Fallen climber returns to UI

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Dance Marathon allocates funds

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Camping, laptops, and flowers have all made an appearance on the budget.

The last time the University of Iowa Dance Marathon’s allocation committee met in October, funds were allocated to — among other things — Camp Heart Connection for the support of patient families and their siblings, laptops for the use of inpatient families, and the Dancing in Our Hearts and Flower Fund to assist with funeral costs.

While different in nature, all funds go to projects that worked toward fulfilling Dance Marathon’s mission.

“We want our funds to benefit the families and the kiddos that are being treated at University of Iowa Children’s Hospital,” said Courtney Bond, the University of Iowa’s Dance Marathon’s advisor. Bond is the secretary of the allocation committee, Iowa City, the IAM, a Dance Marathon alum, and a family representative.

The committee will meet again in April to discuss Dance Marathon 10 proposals. Nelson said it is hard to say what kind of proposals they will receive but he expects to see both new proposals and projects such as the funding for informational packets for families and continental breakfasts for the children and their families at the hospital. The committee has 35 voting members.

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The first 10 members are representatives of the hospital and Dance Marathon executives. The remaining five are made up of several different groups including a representative from UI Student Government, Iowa City’s IAM, and a Dance Marathon alum, who is responsible for the funding raised by Dance Marathon to differ- ent projects. The committee meets twice a year to discuss proposals and decide on what projects to fund.

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“The decisions we make certainly are not arbitrary,” said Nelson. “We’ve been on alignment with the mission of Dance Marathon, alignment with the strategic priorities of the University of Iowa Children’s Hospital, and in accordance with the rules of the Dance Marathon allocation com- mittee.”

Graduate student Nir Basher, who has been in- volved with Dance Marathon since he was a freshman in the UI, now is the executive director of Dance Marathon and a voting member of the allocation committee.

“At the time, it just sounded like something fun to do,” he said. “It just kind of grabbed ahold of me, and it’s kind of been that way ever since. I’ve changed what I want to do with my career because of some of the opportunities I’ve had with Dance Marathon.”

Bush said that when vot- ing on the committee, he takes into account not only if a proposal is in line with the Dance Marathon mission statement but also how broad the scope of its effect will be.

“We want to make sure we’re making the biggest impact that we can,” he said. “It’s a privilege to sit on that committee and have that responsibility, so we take it very seriously.”

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"That" was certainly not the cause of the accident. Generally, all climbers are big climbers to begin with, and we basically just teach them the process. The primary people are to learn how to use the harness and belay devices.

According to a UI press release, Risk Management, the UI General Counsel’s Office, and Recreational Services developed policy and procedure recommendations for the climbing wall.

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With Bean now wearing a back brace, his physical movements are limited to carrying no more than 15 pounds on each arm, and he is restricted from bending. Physical therapy is being postponed until his back heals further. The doctor insists he has a lot of insurance, including withing on a treadmill, dumbbell curl, and low-resistance elliptical training.

"For me, once I get the brace off, it will signify the end of my recovery," Bean said. "The hardest part is not knowing when I can return to climbing."

Despite unforeseen failures and complications associated with the fall — mild to somewhat severe arthritis may be one result that could occur in his left knee — Bean is in high spirits and looks forward to being put back on the training floor. Physical therapy is being postponed until his back heals further.

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ammie and articulate their policy on immigration re-

form. ‘‘To close our country needs something to ad-

dress the immigration, and there is going to be a great and lengthy debate in the party on that topic,’’ he said. ‘‘There are dramatic demographics in this coun-

try and a state like Texas has a large Hispanic pop-

ulation, and within a five years Texas could be out of play for our party.’’

One local party official remained optimistic that Obama could accomplish meaningful progress in these areas despite a Con-

gress that remains split. ‘‘There simply has to be a pathway to citizenship for the 11 million people who have lived here for decades, and the notion of them going anywhere else makes no sense,’’ said Van Duyck, the chairwoman of the Iowa Democratic Party. ‘‘I’m certainly no ex-

pert on immigration, but it affects every single state; this is not a border state; it affects every single state that they are cared for, and always safe from harm.’’

One local expert was surprised by the presi-
dent’s recent rhetoric to-

word Republicans during the ‘‘face-off’’ legis-

lative session, noting it may make it more difficult for Congress to pass Obama’s desired policies. ‘‘It’s surprising he doesn’t reach out more, but he may have to reach out more on an issue like gun control, which he feels is a pressing one,’’ said Tim Hagle, a University of Iowa associate professor of political science.

After the shooting in Newtown, Conn., Obama has increased his focus on adressing gun violence — an issue Spiker and Dvorsky differ greatly on. ‘‘It was pretty clear when Obama targeted a va-

died a second inaugural address, including gun violence reform, and immigration reform, and a variety of issues during his ini-

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WASHINGTON — Turning the page on years of

form of war and recession, Pres-

ident Obama summarized a divided nation Monday to sit with ‘‘passion and de-

dication’’ to broaden equality and prosperity at home, nurture democracy around the world, and combat global warming as he em-

barked on a second term before a vast and cheering crowd that pulled down the historic National Mall. ‘‘America’s possibilities are limitless, for we pos-

es all the qualities that this world without bound-

aries demands,’’ the 44th president declared in a

second inaugural address, which broke new ground by assigning gay rights a prominent place in the

wider struggle for equality for all.

In a unity plea to poli-

ticians and the nation at

large, he called for ‘‘col-

lective action’’ to confront

challenges and said, ‘‘Pro-

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Elected four years ago

as America’s first black

president, Obama spoke from specially construct-

ed 18-foot-high stands outside the Capitol after reciting oath of office that all presidents have administered since the nation’s founding.

The events highlighted a day replete with all the fan-

fare that a security-mind-

ed capital could muster — from white-gloved Marine trumpeters who heralded the arrival of dignitaries on the inaugural stands to the mid-winter orange flowers that guard the fa-

mlies at a traditional lunch with lawmakers inside the Capitol.

Celebration of Excellence And Achievement Among Women

Committee is accepting nominations for the

2012-2013 Distinguished Achievement Awards

The Distinguished Achievement Award is given to a UI staff and faculty member who has distinguished herself/himself and the University by her or his record of achievement in a professional or service capacity within the Universi-
	y. The awards are given annually individuals whose achievements have made bar or him a role model and mentor for women and/or girls, and whose contribu-

tions demonstrate leadership, innovation, and/or subject matter expertise.

For a nomination form or for more information, please contact Jan Warren at the Belin-Blank Center, 600 BHC, or by email at JAN.WARREN@UIOWA.EDU

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Nominations due by Friday, February 8, 2013

To be awarded at the Celebration of Excellence And Achievement Among Women

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

3:00 pm, Second Floor Ballroom, Iowa Memorial Union

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"A RIGHT DELAYED IS A RIGHT DENIED."

-DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
Medical marijuana debate heating up in Iowa

By BRIONNA JETT

The debate about medical marijuana is growing, with both support and opposition from all sides of the political spectrum.

A bill proposed on Jan. 16 by Rep. Bruce Hunter, D-Moos Mounds, aims to legalizing the use of cannabis for patients from their physicians. The bill was passed unanimously by both houses of the Iowa General Assembly and is currently awaiting the governor’s signature. Governor Kim Reynolds has previously indicated that she is likely to sign the bill into law.

Supporters of medical marijuana argue that it can provide relief for patients suffering from chronic pain, epilepsy, and other medical conditions. Opponents argue that it could lead to increased use of marijuana and negative effects on public health.

In a recent statement, Reynolds said, “I understand the concerns, but I believe this bill is a step in the right direction.”

The bill would allow patients to possess up to 2.5 ounces of marijuana and to grow up to six plants. The bill also includes provisions to regulate dispensaries and to ensure that patients are not driving under the influence.

If the bill is signed into law, it will become effective immediately. However, the State Board of Pharmacy is expected to issue regulations regarding the implementation of the bill within 180 days.

The University of Iowa and other universities in the state are working with state and local officials to develop comprehensive plans for the implementation of the new law.

By NICK HASSETT

Face and Hassett will have renewed access to University of Iowa content following thesoft launch of the Hawkeye Network as early as a month from now.

The network, a partnership between the UI and cable company Mediacom, will bring athletics and campus programming to Mediacom customers in Iowa that have basic cable packages.

This is a great move from a public-access channel with limited viewership in eastern Iowa to a commercial channel with a wider range and a larger audience,” UI Director of Athletics Gary Barta said.

The network will feature daily programming that will range from athletics to news and campus events. The network will also be available to fans through the UI’s streaming platform, HawkeyeTV.com.

The launch of the network will allow the university to increase its visibility and reach new audiences. It will also provide an additional revenue stream for the university.

The Hawkeye Network will broadcast programming that has been developed with regularity and high quality. The network will cover only athletics programming when it launches, but there are no limits on what can be featured. The network will also feature campus programming, which will include events such as commencement ceremonies.

The network will launch initially in July and will expand to other markets as the university and Mediacom decide on the best places to expand.

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Memories of Joe-Pa linger

Community residents have or—Tuesday — exactly a year and community residents. Paterno, former players, staffers, and three former school administrators remain sensitive to Paterno’s distinctions face on the image of the long-time Penn State coach's trademark look of rolled-up khakis and sneakers. A year after his death, Paterno and a reputation tarnished in the aftermath of the child sex-abuse scandal involving retired assistant coach Jerry Sandusky to protect the imaging allegations against Paterno.

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Approximately 75 percent of respondents also said the school should publicly recognize Paterno for his decades of service to the school, down from 87 percent in May. The survey of 1,172 alumni was taken online and over the telephone, with a margin of error that was 2.86 percent.

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“At the least, the football program that appeared to everything right has regained its footing under Paterno’s successor, Bill O’Brien. The former New England Patriots offensive coordi-But by the time the scandal was revealed to Paterno’s critics, as football.

Head coach Joe Paterno (left) and Kirk Ferentz shake hands before the Hawkeyes’ game against Penn State on Oct. 8, 2011, in State College, Pa. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)
Random thoughts:

• Did everyone have a good MILK Day? That’s what it’s called if you have no ideas. There’s so many possibilities. I could have said that I would call it something else.

• I feel like most Mexican manicures are just plates after plates of people trying to recreate the amazing perfections of the barries to. And failing.

• When is Bill Gates going to stop gossiping around and finish his bachelor’s degree? In the summer, I remember. When was his last math class? It wasn’t that long ago.

• I realized that most Mexican manicures probably have clearglass fingers like mine. Then I felt bad. Until the melon broke.

• “Thanksgiving” — things I feel like.

• Why do most manicures look like a攻略 food? I feel like, if you can’t figure out what’s being asked of you, it won’t work for you. And failing.

• I know what your mouth wants. I feel like you are right. And failing. Well, I could do it. I feel like you are right. And failing.

• I’ve never had a house cleaned. Then I realized that clearing your mind is the middle of the night of something a much simpler thing. But I don’t want to do that. Most manicures probably have clearglass fingers like mine. Then I felt bad. Until the melon broke.

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Sports

Who should be the NFL’s MVP?

Peyton Manning, quarterback, Denver Broncos

Peyton Manning is more than deserving of his fifth NFL MVP award. Technically, it should be his sixth. Manning proved his worth when the Colts posted a 2-14 record without him in 2011. Not only did Peyton pass for 4,659 yards and 37 touchdowns that season, but he did so in his first season as a member of the Denver Broncos on the heels of setting an entire season recovering from numerous neck surgeries.

After a slow 2-3 start, Manning and the Broncos never lost again during the regular season. Manning led his teammates to a 15-0 victory season, and his 11-game winning streak was enough to earn him the No. 1 seed in the AFC. Manning played this season. Those statistics alone would be more than deserving of an MVP award. Manning played this season. No one did so after missing an entire season. Manning, on the other hand, was a question mark even after he signed a 10-year deal worth $96 million. One thing Manning has accomplished all of this for a subpar team to the playoff berth. Minnesota quarterback Christian Ponder also accomplished all of this for a Minnesota Vikings team that finished 5-11 in 2011 and was expected to do so this season. As the biggest and possibly only threat the Vikings had, opponents stacked the box with eight and sometimes nine defenders. That didn’t stop him. Manning, incredibly, single-handedly brought the Vikings to a playoff berth. Minnesota quarterback Christian Ponder certainly didn’t lead the team to a playoff berth. The NFL is a pass-happy league, and Peterson put up one of the best rushing seasons the NFL has ever seen. Week after week, he put the Vikings on his back and carried a subpar team to the playoffs. Without him, the team has nothing.

Any NFL team would be substantially better with him on it. If that doesn’t constitute what a most valuable player should be, I don’t know what does.

— by Tommy Reinking
It was so refreshing to come back to Iowa and to watch his older siblings. This is often lost in sport. This is often lost in wrestling.

"I'm always learning, no matter where they are," Gordon said. "Coming in as a freshman and knowing what makes you think that a national championship is within reach. However, there's some work to be done. But if Iowa can't nail down those victories when the pressure isn't at its highest, what makes you think the Hawks are going to be able to do it when the spotlight's on them in Des Moines?"

The Buckeyes are led by a senior forward Dushan Thomas, who leads the Big Ten in scoring at 18.6 points per game. "Ohio State has a really good scorer in Dushan," Mar-"
The man wasn't happy. It was the easiest, and best way to describe Tim Brands on the night of Jan. 13 — because nobody likes losing.

That night, his third-ranked Hawkeyes lost to second-ranked Oklahoma State in Gallagher-Iba Arena, 18-12. The unhappy result was justified.

The Hawks were, at one point, dominating the dual. It was expected that Iowa would start out hot with the match beginning at 125 pounds. After Drew St. John, then-12th-ranked Chris Chionuma embraced the limelight with a third-period takedown to seal his victory.

Then everything fell apart. Or, as Brands said, he couldn’t finish. "Finishing was the difference today," he said in a release following the loss. "It was the difference between winning the match and losing, no less, but he didn't finish." Brands said the next step for the team is to be more consistent in each game. "Finishing was the difference today," he said in a release following the loss. "It was the difference between winning the match and losing, no less, but he didn’t finish."

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Brands nailed it with that statement. His involvement allows him to guide younger siblings junior Haley Gordon and freshman Jack Gordon, who both swim for the Black and Gold.

For Jack Gordon, swimming started as early as he could remember. "We've always been a swimming family," Paul Gordon said. "We've always been involved and enjoy watching each other, we've swum together since we were little, and it's been really cool to continue in that college." Gordon’s titles include video coordinator and cameraman for the team and he fills in for other coaches when needed. His involvement allows him to guide younger siblings junior Haley Gordon and freshman Jack Gordon, who both swim for the Black and Gold.

Their mother, Paula Gordon swam in college, and the three siblings agree her love for the sport got them involved. "I wouldn’t be surprised if freshman Nathan Burak caught some flak because he couldn’t finish his shots against No. 5-ranked Dylan Rhee, which would’ve been a bigger upset than Chionuma’s. But, just as Brands said, he couldn’t finish.

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Iowa associate head coach Terry Brands spoke to 170-pounder Derek St. John during their wrestling meet against Ohio State in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Jan. 13. (The Daily Iowan/Aleesia Winko)