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## Fallen climber returns to UI



UI senior Spencer Bean shows off his brace in his home on Monday. (The Daily Iowan/Joshua Housing)

The Rec Center's 52.5-foot climbing wall will reopen today after being closed following a UI senior's fall on Nov. 8.

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Spencer Bean climbed up another hold on the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center's 52.5-foot rock wall. He was about 30 to 40 feet high. Then he lost his grip.

The experienced climber said one thought flashed through his brain after he began to fall: "Oh boy, something is not right."

"After 30 seconds, I tried to get up and I just couldn't," the University of Iowa senior said. "I remember having a paralyzing pain in my back."

After more than two months recovering from the nearly paralyzing fall on the evening of Nov. 8, Bean will return to classes today. And though the UI's popular rock wall will also reopen today — it has been closed since his unexplained fall — Bean still has a while to go before he can return to climbing.

Before the accident, Bean, a rock-climbing instructor at the Rec Center, climbed the structure several times a week. He landed on his back, suffering several injuries, including two crushed vertebrae, which nearly paralyzed him.

Associate Director of UI Recreational Services Wayne Fett said that after the climbing wall was immediately closed, two firms were hired to determine the safety and security of the wall and new procedures have been put into place.

The cause of the accident and cost of the two investigations were still unknown as of Monday evening. Rock-climbing training for Rec Center staff resumed Jan. 18.

Fett said the process was long but fairly simple. Two groups — Entre Prises,

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## Board takes on diversity

By **STACEY MURRAY**  
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The proposed diversity policy before the Iowa City School Board may soon have the support of city officials.

The Iowa City City Council will vote tonight on a resolution to either support or oppose the proposed diversity policy and the purpose revenue statement for the School District. The diversity policy seeks to better distribute students who participate in free- and reduced-lunch programs in the district.

Iowa City city staff believe endorsing the diversity policy and revenue purpose statement will aid city and School Board officials in addressing "socioeconomic and enrollment imbalance" in the School District.

The diversity policy defines minorities as "students who are receiving free or reduced-price lunches offered under the district's nutrition program" and the non-minority students as those not receiving them.

It aims to even out the percentages of students receiving free and reduced lunches to encourage socioeconomic diversity in the schools and to better the education of the student population.

While some look positively on the policy, not all have been receptive. The policy narrowly passed on a 4-3 vote at the last School Board meeting.

"Obviously, this has stirred up some passion in some folks, and I think it's natural because it's natural for parents to be interested in their kids' educations," School Board member Sally Hoelscher said. "I think every person

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## Locals remember King by serving

By **LAUREN COFFEY**  
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For some, Martin Luther King Jr. Day has become a day to relax and take a day off from work, but local do-gooders proved otherwise — many participated in volunteer projects and food drives throughout the community.

The University of Iowa and Iowa City community designated Monday as the Day of Service, with agencies such as the Iowa City Shelter House and Crisis Center participating.

"I think [the Day of Service] is a really neat idea," said Beth Ritter Ruback, the communications and development director for the Crisis Center. "Most of the time, we usually see an outpouring of volunteers in December, around the holidays, and when people are thinking about giving. Then, in January, the numbers go way down."

Forty members of the Vineyard Community Church, 2205 E. Grantview Drive, Coralville,

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Caleb Wassink clears a hallway of tile for the 1105 Project, located next to the Johnson County Crisis Center, on Monday. The center will be used for a variety of things ranging from community meeting spaces, outreach programs, and the Free Lunch Program. (The Daily Iowan/Nicholas Fanelli)

## Locals react to inauguration

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President Obama emphasized a variety of issues during his inaugural address Monday, and while he was speaking on a national scale, local and state party officials are looking to the next four years for progress on specific issues: immigration reform and addressing gun violence.

Iowa GOP Chairman A.J. Spiker said he would prefer Obama spend the next four years addressing the deficit, but he believes Republicans will continue to ex-

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# News



## DANCE MARATHON 2013



Morale captains hold up signs during Dance Marathon 18 in the IMU Main Lounge on Feb. 4, 2011. Dance Marathon raised nearly \$1.37 million in 2012. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

# Dance Marathon allocates funds

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

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

While all different in nature, all funds go to projects that work 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's Children's Hospital," said Courtney Bond, the university's Dance Marathon advisor.

Bond is the secretary of the allocations committee,

which is responsible for dispersing the funding raised by Dance Marathon to different projects. The committee meets twice a year to discuss proposals and decide on what projects to fund.

In the past, the allocations committee has voted to support projects ranging from genetic testing research, informational packets for parents about their child's condition, and continental breakfasts for the children and their families at the hospital. The committee has 15 voting members.

"It's a very diverse group of people representing lots of areas of expertise," said Bill Nelson, the chairman of the panel.

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, the IMU, a Dance Marathon alum, and a family representative.

The committee will meet again in April to discuss Dance Marathon 19 proposals. Nelson said it is hard to say what kind of proposals they will receive but he expects to see both renewal projects, such as the funding for informational packets for families, and new proposals. Since the spring of 2011, the committee has also been dedicated to providing \$5 million over 10 years to the fund for the new Children's Hospital.

"The decisions we make certainly are not arbitrary," Nelson said. "They're based 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 committee."

Graduate student Nic Rusher, who has been in-

volved with Dance Marathon since he was a freshman at the UI, is now 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."

Rush said that when voting 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."

## REMEMBERING KING



UI Assistant Professor Michael Hill speaks at the "Time to Remember Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." event in the Old Capitol on Monday. This event was held in honor of King's contribution to the civil-rights movement. (The Daily Iowan/Joshua Housing)

## METRO

### Man charged with domestic assault

A local man has been accused of allegedly choking his girlfriend during an argument.

Freddy Lopez, 21, was

charged Sunday with domestic assault with choking/strangulation.

According to an Iowa City police complaint, police officials responded to a residence after receiving a call regarding a physical altercation. The caller said a

male and female were physically fighting and there were children present.

One witness told police officials their parents were "play fighting," yet a different witness said her parents were physically fighting. According

to the complaint, the victim had redness and what appeared to be scratches on the front of her neck.

Domestic assault with choking/strangulation is a Class-D felony.

— by Jordyn Reiland

## BLOTTER

**Hamza Ali**, 23, 2401 Highway 6 E. No. 4015, was charged Sunday with OWI.

**Adriana Espinoza Castro**, 21, 2401 Highway 6 E. No. 3601, was charged Monday with driving

while barred. **Cody Jensen**, 20, 2100 Miami Drive, was charged Monday with PAULA, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of marijuana.

**Samuel Joens**, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Monday with public intoxication.

**Freddy Lopez**, 21, 1205 Laura Drive No. 20, was charged Monday with domestic assault.

**Melissa McMurrin**, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Monday with public intoxication.

**Zijun Zheng**, 24, 945 Oakcrest St. No. C19, was charged Monday with OWI.

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### ROCK WALL

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the company that built it, and Experiential Systems — inspected the wall.

“They both found that the wall and the equipment were in very good working order,” Fett said. “[That] was certainly not the cause of the accident. [Instructors] generally are big climbers to begin with, and we basically just teach them the process. The primary parts are to learn how to use the harness and belay device.”

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.

The numerous recommendations include having cameras clearly monitor the climbing area, restricting the use of cell phones and other electronic devices in the wall area, and prohibiting “lax belay techniques,” such as eating, sitting, or participating in other distracting activities while belaying a climber.

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. His doctor issued him a list of exercises, including walking on a treadmill, dumbbell curls, 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 future risks and complications associated with the fall — mild to somewhat

severe arthritis may be one result that could occur in his 30s — Bean is in high spirits and looks forward to the coming semester. He returned to work and staff training Jan. 18 and has continued to stay involved with the Touch the Earth program at the Rec Center.

As of Monday evening, he was still finishing up fall semester work while setting his sights on an 18-semester-hour course load this spring. He attributes his still-planned May graduation with a degree in finance and a certificate in entrepreneurial management to the help

and supportive nature of the UI and Rec Center communities.

“The university as a whole just really helped out the process, especially with registering for classes, contacting my professors, and getting my parents a hotel room during a game-day weekend,” Bean said. “[UI officials] cared above all how my well-being was.”

As the wall reopens, some students are excited to return to climbing.

UI second-year graduate student Kathleen Crose has had experience with climbing walls at various rec centers and Colo-

rado’s Mount Elbert, but she has yet to climb the UI’s two and a half year-old structure.

Despite the accident, she said she is confident in the safety of the wall, equipment and recreational facilities at the UI, taking it a step further in saying that she plans on trying out the wall sometime.

“I definitely feel that it’s safe here and [UI officials] do a really good job of keeping things updated,” she said. “I think [the fall] was just a fluke, and I hope it doesn’t happen again. I think a lot of people get enjoyment out of [the wall].”

### SERVICE

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donated their time Monday to help demolish a building run by the Crisis Center in order for renovations to occur.

President Obama participated in the National Day of Service by aiding in

school-improvement projects in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 19. The president asked Americans to participate in a Day of Service to highlight the importance of giving back to one’s community and to honor King’s life.

The Crisis Center is focusing on an a task called the 1105 Project, in which a building is being renovated to host a multitude

of organizations including having a free-lunch program, having meeting places for the Rape Victim Advocacy Program and the Alliance for Mental Illness, as well as other community outreach programs. The Crisis Center hopes to finish the renovation in December.

The Vineyard Community Church has had

a relationship with the Crisis Center for many years, and it was willing to help cut costs with the 1105 Project by helping work the building.

“We have definitely a diverse community, and it’s very meaningful to spend our day of service this way,” Vineyard Community Church pastor Tom Wassink said.

The Crisis Center also hopes to recycle items from the building.

Crisis Center officials have high hopes for the 1105 Project and are pleased with the help they received on the Day of Service.

“It may not seem glamorous to take ceiling tiles out to the Dumpsters, but with most nonprofits, we work over 40 hours a week, and we just can’t do this on our own,” Ritter Ruback said.

### DIVERSITY

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who has spoken for or against this policy has the interest of the kids in the district in mind. There’s just a difference about the best way to address the issues.”

If the policy passes, Superintendent Steve Murlley and the administration would be responsible for implementing the policy. In order to equalize the percentages, officials have options such as building

new schools and creating magnet schools — schools with special draws to encourage students to seek education at other schools and minimize differences in the poverty levels.

Currently, the district’s schools are unevenly matched when it comes to distribution of the lunch programs — Wickham Elementary has 5.5 percent of its students participating, and Twain Elementary has 70.8 percent.

School Board member Sarah Swisher attributes the growing polarization of the schools’ diversity to

a snowball effect. She said the schools that first experienced lower scores from a lack of diversity caused the non-minorities to leave the district, furthering the gap. In order to homologize the district’s diversity, the board must find ways to better combine the various populations.

“We have to figure out what attracts people back in,” Swisher said. “That’s our job, and it’s the only way to get there. What I don’t think is OK is to leave the situation just the way it is.”

Officials outside of the School Board also agree

they need to keep education a priority in Iowa City, despite disagreeing on the best way to improve it. The City Council will demonstrate its support or opposition at its meeting.

“I think making classrooms more diverse in terms of a wide range of kids from all sorts of households would be a good thing,” City Councilor Rick Dobyns said. “When you sit in a classroom, what’s on the chalkboard isn’t the only part of the classroom. Who sits next to you is a part of the education.”



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Lucy Morris shops at the Iowa City New Pioneer Food Co-op on Sept.13, 2012. (The Daily Iowan/Sumei Chen)

### New Pi's new digs

Somehow, the citizens of Iowa City think that future building projected to occupy the northeast corner of College and Gilbert Streets is a done deal. It is not. Nothing a governing body decides is finalized unless the people or the courts decide that it is so.

I remember the battle waged over the Super Walmart. I was for building it because the U.S. economy had tanked and believed with good cause if there was no employment in that end of the city, the entire economy would be affected.

But my opponents argued that Walmart stood for big business killing small business. They went so far as to fill the City Council at every meeting with witnesses to their folly and even hired a lawyer and raised funds.

Where are all the cheerleaders so much in enamored of small businesses when the New Pioneer Co-op needs them? What happen to the small-business ethic? Or was it just BS for public consumption, or have they been bought out, too?

I have not seen or heard one speaking up for an Iowa City institution that contributes both to the fiduciary security of the city and that pays a living wage to its employees.

Writing books about the

"good ol' days" in Iowa City and helping to save what is left of those days seems to be an enigma to those against the big boxes and favor the small enterprise except when it comes to when it really counts.

Mary Gravitt  
Iowa City resident

### Save SEATS

You may have read in the Jan. 16 *Press Citizen* that Johnson County is seriously cutting the budget for SEATS para-transit from \$400,000 in fiscal 2013 to only \$100,000 in fiscal 2014.

The \$100,000 may seem like a lot of money, but consider what Tom Brase, the director of Johnson County Para-Transit, and his staff are able to do with ridership at an all-time high. The coordinated service in Johnson County is something to be extremely proud of and is worth keeping, in my opinion.

Nationally, the cost to provide a para-transit trip is on average seven to 10 times higher than for fixed route. Johnson County SEATS has one of the lowest costs per trip in the nation. It does what it can to keep the cost as low as possible for everyone.

The need is there, but where is the money going to come from? I, as an Iowa City resident, pay taxes, which

the county gets, and I want something that I can use for my money. Being disabled and not driving anymore, I have become dependent on SEATS for the majority of my transportation needs. I'm not the only one.

Many elderly and disabled individuals use SEATS to get to work on a daily basis. I purpose that we pack the meetings. The next meeting of the Coralville City Council is today and then Feb. 12. The Iowa City Council will meet today and Feb. 5 at the City Hall. I hope to see you at these meetings to save our seats.

Harry Olmstead  
Iowa City resident

### Firefighters arise

The start of a new year is supposed to bring hope and renewal. It's a time for bettering oneself and practicing good habits. In Washington, unfortunately, the New Year has brought the same-old dysfunction and failure Americans have come to expect.

That Wall Street and stock markets around the world cheered the fiscal-cliff deal isn't a reflection of its substance; rather, it was a sigh of relief that Congress is capable of at least doing something. Beyond the market's recent reaction, the cheering rightfully has become silence and scorn. The deal represents nothing

more than a special-interest grab bag of tax-loophole extensions, welfare handouts, and politically charged tax hikes on the wealthiest Americans. As a result, the main thrust of the fiscal cliff was postponed a couple of months down the road, with the debate over raising the country's debt limit certain to take center stage.

The thing that really makes Americans angry is that Congress itself is responsible for creating these crises, because hardly any legislation written today has permanence, leading us to face these artificial deadlines.

As such, it becomes difficult to praise Washington for averting crises such as the fiscal cliff, because you are basically applauding an arsonist for extinguishing his own fire. Thus, we are living in a political era of crisis management at a time when we need long-term strategic thinking. Instead of focusing on the (inevitable) debt-ceiling increase, Congress should be tackling entitlement reform, energy policy, and tax-code simplification, to name a few. These issues represent actual fires that will affect our country for decades to come, not made-up political stunts. Thus, my message to the 113th Congress is to become firefighters, not arsonists.

Zach Halstead  
UI senior

## Meeting Borges



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Apparently, the new normal now is having a fake girlfriend.

One whom (to employ a nearly archaic word carelessly snatched by my overtaxed brain — damn government — from the medieval depths of the 19th century) you never stand next to or sit next to or ... not to give you too much information next to.

(I was thinking of sharing popcorn at 1 in the morning, speaking of next to. I don't know where your mind was going, next to.)

This is the kind of girlfriend whom you only meet on the phone, if you can call that "meeting," which apparently some people do. Or whom you only "meet" by texting. That's why they call those devices smart phones.

Quite a century we've got going here, even if it has relegated "whom" to the trash bin of history.

Of course, the previous new normal from two weeks ago is now the old new normal, which means that the new new normal will be the ancient new normal by Feb. 11. (To pick a date out of thin air, which is much better than that obese air that seems to be going around like the flu.)

Then again, the Patriots played as if they all had fake girlfriends.

(Which isn't all bad, come to think of it; I believe many of the Patriots are married, and we all know how well girlfriends work in a marriage. If you happen not to know, because of some genetic-based disability, which seems to be going around these days like the flu, you could always ask Tiger Woods about girlfriends, wife, nine iron.)

OK, OK. I don't really know if it was a nine iron. I mean, I wasn't there. I'm not there a lot of places. (Which I think goes for most of us, including Ger-

trude Stein, who came up with the concept, back in the days when people casually used the word "whom.")

And besides, my entire knowledge of golf would not fill the cup, or whatever they call it, on the green. I wouldn't know a nine iron from a wedge. Or a wedge, for that matter. (A "wedgie," the *American Heritage Dictionary* cheerfully tells us, is "A shoe having a wedge-shaped heel joined to a half sole so as to form a continuous undersurface." I don't know where your mind was going next to.)

None of this is meant to make fun of All-Everything Notre Dame linebacker Manti Te'o and his imaginary (though not to him, to give him the benefit of the doubt) girlfriend who died. Except, of course, she didn't die, because she wasn't real. Kind of like Lance Armstrong's entire cycling career. (Which brings up the question — no, it doesn't beg the question, because that means something else, Aristotle — if Lance Armstrong's cycling career isn't real, will it ever die? These are the kind of questions your mind sits next to when you've read too much Borges at a young age.)

There's been enough fun made of Te'o — when the story broke, the various wags started, well, wagging. You might say Te'o entered the Hall of Phone.

You might say I, of course, never would.

I would be wandering through a Borgesian labyrinth of nowhere that's not here (to steal a line from Greg Brown) every time I hear the phrases "debt-ceiling debate" and "runaway federal spending." Not to enter the real world or anything.

But as Kevin Drum has pointed out, there is no runaway federal spending — federal spending as a percentage of the GDP is less today, even with the stimulus money, than the percentage during the Reagan administration.

Yep. Reality bites, Republicans.

Of course, I prefer the world of imaginary girlfriends. Occasionally, you get to meet Borges. ■

## EDITORIAL

# Medical Marijuana Act a good thing for Iowans

Two months after Colorado and Washington became the first American states to legalize recreational use of marijuana, a proposal to reform Iowa's marijuana laws has come to the state House of Representatives.

Rep. Bruce Hunter, D-Des Moines, proposed the Medical Marijuana Act last week.

The *Daily Iowan* Editorial Board supports Hunter's push for medical marijuana in Iowa; the current legal framework around the drug in Iowa is untenable, and this proposal would be the first step toward improvement. Passage of the Medical Marijuana Act would also be a major victory for patients

in Iowa who are currently deprived of a legitimate means of treating some particularly debilitating conditions.

The law would legalize the possession and use of marijuana for patients suffering from a number of diseases including cancer, HIV, AIDS, ALS, Alzheimer's, Crohn's disease, and glaucoma. Patients with chronic pain or a condition characterized by persistent nausea would also be eligible to receive a prescription.

The bill also includes provisions for the establishment of a licensing system for eligible patients and for the creation of nonprofit suppliers to sell marijuana to those li-

censed to buy.

"At this point, there's no denying that marijuana helps alleviate the symptoms of a host of terrible diseases, many of which are notoriously difficult to treat," Hunter said in a Marijuana Policy Project statement "There is a wealth of scientific evidence demonstrating marijuana is significantly less addictive and has far fewer severe side effects than the opiates and other narcotics these patients are taking now."

The body of research concerning the efficacy of therapeutic marijuana and drugs derived from marijuana lends credence to Hunter's claims that such drugs have proved to

be both effective and safe when used responsibly.

According to an extensive summary of evidence produced by the Washington, D.C.-based NORML Foundation — an organization devoted to reforming America's marijuana laws — cannabinoids (the class of chemical compounds that includes the chief psychoactive compound) have impressive medicinal track record.

Cannabinoids have been shown to inhibit the growth of many types of cancers, and they may also moderate the degenerative effects of autoimmune disorders.

For all its virtues, Hunter's act faces a virtually insurmountable set of

obstacles in the state government. Republican Speaker of the Iowa House Craig Paulsen of Hiawatha said he has no interest in bringing a medical marijuana bill to a vote. Gov. Terry Branstad has used his Office of Drug Control Policy to advocate against marijuana legalization in any form.

Such opponents of medical marijuana typically argue that the alleged dangers of marijuana, as well as the drug's lack of FDA approval, make it an unfavorable alternative to traditional treatments.

These protestations are likely based more on personal biases than science. A meta-analysis conducted in 2010 at Leiden Uni-

versity in the Netherlands found that between 2005 and 2009, no fewer than 37 properly controlled studies were conducted to measure the therapeutic effects of medicinal cannabis. The collected research pointed to marijuana as a safe and effective therapeutic remedy for a number of conditions.

The debate has largely been settled: It's safe and it works. The Iowa legislators should set aside their preconceived notions and take up Hunter's Medical Marijuana Act.

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Should medical marijuana be legalized in Iowa?

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**INAGURATION**  
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amine and articulate their policy on immigration reform.

"It's clear our country needs something to address the problem, and there is going to be a great and lengthy debate in the party on that topic," he said. "There are changing demographics in this country and a state like Texas has a large Hispanic population, and within a few 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 Congress 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 Sue Dvorsky, the chairwoman of the Iowa Democratic Party. "I'm certainly no expert on immigration, but it affects every single state; this is not a border state [issue] ... this is a local issue everywhere."

Obama outlined his approach to gun violence last week and continued his focus on his recently released proposals and immigration reform during his inaugural address.

"Our journey is not complete until we find a better way to welcome the striving, hopeful immigrants who still see America as a land of opportunity," Obama said during his address. "Our journey is not complete until all our



President Obama takes the oath of office from Chief Justice John Roberts on Monday. (Associated Press/Scott Andrews, Pool)

children, from the streets of Detroit to the hills of Appalachia to the quiet lanes of Newtown, know that they are cared for, and cherished, and always safe from harm."

One local expert was surprised by the president's recent rhetoric toward Republicans during the "fiscal-cliff" negotiations, 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 more winnable issue," said Tim Hagle, a University of Iowa associate professor of political-science.

After the shooting in Newtown, Conn., Obama has increased his focus on addressing gun violence — an issue Spiker and Dvorsky differ greatly on with the latter preferring "commonsense gun regulations."

"It was pretty clear when [Obama] was a senator he respected the balance of power, and now he enjoys overreaching it," Spiker said.

Other legislators pointed out different items the president should focus on in addition to gun control and immigration reform including education reform.

"Instead of having little pockets of STEM or [higher performing] schools, it will be universal," said Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville.

One part of Obama's legacy is that he will be the "education president," Jacoby said.

Obama targeted a variety of issues during his address, including gay rights, climate change, immigration reform, and a new focus on gun violence. Obama continued to outline some of his goals during his second term in office, but Hagle believes he will have difficulties accomplishing some of his goals and moving forward to his next task: forming his legacy.

"People often say after getting re-elected, presidents start looking towards their legacy," he said. "... Whatever objectives he has he really needs to get them done this year, because with midterm elections, you don't know what the landscape will be."

**Obama stresses action**

By DAVID ESPO  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Turning the page on years of war and recession, President Obama summoned a divided nation Monday to act with "passion and dedication" to broaden equality and prosperity at home, nurture democracy around the world, and combat global warming as he embarked on a second term before a vast and cheering crowd that spilled down the historic National Mall.

"America's possibilities are limitless, for we possess all the qualities that

this world without boundaries 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 politicians and the nation at large, he called for "collective action" to confront challenges and said, "Progress does not compel us to settle centuries-long debates about the role of government for all time — but it does require us to act in our time."

Elected four years ago

as America's first black president, Obama spoke from specially constructed flag-bedecked stands outside the Capitol after reciting oath of office that all presidents have uttered since the nation's founding.

The events highlighted a day replete with all the fanfare that a security-minded 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 graced the tables at a traditional lunch with lawmakers inside the Capitol.

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# Medical marijuana debate heating up in Iowa

By **BRIANNA JETT**  
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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-Des Moines, aims to legalize marijuana use for those considered to suffer from chronic illnesses.

"Should they be made a criminal because they want to get rid of pain?" Hunter said.

If the bill passes, patients would need recommendations from their physicians and would need to suffer from such conditions as AIDS, Crohn's disease, seizures, and other chronic conditions.

"They've talked to the

doctors, and in between the two of them, they've decided marijuana is a possible alternative to relieve pain," Hunter said.

The medical side of the debate is important in passing the bill, and some believe that smoking marijuana does provide benefits.

Daniel O'Leary, a University of Iowa professor of psychiatry who researches the effects of marijuana on cognition and brain blood flow, agrees, although he does not call himself an expert on medical marijuana.

"I think it is clear that there are a great many benefits from the use of medical marijuana and very little downside," he said.

Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville, believes that if medical marijuana were to become legalized, it

would need the full support of the medical community.

"What's really needed is more health-care officials to make recommendations," he said.

This is the second time Hunter has proposed the bill, but he believes it will go further this time.

"I'm mostly getting positive responses from colleagues on both sides of the aisle," he said.

Support for medical marijuana seems to ignore party lines.

"We should utilize anything that's naturally occurring," said Jeffrey Shipley, a member of the Republican State Central Committee. "I take the Christian approach that if God put it on the planet, it's meant to be utilized."

Shipley believes medical

marijuana use should have already been legalized.

"We should have had medical marijuana back in 2009," he said. "I think it's terrible that government would get in the way of medicine that could relieve pain."

However, not all Republicans are on the same page.

"I personally would not be in favor of it," said Rep. Ralph Watts, R-Adel. "Medical marijuana is just an opening. They just want to legalize it — that's their ultimate goal."

Hunter, however, does not see a correlation between medical marijuana legalization and an increase in recreational use.

"If you look at the states that have passed it for medical reasons, there hasn't been a hard-core push to



A marijuana cigarette sits in an ashtray in the smoking chamber in the UIHC on Sept. 8, 2005, part of the UI study. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

get it passed for recreational reasons," he said. "They are also not seeing recreational use go up."

And although Watts and Peter Komendowski, the president of Drug Free Iowa, come from opposite

sides of the political spectrum, they agree that medical marijuana shouldn't be legalized.

"For no reason do I think that smoking is medically viable," Komendowski said. "It makes no sense."

## Hawkeye TV Network set to go

By **NICK HASSETT**  
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Fans and alumni will have increased access to University of Iowa content following the expected 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.

"We're going from a public-access channel with limited viewership in eastern Iowa to a commercial channel with a wider range and a larger viewership," said Scott Ketelsen, the director of university marketing and media production for UI Strategic Communications.

The current public-access channel, UITV, will shut down when the channel launches, transferring its content to the new network.

The Hawkeye Network will show approximately 50 percent athletics programming, 35 percent campus programming, and 15 percent academic programming. Daily Iowan TV will be included in the programming.

"On the public-access channel, there are limitations on what you can show," Ketelsen said. "On the commercial channel, we can show what we want."

Officials say the launch of the network will increase communication of the university's goals across the state — one thing UI President Sally Mason listed as a revised goal in the current year. Last year, Mason compiled a list of revised goals to be completed by June 30, the first of which concerned communication, which was assigned a priority of "30 percent," *The Daily Iowan* has previously reported.

The network will launch initially only in Iowa, though Mediacom's cable packages may "bleed over" into bordering states, such as Wisconsin and Nebraska.

Ketelsen says there are no additional costs from switching to the network.

"All the personnel were previously employed [through UITV] and are producing video for the network," he said. "With any video operation, we'll have to replace equipment down the road, but that remains the same."

The launch of the network will have two phases, with a soft launch on Mediacom Channel 22 scheduled to begin within a month. MC-22 will

broadcast programming that has been developed with regularly scheduled content.

The hard launch of the Hawkeye Network, which will be broadcast on its own dedicated channel, will come this year, though no date has been set.

Ketelsen said the university is working out the details with Mediacom.

"We're making sure our Ts are crossed, our Is dotted," he said. "We want to make sure we're ready to throw the switch."

Mediacom spokeswoman Phyllis Peters said the company looks forward to working with the UI.

"We've got great partners and people at the University of Iowa," she said.

The UI isn't the only university in Iowa to launch a cable network. Iowa State University will launch its Cyclones.tv channel, also a partnership with Mediacom, early this year.

John Walters, the director of broadcasting at Cyclones.tv, said the people there are excited that they've been able to get the partnership working so quickly.

"This is the first year we've done this; I'm delighted that we've been moving ahead at a high speed with this thing," he said. "Our goal has been to create a product with high enough quality that a network would be interested, so it's been a breakthrough for ISU."

While Cyclones.tv will cover only athletics programming when it launches, Walters didn't rule out other content in the future.

"As of today, it's simply athletics programming, but who knows what'll happen down the road," he said. "Eventually, we would want coaches' shows, press conferences, a variety of different things. It's a work in progress."

Steve Smith, the news director at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said the university does not have a cable channel similar to the Hawkeye Network.

"We have NET [Nebraska Educational Television], which broadcasts Husker sports on occasion and some student produced content," he said.

The university operates NET Television, which consists of nine stations. It does not air only university-based content, however.

Though Nebraska doesn't currently plan to create a similar channel, Smith said, the concept is intriguing.

"[The Hawkeye Network] sounds pretty interesting," he said. "We'll be watching to see what happens in Iowa City."

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## Sports

## Memories of Joe-Pa linger



Head coaches 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)

By GENARO C. ARMAS  
Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — From bumper stickers to signs posted by a few businesses to the occasional T-shirt, reminders of Joe Paterno sprinkle Happy Valley.

Most cues are subtle enough to make an outsider look twice. Like the decals with the outline of the bespectacled Paterno's distinctive face or the shirt with 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 remain sensitive topics for groups of alumni, former players, staffers, and community residents.

The Hall of Fame coach died of lung cancer on Jan. 22, 2012, at age 85. On Tuesday — exactly a year after his passing — community residents have organized a vigil at a downtown mural that includes a depiction of Paterno.

A family spokesman has said the Paternos would not take part, and they remain in privacy.

Their supporters, though, spoke up at a recent meeting of the university's Board of Trustees.

Most critics are angered by how school leaders handled Paterno's ouster as coach and the explosive findings of the internal investigation led by former FBI Director Louis Freeh that put part of the blame on Paterno.

Others say the school hasn't done enough to honor a 46-year career in which Paterno was known for focusing on academics and philanthropy as well as football.

"The university should lead the way and not sit in silence," said Ed Stine, 62, of Gaithersburg, Md., a member of the alumni watchdog group Penn Staters for Responsible Stewardship. He was one of at least one of at least four dozen audience members who applauded or praised speakers who paid tribute to Paterno at the meeting.

The man who built Penn State's program into one of college football's marquee brands was fired in November 2011, days after Sandusky's arrest on molestation and other charges. The trustees had said Paterno was ousted in part because he had a moral obligation to pass on to police outside the university a 2002 allegation of sexual assault by Sandusky that was relayed to Paterno by a graduate assistant.

Sandusky was convicted in June on dozens of criminal counts, crimes that authorities said occurred on and off campus. In July, Freeh accused Paterno and three former school administrators of concealing allegations against Sandusky to protect the

school's image.

The NCAA took unprecedented action two weeks later in levying strict sanctions including a four-year bowl ban, strict scholarship cuts and a \$60 million fine on the university. College sports' governing body also vacated 111 wins under Paterno, erasing what had been his major college record of 409 career victories.

Paterno's family has vehemently denied Freeh's conclusions and has maintained the coach would not take part in a cover-up. They have said they expect to release a response to Freeh's report in the near future.

The trustees have maintained over the past year that they intend to honor Paterno at some point. When asked last week, a couple trustees cited ongoing legal issues related to the scandal.

"There's going to be a time and a place to do that, and I don't think that's right now yet," Trustee Chairman Keith Masser said last week.

University leaders continue to navigate tricky issues as they try rebuild Penn State's image. In the eyes of some national columnists and other critics outside Pennsylvania or the Penn State community, Paterno's name has been forever soiled.

A survey of alumni conducted for the school by an external public relations firm found that more than eight in 10 alumni remained positive toward Penn State, though that's down from nine in 10 in 2009. The survey also found that "recent events" still had a negative effect overall on the feelings of alumni, though the impact was less pronounced in December than in the last survey taken in May.

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.

"We still have an overwhelming majority of people who say he should be honored," said Trustee Anthony Lubrano, who has long voiced support for Paterno and his family. He joined the board last summer with the backing of alumni critical of trustees who fired Paterno.

"It's important for us to address if we're going to heal and move forward," Lubrano said.

At the least, the football program that appeared to be in peril after the sanctions has regained its footing under Paterno's successor, Bill O'Brien. The former New England Patriot offensive coordinator conducted a masterful job leading Penn State to an 8-4 season and keeping most of the team together following the penalties.

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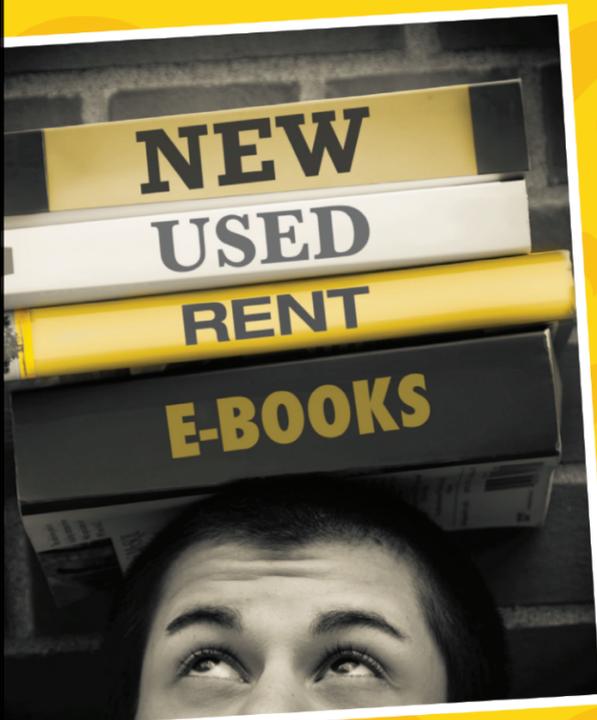
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Getting caught is the mother of invention. — Robert Byrne

## the ledge

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### Random thoughts:

- Did everyone have a good MLK Day? What's that? You're right. There is no possible way I could know what you just answered.
- I feel like most Mexican cuisine is just plate after plate of a people trying to recreate the stunning perfection of the burrito. And failing.
- When is Bill Gates going to stop goofing around and finish his bachelor's degree?
- "What if the plants you eat were grown by a farmer wearing leather boots? What if they were fertilized with manure? What if a WORM touched it?" — sometimes, I like to try to think like a radical vegan for entertainment purposes.
- I couldn't sleep the other night. It got to be 3:30 a.m., so I started thinking I should do something worthwhile because I was already awake — like clean my house. Then I realized that cleaning one's house in the middle of the night is something a meth addict would do. Then I realized that most meth addicts probably have cleaner houses than me. Then I felt bad. Until the meth kicked in.
- "I hate hipsters" — things hipsters say.
- Why do so many recipes state what size mixing bowl to use? I feel like, if you can't figure out how big of a bowl you need for two cups plus four cups plus a few teaspoons or whatever and then mixing, you probably shouldn't be using such appliances as ovens.

Andrew R. Juhl thanks M. Gorman and L. Thomas for contributing to today's Ledge.

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- **Pharmacology Faculty Seminar**, "Development of Non-Viral Gene Delivery Vectors for the Liver," Kevin Rice, Pharmacy, 10:30 a.m., 1117 Medical Education & Research Facility
- **English Conversation Classes**, 12:30 p.m., UIHC Pomerantz Family Pavilion Melrose Conference Room 6
- **Special Seminar**, "Measuring kinase signaling dynamics using quantitative mass spectrometry," Ryan Kunz, Harvard Medical School, 12:30 p.m., C131
- Pomerantz Center
  - **Microbiology Seminar**, "Herpesvirus-induced oncogenesis and transmission," Keith Jarosinski, 3 p.m., Bowen Auditorium 3
  - **Tai Chi Open Practice**, 5:30 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
  - **K-6 Curriculum Open House**, 6:30 p.m., Willowwind School, 950 Dover
  - **Human Rights Week Panel Discussion**, "Peace in the Middle East," 7:30 p.m., Iowa City Public Library Meeting Room A, 123 S. Linn
  - **Flight School**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

## UITV schedule

Campus channel 4, cable channel 17

- 12:30 p.m.** Guest Lecture, "Women in Iowa Sports," April 13, 2009
- 2** Religion & Science Lecture Series, Marilynne Robinson, Pulitzer-Prize-winning author, Congregational United Church of Christ, March 25, 2012
- 3** School of Music Encore, Maia Quartet, Oct. 16, 2008
- 4:30** Guest Lecture, "Women in Iowa Sports," April 13, 2009
- 6** Iowa Magazine, human-interest stories on research, service, and education
- 6:30** Iowa Basketball with Fran McCaffery, weekly interview program featuring Iowa coach Fran McCaffery, hosted by Gary Dolphin, HawkVision Productions
- 10:30** Daily Iowan TV News
- 10:45** Inside Iowa, weekly campus magazine covering education, research, and service at the UI
- 11** Best of Java Blend, live musical acts from the Java House, Iowa Public Radio

## horoscopes

Tuesday, January 22, 2013 by Eugenia Last

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): An offer you cannot refuse will develop if you are generous with your time, knowledge, and suggestions. Don't limit the possibilities because of someone who cannot make up her or his mind. Stick to your plan.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Ulterior motives will be behind an offer you receive from one of your peers. Proceed with caution. You may be best to do your own thing and forgo having to get involved in a situation that may not be in your best interest.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): You know what you want and how to go about getting it. Put your best foot forward, and dazzle everyone with your ability to present something unique. Greater prosperity will come through the connections you make now. Speak your mind.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Plan to visit an interesting destination, or take part in an event that will open your eyes to different cultures or ways of doing things. The experience you have now will help you pick and choose better options and ways of doing things.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Take more time to secure partnerships with people who can make a difference to your future. Expanding your interests and your circle of friends will help you develop an alternative way to make your money grow. Say what's on your mind.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't make a fuss. Deal with what's being asked of you, and you'll gain respect and find time to do something you enjoy. Socializing or getting involved in a new pastime will brighten your day. Love is in the stars.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can make a good impression by sharing your knowledge, skills, and suggestions as well as offering hands-on help to someone your social life. Physical activity will help you look your best as well as spice up your social life.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Fix up your home or utilize your space to better suit a hobby or project you want to pursue. Taking a serious look at your life and what you want to do in the future will help you make a decision regarding current partnerships.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Emotions will be difficult to contain. Make sure you address issues that have been bothering you or pending for some time. The changes you make now will help you deal with past and present relationships. Ask for what you want.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Avoid making unnecessary changes. You are best to stick to what you know and do best. Problems while traveling or dealing with friends, relatives, or neighbors will develop if you aren't willing to compromise. Gossip will be misleading.

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### OBJECTS OF ART

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- ACROSS**
- Washer/dryer brand
  - Bygone despot
  - Cans
  - Not conceal
  - Adolescent breakout
  - Sister of Rachel
  - Place to see a Ferris wheel
  - Call \_\_\_ question
  - Fifth-century invader
  - Period for R&R
  - Meeting of the minds?
  - "After \_\_\_"
  - 1950s runner's inits.
  - Hold \_\_\_ (keep)
  - Give a good whippin'
  - Super Giant
  - Dorm assignment
  - Composer Shostakovich
  - Some pancakes
  - Barnyard cackler
  - Online sales
  - Pool choice
  - W.W. I soldier
  - "But is it \_\_\_?"
  - "All right!"
  - "Cómo \_\_\_?"
  - Distinctive parts of a Boston accent
  - Electrolysis particle
  - Filmmaker Jean-Godard
  - You can plan on it
  - Excite
  - One who breaks a court oath
  - Diamond feat ... and a hint to 17-, 21-, 35-, 47- and 59-Across
  - In that case
  - Memo starter

**DOWN**

- \_\_\_ Romeo
- Vegetarian's no-no
- Bickering
- "Me neither"
- Matter of degree?
- "The \_\_\_ of Steve," 2000 film
- Gulf war missile
- Bug
- \_\_\_ City, California locale named for local flora
- Came down
- City near Dayton
- Wonderland cake instruction
- Some brake parts
- Dreaded one?
- Tree that's the source of mace
- What 6-Down means
- Spheres
- Court plea, briefly
- Trouble's partner
- All, to Augustus
- Clinging, say
- Church offering
- Curt summons
- Curmudgeonly cries
- Clears
- Classic poem that begins "I think that I shall never see"
- Norm
- Wing it
- Israeli port
- Secret store
- #1 Alicia Keys hit of 2007
- Colgate rival
- Winged Greek god
- Composer Weill
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- Wanna-\_\_\_

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# Sports

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## POINT/COUNTERPOINT

# 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 this season, but he did so in his first season as a member of the Denver Broncos on the heels of sitting out 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 13-victory season, and his 11-game winning streak was enough to earn the No. 1 seed in the AFC for the playoffs and another Pro Bowl selection — his 12th. Manning also posted a 105.8 QB rating for the season, good enough for second place behind Aaron Rodgers in the NFL for quarterback rating.

What may be most impressive about all of these statistics, though, is that Manning managed to do this while getting accustomed to a new team. He was faced with the difficult task of working with a new center and throwing the ball to his new receivers. The rest of the team was faced with the even more difficult task of transitioning from the option offense of Tim Tebow to the complex,

hurry-up, full of lengthy line-of-scrimmage discussions that Manning had so much success with in Indianapolis.

That Manning was able to form strong connections with and praise his young receivers — Eric Decker and Demaryius Thomas — so quickly is a testimony in itself for Manning's MVP candidacy. Each receiver had career highs in both yards and touchdown receptions with Peyton under center.

Sure, Adrian Peterson had a tremendous season, but his return to the game was never in doubt from the moment he was injured. Manning, on the other hand, was a question mark even after he signed a five-year deal with Denver.

No one played like Manning played this season. And no one did so after numerous neck surgeries. What more does a guy need on his resumé, a fake girlfriend?

— by Matt Cabel

### Adrian Peterson, running back, Minnesota Vikings

I could argue all day about why Adrian Peterson is the no-brainer choice for Most Valuable Player in the NFL. The statistics he put up would be considered unbelievable if they hadn't actually happened. He had 2,097 rushing yards, second most ever in a season, and averaged 6.0 yards per carry. He was only the second player ev-

er to have seven 150-yard rushing games. If he had gained one more yard against Green Bay in the final game of the regular season, he would have been the first player ever to record three 200-yard games in one calendar month.

The list goes on and on. Those statistics themselves should be enough to crown Peterson the MVP, but there are other factors that make what he accomplished even more incredible.

On Dec. 24, 2011, Peterson tore his ACL and MCL in a game against the Washington Redskins. Only eight months later, he returned to his starting role in the Vikings backfield to begin the 2012 season. That is an incredibly short amount of time to play, let alone dominate the field as Peterson did.

Peterson also accomplished all of this for a Minnesota Viking team that finished 3-13 in 2011 and was expected to do the same this season. As the biggest and possibly only threat the Vikings had, opponents stacked the box with eight and sometimes nine defenders. It didn't stop him.

He practically single-handedly brought the Vikings to a playoff berth. Minnesota quarterback Christian Ponder certainly didn't lead the team.

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.

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# Sports



Iowa guard Mike Gesell attempts to steal the ball against Wisconsin in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Jan. 19. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

## BASKETBALL

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any team," he said. "But the difference between the good teams and the great teams is how well you min-

imize those lapses. And we're still working on that. So each game is a work in progress."

Marble and the Hawkeyes will have their hands full tonight when they take on Ohio State in Columbus. The Buckeyes are led by

junior forward Deshaun Thomas, who leads the Big Ten in scoring at 20.8 points per game.

"[Ohio State has a] really good scorer in Deshaun, probably the best scorer in the Big Ten this year," Marble said. "Coming off a tough

loss [on Jan. 19], I think they lost by 3 to Michigan State, so they're going to come in with a chip on their shoulder. So we've got to be able to meet their intensity and their aggressiveness in the first few minutes of the game."

## WRESTLING

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could've been missed there. Mark Ballweg, at 141, won by 5 when he likely could've scored a few more takedowns throughout the match. He took down Okie State's unranked Julian Feikert in every period. Why not just play take-downs with him and break his spirit for a major?

### It takes a whole team

Wrestling is a team sport. This is often lost in the riffs of grappling, because on the mat, it's one-on-one. One guy against just one other guy. But those single wrestlers are part of a team, and they are aware that their performance dictates a team performance.

If a quarterback makes a perfect pass, but the receiver drops the ball, the team suffers and goes nowhere. In much the same way, if wrestlers don't take advantage of the opportunities in front of them (i.e.,



Iowa coaches watch the meet against Ohio State in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Jan. 4. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

bonus-point victories and takedowns in the waning seconds of a match to win), the team takes a hit. This is what happened on that January night in Stillwater.

This is not to say that the team should be worried — the squad still has at least five dual-meets in front of it. What's im-

portant is what happens in March. That is when the bonus points, pins, and upsets need to happen the most — Brands will be the first to tell you that a national championship is within reach.

However, there's some work to be done. But if Iowa can't nail down these

victories when the pressure isn't at it's highest, what makes you think the Hawks are going to be able to do it when the spotlight's on them in Des Moines?

## SIBLINGS

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college. In high school, he helped lead his baseball team to the state title in 2011. But after several trips to Iowa to watch his older siblings compete, it rekindled his interest in swimming.

"It was so refreshing to see Paul and Haley have so much fun in the sport at such a high level and to be able to compete for the Hawkeyes," the youngest Gordon said. "I saw it as my best option moving forward."

He said he was thrilled when he got a scholarship offer from Iowa the summer before his senior year of high school and said he couldn't have asked to attend a better school.

By still being a part of the team, Paul Gordon enjoys being able to watch his siblings swim and to see them make the same friends, have the same coaches, and achieve the same success as he did.

"The cool thing about swimming, it's a race sport," he said. "You just get to enjoy see people race each other down, win or lose, and knowing two of my teammates as my family members just makes it so much more rewarding."

Jack and Haley Gordon followed their older broth-



Then-Hawkeye swimmer Paul Gordon swims the 200 freestyle on the third day of the Big Ten swimming and diving championship in the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center on Feb. 24. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

er in coming to Iowa, but he said they've made their own lives at Iowa. That doesn't mean he can't give them pointers in practice, though.

"[Paul] is a really smart swimmer," Haley Gordon said. "He pays attention to how he swims and not just how fast he swims, and I think that's a really important thing to know. I think it's a trickling effect. We all just help each other."

Coming in as a freshman, Jack Gordon felt confident that because of his siblings, he had their experience to help him and to share with his fellow freshmen while continuing to learn from them.

"I'm always learning from them each time I'm in the pool, each time I'm at a meet," he said. "There's so much to take away from

the experiences they've had as Hawkeyes and all the knowledge they've built up."

It's not only learning from his siblings that he enjoys; he said that he is blessed to be able to swim alongside his sister and that he shares a friendship with both siblings that is much more than just being brothers and sister.

Like many younger siblings do, he looks up to both his sister and brother and their ability to lead.

"The success [Paul and his teammates] enjoyed at such a high level while taking the team from where it was a few years ago to where it is now is part of the legacy of being a Hawkeye and what you're going to leave behind," Jack Gordon said.

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# No more talking D for Hawks



Iowa guard Mike Gesell defends against Wisconsin's George Marshall in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Jan. 19. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

By **TORK MASON**  
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Iowa men's basketball head coach Fran McCaffery questioned his team's toughness following a 95-67 loss at Michigan on Jan. 6. The Hawkeyes appeared to be uninterested on defense and allowed the potent Wolverine offense to seemingly do whatever it wanted.

Since that game, however, the Hawkeyes are 2-1, thanks to some lockdown defense. Iowa has held its last three opponents to a combined 37.9 percent shooting from the floor, 32 percent from behind the arc.

Those are the kind of defensive results the Hawkeyes say fans should expect to see.

"I think [the Michigan game] was a little out of character for this team," junior Devyn Marble said. "Last year, I might have said we just needed to work on our defense. It

was a little out of character. We probably got a little frustrated, taking quick shots, and it affected us on defense."

The Hawkeyes' effort to protect the arc has been much improved from 2011-12. Iowa allowed teams to hit on just under 35 percent of their 3-point attempts last season, but the Hawks lead the Big Ten in 3-point percentage defense with a mark of 28.7 percent.

Three freshman starters have had a lot to do with the improved defense. Guards Mike Gesell and Anthony Clemmons have provided quick on-ball defense and also consistently stay tight on their man away from the ball. Center Adam Woodbury has given the team the kind of inside defensive presence lacking last season. The Sioux City native is averaging 5.4 rebounds per game and can alter shots in the paint, even if he doesn't get

a hand on them.

"We just have more bodies," McCaffery said. "We have more bodies; we have a little more experience and a little more size."

The Black and Gold have struggled to put together strong defensive performances on the road this season, including a 95-79 loss at Virginia Tech in November. But the win against Northwestern was a step in the right direction, Aaron White said.

"I think we really learned from [the Michigan game] at Northwestern," the sophomore said. "We went up there and took them right out of their stuff."

Iowa has given itself opportunities to put opponents away early in the last three games, giving up an average of 19 first-half points in that span. But only in a 70-50 win at Northwestern on Jan. 13 were the Hawkeyes able to maintain that level of in-

tensity over the course of the entire game. Michigan State scored 38 second-half points, and Wisconsin scored 48 to nearly grab a victory after being down by as many as 20 points.

Marble said the next step for the team is to be more consistent in each game.

"We've had our defensive lapses, like

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## Iowa men's basketball vs. No. 11 Ohio State

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## COMMENTARY

# Wrestling Hawks still a project



By **CODY GOODWIN**  
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The man wasn't happy. It was the simplest, and best way to describe Tom 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 unhappiness 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 Derek St. John, the nation's top 157-pounder, scored a decision over the Poke's Alex Dieringer, Iowa led 12-3.

Then everything fell apart. Or, as Brands would say after the dual, they didn't finish. The Hawkeye grapplers didn't win another match that night.

"Finishing was the difference today," he said in a release following the loss. "It was the difference between winning the matches and the meet."

Brands nailed it with that statement. His wrestlers didn't finish their matches as they should have, and in turn, it caused them to let a winnable dual slip through the cracks.



Iowa associate head coach Terry Brands shouts to 157-pounder Derek St. John during their wrestling meet against Ohio State in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Jan. 4. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

## Missing points

It's tempting to point a finger directly at the heavier guys and blame them for dropping five-straight matches. Most fans probably did.

It wouldn't shock me in the least if Ethen Lofthouse received some hate mail after being on the wrong end of an upset that night when then-12th-ranked Chris Chionuma embraced the limelight with a third-period takedown to seal his victory.

I wouldn't be surprised if freshman Nathan Burak caught some flak because he couldn't finish his shots against No. 5-ranked Blake Rosholt, which would've

been a bigger upset than Chionuma's. But, just as Brands said, he couldn't finish.

But there's more to the point here than to just blame the guys who lost. There was a preconceived notion before the dual that Matt McDonough had the best chance at scoring a bonus-point victory for the Hawks. He didn't and left a point or two off the board.

Tony Ramos squeaked out a 1-point victory. It was against his first-ranked opponent of the season, no less, but he didn't come out with the fiery explosiveness that we're all accustomed to seeing. Points

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# Pooling their resources

By **JALYN SOUCHEK**  
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Former Iowa swimmer Paul Gordon had the opportunity to call some of his teammates extended family members during a career that included four All-American honorable mentions.

Now, as a student assistant coach for the squad, he is able to call two members of the Iowa swimming team — Jack and Haley Gordon — what he has his entire life: brother and sister.

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 in swimming.

"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 that in college."

For Jack Gordon, swimming started out as a way to stay in shape and have fun. Though a four-time all-state (South Dakota) selection in swimming, he was more focused on baseball — a sport he thought he would pursue in

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