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DANCE MARATHON 2013: BIG EVENT

24 hours, 1 goal



Students dance in Dance Marathon 18 during Power Hour in the IMU Main Lounge on Feb. 4, 2012. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

The year-round efforts of University of Iowa Dance Marathon have raised more than \$11.2 million total since 1995.

By **REBECCA MORIN**
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It's the final countdown. In just a few hours, 365 days of effort from students, staff, the community, and families will be showcased as Dance Marathon kicks off the 19th Big Event tonight in the IMU. And it's all "For the Kids."

Dance Marathon, a student organization focused on supporting young cancer patients and their families, has been a tradition at the University of Iowa since 1995. What started as a small event with 26 families 18 years ago has grown to include 750 families. With the support of 2,100 registered dancers, numerous alumni, and members of the community, Dance Marathon includes many individuals who have anticipated this weekend's Big Event all year.

"We're just really excited for this weekend

and to see all our hard work pay off," said Erin Ketterer, a Dance Marathon morale captain.

Dance Marathon dancers and leadership personally raise their own amount of money to participate in the 24-hour event. With the help of family and friends, dancers raise at least \$400; leaders have to raise at least \$550.

"I used an online giving page, and I spread the word to family, friends, people I worked with, and through social media," said senior Michelle Ruthig, a member of the event's committee.

Last year, Dance Marathon raised \$1.369 million, which brought the total amount of money raised to more than \$10 million since the organization first started on campus. The grand total now stands at more than \$11.2

SEE MARATHON, 3A



DANCE MARATHON 2013: FAMILIES

Set to 'graduate' from DM

By **BRENT GRIFFITHS**
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A small silver box not much bigger than the tip of a finger dangles off a black leather necklace in Cameron Christensen's hand.

A member of last year's University of Iowa Dance Marathon gave it to him, and Cameron has added just one touch to the inscription: Everything happens for a reason.

Attached with a thin wire is a silver bead etched with the number five. It's been five years since Cameron had his last relapse of cancer, and at the Big Event today, he will officially "graduate" from Dance Marathon.

"Cameron is one my heroes, because even when he was struck down, he would just shrug his shoulders and say, 'All right, let's fight this,'" said



Cameron Christensen displays a photo album at his house in Muscatine on Wednesday. (The Daily Iowan/Juan Carlos Herrera)

Brian Martin, a former member of Sigma Chi. "As a sophomore, I wanted to spend more time at the hospital helping kids like Cameron, and that's when I realized I want to keep

helping kids fight these battles."

Sigma Chi sponsors the Christiansen family and has

SEE CAMERON, 3A

Accounts differ in trial

After a delay in the first-degree murder trial of Justin Marshall, key witnesses took the stand, including former primary suspect Charles Thompson.

By **MANDI CAROZZA**
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Three years ago, Charles William Curtis Thompson was the primary suspect in the October 2009 homicide of an Iowa City landlord.

But on Thursday, Thompson, now 20, took the stand as a witness, testifying against former roommate Justin Marshall, who is charged with killing 64-year-old John Versypt.

"He was, like, frantic," Thompson said in describing Marshall's demeanor after he "barged in" to Thompson's room on Oct. 8, 2009, and announced that someone had been shot and killed in their apartment complex. Police later identified the deceased man as Versypt, the former Broadway Condominiums owner.

When asked what happened in the minutes following Marshall's startling entrance, Thompson said Marshall removed his jeans.

"He put his pants in a Walmart bag," Thompson said. Along with the pants, he said there appeared to be another item in the bag, but he did not know what it was. "... He went to the kitchen and put the Walmart bag inside the big trash bag."

Once Marshall changed into "pajama pants and a black and blue jacket," Marshall, Thompson, and Thompson's then-girlfriend left the apartment with trash bags, Thompson said. Among those trash bags was the one that held Marshall's jeans.

Thompson entered a plea deal

SEE MARSHALL, 5A

Regents seek transparency

New transparency officer could be added to President Mason's Cabinet after a state Board of Regents discussion.

By **JONATHAN SOLIS**
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Two University of Iowa leaders say they support a proposal calling for greater transparency among the three state Board of Regents' universities.

Regent President Craig Lang submitted a draft proposal last week outlining a revamped transparency policy for all regent schools, including the creation of a transparency officer. The proposal will be discussed at the regents' meeting on Feb. 6.

This proposal comes in the wake of criticism from local legislators and media outlets about the opacity of the regent universities' administra-

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IC gains Blue Zone status

Iowa City had been denied Blue Zone status in the first round of selection.

By **QUENTIN MISIAG**
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Often cited as a great place for businesses to prosper and families to grow, Iowa City is no stranger to recognition. After Wednesday morning's announcement in Des Moines, the city can now add another peg to its wall of honors: It is now an official Blue Zones community.

At a news conference and reception held at the Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield headquarters in Des Moines, Iowa City became one of six additional communities in the state — along with Sioux City, Cedar Rapids, Muscatine, Oskaaloosa, and Marion — recognized for promoting healthy living, eating, and longevity.

The health-insurance company, which employs more than 1,700 people in Iowa, has donated \$5 million toward the program each year since it began in 2011. The 19-city, privately funded program is a part of Gov. Terry Branstad's Healthiest State Initiative, which aims at reducing obesity and making Iowa the healthiest state in the nation by 2016.

Iowa City had been denied in the first round of selections for the program.

Nancy Quellhorst, Iowa City Area Chamber of Commerce president & CEO, said she looks forward to the



UI junior Katie Baldwin (left) gets a workout on a treadmill in the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center on Thursday. Iowa City has recently been named a "Blue Zone," a community that promotes healthier lifestyles. (The Daily Iowan/Nicholas Fanelli)

program enhancing the health and happiness of the community, citing improvements in educational opportunities, expanded trail systems, and healthier food served in school vending machines as possibilities.

"What we're trying to do is make a landscape to provide gentle encouragement of healthy living," she said. "Making the healthy choice the easy choice."

Many Iowa City businesses operate under the model of sustainability, healthy living, and movement by offering organic, all-natural grocery varieties, fitness programs, and educational resources.

Bread Garden Market,

225 S. Linn St., is just one of the many locally owned businesses dedicated to improving the quality of life for not just its customers but its employees as well.

Store supervisor Kris Cass said the natural-food store had its own Blue Zones meeting Jan. 14, during which a number of improvements were discussed, including a push for employee exercise.

"Our employees actually receive a discount to Iowa City Fitness upstairs," she said. "It's not just about living to an old age but living to a healthy age."

Cass said the store has plans to offer a monthly event to educate the public on eat-

ing and living well.

"It's important to educate them," she said. "Offer education with the food. As a business, if it helps us, great. But if it helps the community, then that's even better."

UI freshman Whitney Schommer said moving to Iowa City from a small town came with noticeable changes. Among those were evident in her day-to-day activities.

"Coming from a small town, there's not a lot of walking or biking," she said. "I would say that's the biggest difference between my hometown and Iowa City. Here, people use walking and biking as not only ways of exercise but as modes of transportation as well."

METRO

Regents to quiz UNI presidential hopefuls

The state Board of Regents will interview three candidates on Feb. 7 in a search for the 10th president of the University of Northern Iowa.

The regents' interviews and deliberations will be closed to the public. The date of the announcement of the next president has yet to be determined, but the regents could announce the chosen candidate on that day.

UNI President Ben Allen told the regents last fall that he would retire no later than July 1. He was appointed president in April 2006.

— by **Brianna Jett**

Criminal charges delay liquor license

Criminal charges against one of the owners of the Field House Bar may cause a delay in the issuance of a 12-month liquor license for the establishment.

The criminal charges against Rafer Mateer were deemed not consistent with the statutory requirements of "good moral character" for liquor-license holders. Mateer was charged with willful injury causing serious injury and aiding and abetting, both Class-C felonies.

The charges stemmed from a May 18, 2012, incident in which Mateer and two other individuals allegedly removed a person from the bar's premises to an alley, where the person was reportedly struck several times, according to an Iowa City police complaint.

The man received several lacerations to his face, consistent with being cut by glass, that have resulted in permanent disfigurement. In addition, the man received fractures to his orbital socket that required numerous surgeries to place prosthetics in order to repair damage.

The complaint said Mateer and the two codefendants, Nicholas William Miller and Phillip Leo Czeschowitz, admitted their involvement in the physical altercation's time and place. Mateer has pleaded not

guilty to the charges; no court date has been set yet.

The Iowa City police and the Field House owners reached an agreement for a six-month license while the issue is resolved.

— by **Nick Hassett**

Regents to get diversity reports

The state Board of Regents will be presented with the Annual Diversity Reports about all the regents' institutions at their meeting Feb. 6.

Included are three separate sections — the Annual Affirmative Action Report, the Annual Report on the Regents Minority and Women Educators Enhancement Program, and the Affirmative Action Cost Report.

From 2011 to 2012, the number of women working for the University of Iowa increased by 0.8 percent, and the number of women in leadership positions (executive, administrative, and managerial staff) fell by 3.6 percent. Minority representation increased by 7.3 percent.

Of the faculty at the UI who were tenured as of fall 2011, or on the tenure track, 32.3 percent were female and 17.2 percent were a minority. Comparably, Iowa State University saw 28.3 percent female and 20.7 percent minorities. The University of Northern Iowa had 40.2 percent female and 15.4 minorities either tenured or on the tenure track.

— by **Brianna Jett**

UI proposes utility projects

University of Iowa officials are seeking state Board of Regents' approval for projects aimed at improving the university's utilities.

UI officials will present two projects: Utilities Distribution System-Extend Utilities on Court Street and Utilities Distribution System-Replace Steam and Condensate Lines to UIHC Carver Pavilion.

The Court Street project will install utilities along Court Street between Madison Street and Clinton Street in order to reach the new music facility. The project will also

allow for future growth.

The budget for the Court Street project is projected at \$6.4 million and will be funded by utility system revenue bonds.

Replacing the steam and condensate lines will affect the Carver Pavilion and the Johnson Speech and Hearing Center. The project will replace the existing steam line; the line has operated longer than expected but is now failing.

The budget for the steam line is \$3.6 million and will be funded by utility system renewal and improvement funds.

— by **Brianna Jett**

UI seeks Research Park lease change

University of Iowa officials will ask the state Board of Regents to approve an amendment to the Master Ground Lease Agreement, hoping to add more land to the Research Park.

The agreement between the regents and the UI Research Park Corp. began in 1989. The Research Park leases property to technology companies that have a close research relationships with the university.

The proposed amendment will add 5.4 acres, purchased in October 2012, to Lot 6. By combining them with Lot 6, the lot will acquire more frontage along Highway 965.

With the addition, the Research Park would contain 234.03 acres.

— by **Brianna Jett**

Vehicular-homicide trial pushed back

The trial for a woman accused of vehicular homicide and operating a vehicle while intoxicated has been reset for later this year, according to online documents.

Miranda Lalla is accused of felony vehicular homicide resulting in the death of Pamela Gross on June 18, 2012. Lalla is accused of a Class-B felony and an aggravated misdemeanor. According to a police complaint, Lalla took a portable breath test after the incident, and her blood-alcohol level was allegedly 0.093.

The trial is rescheduled for 9 a.m. May 7, with a pretrial

conference set for April 26. Her trial had been previously scheduled for Feb. 12.

Lalla previously requested a change of venue and attorney last year. *The Daily Iowan* has previously reported. On Oct. 9, she was appointed a public defender from Linn County.

— by **Kristen East**

UI seeks River Landing Clinic expansion

The University of Iowa will request approval from the state Board of Regents to proceed with an expansion project at the Iowa River Landing Clinic. The Iowa River Landing Procedure Suite Development will finish part of the fifth floor, which is 14,000 square feet of space.

The other part, 13,000 square feet, will be completed at a later date.

The River Landing Clinic officially opened on Oct. 5, 2012; hospital officials expect it to reduce congestion in the UI Hospitals and Clinics. Patients were first admitted on Oct. 8, 2012. The project cost \$73 million; it is located at 105 E. Ninth St. in Coralville.

The finished space will become four separate procedure rooms, intended for multidisciplinary use, as well as facilities for patient waiting, preparation, and recovery. An elevator will be installed and room made for clinical support services, such as equipment storage.

The new space will be used mostly for upper gastroenterology, endoscopic, and urology. Many of the procedures will be endoscopic and aimed at finding and preventing colorectal cancer.

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related death in the United States.

The expansion will also relieve some pressure at the UIHC. Currently, screenings of the colonoscopies that help find the colorectal cancer are backlogged.

The project has an estimated cost of \$7.4 million — the money will come out of the University Hospitals Building Use Funds.

— by **Brianna Jett**

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In the Jan. 29 article "Local group speaks out against The Chauncey," a quote on using TIF funding was misattributed to City Councilor Terry Dickens. The quote was also incorrect in stating that other proposals did not ask for financial assistance. *The Daily Iowan* regrets the errors.

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million.
Dance Marathon executives say their goal is simple: continue to grow.
“We don’t know how much we are going to make, we just hope to continue to grow,” said Courtney Blind, the UI Dance Marathon adviser.
However, Dance Marathon is not just a student-sponsored fundraiser. Local businesses also support the cause by providing gift cards, food, and monetary donations.
“We all have to raise our own money, but we also try to get the community

involved,” Ketterer said. “We have community days at local restaurants.”
Businesses such as Z’Mariks Noodle Café partake in community days throughout the year. Yotopia Frozen Yogurt, Panda Express, and Formosa Asian Cuisine provide food to help aid the dancers during their 24-hour endeavor.
“Thank you to those who have been involved, the dancers, the alumni, and the community,” said Nic Rusher, the Dance Marathon executive director.
Food isn’t the only thing that will motivate participants to persevere.
Every hour during the Big Event, a family will speak to the dancers,

which fills them with hope and energy to make through the 24 hours.
“It’s definitely nice to have a family speaker every hour,” Ruthig said. “It keeps us motivated and remember why we are doing this.”
Tonight, friends gather as a family to celebrate the brave survivors, as well as the memory of the souls who will never be forgotten.
“It’s definitely hard work, but at the end of my day, I couldn’t imagine doing anything more worthwhile,” Bond said.
Follow live coverage of Dance Marathon at dailyiowan.com/dance-marathon



Students dance in Dance Marathon 18 on Feb. 4, 2012. This year’s Big Event is today. (The Daily Iowan/file photo)

CAMERON
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done so since they began their journey in 2005.
Marci Christiansen, Cameron’s mother, said he hasn’t taken the necklace off since he received it.
Cameron was first diagnosed with Wilms tumor when a racquetball-sized mass was removed from his abdomen in 2002 just before his third birthday. This caused him to lose his right kidney.
He relapsed in 2004 when a softball-sized mass was removed. Then he had a new CAT scan in September 2006. When the Christiansens returned home, there was a message waiting on their answering machine.
“I told my husband I can’t do it, and I don’t even want to,” Christiansen said. “I saw his face, and that’s when I knew. I grabbed the phone and said, ‘You have

to tell me.’ I didn’t want to go through it again, because every time it comes back a little stronger.”
Chad Howard, a former member of Sigma Chi, remembers a Dance-Marathon-sponsored trip to Adventureland. He and other members were able to ride with Cameron, a self-proclaimed “roller-coaster junkie.”
“Going around and riding the rides made me feel more like a kid,” Howard said. “It’s a great feeling when the parents trust you enough to let you go around with their kid.”
Sigma Chi members joined Cameron in a variety of activities, including video and board games, while he was in the hospital. Sometimes they would just stop by between classes. Over the years, he spent birthdays in the hospital, including one year when his “big brothers” bought him Donkey Kong Jungle Beat complete with bongo controllers.

“They always brought a smile to his face,” said father Richard Christiansen. “He could have the worst day, but he would always have a smile when they came.”
Richard Christiansen remembers when Cameron was forced to stay in the hospital for a long period of time because a transplant of his own stem cells was needed to combat his relapse. Sigma Chi members came and played Yahtzee. After each game, he would hang the scorecards around his room.
“By the time we left, he had the whole wall covered,” he said. “It meant a lot to us that they would stay there for hours until it was time for Cameron to go to bed.”
A small, golden hope sign sits atop the Christiansen family TV. In the middle is a heart-shaped rock that Cameron’s younger brother Connor found on the way back from school one day.

Dance Marathon families

The Daily Iowan spotlighted the stories of five unique families with ties to the UI Dance Marathon this week:

- Monday: The Dockery family
- Tuesday: The Capaldo family
- Wednesday: The Ballard family
- Thursday: The Johnson family
- Today: The Christiansen family

For now, the gold on the hope sign signifies kidney cancer. But Cameron, who wants to be a radiation oncologist, hopes gold will one day mean something else: the University of Iowa.
“I really want to be part of Sigma Chi and have an effect on someone else,” he said. “I want to encourage someone else with cancer, just like I have been many times.”

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EDITORIAL

It's more than just a dance

Today marks the beginning of the 19th-annual University of Iowa Dance Marathon. Nearly 2,100 students will participate this year, and each agrees the goal is to make even more money than last year.

Dance Marathon has already been recognized as one of the top ten biggest college fundraisers in the United States, but for the University of Iowa, there is no larger source of fundraising and no larger student organization on campus. It's a student organization dedicated to raising money to help find a cure and ease the pains of treatment and loss all caused by pediatric cancer.

It's a goal that everyone can support, and UI students should find a time during their college experience to get involved with Dance Marathon.

"I think Dance Marathon has really changed my life," said senior Carly Grant, a Dance Marathon morale captain. "When I see what these kids go through, dancing for 24 hours and running a marathon seem so small — if they can do it, I can, too."

While Dance Marathon culminates once a year in the 24-hour dance party in the IMU, the volunteers and dancers are busy all year raising money, helping the families, and finding ways to improve the lives of children suffering from any type of pediatric cancer.

"We work 365 days a year," Grant said. "Right after the Big Event, we already start applications for next year and are already working on it all over again."

Other than dancing, volunteers are also encouraged to participate in the Chicago Marathon and

pledge to raise \$400 for the race. Volunteers are also able to volunteer at the hospital and provide comfort for the kids who are going through treatment.

"I've gone to play with the kiddos in the hospital and their huge smiles always impress me," Grant said. "It's really emotional, but it reminds you why you're there."

Over the last 18 years, Dance Marathon has raised more than \$11 million. Was started in 1994 by students who were able to raise \$31,000 and get the program started. Since then, students have raised more money almost every year breaking the million-dollar mark in 2008 and continuing to do so every year since.

"Our goal is to raise more money than we did last year," said Dance Marathon adviser Courtney Blind. "There is a lot of money coming in still; we are counting up until the very last minute."

Blind has participated in Dance Marathon since she was an undergraduate; this will be her eighth year to dance the entire 24 hours.

"When I got the opportunity to give back as an adviser, I jumped on it," she said.

Dance Marathon is not all about wearing bright colors, raising money, and playing with kids. It's about finding a cure for pediatric cancer. The group has pledged \$5 million to the UI Children's Hospital building fund over the next 10 years, but the rest of the money raised each year is allocated to different causes including making time better at the hospital, research for treatments, and funeral costs.

Still, the dancing is for the sake of finding a cure. "Hopefully, one day, we won't have to have a Dance Marathon," Grant said.

We have a Problem



By ZACH TILLY
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We don't have a gun problem.

Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, took a few minutes on the Senate floor Tuesday morning to remind us of this and to ex-coriolate President Obama for recently authorizing the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to restart research on the causes of gun violence.

"[G]un violence is not a disease," Grassley said. "And lawful gun ownership is not a disease. It is a constitutionally protected individual right, the famous Second Amendment right, not only part of the Constitution for 225 years but reinforced by two recent Supreme Court decisions.

Grassley's comments tap into what seems to be the conventional conservative wisdom on gun ownership. When guns are in good hands, the thinking goes, we are all safer for it. A well-armed citizenry is, ultimately, a citizenry safe from well-armed criminals.

We don't have a gun problem, Grassley says. Dispense with this idea. In Georgia over the weekend, a 22-year-old named Rodrigo Diaz Jr. was shot in the head in front of his girlfriend

when he mistakenly pulled into the driveway of a 69-year-old Vietnam veteran named Phillip Sailors.

According to local media reports, Diaz believed the driveway to be that of a friend. Sailors allegedly emerged from his house with a revolver thinking that Diaz and his friends had come to rob him; Sailors allegedly fired a warning shot into the air before putting a bullet in Diaz's head as he quickly backed out of the driveway.

The police arrived on the scene to find Diaz unresponsive and his girlfriend screaming, covered in blood.

At some level, there may be some degree of truth to the hackneyed idea that only a good guy with a gun can stop a bad guy with a gun, but there's much more to it. For every degree of safety fostered by a society armed to the teeth, there is born a degree of paranoia and distrust. For every good guy who stops a bad guy, there's a guy who kills Rodrigo Diaz.

We can't afford to pretend that guns aren't at the heart of our problem with violence, as much as Grassley would like us to. Saturating the public with guns doesn't make communities safer, more trusting or more vibrant. It only makes us more afraid, a little less willing to talk to each other, a little more skittish on the street.

We have a gun problem, and it goes a lot deeper than violence. ■

Medicaid, tax credit combat poverty



By JON OVERTON
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No one likes uncomfortable truths, whether they're that the hot dog you're eating is a slurry of leftover hog meat or that you and everyone you know will eventually die.

Another extremely uncomfortable truth is the national child poverty rate is more than 20 percent, and although only 16 percent of Iowa's children live in poverty, our growth rate dwarfs the national average, according to data from the U.S. Census Bureau. The data also indicated child poverty from 2000 to 2010 rose by 33.3 percent nationwide, 50.5 percent in Iowa, and 38.9 percent in Johnson County.

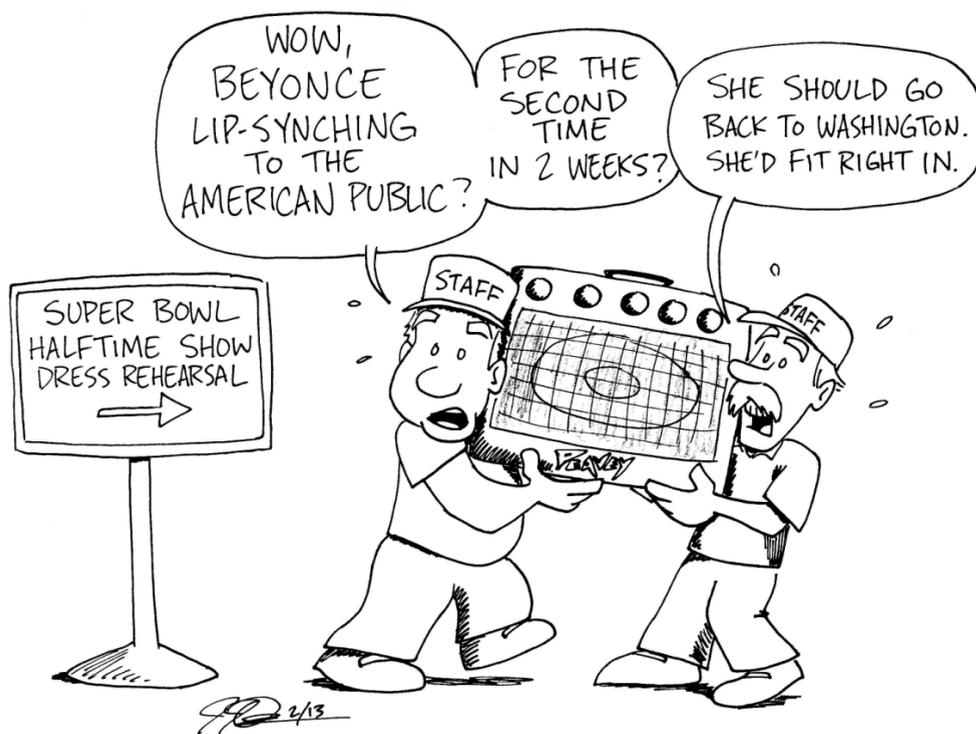
Sen. Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa City, said at a legislative forum in North Liberty on Jan. 26

that child poverty's rapid growth threatens Iowa's economy.

As the state senator proposed, the state should increase funds for the state's Medicaid program and the earned income tax credit, which would reduce how much individuals with lower incomes pay in taxes.

A report from the Center for American Progress found children in chronic poverty have family incomes so low that it costs the economy \$170 billion per year. It also calculated that poverty leads to an increase in crime and worse health, annually costing about \$170 billion and \$149 billion, respectively. The total economic losses, the center concluded, negatively affect the national gross domestic product by 3.8 percent.

We can either ignore or confront uncomfortable truths. If we have any decency, any compassion, any humanity, we must protect the most vulnerable members of our society from the emerging child-poverty crisis. ■



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POLITICAL COMMENTARY

Debt ceiling simple, important

The "debt ceiling" is one of the less complicated parts of the country's fiscal situation, but given its importance, it's worth a bit of explanation.

Like any individual or business, the United States can borrow money. The debt ceiling is a limit on how much the United States can borrow to pay its debts. How much money an entity can borrow is determined by several factors. These include the entity's income, assets, and ability to pay back the borrowed money.

Unlike an individual's credit card, the national debt does not have a predetermined limit. Congress, which sets the debt ceiling, must be responsible for ensuring that we do not borrow so much that it causes problems for our economy. The United States currently owes about \$16.5 trillion. We pay interest on that debt but have not had any success in paying down the principal. In fact, each year we add over \$1 trillion to the debt.

Although Congress has set a limit on how high our debt is allowed to go, it also raises that limit on a regular basis. This raises two points.

First, why have a limit at all? Congress has regularly raised the limit, and the U.S. certainly

has assets to cover the debt. Even so, from an economic perspective problems begin to occur when the debt gets so large that it is more than our Gross Domestic Product. Economists do not all agree on when such problems will occur, but the question is whether we are willing to make the necessary changes now to avoid severe problems in the future.

Second, one must consider the politics of raising the debt ceiling. Republicans generally do not want to raise taxes. This is particularly so in a down economy because they believe it will slow what little recovery we have experienced. Instead, they would prefer to cut spending to get the deficit (and ultimately the debt) under control.

What if, however, no agreement is reached? Some suggest that the U.S. will "default" if the debt ceiling is not raised, but that is inaccurate. Although the U.S. currently borrows about 43 cents for every dollar it spends, the national treasury takes in enough money to pay the interest on our debt and other obligations that would prevent default.

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News

MARSHALL

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with the state in December 2011; he was originally charged with killing Versypt. Thompson pleaded guilty to accessory after the fact, an aggravated misdemeanor, on Dec. 2, *The Daily Iowan* previously reported. He signed court documents stating that Marshall was the person who killed Versypt.

After Thompson described this sequence of events, Johnson County prosecutor Janet Lyness presented "exhibit 103" to the jury for a second

time.

Earlier, the jury had learned that "exhibit 103" was video footage captured from Iowa City police Sgt. Vicki Lalla's squad car after she arrived at the scene.

After parking her vehicle outside 1958 Broadway St. Building C, the apartment building in which Versypt was killed, Lalla tended to the scene.

Surveillance from inside the car captured video footage of three people carrying plastic bags of varying size. One of the three in the video wore the blue and black jacket Thompson described.

Thompson identified

the people in the video as himself in the front, his then-girlfriend in the middle, and Marshall in the back.

Upon reaching a Dumpster, Marshall tossed the garbage bag that held the pants he wore earlier that day, Thompson said.

Marshall had a differing recollection of the day.

As one of the first to respond to the "suspicious death investigation," Iowa City police Sgt. Paul Batcheller said he conducted numerous interviews with Marshall in the days following the homicide.

During about 10 hours

of on and off interviews with Marshall, Batcheller said, Marshall appeared "defeated" and "deceptive."

But once Marshall and Batcheller spoke alone, as per Marshall's request, Marshall's account changed.

"Mr. Marshall stated he was on the couch and Mr. Thompson received a telephone call," Batcheller said. Marshall then told Batcheller he overheard Thompson's conversation in which Thompson talked about "hitting a sweet lick," slang for committing a robbery.

"He told me that Charles Thompson ad-

mitted that they hit a lick and that the lick went wrong," Batcheller said.

Along with Marshall's sudden admission of information related to the murder was a change in his demeanor.

"He appeared very factual and sincere," Batcheller said of Marshall during their one-on-one conversation.

With these two very different stories, DNA results could have proven which account of the events that took place on Oct. 8, 2009, was true.

But when Michael Halverson, a criminalist for the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation,

took the stand, his results showed little convictable evidence against Marshall.

During his testimony, Halverson said no items taken from Marshall showed positive results for blood. While Halverson did find blood on items known to belong to Thompson, DNA tests failed to identify the source of the blood.

"I did DNA testing on [Thompson's hooded sweatshirt], and that failed to give me an interpretable ... profile of that sample," Halverson said.

The trial will reconvene at 9 a.m. today.

REGENTS

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tive decisions.

"The number of recent news stories regarding the apparent lack of transparency at regent institutions is troublesome," Lang said in the proposal.

The proposal outlines a plan to address these concerns and indicates that it should be ready for final consideration by March.

First, regent schools would install a transparency officer to report directly to the regents and consult the president on improving communications. The outline proposes that this role should come from within the university.

In addition, the regents would also establish a new, nine-member Transparency Task Force consisting of Iowa legis-

lators, school representatives, and experts in the field of transparency.

UI officials appear to welcome the regents' proposal.

"I think it will be beneficial for the institution," said Mark Braun, the interim vice president for Strategic Communication. "I look forward to seeing what the task force comes up with. I think this is a worthy endeavor."

UI Student Government President Nic Pottebaum said he also supports the proposal.

"From what I've heard, I think any measure in which the university can become more transparent to the students, and to the citizens of Iowa, sounds like a wonderful measure," he said.

In December, UI President Sally Mason and other administrators were criticized on how they handled sexual-misconduct allegations

against a former Athletics Department adviser, as well as a controversy in the UI College of Education that led to then-Dean Margaret Crocco's resignation.

Lang asked Mason in December to "re-prioritize" her goals for the 2012-13 academic year, requesting specifically that she improve the UI's relationship with the Iowa Legislature and showcase the UI's positive contributions to the state, *The Daily Iowan* previously reported.

The regents conducted evaluations of each regent university president on Jan. 29, and, according to UI spokesman Tom Moore, Mason described her evaluation with the regents as "very productive."

In the transparency proposal, Lang referred to a statement from Bill Monroe, who serves as Gov. Terry Branstad's transparency adviser. Monroe

said that Iowa's Sunshine laws were written specifically to favor openness in cases in which the law is ambiguous.

"In my opinion, what we're now seeing is a disturbing trend of transparency decisions being resolved in favor of secrecy," Monroe was quoted as saying in the proposal.

He goes on to say this secrecy is "eroding the trust of parents, lawmakers, and contributors."

The Iowa Opens Records law, or Sunshine law, is a series of laws

designed to guarantee that the public has access to public records of government bodies at all levels in Iowa. This includes state-funded regent schools.

"Iowans in general are willing to trust their educational leaders, but they insist on verification to ensure that their trust is well placed," Lang said in the proposal.

Braun agreed.

"One of the responsibilities of public institutions is to increase transparency," he said.

"This seems like another

Transparency

State Board of Regents President Craig Lang introduced a proposal to increase the transparency of the three regent universities. His outline includes:

- Requiring each university to establish a transparency officer to report directly to the regents
- Appointing a nine-member Transparency Task Force

Source: State Board of Regents document

logical step to help access that."

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“ You can lead a man to Congress, but you can't make him think. — Milton Berle ”

the ledge

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Groundhog Day Observations

- Why are people upset when the groundhog sees its shadow? If it's six more weeks of winter, then big deal; that still beats March 21 by a week.
- Truth be told, Groundhog Day is just preamble to the next big holiday, President's Day.
- Couldn't you just put a series of lights on Phil so that he couldn't cast a shadow no matter which way he looked? Let's get ILM working on this quandary, pronto.
- Maybe I'm just being cynical, but I hate how commercial Groundhog Day has become.
- To be fair, this is the one day each year that the residents of Punxsutawney can actually unload all those "Groundhogs Do It in the Dirt" bumper stickers they loaded up on during the Great Sticker boom of '88.
- Because it's like any other day, it might seem like you're living the Groundhog Day over and over, again.
- Because it's like any other day, it might seem like you're living the Groundhog Day over and over, again.
- No, it was NOT possible to not make that last joke.
- Question of etiquette: How long should I wait before taking down my Groundhog Day decorations?
- It's a sad truth that many people don't realize, but every year by St. Patrick's Day, there are tens of thousands of unwanted groundhogs clogging America's animal shelters.

Andrew R. Juhl thanks Brian Tanner for the material in today's Ledge.

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- 1 Opinion add-on
 - 10 It can go from liquid to frozen
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 - 16 Critter with humanlike fingerprints
 - 17 Natalie Portman's birthplace
 - 18 It gets a chick's attention
 - 19 Where R.F.K. and his brother Teddy went to law school
 - 20 10/15, e.g.
 - 22 Really long
 - 23 Trendsetting
 - 27 Steps on a scale
 - 29 Intertangle
 - 30 Sabre ou pistolet
 - 31 Square for a roll
 - 32 With 46-Down, a bit below so-so
 - 33 Flipping out
 - 35 Opening pitch
 - 38 Many an ascot wearer
 - 39 It's a gas
 - 40 One coming from Mars?
 - 42 Apt rhyme for 26-Down
 - 43 Letters for a princess
 - 44 Cry that's often sung
 - 45 Complimentary
 - 49 Unworldliness
 - 51 Filmflam
 - 52 "... can't get up!"
 - 53 "A failure of imagination," per Graham Greene
 - 55 Part of 10/15: Abbr.
 - 56 Factor in a beauty contest
 - 58 Wowed basketball announcer's cry
- DOWN**
- 1 Dull
 - 2 Like bars that are often near horses
 - 3 Impenetrable script
 - 4 Night to watch "The Office": Abbr.
 - 5 Family moniker
 - 6 Like
 - 7 Clinton, Bush or Cheney
 - 8 Like many perps in lineups
 - 9 Try to impress by association
 - 10 Dog show org.
 - 11 Like panels on some racecars
 - 12 It's handled on the range
 - 13 Tightwad
 - 14 Chills briefly
 - 21 Pro beginner?
 - 24 Dropped off
 - 25 Assistant
 - 26 Cur curer
 - 28 Most Atari-playing kids
 - 30 Ancient meeting place
 - 34 Intimate
 - 35 Brandy alternative
 - 36 Theme of "The Tell-Tale Heart"
 - 37 Holed up
 - 38 Hard-to-block jumper, in hoops
 - 41 Smallest room
 - 42 Grp. interested in long drives
 - 46 See 32-Across
 - 47 Form 1040 info
 - 48 Certain volleyball player
 - 50 Prospect
 - 51 Quaker makers?
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 - **Origin of Names**, 2 p.m., Senior Center
 - **UI Museum of Art February First Friday**, 5 p.m., hotelVetro, 201 S. Linn
 - **Dance Marathon**, 7 p.m., IMU
 - **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** Ben Nugent, fiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
 - **"Oscar Shorts: Live Action,"** 7 p.m., Bijou
 - **Ballroom and Latin Dancing**, 7:30 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E. Market
 - **The Exit Interview**, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Theater, 213 N. Gilbert
 - **Avian Hightower**, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Casino and Golf Resort, 3184 Highway 22
 - **12 Angry Men**, 7:30 p.m., Iowa City Community Theater, 4265 Oak Crest Hill S.E.
 - **Trouble: A Foot**, Gallery Series, 8 p.m., Theater Building Mabie Theater
 - **"Trouble in Tahiti"** and **"Amelia Goes to the Ball,"** 8 p.m., Englert Theater, 221 E. Washington
 - **"Oscar Shorts: Animated,"** 9 p.m., Bijou

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 - 2 p.m.** World Canvass, lively talk and music at Old Capitol with Joan Kjaer of UI International Programs
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- Friday, February 1, 2013 by Eugenia Last
- ARIES** (March 21-April 19): New connections will lead to greater opportunities. Call in favors, join organizations that interest you, and most of all, open up and be receptive to suggestions and people who approach you for various reasons. Romance is in the stars.
- TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Take care of business. Don't leave your responsibilities for someone else to deal with. You can talk all you want about doing something, but until you actually do, it's all conjecture.
- GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Look at your options, and make wise choices. It's up to you to avoid deception and excess in order to have a clear-cut shot at advancement. Opportunity through networking, socializing, and colleagues is apparent. Reach for the stars in love, financial matters, and work.
- CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Step away from those putting pressure on you. Follow your own path, and delve into creative projects that allow you to use your skills and talents fully. Don't make changes just because someone else does.
- LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll question or be questioned about your personal life and relationships. Honesty is the best policy, but only offer what's necessary. Avoid compromising your financial position. Speak from the heart, but only offer so much. Positive change is on the horizon.
- VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You must be a participant if you want to get ahead. Put your best foot forward, and indulge in a little social activity with peers, colleagues, or people who share your interests. Don't just talk about your ideas and plans - get things up and running.
- LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Keep life simple. Having a positive attitude will help you keep opposition at arm's length, giving you the chance to follow a path that is more suitable to you. Problems at home are best left alone for now. You need time to think.
- SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll be faced with domestic issues that must be addressed in order for you to feel comfortable about your plans for the future. Honesty will be necessary and will make a difference when it comes to figuring out the best way to proceed.
- SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Lots of talk is fine, but you must follow through if you don't want to make a poor impression. Finding a new or more interesting way to earn extra cash will help build your confidence as well as your reputation. Romantic opportunities are present.
- CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Emotional issues will escalate if you don't address the existing problems. Think outside the box, and you will come up with a workable solution that will suit everybody's needs. You can do with less if you budget and organize wisely.
- AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Discipline will pay off and help you get ahead personally. Changes at home as well as reviewing contracts, settlements, or financial matters will pleasantly surprise you. You can head down a new path that shows greater promise. Romance is on the rise.
- PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Be careful where you leave your possessions or cash. Protecting your assets from someone looking for a handout will be necessary. Don't be judgmental of others, but look out for your interests. Too much of anything will be your downfall.

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Sports

GymHawks to face No. 3 Michigan

By **MATT CABEL**
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Rankings don't faze the Iowa women's gymnastics team.

Going into the team's meet against No. 3 Michigan on Saturday, the gymnasts will use the same mindset.

"Every opponent that we see, whether they're 56th or first, the objective is to destroy them," head coach Larissa Libby said.

While the GymHawks have only placed first in one of their three meets, the mindset is paying off. The team beat Rutgers and upset then-No. 22 Pittsburgh in a quad meet last weekend and earned second place with a score of 195.325 to Penn State's 195.500.

The squad also came close to winning its meet against Ohio State, which was ranked 21st at the time. Libby stated that the team is tired of going into meets considered the underdog.

"They want to be taken as a threat, they want to be seen as a threat, and they should be," she

said. "They've put themselves in a good position for that."

Despite the lack of first-place finishes, the team has improved its scores by about a point per meet. And the Hawks expect the trend to continue this weekend. After close finishes in all of their meets, the GymHawks are working on small details in preparation.

"We're trying to fix the things we made mistakes on last weekend," senior Emma Stevenson said. "Clearly, we had a much better meet, a lot more consistency, which is awesome, what we've been working at — mainly just the little things: hand stands, landings, dance, stuff like that."

Saturday's contest will be the third away meet in a row for the GymHawks; they will return to Carver-Hawkeye Arena next Friday night. Stevenson believes that the gymnasts bond the most when they travel. She thinks that the confidence the team has gained over the last

two weeks will transfer to this weekend.

"We've taken the road as sort of fun, trying to have fun with every place we go," freshman Alie Glover said.

The GymHawks have improved the most on the balance beam. The team raised its score by more than a point between the Ohio State and Penn State meets, from a 47.65 to 48.95. Stevenson believes the team is capable of beating the higher-ranked team, noting that the Hawks beat Michigan during her sophomore year.

"The rankings thus far still don't [matter] that much to me," Stevenson said. "I feel like a lot of teams are coming into their own; people could start all [of] the sudden showing up later in the second. Maybe they're ranked first after four meets, but tell me how they are 10 meets from now. That's when I'll really be impressed. It's anyone's game this week, regardless of the rankings."

SPORTS

Men's tennis faces double-header

The Iowa men's tennis team will host the first of two double-headers this season today in the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex. The Hawkeyes are scheduled to face Bradley at 12:30 p.m. and Western Illinois at 6:30 p.m.

Iowa hasn't faced Bradley this season, but it has had an opportunity to scout the Braves at the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Regional Championships in Minnesota during the fall schedule. Western Illinois comes into the match 2-3 on the season, but it features a standout freshman in Bradley Holt, who boasts a 4-1 record in singles matches on the season.

For some Hawkeye players,

such as junior Michael Swank, this will be the first double-header of their college careers.

Playing two meets on the same day presents a unique challenge for the Hawkeyes, he said.

"It is more of a grind," Swank said. "When you go out for a single meet, you have one doubles and one singles match for the day, and you're very prepared for those. When you have multiple matches in a day, there is a certain way you have to treat your body and maintain yourself mentally to have enough energy for the matches."

Iowa head coach Steve Houghton wants his players to be fresh for today's grueling double-header. Additionally, the head coach said he is considering lineup changes after the match against Bradley.

"We might use some substitutions," Houghton said. "For the first matchup versus Bradley, we'll use the same lineup as we used Sunday with a tweak or two. Then going into the second match, we'll see. Some guys have minor nagging injuries, so if it makes sense to hold them out, we will. We're basically going to play it by ear."

The Hawkeyes will try to build on their victory over Loyola Marymount on Sunday. One of Iowa's captains, Garrett Dunn, wants two things from his teammates today: consistency and focus.

"When you're playing so much tennis in one day, it is really easy to lose focus," he said. "But everyone has to remain sharp throughout the day."

— by Dominick White

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Sports

MEN

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squads in the country until they hit a midseason swoon to the tune of four-straight conference losses. Minnesota snapped the skid in its most recent contest — an 84-65 triumph over Nebraska on Tuesday.

But even though they are struggling at the moment, Basabe is expecting an all out slugfest against one of the biggest, most physical teams in the na-

tion led by the looming duo of senior forwards Trevor Mbowke and Rodney Williams.

“We’ve got to battle,” Basabe said. “As a team, we need to understand that on the road, you can’t turn the ball over and make mistakes. You’ve got to go up there with a warrior mentality.”

The upperclassmen said he has no doubt revenge will be the main theme of the afternoon when the two longtime foes clash at the place they call “The Barn.”

“I remember [last sea-

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son], so I’m sure they’re not forgetting it,” Basabe said. “They’ve been ranked, they have good players, and they’re trying to be one of

the best teams in the country. This conference is just a battle conference, and you’ve got to be ready for that.”

WOMEN

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battle similar to the first half, but eventually Illinois was able to pull away from the Hawkeyes, thanks in large part to its blistering 3-point percentage of 45.8, going 11-of-24 from beyond the arc.

“I think Illinois played a very good game today,” Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder said after the game in a release. “They shot the heck out of the ball from the 3-point range; great game by them. They’re playing really well. They have really good athletes.”

Illinois didn’t deviate much from its starting lineup — only two players, Taylor Tuck, and McKenzie Piper, came off the bench for the Orange and Blue. Four of Illinois’ starters scored at least 14 points, perhaps too much to handle for an Iowa squad that looks largely to its bench for success.

Jaime Printy and Logic led the way in scoring for Iowa, each notching 13. Melissa Dixon was the only other Hawkeye to reach double digits, scoring 11 off the bench. The turnover bug also largely hampered Iowa, as the Black and Gold got their pockets picked 27 times

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throughout Thursday’s contest.

Before the game against Illinois, Printy said her squad’s new ranking could potentially add extra incentive for other opponents to upset her Iowa squad.

“We have to realize

that it’s just number, and it puts that target on our back,” she said in a release. “Everyone is going to come even more ready to play against us.”

Iowa will attempt to rebound Feb. 3, when it will play host to a tough Northwestern squad.

WRESTLING

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who’s going to step on the line against you. I had two matches against him last year, and both of them were battles. I don’t expect anything to be different [tonight].”

Though the paper match-up likely favors the Nittany Lions, Iowa can still walk out of Carver-Hawkeye Arena with what would be considered the biggest upset of the season. In order to do so, bonus points are going to be needed where applicable — namely from Tony Ramos at 133, Mark Ballweg at 141, and even

heavyweight Bobby Telford.

The Hawkeyes, deemed underdogs, must also do their part. Brands made sure that certain wrestlers knew what they had to do in order to put Iowa in a position to come away victorious.

“The way guys are coming along, I like our guys,”

Brands said. “It doesn’t matter how it stacks up anyway, but the No. 1 thing is the fight. [Ed] Ruth threw a saddle, literally, on top of Ethen Loft-house and rode him for points, and we laid underneath him. And we cannot do that.”

“There can be no period like that.”

SWIMMING

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Gold back in December during the Hawkeye Invitational — Notre Dame finished in second place with 794 points, and the Hawkeyes came in third with 606.5.

The Northwestern Invitational will give the swimmers an opportunity to compete in the same lineup of races that will be on display at the Big Ten championships, an event that would normally span four days.

“It’s really quality racing against excellent teams,” Iowa men’s swimming head coach Marc Long said. “It’s great preparation for the end of the year.”

The women’s side is riding a five-meet winning streak, thanks, in large part, to sophomore Becky Stoughton and juniors Lindsay Seemann and Karolina Wartalowicz. All three women had their hand in three different victories in last weekend’s 162-120

victory over Northwestern. Those kinds of performances will give the Hawkeyes the confidence they need going into a pressure-packed invitational this weekend.

“It definitely gave us a boost going into this weekend, going into Ohio State, which finished in the top three of the Big Ten last year,” Wartalowicz said. “So it’s really nice to get into a good mindset going into racing.”

With the Big Ten championships right around the corner, the Hawkeyes are going to need to continue winning and building up their confidence. However, this weekend is a little bit different from

what they have been used to the last couple weeks. A different format for the meet requires a different preparation schedule.

“You have to take care of yourself more for an invitational; it is a lot more fast-paced, and you are trying to score as many points as possible,” Wartalowicz said. “It’s more intense, because it reminds you of the championship meet and basically your biggest goals of the season.”

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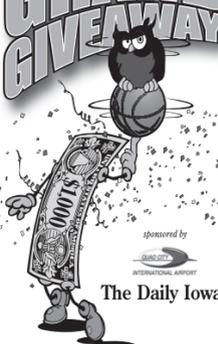
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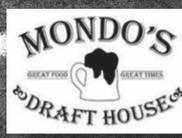
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IOWA 76, PENN STATE 67

Hoopsters notch ugly win



Iowa forward Melsahn Basabe posts up against Penn State's Travis Ross in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Thursday. Iowa defeated Penn State, 76-67. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

By **TOM CLOS**

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It wasn't pretty. Heck, at times it wasn't even entertaining.

But the Iowa men's basketball team got the job done.

Sophomore forward Aaron White netted a career-high 27 points to go with 5 rebounds, and junior forward Melsahn Basabe posted a double-double, his first of the season with 10 points and 10 rebounds in a 76-67 victory over Penn State in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Thursday night.

The win snaps the Hawkeyes' (14-7, 3-5 Big Ten) two-game losing streak; the Nittany Lions (8-13, 0-9) have now lost nine in a row.

"Not the prettiest game, and we didn't execute that great, but a win is a win," White said. "We're getting down to 10 more games now, and you need to get a winning streak going. We needed it."

Penn State stunned the 13,369 Carver-Hawkeye Arena faithful out of the gate, jumping out to an early 10-3 lead through the first five minutes of the game. White answered, though, rattling

off 8-straight points as part of a 14-0 run that put Iowa ahead for good.

Though the Hawkeyes never trailed again, their lead never grew larger than 15 points. The Nittany Lions made a late run to pull within 7 at 69-62 with 1:32 remaining, but the Black and Gold were able to ice the contest from the free-throw line.

McCaffery was pleased with how Basabe, who was inserted into the starting lineup in place of struggling freshman guard Anthony Clemmons, handled his return in the top-five rotation.

"I'd been considering it for a game or two. I thought he was tremendous at Purdue," McCaffery said. "Again, he comes right back with the double-double, so I'm proud of him."

The head coach knew Thursday was a must-win and was happy to get it. He was less than ecstatic, however, about the way his players finished what turned out to be a surprising, too close for comfort affair.

"We didn't rebound and execute as well as we should [down the stretch], but we did enough to get home," McCaffery said. "But let's be realistic about how good we

have to be, because at the time we were up 14. What if you're up 5? Different story."

Hawkeyes will try to extend streak against Gophers

Iowa now hits the road for a pair of road rivalry matchups, the first a trip to Minneapolis for a date with Minnesota on Feb. 3. The Hawkeyes swept the Maroon and Gold in both meetings last season, including a 64-62 triumph at Williams Arena.

The Golden Gophers (16-5, 4-4) were once shaping up to be one of the better

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Illini upset Hawks

The Iowa women's basketball was no match for a hot-handed Illinois squad.

By **BEN ROSS**

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Fresh off its first top-25 ranking of the season, the No. 25 Iowa women's basketball team (16-6, 5-3 Big Ten) traveled to Urbana, Ill., to take on the University of Illinois (12-8, 5-3).

The Hawkeyes proved that ranking is just a number, though, as Iowa fell to the fighting Illini, 74-62.

Iowa trailed by just 3 going into the locker room at halftime — the first half alone saw five lead changes, and the Hawkeyes squad cut a 10-point deficit to the aforementioned 3.

By the end of the game, Iowa and Illinois had traded leads in the contest 13 times.

"It was great to get this one after we had lost three close games at home," Illinois head coach Matt Bollant said in release after the game. "We showed a lot of grit and a lot of toughness ... We had to force some turnovers and play with toughness and, fortunately, we did."

Iowa's Sam Logic was the first to draw blood with a mid-range jumper after getting the rebound from teammate Morgan Johnson. After trading baskets for the majority of the first half, Illinois went on a 17-1 run to put Iowa down 31-21 with five minutes to play in the first half.

Iowa went on a run of its own, though, scoring 8 unanswered points to cut the lead to 2, after a foul by Johnson, Illinois' Alexis Smith made one of her two free throws to make the score 34-31 at the half.

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Wrestlers amp up for No. 1

By **CODY GOODWIN**

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The time to talk is over. The time to wrestle is now.

There's been ample amount of discussion over the last week — possibly even longer — about tonight's wrestling dual, pitting No. 3 Iowa against No. 1 Penn State. Many seasoned fans of the sport will still, despite all of the discussion board chatter and "on-paper" predictions, call tonight's match a tossup.

"But talking about it and doing it are two different things," Iowa head wrestling coach Tom Brands said. "We have some good guys who are up for it."

On paper, it would seem that the two-time defending NCAA champion Nittany Lions (8-0, 5-0 Big Ten) have a clear advantage. They have eight wrestlers ranked on their 10-man lineup, and seven of those are ranked in the top eight in their weight class.

Where Iowa (15-1, 5-0) is likely going to struggle lies to be in the upper weights — specifically, 165 pounds through 197. Penn State is expected to field the No. 2, No. 4, No. 1, and No. 3 wrestlers in those weights.

After Iowa's showing against No. 4 Minnesota, there is reason to worry. Hawkeye sophomore Nick Moore was able to corral an 8-2 win at 165, but Iowa lost the next four matches.

"You see some of the scores that they put up on teams, and once they get to rolling, it can be hard to stop them," Moore said. "Maybe by looking at [the Minnesota dual], you could say the heavier weights need to be ready to go."

"But I think our whole team needs to be ready to step out on the mat."

Moore's words emulated that of his head coach. Even at some of the lower and middleweights, Iowa and Penn



WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Iowa redshirt freshman Mike Evans gets taken down by Penn State's David Taylor during the Big Ten wrestling championships in Mackey Arena on March 4, 2012. Evans lost the match by major decision, 11-2. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

State will send highly ranked and respected wrestlers to the mat.

At 125-pounds, Iowa's Matt McDonough, the top-ranked wrestler in the lightest weight, will take on No. 3 Nico Megaludis. This will be the first time the two will have met since last season's NCAA Championship match at the same weight — McDonough was able to close out a 4-1 victory in that bout.

Top-ranked Derek St. John, at 157 pounds, will be tested against No. 5 Dylan Alton of the Nittany Lions. Both McDonough and St. John have been labeled "sure-wins" for the Black and Gold all season long (they're a combined 29-0 this year, with a 10-0 collec-

tive mark against ranked opponents). But both of Iowa's returning NCAA finalists know that rankings mean nothing in a dual of this magnitude.

"He's going to come after me," McDonough said about Megaludis. "And that's what you expect of somebody

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Swimmers head to N'western

Two-day format of Northwestern Invitational prepares Iowa swimming and diving team for Big Ten's.

By **JALYN SOUCHEK AND NICK DELAQUILA**

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The Iowa swimming and diving teams will compete today at the Northwestern Invitational in Evanston, Ill.

The men will race against Northwestern, Notre Dame, and Missouri State, in a three-session, two-day format, and the Hawkeye women will face Nebraska, Northwestern, and Ohio State.

The women's side will only track score against the Buckeyes, while the men will only score against Notre Dame and Missouri State in dual-meet fashion.

The invitational comes a week after the Hawkeyes won a 161-122 dual-meet over this weekend's hosts, Northwestern. Though Iowa will swim against Northwestern again, the teams won't score against each other.

This will be the second time Iowa has faced the Fighting Irish this season. Notre Dame bested the Black and

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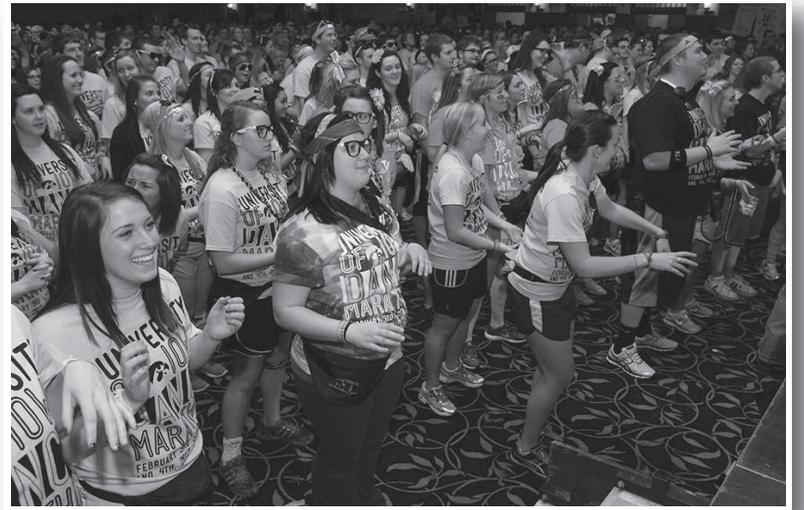
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