 - 6 What an alarm may interrupt
 - 7 Fielder's dramatic play
 - 8 Hawaiian smoker
 - 9 Bermuda setting: Abbr.
 - 10 "Old" (country music classic)
 - 11 Wading fisher
 - 12 Like many warnings
 - 13 "Unto us a son is given" source
 - 14 Bondage
 - 21 Weed eliminator, for short?
 - 24 Toots
 - 26 River waterfall
 - 29 Montana or Idaho river
 - 31 Green dresser's honoree, briefly
 - 59 Copy from CD to PC
 - 60 Top place to get sunburned?
 - 62 Wordsmith's resource
 - 64 Einstein
 - 65 Can't take
 - 66 Dentist's #6 and #11
 - 67 Give some relief
 - 34 Letter after Quebec in a radio alphabet
 - 36 de México (Mexico City daily)
 - 38 It may be worn in the shower
 - 39 Seek
 - 40 Stone Age tools
 - 41 Some quotation marks
 - 44 Athlete-turned-actor Buster
 - 45 Like old-fashioned phones
 - 46 Hangers near tongues
 - 48 Many a layover locale
 - 51 Split
 - 53 Combs of Murderers' Row
 - 56 Bygone laborer
 - 58 Machine worked in "Norma Rae"
 - 61 With 19-Across, item for many cobblers
 - 63 Rap

Puzzle by Barry C. Silk

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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 - 10-11 a.m., Class to Mouth
 - 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

HOLIDAY DANCE



UI Youth Ballet practices under instructor Jennifer Nuber/Place on Thursday. The troupe will perform excerpts from *The Nutcracker* at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 2:30 p.m. on Dec. 16 in Space/Place. (The Daily Iowan/Sumei Chen)

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Sports

BASKETBALL

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important thing.”

Senior forward Eric May said the rivalry Iowa has with Northern Iowa carries the same value as the one with Iowa State.

And because of that, last year's result stings just a little bit more than any other blowout loss.

“For me, I've played with some of these [UNI] guys through AAU and growing up,” May said. “It's not just another game to win — there's a little extra when you're playing in-state teams.”

In Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery's mind, there was only one aspect — fouls and missed shots aside — that doomed the

Hawkeyes a year ago.

The Panthers were simply the stronger team. “If you just break down how we played, we just didn't play well enough to win that game,” he said. “They played better.”

The Hawkeyes (8-2) will have the chance to be better when they line up against Northern Iowa in the Big Four Classic in Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines on Saturday. The four-team event features a pair of matchups highlighting the state's top college basketball programs; Iowa State and Drake will meet in the late game.

The Panthers (6-3) have won three-straight games, the most recent an impressive 82-77 OT victory at George Mason on Dec. 8.

Iowa will have to keep

an eye on senior guard Marc Sonnen, who has made a 3-pointer in 19-straight games. The upperclassman finished one 3 away from the Northern Iowa single-game record in last week's win over the Patriots.

“UNI has got a lot of weapons,” McCaffery said. “They're substantially more athletic than I think anybody gives them credit for; their guards shoot 3s, and their bigs can shoot 3s.”

Emotional letdowns are always possible following big victories such as the Hawkeyes' triumph over the Cyclones, but McCaffery isn't worried.

“There was plenty of time between games, and that's what the Big Ten is,” he said. “Two, three

days later, you better be ready because, if you're not, you're going to get your ears pinned back.”

McCabe finished last December's meeting with 2 points, was called for a questionable technical foul, and ultimately fouled out. It contributed to what became a nightmarish day overall in Cedar Falls for the Black and Gold.

This year though the location has shifted, so has the power between the two programs. It's power McCabe hopes his squad can use to make up for 12 months of misery.

“What happened last year still leaves a bitter taste in our mouths,” he said. “But we're a deeper team, a lot more talented with a better bench, and we'll be ready to go.”



Iowa's Emma Stevenson does a floor routine against Penn State in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Feb. 3. This marks Stevenson's final season with the Hawkeyes. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

STEVENSON

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will be shocked. It's not who she is, it's not how she trains, it's not what she expects of herself or the level she holds herself to,” Libby said. “Each year, she's gotten a little bit better. Last year, she was our most consistent competitor as far as scores and expectation from an individual.”

Stevenson began gymnastics at the age of 6. Her strength and large potential led one of her early coaches to switch her to team gymnastics. The move worked out for the best, she thinks, and it played a large part in her journey to become a Gym-Hawk, where she believes she has hit her peak as a gymnast.

“When I was little, I had two teammates who rose the levels [of gymnastics classes] with me,” Ste-

venson said. “But it was funny; my coach only ever moved me up because he felt bad for me because he didn't want me to be away from my friends.”

Stevenson is entering her final season healthy for the first time in her Hawkeye career. She had surgeries in the summer before each of her first three seasons: toe-ligament surgery her freshman year, surgery on both of her ankles her sophomore year, and a risky surgery on a joint in her toe before her junior season that resulted in a six-month span without training.

Despite the surgeries, her performances have only improved. After the toe-joint surgery, she posted career high scores in vaults, bars, and floor, which culminated in being named to the Big Ten All-Championship team for 9.875 floor performance at the Big Ten meet.

“That was a brand-

new award [last year], so I didn't even know that existed,” Stevenson said. “When I got called, I was like, ‘Oh my gosh.’ It was awesome to be able to represent Iowa that way. It's funny — floor, coming into Iowa, was not the event I'd ever think I'd place in.”

With the first meet of the season on Jan. 11, 2013, she believes confidence and consistency are key for the team. As a senior, she stressed the importance of doing what she says and leading by example, a challenge that has made her a better gymnast.

“She is the most consistent gymnast that we have,” sophomore Sydney Hoerr said. “Coming in here as a freshman, I always looked up to her. She was always so strong in the gym every day, positive attitude, cheering on the team, getting us ready, and she was the same way in competition. She was the one driving us to do better, and she's inspiring

Emma Stevenson

Age: 22
Year: Senior
Hometown: Winfield, Ill.
Events: Vault, bars, floor

because of that.”

Even with her success, Stevenson believes she's on equal footing with the rest of her teammates and keeps a team-first mentality in a very individualized sport. Stevenson, along with sophomore Emma Willis, were named to the Big Ten Gymnasts to Watch List, which was released Wednesday.

“I always knew that I was a good athlete, but I never thought I'd be the athlete where people know their name,” Stevenson said. “Now, people know who I am more. It's cool, it's a really good feeling, and I really hope that I can live up to that name and really do better things this year.”

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Sports

Gymnasts revel in diversity

By RYAN PROBASCO
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Although gymnastics showcases some of the world's most physically gifted athletes, it is as much a mental sport as it is a physical one. Visualization, technique, and approach are the essentials to any successful routine.

JD Reive, the head coach of the Iowa men's gymnastics team, is as big of a believer in the concept as anyone. He's even geared his recruiting and coaching philosophies in a way that adheres to the idea.

"We're an intellectual sport," he said Reive. "And what that means is, we have to be open to learning from every perspective."

The Hawkeyes' roster features 20 members. The diversity — and thus the perspectives — in that group, though, is quite staggering.

In total, the team's members represent nine different states and four different countries. Anton Gryshayev, a senior from Littleton, Colo., firmly believes the team's contrasting backgrounds serve as an advantage rather than a challenge the gymnasts must overcome.

"It's huge to have people from different parts of the world," he said. "Having so many different and diverse people in one group helps us fix problems faster and allows everyone to help. You can listen to



Iowa's Anton Gryshayev ends his routine on the rings during the Black and Gold intrasquad meet in the Field House on Dec. 4, 2011. The men's gymnastics team features members from nine different states and four different countries. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

more people with critiquing experience that and that definitely helps."

Michael Heredia, the team's first-year assistant coach, echoed Gryshayev's statements and also expressed the belief that the diversity can benefit the team outside the gym as well.

"You come in your freshman year and you don't have anyone telling you what to do or what your guidelines are outside the gym," Heredia said. "People have to figure out how to balance school and athletics without having parental supervision on them always. So just having that diversity brings us together because we learn from each other."

Some of the diversity seen on the team comes naturally, as Reive noted. Gymnastics has certain "hubs" around the country in which top-tier talent is abundant. Demographically, those hubs — such as California and Texas — tend to be spread out. In part this can lead to a diversified roster. However, Reive has made it a point to recruit all over the country, and the world for that matter, regardless of where the talent may be.

"Getting them to open their eyes to the bigger world around them is crucial," he said. "That diversity exposes them to different ways of thinking, whether it's a social thing, a training thing or

just the college experience itself — it opens their eyes to things they may have not have been exposed to before."

The Hawks are not scheduled to begin their season until Jan. 19, when they will compete in the Windy City Invitational, hosted by Illinois-Chicago. Until then, Reive and the Hawkeyes will count on their diversity to propel their progress in practice.

"There's a huge amount of peer teaching and development that goes on within this group," Reive said. "The more ideas and thought processes that we can bring in, the better the team is going to be."

Tennessee stops losing

By STEVE MEGARGEE
Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Trae Golden believed Tennessee could not afford a third-straight loss, so he made sure the Volunteers avoided that fate.

Golden scored 25 points and sparked an 11-1 run that closed out a 69-60 victory over No. 23 Wichita State on Thursday night, a win that snapped the Volunteers' two-game losing streak and handed the Shockers their first loss of the season.

"I told the guys it was a must-win before the game," Golden said. "I knew it was a must-win."

In its last two games, Tennessee had lost 37-36 to Georgetown in the SEC/Big East Challenge on Nov. 30 and 46-38 at Virginia on Dec. 5. The only other time Tennessee failed to score 40 points since the shot clock was introduced for the 1985-86 season was a 43-35 loss to Auburn on Jan. 15, 1997.

Tennessee (5-3) knew it needed a quality non-conference victory before entering Southeastern Conference competition. Wichita State (9-1) wanted to improve to 10-0 for the first time in school history.

The result was a December game played with March intensity, as play-

ers dived on the court and even jumped toward the scorer's table on at least one occasion while chasing after loose balls.

"I just wanted to make sure we won that game," Golden said. "We couldn't afford to go on a three-game losing streak. It was a huge win for us."

Tennessee broke out of its offensive funk by shooting 47.5 percent from the field and matching the highest point total Wichita State had allowed all season. The Shockers won 72-69 at Air Force on Dec. 2.

The Vols are shooting 50.8 percent in their wins and 29.1 percent in their losses this season.

"This is a quality win against a quality opponent," said Tennessee guard Jordan McRae, who added 17 points. "That's a great team. They were undefeated, ranked. That's one we needed."

Carl Hall matched a career high with 21 points and also had 9 rebounds — 7 offensive — for Wichita State, which moved into the Top 25 two weeks ago.

"We just didn't play well," Wichita State coach Gregg Marshall said. "We had too many guys not play as well as they need to play. We weren't very smart. We fouled too many times. We didn't make our free throws. They did."

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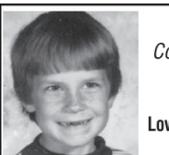


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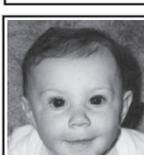
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Hoopsters seek revenge



Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery reacts to being thrown out of the Hawkeyes' game against Northern Iowa at the McLeod Center on Dec. 6, 2011, in Cedar Falls. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

The Hawkeyes will try to avenge last season's blowout loss to Northern Iowa at the Big Four Classic in Des Moines Saturday.

By **TOM CLOS**

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Zach McCabe remembers last year's 80-60 blowout loss at Northern Iowa.

In fact, the junior forward can't forget it.

"It's definitely still in my mind," McCabe said. "Any time you lose to a team like that by 20 points, along with all the stuff that happened in that game, it's motivating for us."

That 2011 contest quickly dissolved for Iowa; a 5-point halftime deficit went

south in a hurry thanks to an 0-for-8 3-point shooting display in the second frame. Even more ugly were the 25 personal fouls called against the Hawkeyes — 14 of which came following the intermission.

Freshman center Adam Woodbury wasn't at the McLeod Center 12 months ago, but he recalled watching the show-down on television. He remembered the game's increasingly odd nature and said the end result has stuck with him since that day.

"It was a crazy game with a lot of tech-

Iowa (8-2) vs. Northern Iowa (6-3)

Hy-Vee Big Four Classic

When: 1:31 p.m. Saturday

Where: Wells Fargo Arena, Des Moines

Where to watch: Big Ten Network

nicals and calls that could have gone either way," he said. "I know we didn't come out with a win; that was the most

SEE BASKETBALL, 9

Hawks set to face Drake

The Iowa women's basketball team (7-3) will travel to Des Moines on Sunday to face off against the Drake Bulldogs (3-5).

The game will bring back many memories for both coaching staffs.

Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder coached at Drake from 1990-2000 and led the Bulldogs to three NCAA appearances. Assistant coaches Jan Jensen and Jenni Fitzgerald also played for Drake. After their playing careers, they spent eight years under Bluder.



Bluder
Iowa head coach

First-year Drake head coach Jennie (Lillis) Baranczyk was a three-time captain at Iowa (2000-04). She led the Hawkeyes to three NCAA appearances.

The Hawkeyes seek to go 3-0 against in-state schools — they have wins over the Cyclones and Northern Iowa — to claim state bragging rights for the year.

Iowa will be traveling west on I-80 on 10 days of rest, riding a 4-2 record in its last six games.



Baranczyk
Drake head coach

This will be the 45th meeting between the two teams, with Drake leading the all-time series 24-20. Iowa has won the last 10 meetings and last beat the Bulldogs in 2001, 75-72 in overtime.

The Hawkeyes are coming off an impressive win over then-No. 22 Iowa State on Dec. 6. The in-state rivals turned the game into a defensive battle until Iowa broke through in the second half for a 50-42 win.

Three players scored in double figures for the Hawkeyes — Melissa Dixon (11), Jaime Printy (11), and Theairra Taylor (10). Dixon came off Iowa's bench to score 9 points in the second half — her 3 with 3:58 to play in regulation broke a 39-39 tie and put the Hawkeyes ahead for good.

Drake, on the other hand, wants to rebound from an overtime loss against North Dakota on the road, 67-63. The Bulldogs are 2-4 in their last six games.

— by Carlos Sosa

Iowa (7-3) at Drake (3-5)

When: 2 p.m. Dec. 16

Where: Drake University

Where to watch: Mediacom

Wrestlers prep for New York's big stage

Iowa grapplers prepare for a historic trip to Madison Square Garden in New York.

By **CODY GOODWIN**

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Derek St. John has never seen the Statue of Liberty up close, but he would like to. Tony Ramos said he just wants to see Times Square.

But Iowa's head wrestling coach Tom Brands would prefer that the Hawkeyes snag two wins when they travel to New York for the inaugural Grapple at the Garden on Dec. 16.

"Right now, we got Bucknell and Hofstra," Brands said. "That's why we go. Let's go there to wrestle."

The lights and sounds of Madison Square Garden — perhaps, even New York City itself — serve as possible distractions. But members of the Iowa wrestling team say they will treat this trip to New York just like any other.

Still, it's difficult to ignore that they'll wrestle on the world's biggest stage for the first time. College wrestling has never been set at the Garden, giving Sunday's event a promotional aspect for the sport.

Brands, along with many of his wrestlers, agreed that passive wrestling matches wouldn't help. Bouts that end with 2-1 scores don't draw the kind of excitement that the sport wants to exhibit. That makes it more crucial that all athletes from every team open up and score copious numbers of points.

"[It's] just the world stage," Brands said. "I don't believe that you're over-emphasizing it when you say that because you are in a marquee building ... You're putting wrestling on that stage."

Many of Iowa's grapplers have been preparing themselves for this event for a while. Mike Evans grew up 175 miles from Madison Square Garden. This event has been marked on his family's calendar for some time now — it will be a chance for them to watch the former



Iowa 174-pounder Mike Evans wrestles Iowa State's Tanner Weatherman on Dec. 1 in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. The Hawkeyes will travel to New York this weekend for the inaugural Grapple at the Garden on Dec. 16. (The Daily Iowan/Rachel Jessen)

Blair Academy standout up close — some for the first time in years.

When Evans was younger, he remembered a few instances where the idea of wrestling in Madison Square Garden seemed like a chance of a lifetime.

"I watched *Cinderella Man* before. That was a pretty cool movie," the sophomore said. "I thought it would be awesome to compete in a place like that."

But for some wrestlers, there are greater stakes to be had. Ramos, the nation's second-ranked 133-pound wrestler, will be placed side-by-side with the No. 1 guy: Ohio State's Logan Stieber.

The two will not wrestle each other. But the nation's top grapplers at their weight will be in the same arena and will likely be compared more than usual.

Ramos knows this and, because of it, he said performing at his best is crucial.

"It's even more important because he's going to be watching. He's going to

Grapple at the Garden

When: Iowa vs. Hofstra, 10 a.m. Dec. 16 and Iowa vs. Bucknell, noon Dec. 16

Where: Madison Square Garden, New York City

see the results," Ramos said. "If I win a match by 1 or 2 points, it's not going to be in his head."

A close-up comparison with Stieber is one thing motivating Ramos this weekend.

But the other is the opportunity to show the average American what wrestling is all about. Ramos rattled off that artists, basketball games, and other big events usually pack the Garden full, but wrestling has never gotten the chance.

He's excited that it's finally his turn. "There's going to be a lot of good wrestling," Ramos said. "We have to go out and put on a show."

Stevenson set to lead

Emma Stevenson cites her mentality as one of the key differences between the gymnast she is now and the one who joined the GymHawks in 2010.

By **MATT CABEL**

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For Emma Stevenson, confidence is key.

Entering her final season as a member of the Iowa women's gymnastics team, Stevenson cites her mentality as one of the key differences between the gymnast she is now and the one who joined the GymHawks in 2010. This confidence has come about thanks to numerous competitions and the support of her teammates.



Stevenson
senior

"Confidence-wise and mentally, I've always had the skills," she said. "But I think my ability to know that I can do them consistently and that I can be counted on in competition, and that they'll be clean and that it's going to be done well has come to be more important and obvious here."

Head coach Larissa Libby cited Stevenson's work ethic, mental strength, and determination as key points that make up her confidence. Libby referred to Stevenson as her team's stabilizer, noting Emma's "quiet, cool confidence" as a key to the team's success.

"If she goes out there and falls, she

SEE STEVENSON, 9