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Diversity, funding plans both pass



Members of the community and Iowa City School Board members discuss the district's diversity proposal on Tuesday. The board passed the controversial diversity policy. (Daily Iowan/Sarah Sebetka)

The Iowa City Community School District will move forward with the contested diversity policy.

By **STACEY MURRAY**
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After more than roughly two hours of community input and discussion on Tuesday, the vote was settled.

The Iowa City School District will see its controversial diversity policy implemented in the near future.

"I don't view this policy as the end of the conversation; I view this policy as a way to move forward," board member Sally Hoelscher said.

The School Board passed the third reading of the highly debated diversity policy on a 4-3 vote. The policy aims to equal socioeconomic levels throughout the district by distributing the percentage of students participating in the free- and reduced- lunch program across the district. Current levels differ as much as 65 percent between schools.

This policy defines minorities as "students who are receiving free or reduced-price lunches offered under the district's nutrition plan." Students not participating in this program are considered

non-minorities.

Both School Board members and district parents expressed numerous concerns with the policy, including the language in the capacity clause.

"Everybody I've talked to, everybody I've listened to believes we need a policy and a plan to balance current socioeconomic disparities we have in our schools," said board member Jeff McGuinness. "The question becomes not whether we need a plan, but this

SEE DIVERSITY, 3

Community votes 'yes' in favor of Iowa City School District funding plan.

By **LAUREN COFFEY**
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The funding decision has been made. After four months of discussion among School Board members on a way to allocate funds for the Iowa City School District, the members of the community had their chance to speak.

The Iowa City community voted in favor of the Security for Advanced Vision of Education repurpose statement plan.

The decision was made Tuesday night by 6,079 community members, with 3,403 people voting in favor of the plan. Of the registered voters in the greater Iowa City area, 8.08 percent voted in the special school election. Johnson County Auditor Travis Weipert said he was hoping for a higher voter turnout.

"The highest voter turnout for a School Board election was 15 percent, so I was hoping for 10 or 12," Weipert said. "There was an election in November and an upcoming one in March, so it may be voter burnout."

Originally, the district followed a pay-as-you-go system, with limitations of saving \$20 million to renovate elementary schools and \$32 million for the construction of a new high school. The community was torn between choosing one option over the other.

With the new funding program, school-infrastructure local-option funds will all be placed in the state's hands and allocated based on the number of students in each district — receiving \$870 per pupil. With the district's student population, the district would receive \$10.6 million in fiscal 2013 and at the same time be able to borrow up to \$100 million until 2029.

The current pay-as-you-go plan expires in 2017, at which point the state

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SEATS transit program to continue

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After the Johnson County Board of Supervisors expressed a need to discontinue funding for a program that provides rides to the elderly and county residents with disabilities, Iowa City officials maintain that the service will continue, though some aspects may be cut.

But some SEATS riders don't want to see the service changed at all.

"If SEATS is privatized, it's no good for the disabled," said Mary Gravitt, an Iowa City resident and occasional SEATS rider. "Everyone has an interest in keeping SEATS in the public. We all get old, and if we don't get old, we die. We have to have some way to get around this city."

In operation since the 1970s, SEATS provides door-to-door rides to individuals

SEE SEATS, 5



SEATS proponents gather at City Hall on Tuesday to stage a peaceful demonstration. (Daily Iowan/Callie Mitchell)

Marshall trial goes to jury

By **MANDI CAROZZA**
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Prosecutors and defense attorneys presented their closing arguments Tuesday in the first-degree murder trial of 22-year-old Justin Marshall.

Johnson County prosecutor Janet Lyness approached the jury first.



Marshall
defendant

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News

Bolkcom: Help DREAMers

By BRENT GRIFFITHS
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Democrats in the Iowa Senate would like to further recent efforts for DREAMers by making them legally eligible for in-state tuition at public universities.

"We have made a major investment in these youngsters in our K-12 system, and it's extraordinarily shortsighted economically speaking to not provide a path for everyone one of these kids to go to college," said Sen. Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa City, one of 11 co-sponsors of the bill. "... Those kids see themselves as Iowans and want to be here as Iowans."

The proposed bill would allow students who attend an accredited school in Iowa, and graduate from high school or attain an equivalent diploma, an opportunity for in-state tuition. It would also require interested students to sign an affidavit stating they would apply for citizenship at the earliest possible date.

Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Red Oak, the ranking member of the Senate Education

Committee, said she is concerned about "unintended consequences" but agrees it's not the children's fault for their situation.

"In essence, we are rewarding the family for bad behavior," she said. "There are lots of wonderful students who come from Nebraska, Missouri [and elsewhere], and they're not going to get in-state tuition."

Bolkcom said one of his main motivations for the bill is his belief that Iowa suffers from workforce and skill shortage in "all areas" including manufacturing, engineering, and information technology. He pointed to population growth among young Latinos as a possible source to address this gap.

"There are not enough workers, and the ones we have don't have the skills we need," he said. "The cost is to the state's economy if the employers can't find employees, and then they will go to places where they can."

Other states have passed similar proposals to the current bill.

Brenda Bautsch, a senior policy specialist with

the National Conference of State Legislatures, said 12 states have passed similar laws to the one Iowa is considering. Indiana is one of six states that passed a law barring such students from receiving in-state tuition.

However, Bautsch said he hasn't noticed any themes or trends in states that consider the expansion.

Regent President Craig Lang and President Pro Tem Bruce Rastetter are both listed as "undecided" lobbyists on the bill, according to an online listing. One regent said he personally would support the bill.

"I am personally interested in seeing economic opportunities expand," Regent Robert Downer said.

Downer said the regents could potentially discuss the proposal during their meeting today, and he does not believe the bill takes advantage of taxpayers. Downer said he's only heard of five students who would qualify for the proposal.

The bill — if passed — would go into effect Jan. 1, 2014. It is currently in the Senate Education Committee.

Dreamer Tuition

Cecilia Muñoz, the director of White House Domestic Policy Council, said during a conference call that in-state tuition is a "state-by-state" decision, but she outlined President Obama's immigration plan. Obama presented his plan in Las Vegas last week.

Obama's plan includes:

- The president would like to see a bill in the Senate in a month to six weeks, or he reserves the right to propose his own
- Enforcement — continue strong efforts at the border and allow database for employers to verify employees' citizenship status.
- Pathway to citizenship — allow 11 million undocumented to apply for citizenship after going to back of the line and paying back taxes.
- Add visas for entrepreneurs as well as students in the science, technology, engineering, and math. It would also "staple green cards" to students who graduate in these fields to stay in the U.S.

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Cinema coming back to downtown

Since the 2007 closure of Old Capitol Town Center's Campus 3 cinema, downtown Iowa City has been without true cinematic offerings. Come September, with the opening of FilmScene's 85-seat Scene 1 cinema, that absence will be filled.

The nonprofit independent film organization, founded in 2011, will partner with developer Marc Moen to open a 928-square-foot year-round cinema dedicated to American and foreign independent films alongside first-run movies not regularly offered at traditional movie theaters in the Packing and Provision Building, 118 E. College St.

"Iowa City residents have stated over and over that they want a movie theater back downtown, and we're excited to make that possible," FilmScene cofounder Andrew Sherburne said. "What's more, we'll bring a new movie going experience that Iowa City hasn't had with engrossing films and a food and drink menu that sets us apart."

Filmgoers will be welcomed through a lounge offering catered food and desserts, traditional movie-going fare, fine wine, coffee, and beer. Final costs for the cinema, movie and menu prices, along with cinema hours have yet to be determined. FilmScene plans on offering several films per day, including matinee and evening times.

Scene 1 is the first component of the organization's long-term plans to open two additional movie theaters in the 20-story the Chauncey development at the intersection of College and Gilbert Streets in 2016, which, combined, will include 250 seats. The Scene 1 location will remain open after the opening of the Chauncey, primarily for educational purposes.

In addition to FilmScene's cinema, an art gallery, retail tenant, and small rooftop terrace are a part of the renovation project.

— by Quentin Misiag

City sets budget-hearing date

The City Conference Board



This artist's rendering shows the inside of FilmScene's 85-seat cinema, scheduled to open in September.

and the Iowa City City Council set a date for the public hearing on the Iowa City assessor's proposed budget for fiscal year 2014.

The hearing is set for March 5, at which the council will also discuss the three-year financial plan for fiscal 2014-2016 and the multi-year capital-improvements program through fiscal 2017.

Detailed information on the budget will be made available to the public on Feb. 15.

— by Nick Hassett

Regents to consider River Landing Clinic expansion

The state Board of Regents will meet today in West Des Moines, planning to discuss several items during the two-day period.

University of Iowa officials have requested approval for an expansion project at the Iowa River Landing Clinic. This expansion will finish part of the fifth floor.

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

The regents will also be presented with annual diversity reports from the regent institutions.

On Thursday, the regents will interview two candidates as part of the search for a new president of the University of Northern Iowa. UNI President Ben Allen told the regents last fall that he would retire no later than July 1.

— by Jordyn Reiland

Entertainment-venue change passes second test

A proposed change to the entertainment-venue policy in Iowa City passed its second consideration in the Iowa City City Council.

The council voted 7-0 in favor of the measure, which would allow 19- and 20-year-olds to remain in entertainment venues after midnight.

An ordinance requires three readings to pass.

— by Nick Hassett

Woman sues UI HealthWorks

A woman who received treatment for a knee injury at a University of Iowa Health Care affiliate has filed a lawsuit against the group, according to court documents.

Barbara Gericke of Tiffin is suing UI HealthWorks for alleged negligence and "violations

against standards of care."

The documents say doctors performed an X-ray on Gericke's right knee on Feb. 17, 2011. Nurse practitioner Tracie Abbott interpreted the results of the exam, according to the documents.

Abbott allegedly found Gericke's knee was not fractured in any way but noticed a possible bone cyst in the tibia. Officials then sent the results of the X-ray to the UI Hospitals and Clinics' Radiology Department. The department allegedly also noticed the lesion.

But Gericke said doctors never brought either diagnosis to her attention and, more than a year later, she sought treatment from a local physician for pain in her knee. Then, following a series of tests, doctors allegedly found the lesion near her tibia had grown larger and diagnosed it as a form of bone cancer.

Gericke subsequently had to undergo an amputation above the knee and is currently receiving treatment at the UIHC.

According to the document, Gericke is seeking compensation for past and future expenses, scarring, and disfigurement, among other damages. Some of Gericke's relatives are also listed on the lawsuit.

The lawsuit demands a trial by jury.

— by Cassidy Riley

BLOTTER

Sergio Baide, 42, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 3607, was charged Monday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Gregory Baptiste, 23, address unknown, was charged Jan. 2 with fraudulent criminal acts and fifth-degree theft.

Kaitlyn Burma, 20, 409 S. Johnson St. No. 1, was charged Feb. 1 with presence in a bar after hours.

Richard Coleman, 21, 713 Ronalds St., was charged Feb. 2 with public intoxication.

Don Dawson, 18, West Des Moines, was charged Feb. 1 with presence in a bar after hours.

Collin Dissette, 18, 100 Hawk Ridge Drive No. 2313, was charged Feb. 2 with presence in a bar after hours and unlawful use of driver's license.

Matthew Evans, 23, 308 Myrtle Ave., was charged Sunday with OWI. Ross Gibson, 19, 1303 Burge, was charged Sunday with possession of prescription drugs.

Patrick Gillespie, 22, 915 Hudson Ave., was charged Sunday with OWI.

Timothy Hanrahan, 20, Evanston, Ill., was charged Feb. 2 with interference with official acts, PAULA, presence in a bar after hours, and public intoxication.

Sidney Hargraves, 20, 436 S.

Johnson St. No. 2, was charged Feb. 2 with presence in a bar after hours and unlawful use of driver's license.

Haylee Hoffman, 20, 180 E. Davenport St. No. 8, was charged Feb. 1 with unlawful use of driver's license.

David Jacobs, 18, E003 Hillcrest, was charged Feb. 2 with presence in a bar after hours and unlawful use of driver's license.

Emily Karpinski, 20, 18 Hidden Meadow Lane, was charged Feb. 2 with presence in a bar after hours and unlawful use of driver's license.

David McClish, 50, address unknown, was charged Monday with public intoxication and criminal trespass.

Austin Oday, 18, Eldridge, Iowa, was charged Sunday with presence in a bar after hours.

Joshua Power, 23, Durham, Mo., was charged Monday with OWI.

Kristen Ruf, 20, Chicago, was charged Sunday with possession of alcohol in public.

Joshua Schindel, 24, 2868 Coral Court Apt. 303, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Tori Takes, 20, Coralville, was charged Feb. 1 with presence in a bar after hours.

Michael Tibbetts, 44, address unknown, was charged Monday with public intoxication.

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plan.”
With clear divides among the board members, some suggested a delay in vote. “It feels like the community has fractured,” board member Patti Fields said. “It feels like our board has fractured, and I don’t know how you fix something so broken.”
Two amendments to adjust the policy failed to pass.

One amendment included a deletion of the capacity clause and the other was to change the elementary school’s timeline for percentage shifts.
While the board moved forward with the vote, McGuinness said he would work with the board — despite his negative vote — to implement the policy in an efficient fashion.
Yet with the steady split in favor of the policy, Sarah Swisher emphasized the importance in taking the first

step toward a diversity plan.
“We have room to make changes and to provide opportunities a lot of school districts don’t have,” she said. “It would be a shame to take a pass on this.”
With several community members, ranging from parents to students in the district, stepping forward, one local resident expressed her hesitation with the policy.
“I’m not sure the policy is the best option. I don’t think it’s meant to be a comprehensive solution,” Sara Bar-

ron said. “I think it’s a such a complex issue, and the policy oversimplifies what needs to happen in order to better student achievement.”
This vote followed concerns expressed last week from the state Department of Education that the policy would violate federal law.
“Our issue is how the free- and reduced-lunch eligibility is being used,” department spokeswoman Staci Hupp told *The Daily Iowan*. “It cannot be used for the local diversity plan that moves

student within the district without consent. They can’t use it to potentially identify students receiving free and reduced lunch because it is against [Family Education Rights and Privacy Act — federal law.]”
The School Board addressed the concerns from the department but said because the policy does not have any definitive plans, it doesn’t violate any laws.
But the department maintains a change in language is in order.

“There are other economic indicators that the School District can use to carry out the diversity plan,” Hupp said. “We’re confident the School District can make adjustments, but those decisions will need to be made locally.”
But after roughly two hours of debate, the contested issue passed by one vote, allowing the district to move forward.
“It’s a continuing conversation we need to work together on,” Hoelscher said.

MARSHALL

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She deplored the slaying of Iowa City landlord John Versypt, 64, who died of a gunshot wound to the head in October 2009.
“This is a case about a robbery gone wrong,” Lyness said. “This is a case about a man who died, who shouldn’t have died.”
Alleging that Marshall was one of three men involved in the homicide, the prosecution also said

Marshall was the one who pulled the trigger.
After listing key points outlined by each witness, Lyness reminded the jury the case is not an episode of television series “CSI” and noted there isn’t always an abundance of physical evidence.
“This is not TV,” she said. “This is real life.”
Gunshot residue found on Marshall’s jacket was one of the only pieces of scientific evidence linking him to the crime.
Lyness further argued Marshall’s story changed

numerous times during interviews conducted by investigators days after Versypt’s death.
“Nothing in the defendant’s version fits the evidence,” she said, referring to various testimonies heard by jurors over recent weeks.
In his testimony, former suspect Charles Thompson said Marshall changed and discarded his clothing after Versypt’s body was discovered.
Lyness also cited testimonies from three inmates — Earl Freeman, Antonio

Martin, and Carl Johnson Jr. — who were incarcerated with Marshall in the Muscatine County Jail.
In these testimonies, the inmates said Marshall admitted his guilt in the slaying of Versypt. Marshall told the inmates he was trying to lessen his sentence, Lyness said.
Thomas Gaul, Marshall’s attorney, began his closing argument by pointing out the lack of physical evidence against Marshall, and he suggested there is more evidence against Thompson.
“As far as physical evi-

dence ... nothing the state has produced points in Justin Marshall’s direction,” he said. “It does point in Charles Thompson’s direction.”
After that, Gaul questioned the legitimacy of the three inmates who said Marshall confessed to killing Versypt.
Calling them “long-time career criminals” and “snitches,” Gaul said the inmates had incentives for testifying against Marshall.
Gaul argued that Freeman, Martin, and Johnson testified in hopes of shaving years from their sentences.

“They’re old pros,” he said, claiming the inmates knew how to work the legal system.
When Lyness reap-proached the jury, she insisted the inmates’ testimonies were reliable.
“What they told you makes sense and is consistent with other evidence,” she said.
Following the closing arguments, Judge Sean McPartland retired the jury to begin deliberating the case. The jury deliberated until 4:30 p.m., and it will return today.

REVENUE

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will adopt the new plan. Murley and the School Board decided to adopt the plan now instead of waiting.
Superintendent Steve Murley was thrilled with the passing of the funding plan.
“We had more voters than the last board election. I think it’s indicative of the enlarged electorate,” he said.
The community followed the lead of the School Board — which voted unanimously in favor of the funding plan on Nov. 6, 2012. The board wanted to give the community members time

to process their decision.
Murley plans to evaluate schools to identify the need for updates as early as this spring.
There are three main goals Murley and the board members hope to evaluate while looking at buildings in the summer: improving safety and security, air conditioning, and handicap-accessibility.
Despite an overall consensus, one resident felt the plan lacked specifics about what the money would go to.
“I wanted a specific plan. There are no elementary schools on the East Side that have separate cafeterias and gymnasiums. I just wanted some guarantee on our stuff,” Iowa City resident Deb McCarthy

said.
Board President Marla Swesey, said the board will focus on the elementary schools first.
“The board does not plan to look at the high-school situation until we have looked at the maintenance of older buildings and looking at building new elementary schools,” Swesey said. “We want to build two new elementary schools on the Northeast and Southeast Sides.”
Iowa City resident Janet Clark said she voted for the plan in conjunction with the diversity policy.
“I would have never voted for the RPS plan if I didn’t think the diversity plan would pass,” she said. “The diversity policy addresses huge inequali-

ties, and I have quite a bit of confidence that without the passing of the policy, the 100 million will be used inequitably.”

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EDITORIAL

Grant undocumented students in-state tuition

Sen. Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa City, sponsored a bill last week that would allow undocumented immigrants the opportunity to receive in-state tuition for Iowa's public universities and community colleges.

The bill requires that the students graduate from an Iowa high school and sign an affidavit promising to pursue legal citizenship at the earliest opportunity.

This bill would not only improve the lives of many immigrants, it would allow for greater economic development in the state. The Iowa Senate must pass this bill by no later than Jan. 1, 2014, so that Iowans by choice will have equal opportunities to higher education and the Iowa economy may improve.

"Iowa's economic prosperity is dependent on having a skilled, educated workforce," Bolkcom said. "It is about our economic futures together, and these kids have been part of our communities and graduated from our high schools; these immigrant kids need a path to our community colleges and public universities."

Economically, granting in-state tuition to undocumented students increases the number of people in our state with a higher education and therefore increases the amount of skilled labor in Iowa.

"We have a person-power problem and a skill shortage," Bolkcom said. "Some of these kids graduating are among the brightest in their class, but right now, there is a cloud over these youngsters, and this legislation is a sign that these kids ought to have a path to college if they choose it."

Undocumented immigrants are historically at high risks of poverty, but education is one way out of poverty. Rather than paying welfare, if more students were able by law to attend college, Iowa could generate higher tax revenue and have fewer welfare recipients.

The Iowa Policy Research Organization found that in several other states that have already en-

acted similar legislation, they saw savings and gains from allowing students in-state tuition.

For example, Texas began offering in-state tuition rates to undocumented immigrants in 2001. The research organization found that in 2005 alone, the amount Texas generated from collecting tuition from undocumented immigrants paying in-state rates was approximately \$1.5 billion. That same year, the total cost of providing state services was only \$1.1 billion. By allowing undocumented immigrants to pay in-state tuition, Texas gained \$424 million in one year.

"If we do not have enough people with the right skills, then existing Iowa businesses will be in trouble, and we will not have the resources to take care of education, or roads, or senior citizens," Bolkcom said. "Not only is this the right thing to do morally, it's economically in the best interest of every Iowan."

But the moral concerns should be considered as well.

"It's just really hard because you know people who have been raised the same as you have, but you have in-state tuition when they can't afford it," said Jessica Padilla, the president of University of Iowa Association of Latinos Moving Ahead. "It is really hard to justify why they wouldn't be able to come to this university."

Education should not be denied to anyone who is willing to work hard enough to earn it. These immigrants deserve a chance to improve themselves and their communities throughout the state of Iowa.

"You may as well give them a shot at an education," Padilla said. "This is the country of opportunities."

Your turn.

Should undocumented students be given in-state tuition?
Weigh in on at dailyiowan.com.

Treating only bruises



By **JON OVERTON**
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When you go to the emergency room after falling down a flight of stairs, you'd expect doctors to focus on your broken leg instead of the bruise on your arm. Gov. Terry Branstad's initiative to make Iowa the healthiest state by 2016 may do the opposite.

Iowa City became a Blue Zones demonstration site last week, and that's great, but Johnson County has the best health factors and eighth-best health outcomes in the state. Data also indicated that 67 percent of all demonstration sites' populations are in counties with above average health outcomes, according to county-healthrankings.org.

Branstad's plan tends to help communities with good health while potentially overlooking those that are worse off. We need state-directed programs that can help areas that the state inherently overlook.

The state government has endorsed the Blue Zones Project, funded by Healthways and Wellmark. It's a grass-roots campaign, helping chosen communities make permanent changes to make healthy living easy.

Sally Dix, Wellmark's

engagement manager for the Blue Zones Project, said communities must choose to join.

"We are not targeting specific populations," she said. "We are trying to improve the health of all Iowans."

Blue Zones Project officials said in a press release that it picks communities based on "civic structure and engagement and how many residents live and work in the community." This leaves out rural counties, particularly in southern Iowa, which, according to countyhealthrankings.org, tend to have the worst health outcomes in the state.

A report from the National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services said rural Iowa counties rarely receive assistance for improving health because populations are sparse and their record of using these resources is lackluster.

With most of rural southern Iowa quickly losing people, as census data indicate, it is unlikely that people in this region will suddenly organize and start emulating the Blue Zones on a large scale.

While the Blue Zones Project has targeted rural towns, even a few in southern Iowa, the most far-flung areas probably won't see much improvement without a state-directed initiative.

We should definitely address the bumps and bruises, but also focus on fixing serious injuries. ■



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What about the bars?

Just read the editorial regarding the music-venue exception. Conversation and human interaction is an attraction. Bars that do not offer live entertainment offer a party. A chance to meet new people. Now, the students are getting that at house parties, and I find them unsafe. Just wanted to say that. Also, what's to stop every bar from starting live music?

Libby Shannon
Oxford, Iowa

RE: 'New proposal, not enough changed for justice center'

Where is this Editorial Board and its request to meet with county officials to discuss the wonderful low-cost options that they do not name?

Lonny Pulkrabek

I would like to know where the Editorial Board was for the last five years while this plan was being discussed in open meetings.

David Kempf

GUEST COLUMN

UI Dance Marathon crucial to patients and families

Dashiell Codd loves playing with his brothers, laughing at silly jokes, and dancing to the Muppets. His favorite Muppets song is "Mahna Mahna," and he's been able to watch dozens of people — friends, family, and even strangers — sing "do-doo-be-do-do" on a special "Mahna Mahna" Facebook page that his parents created to cheer him up during a very difficult time.

Last March, doctors diagnosed 5-year-old Dashiell with a rare pediatric liver cancer called hepatoblastoma, and it has been resis-

tant to treatment. That hasn't stopped a group of University of Iowa students from "putting the hammer down on cancer" by dancing for Dashiell at the 19th-annual UI Dance Marathon.

Group 49, the team of UI students dancing in Dashiell's honor, joined with 2,100 registered dancers in a very special event that raised more than \$1.5 million this year. I have been lucky enough to have participated in the last six Dance Marathon events on campus, and it still fills me with deep emotion when I reflect on

how many UI students have danced for kids such as Dashiell.

For nearly two decades, UI Dance Marathon has been able to provide crucial emotional and financial support to patients and families facing childhood cancer. As the largest student-run philanthropic organization on campus, it has raised more than \$12.7 million throughout the last 19 years, and it recently made two very significant gifts for our university: an investment of \$1 million, in 2008, to establish the UI Dance Marathon Pediatric Can-

cer and Blood Disorders Research Laboratories, and a 10-year, \$5 million pledge, announced in 2011, for the new UI Children's Hospital building campaign.

I am overwhelmed by the power of this grass-roots initiative. I also am awed by the dedication of the dancers — and by the courage and grace of the patients and families who participate in Dance Marathon.

In my role as president of the UI Foundation, I have had the wonderful opportunity of interacting with the newest genera-

tion of Dance Marathon leaders and volunteers. This is the second year that the foundation and its Student Philanthropy Group have participated in the Family External Representative program, which matches groups of UI students with patients and their families.

As part of this year's program, 40 members of the Sigma Chi fraternity were able to reconnect with the 13-year-old patient with whom they've corresponded throughout the past few years. And 40 UI students, who were part of Morale Group 24, were able to

meet with a 5-year-old patient during last weekend's event. It was these kinds of moments that made the foot-stomping energy of Dance Marathon 2013 so memorable.

On behalf of all of us at the UI Foundation, I would like to congratulate this year's Dance Marathon dancers and leadership team — and thank them for their participation. I am very grateful that children such as Dashiell Codd don't have to dance alone.

Lynette L. Marshall
president and CEO of the UI Foundation

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SEATS

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with disabilities, senior citizens, and other people in need of assistance accessing medical clinics, grocery stores, and other destinations.

"We're going to make sure that service continues; we don't want [SEATS riders] to feel trapped in a debate between two government agencies," City Councilor Jim Throgmorton said.

Johnson County has proposed cutting the general levy funding for SEATS, which would place much of the cost burden on Iowa City. The council plans to have a discussion with the Johnson County Board of Supervisors on how to proceed with funding for the program.

The final proposal from the county involved providing \$100,000 in funding for the program in the first year of its new contract, \$50,000 in the second year, and cutting all funding from the third year onward.

In fiscal 2012, Johnson County provided \$461,319.17 in funding for SEATS to Iowa City, the majority of which came from county taxes paid by Iowa City residents.

Both the city of Iowa City and Coralville are mandated by the Federal Transit Administration to provide para-transit services for residents in need.

The standard cost for a one-way ride is \$2 for any rural, Iowa City, or University Heights one-way trips and \$1.50 for Coralville and North Liberty trips. Iowa City residents who take rides that originate in Iowa City



SEATS passengers gather for a peaceful demonstration at City Hall on Tuesday. Demonstrators have already collected more than 1,100 signatures for their online petition. (Daily Iowan/Callie Mitchell)

have a reduced fare of \$1.

At the City Council's work session Tuesday evening, Iowa City Director of Transportation Chris O'Brien recommended the council proceed with several options to reduce costs for the para-transit program, including a pay-as-you-go model that would bill the city for the service by month, cutting the Sunday service for the program, and eliminating the half-fare option for riders.

Approximately 90 percent of SEATS riders qualified for half-fare rides at a cost of \$1. City staff has estimated eliminating the half-fare would save \$120,000.

However, that proposal faced some opposition from community members.

"I'm concerned about the half-fares being eliminated," said Harry Olmstead, an Iowa City resident and SEATS rider. "If 90 percent of riders are at or below the poverty level, many of them are on fixed budgets, and asking them to provide more is impossible."

The City Council did pass a resolution Tuesday that would allow those who could not be

reached by para-transit services to get rides to locations not typically covered and provides additional assistance.

"If someone needs to go to the doctor, that's what this type of program does," O'Brien said. "It's door-through-door service."

Others who spoke at the meeting were relieved that SEATS was not in danger, though they urged the City Council to resolve the funding issue.

Casey Hayse, an Iowa City resident who said she had been using SEATS for 17 years, wanted to preserve the program the way it is currently.

"I use SEATS for everything; it's my main form of transportation," she said. "SEATS is part of what makes Iowa City a wonderful place to live."

Hayse sees SEATS as a service that enriches the community as a whole. She presented a petition in support of SEATS with more than 1,600 signatures to the City Council.

"Diversity is an important issue, and we [elderly and disabled people] are part of that diversity," she said. "We are not problems to be solved."

METRO

UISG appoints election head

The University of Iowa Student Government confirmed Peter Chalik as this year's Student Election Board commissioner Tuesday evening, and officials expect him to have his hands full this year with competitive races.

The motion to confirm his position was met with a unanimous yes vote.

Chalik is a senior studying political science and history and has not been previously involved in UISG, but he came with several endorsements.



Peter Chalik
commissioner

"Peter came highly recommended by senators, executive members, and even administration," said John Cumming-Meiningner, the Nominations Committee head. "The process was pretty easy this year."

The Nominations Committee put an open application on OrgSync. Chalik was the only person to apply this year.

"You have to be really organized and be able to deal with a lot," Cumming-Meiningner said. "[The person has] to have a lot of time and really want to do it."

The election commissioner is in charge of organizing voting and campaigns, including a presidential and vice-presidential debate. In addition, he or she communicates with the candidates about rules,

procedures, and expectations.

"We expect a pretty contentious race this year, so my position is handling disputes or things that may arise with that," Chalik said. "Hopefully, everybody follows the rules." UISG President Nic Pottebaum also noted the potential for a heated race this year.

"I think it's going to be the most competitive race since the Go Party versus Your Party from 2009," he said.

Chalik said he's looking to see if there are any changes to be made to improve the process, and he would like to get to know his position a little better.

"I'm excited to get involved in the UISG election and getting into this process," he said.

— by Jonathan Solis

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“Reality is not always probable, or likely.”
— Jorge Luis Borges

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If you have said this in class, I probably hate you:

- “I know you said that this wouldn't be on the exam, but could you please [waste time during the exam-review session instead of making me come to your office hours, which is where one-on-one discussions like these should be taking place]?”
- “Are you saying [thing you just said in nearly the exact same words as you just said it]?”
- “Can to compare this topic with [an unrelated topic that it would never be compared to in practice]?”
- “Would this still be an issue if [gender or race or ethnicity or money] didn't exist?”
- “I didn't do the readings because I was sick.”
- “I don't feel like [established scientific fact] is right because [states personal experience].”
- “This class overlaps with another class I'm taking; do you mind if I [leave/arrive] 30 minutes [early/late] for the rest of the semester? This won't affect my attendance points, right?”
- “How do I do [simple action] in [basic software program available to everyone on campus]?”
- “When are your office hours? Where is your office? What building is that? [Can you tell me this and other things that are in the syllabus you gave us on the first day]?”
- “If we want, can we do the group project by ourselves?”
- “Do you mind if we work in pairs for the individual project? Can our pair be three people?”

Andrew R. Juhl is a patient man. He's been a patient at many places.

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today's events

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- **Anatomy and Cell Biology Seminar**, “Local homeostatic control of synapse function,” Michael Sutton, University of Michigan, 1 p.m., 1-561 Bowen
- **Motivation & Goal Setting**, University College, 3:30 p.m., 61 Schaeffer
- **CIMBA**, Life in Iowa, learn about study abroad in Italy, International Programs, 5 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Center
- **I See Stars, For All Those Sleeping, Get Scared**, 5 p.m., Blue Moose, 211 Iowa
- **Rockwell Collins “Rocketwomen” Networking Event**, 5 p.m., IMU second-floor ballroom
- **Living Through Loss – Spirituality and Grief: How Beliefs Lessen Our Pain**, 5:15 p.m., Kirkwood Room, 515 Kirkwood
- **Danika Holmes, with Amanda Miller**, 6 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Gray Knights Chess Club**, 6:30 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Chinese Calligraphy Workshop**, 7 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Center
- **“Live from Prairie Lights,”** Rilla Askew, fiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Oscar Shorts: Live Action**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **Spoken Word**, 7 p.m., Uptown Bill's, 730 S. Dubuque
- **Eighth Blackbird**, 7:30 p.m., Englert, 221 E. Washington
- **Free Jam Session & Mug Night**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- **The Interrupters**, 9 p.m., Bijou

UITV schedule

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- 1 p.m.** School of Music Encore, Latin Jazz Ensemble, Nov. 11, 2012
- 2** Bad Boys Double Bass Concert, May 26, 2010
- 3:30** UI Lectures: “Torture in the 21st Century,” U.N. human-rights expert Manfred Nowak, March 4, 2010
- 5** School of Music Encore, Latin Jazz Ensemble, Nov. 11, 2012
- 6** Iowa Magazine, human-interest stories on research, service, and education
- 6:30** Iowa Football Signing-Day Press Conference
- 7** Mauricio Lasansky: Inside the Image, a documentary, produced in 1993 by the UI
- 8** Van Allen: Flights of Discovery, a biography of the life of James Van Allen, Iowa's premier physicist
- 9 Iowa Magazine, human-interest stories on research, service, and education
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Wednesday, February 6, 2013 by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Impulsive moves will lead to a mishap or unfortunate situation. Do your best to stick to familiar people and places. Expand an interest that you used to enjoy. Offer suggestions to someone you care about, and you will make a difference.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take charge, and do what needs to be done. Your unique way of viewing an impossible situation will enhance your reputation with acquaintances but may hamper your relationship with someone you love or who depends on you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Trouble will surface, affecting your position if you aren't careful what you say or do regarding work or a colleague. An opportunity to get together with someone can change a decision you have to make regarding your professional direction.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Follow through with your plans, and you will get the benefits you are hoping for. Changing your residence, spending time with creative people, or joining a new group will enhance your life and lead to options that have eluded you in the past.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Cover up mistakes that might cause you sorrow. It's up to you to deal with anyone making accusations directly before a problem has time to escalate. Love is on the rise, but getting involved in a dicey relationship will damage your reputation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll be able to attract positive attention from colleagues and your boss if you take action and responsibility for a job that is perplexing and difficult. The extra hours spent will result in experience, knowledge, and advancement. Prepare to celebrate.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You may not agree with what's going on at home or in your immediate family, but being an observer rather than taking sides will be your best alternative. An activity that will get you away from any ongoing turmoil will ease stress.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Work alongside people who understand your position and relate to your creative and unique ideals, and you will ensure that you receive the help and dedication required to reach your goals. Don't let a romantic relationship limit your productivity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Tread carefully. You will be misinterpreted or misrepresented if you share your thoughts. Arguments will lead to isolation or an inability to move forward. Accept the inevitable, and do your best to keep the peace.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take care of business. This is an ideal time to reassess your position and to apply for a new job or add responsibilities to the position you currently hold. A jealous individual will make you look bad. Respond abruptly but honestly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.18): Don't limit the possibilities. Pick up information or skills that will help you reach your goals. Don't let what others do or say spin out of control. Honesty is the best policy. Pampering will do you good emotionally and physically.

PISCES (Feb.19-March 20): You may have to keep a secret in order to protect your reputation and future prospects. Starting a relationship with someone from your past will put you in a compromising position. Avoid acting impulsively or responding aggressively.

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The New York Times Crossword

- Edited by Will Shortz No. 0102
- ACROSS**
- 1 With 71-Across, breakfast choice ... or a punny hint to this puzzle's theme
 - 6 River in a 1957 hit movie
 - 10 SALT topic
 - 14 Singer/actress Luft
 - 15 Boss Tweed lampooner
 - 16 ___ avis
 - 17 Midwest hub
 - 18 Eye
 - 19 Words after “come” or “go”
 - 20 Mark down for a sale, say
 - 22 Model's path
 - 24 “Lawrence of Arabia” figure
 - 27 Spotted
 - 28 Angel dust, briefly
 - 30 Ore tester
 - 32 “Amo, amas, I love ___”
 - 34 Cut crosswise
 - 38 Slangy affirmative
 - 39 Make scents of?
 - 42 Cry of derision
 - 43 Hot desert wind
 - 45 Yankees manager before Girardi
 - 47 F.D.A.-banned diet pill ingredient
 - 50 Thrice, on an Rx
 - 51 With 35-Down, fictional heroine who says “I am no bird; and no net ensnares me”
 - 53 Augustus ___
 - 55 Hit for Guy Lombardo in 1937 and Jimmy Dorsey in 1957
 - 57 Jewish or Iranian, e.g.
 - 61 Make
 - 62 Auden or Aiken
 - 65 [Bo-o-oring!]
 - 66 Swarm member
 - 67 Layer of the eye
 - 68 Singers James and Jones
- DOWN**
- 1 Dona ___ (1976 Sonia Braga role)
 - 2 Architect Mies van der ___
 - 3 Like much folklore
 - 4 Things that lead to mergers?
 - 5 Billy Blanks fitness system
 - 6 Small hills
 - 7 Tail movement
 - 8 Talking with one's hands; Abbr.
 - 9 Roman road
 - 10 Laundry staff
 - 11 Request for group permission
 - 12 Jones once of the Stones
 - 13 Oodles
 - 21 Tikkanen of hockey
 - 23 Newsgroup system since 1980
 - 25 Erik of “CHiPs”
 - 26 Husband, in France
 - 28 “No more!,” e.g.
 - 29 ___ Crunch
 - 31 Bosox nickname of old
 - 32 Sorrowful cries
 - 33 Melodramatic series, in slang
 - 35 See 51-Across
 - 36 Mystery author John Dickson ___

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Puzzle by DAVID STEINBERG

- 37 Everyday article
- 40 Morse unit
- 41 10 sawbucks
- 44 The Ricardos, to the Mertzes
- 46 Italian city that is the title setting of a Walpole novel
- 48 Prom tux, usually
- 49 Japan's largest active volcano
- 51 Actress Pflug
- 52 Pianist Claudio
- 54 Photographer Adams
- 55 ___ lily
- 56 Digital book file extension
- 58 ___-Router
- 59 Give ___ (care)
- 60 Gershwin opera heroine
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- 8-10 p.m., Standing on the Verge
- 10-midnight, Theater of the Mind
- Midnight-2 a.m., Mo and Johnny Blade

HEAR A CAREER



UI engineering student Michael Jambrone listens to company representatives at the Engineering Career Fair in the IMU on Tuesday. (The Daily Iowan/Nicholas Fanelli)

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SIGNING DAY

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has gone on a recent surge, though, signing five recruits in the last 20 days.

Immediate impact

Since Iowa lacks a big name in its latest class, it is uncertain which players will see the field immediately. Hawkeyereport.com recruiting analyst Tom Kakert said that doesn't mean none of the recent Hawkeyes is capable of making his mark right away, though.

"The one thing this class doesn't have is a highly ranked kid," Kakert said. "They wanted to improve their speed and athletic ability with this class. They got guys like [athlete] Andre Harris, [defensive back] Solomon Warfield, [defensive back] Malik Rucker, and [wide receiver] Damond Powell. They're all speed guys; I think that's what they wanted to get."

Powell is the lone junior-college commitment in this year's class. In his second year at Snow College in Ephraim, Utah, he caught 41 passes for 1,231 yards and 14 touchdowns. That translates to a whopping 30-yard average per reception. The Toledo, Ohio, native could be the receiver that turns Iowa offensive coordinator Greg Davis' four-yard hitch routes into big gains.

In addition to Powell, this class brings in at least three defensive backs, a position that historically sees a lot of freshmen on the field for Iowa. Sean Draper and Kevin Buford saw significant playing time in

passing situations for the Iowa defense a year ago, and with two cornerbacks graduating — Micah Hyde and Greg Castillo — Iowa could continue that trend with three solid secondary players coming in — Warfield, Rucker, and Desmond King.

"You have to look at one of the defensive backs," Kakert said. "That's Iowa's thing — they always play a D-back as a freshman in nickel and dime situations."

Wait and see

At least three players in Iowa's class had previously committed to a different school before changing their minds. While most of the schools — Ball State, Colorado State, and Toledo — are in smaller conferences, Kakert said that doesn't mean those players don't have Big Ten talent, noting Hawkeye great Bob Sanders, who was committed to Kent State before joining the Black and Gold.

"We've seen that before with guys," Kakert said. "It tells me they missed some guys early on that went to other schools. They could be taking time to look at senior film to figure out if they are worthy of an offer, but there's a long list of guys they have stolen from the [Midwest Athletic Conference] that have had good careers ... I don't think [Iowa] would offer them if they didn't think they couldn't come in and help them."

In addition to the 20 or so that are expected to sign with Iowa today, the Hawkeyes reeled in a large crop of walk-on players — a group that contains at least 11 players, 10 of whom come from the state of Iowa.

Bad luck

It's not like Iowa didn't have an opportunity to sign more highly touted names, either. The Hawkeyes had oral commitments from two four star-recruits earlier in the year — defensive back Delano Hill and defensive end David Kenney III.

Hill, a Detroit native, decommitted from the Hawkeyes in mid-December after the University of Michigan sent an offer his way. Kenney backed out of his commitment from Iowa in October. He chose to attend Indiana when his father secured a job on the Hoosier coaching staff.

'Benefit of the doubt'

While it may be easy to discount this recruiting class and chalk it up as a result of a 4-8 season, that might be jumping the gun. Iowa was poised to have a class ranked lower than Iowa State for the first time in the Kirk Ferentz era until Tuesday evening, when Chicago linebacker and three-star recruit Reggie Spearman announced his plans to attend Iowa, jumping Iowa's class over the Cyclones.

That being said, Iowa fans shouldn't get too down on the 2013 class. Ferentz is famous for turning raw players into All-Big Ten talent. Given the squad's performance in 2012, things could be a lot worse.

"It's not the world's worst class," Shanker said. "There is a little reason for concern since the high start before the season. But looking at Iowa's track record, they're never going to have a high-rated class."

"At this point, I'd still give Kirk Ferentz benefit of the doubt."



Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz runs off the field after the game against Purdue in Kinnick Stadium on Nov. 10, 2012. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

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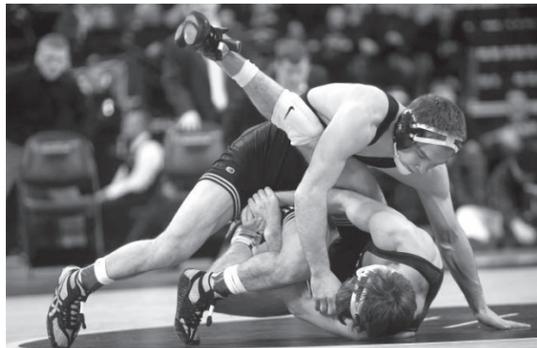
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house has posted a 1-3 record. That includes a 3-2 upset loss to No. 11 Chris Chionuma of Oklahoma State and a pair of 6-3 losses to Michigan State's unranked John Rizqallah and No. 5 Kevin Steinhilber from Minnesota.

In those matches, Loft-house didn't show the kind of toughness and urgency that Brands hoped to see from his All-American wrestler. He gave up a late lead against Chionuma to lose the match — and in some respect, the dual for Iowa — and wasn't truly focused on opening up his offense against either Steinhilber or Rizqallah.

The benching, at least Brands hoped, would get Lofthouse's attention.

"When you're getting beat and you're not making a move, let's fire a shot across their bow and get some doggone attention," Brands said. "This is not about just going out in your black-and-gold singlet and whatever happens, happens. This is



Iowa 141-pounder Mark Ballweg wrestles Penn State's Bryan Pearsall in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Feb. 1. (The Daily Iowan/Rachel Jessen)

about preparation, this is about getting ready, this is about coming to compete at a high level every time."

Gambrall, much to the surprised Carver crowd, was able to garner a take-down against the top-ranked Ruth and held, momentarily, a 3-2 lead. This was short-lived — Ruth escaped with ease and went on to score eight more takedowns en route to the major decision.

But Gambrall went into the match fearless, and that's what Brands is looking for. Lofthouse saw this, and it has, in a sense, awakened him.

"If I would have been

sent on the mat, I would have been ready," Lofthouse said. "But Tom [Brands], and I talked and we just thought it was good. I trust the coaching staff and their decisions."

Lofthouse said he does feel better, and he will be ready to compete. His spot in the lineup, though, will remain up to Brands and the Iowa wrestling coaching staff. No wrestle-off is planned.

Iowa's new rankings

The Iowa wrestling team, after stunning the wrestling world with an upset win over then-

top-ranked Penn State, jumped from No. 3 to No. 2 in the latest Intermat rankings. The Hawkeye grapplers also moved up to No. 2 in the National Wrestling Coaches Association Poll.

The mystifying thing about both rankings are the teams that sandwich the Black and Gold in both rankings. In the coaches' ranking, Oklahoma State is No. 1 and Penn State fell to No. 3. But in the Intermat poll, Penn State stayed atop the rankings and the Cowboys fell to third.

This is because the coaches' poll is based mainly on the power of dual teams, and the Intermat is based on NCAA Tournament strength — an individual tournament with team points accounted for.

With that in mind, it makes sense, then, that Iowa is above Penn State in one and behind it in the other. Penn State's potential to rack up tournament points remains more potent than Iowa's, according to the Intermat voters.

The Hawkeyes, who know how both systems work, continue to use

each one as motivation.

"This sends a big message," 133 pounder Tony Ramos said of beating Penn State on Feb. 1. "Everyone's counting us out. We had a hiccup against Oklahoma State. I think we should have won that dual meet, too."

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were spectacular."

Hawkeyes look for fourth-straight win over Badgers

The bench players will have to be spectacular once again for the Hawkeyes (14-8, 3-6 Big Ten) when they head to

Wisconsin for a date with the Badgers (15-7, 6-3) at the Kohl Center in Madison tonight.

Iowa will be looking for its fourth-straight victory over its northern rival after sweeping the home and home series last year and beating the Badgers, 70-66, in Iowa City Jan. 19. The defeat at Carver-Hawkeye Arena last month was Wisconsin's first blemish in conference play and kicked off

a stretch in which the Badgers have lost three of their last five games. Wisconsin got back on track in its last game: a 74-68 victory at Illinois on Feb. 3.

Madison hasn't been kind to the Black and Gold in recent years — the Hawkeyes' 72-65 triumph at the Kohl Center a year ago was only their second win at Wisconsin since 2000.

McCaffery admitted it will be tough for his

crew to escape the Kohl Center with a win for the second-straight year but nonetheless insisted trips like this build character.

Especially for such a young team like Iowa come March.

"We're so road-tested. We're playing against really tough, physical, quality defenses," McCaffery said. "By virtue of what we go through, I think that would help us. In theory, that should be beneficial."

Distance swimmers gear up

The men's long-distance swimmers are beginning to see progress as they ready themselves for championship season.

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Competitive swimmers use an extensive number of muscles with every stroke.

Some of the hardest events are the long-distance races, including the 1,000 and 1,650-free-style races, which put swimmers in the pool for at least nine minutes.

The Black and Gold long-distance swimmers have yet to enjoy much success this season. Junior Manuel Belzer's victory in the 1,000 free against Michigan State on Oct. 19 was the only first-place finish in any of the dual meets.

Assistant coach Nate Mundt, who oversees the long-distance swimmers in practice, believes that the best is yet to come, and he says the swimmers have made great strides during this season as the Big Tens grow closer.

"They're peaking at the right time; we've been working hard," Mundt said. "I think they are all excited. They're ready to get some rest and start focusing on swimming fast at the end of season."

In recent meets, Belzer and fellow long-distance swimmer Patrick Weigand have come away with runner-up finishes — Manuel in the 500 free against then-No. 6 Ohio State and No. 10 Indiana

and Weigand in the 1,000 free against Northwestern.

Weigand said he knows long-distance events are not the most attractive races to swim and they require an even greater amount of mental strength and physicality. Often, they're separated from the rest of the team and will be the last ones in the pool during practice.

Being in the pool longer, Mundt said, helps the long-distance swimmers, both physically and mentally.

"I would say we definitely do more than other events as far as the volume of training that we do in the water," he said. "No. 1, physically it takes a little more, and it builds confidence knowing that they train longer than normal events."

Belzer he said that practices aren't always the most exciting for those who compete in the long-distance events.

"The practices are sometimes monotone and really boring and long, but you just got to turn off your brain and just keep swimming," the native of Schornsheim, Germany, said. "You've definitely have to get used to not talking to anybody for 25 minutes."

Despite being a more demanding event, it was a simple decision for him to do an event that meant being in the pool for an extensive amount of time. He said he simply was just better at it.

The veteran Weigand said that he's happy with the progress the team has made this season so far despite having fewer meets than last year.

"We still got a lot of training done, and we've been able to focus a lot more on technique," he said. "... Overall, I am really excited with how



Iowa's Patrick Weigand prepares himself before the 500-free-style swim during the 2012 Big Ten men's swimming and diving championships on Feb. 23, 2012, in the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

we've done this year, and I'm really proud of everyone."

The upcoming meet against Western Illinois on Friday will be the last meet of the season for the Black and Gold before the Big Tens around three weeks later, and Weigand said it'll be good to have that time to rest.

Going into the championship season, his goal is to place — something that he has yet to do in his time at Iowa. The key to finding that success is to focus.

"We just have to make sure we focus on our technique and everything," he said. "Just don't do anything stupid and stick with our training, concentrate on our stroke."

With long distances, Weigand said, it's import-

ant to approach it differently than the sprinters. Instead of getting "jacked up," they must be more relaxed.

"Of course, you want to take it out fast and everything," he said. "But it's more about keeping your composure the whole race and just being able to stay strong the whole race instead of the beginning."

Mundt said he is confident going into the upcoming championship season because of having so many experienced swimmers, such as Weigand and Belzer, and that it's time for them to display their confidence.

"Now, they have to trust in their training and really let it come out when they perform," he said.

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SIGNING DAY 2013

Hawkeye commitments lack stars

By **BEN ROSS**

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The Iowa football team is expected to sign at least 20 new recruits today as part of its National Signing Day efforts for the class of 2013. This is the first year since 2008 when Iowa hasn't had a four-star recruit as a part of its haul.

Coming off a four-win season, it's not surprising Iowa isn't reeling in a top-25 or even a top-40 class. The Hawkeyes have the 52nd best recruiting class, according to rivals.com. It's the lowest-rated an Iowa class has been since 2004, when the team had the 67th most desirable group of recruits in the country.

While this class doesn't feature a well-known name like those of past — such as C.J. Fiedorowicz and A.J. Derby in 2010, or Keenan Davis the year before — Iowa did fill some holes in a roster that at times resembled Swiss cheese during a 4-8 2012 campaign.

Passing was a large problem for the 2012 Hawkeyes — a squad that scored just seven times through the air. The 2013 recruiting class features at least three wide receivers, one of whom could be poised to have an immediate effect.

“Wide receiver was a big position they have tried to fill,” ESPN Midwest recruiting reporter Jared Shanker said. “They had to go for guys lower on their board. Iowa traditionally does a good job of developing players, so I wouldn't be freaking out if I was an Iowa fan.”

Of Iowa's 19 or so recruits, 13 orally committed to play for the Black and Gold prior to August 2012, before the Hawkeyes had even played a down. The squad

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IOWA



Ike Boettiger
★★★
6'5", 220 pounds
tight end
Cedar Falls
(Cedar Falls)



Josey Jewell
★★
6'2", 200 pounds
linebacker
Decorah, Iowa
(Decorah Sr.)



John Wisniewski
★★★
6'5", 215 pounds
tight end
Des Moines
(Dowling)

NEBRASKA



Nathan Bazata
★★★
6'2", 270 pounds
defensive lineman
Howells, Neb.
(Howells)

TEXAS



Anjeus Jones
★★
6'3", 1905 pounds
wide receiver
Dallas
(South Oak Cliff)



Nic Shimonek
★★★
6'4", 205 pounds
quarterback
Corsicana, Texas
(Mildred)

MINNESOTA



Malik Rucker
★★
5'11", 175 pounds
defensive back
New Hope, Minn.
(Robinsdale Cooper)

MICHIGAN



Desmond King
★★★
5'11", 178 pounds
defensive back
Detroit, Mich.
(Crockett Tech.)

OHIO



Damond Powell
★★★
5'11", 175 pounds
wide receiver
Toledo, Ohio
(Snow C.C.)



Solomon Warfield
★★★
6'0", 175 pounds
defensive back
Lakewood, Ohio
(St. Edward)



Brant Gressel
★★★
6'2", 280 pounds
defensive line
Centerville, Ohio
(Centerville)



LeShun Daniels
★★★
5'11", 217 pounds
running back
Warren, Ohio
(Warren G. Harding)



Sean Welsh
★★★
6'3", 275 pounds
offensive lineman
Springboro, Ohio
(Springboro)

NEW JERSEY



Akrum Wadley
★★
5'10", 180 pounds
running back
Newark, N.J.
(Weequahic)

INDIANA



John Kenny
★★★
6'2", 225 pounds
linebacker
Carmel, Ind.
(Carmel)

ILLINOIS



Colin Goebel
★★★
6'3", 275 pounds
offensive lineman
Naperville, Illinois
(Naperville North)



Derrick Willies
★★★
6'4", 195 pounds
wide receiver
Rock Island, Illinois
(Rock Island)



Reggie Spearman
★★★
6'1", 218 pounds
linebacker
Chicago
(Simeon)

MISSOURI



Andre Harris
★★★
6'1", 175 pounds
athlete
Kirkwood, Mo.
(Kirkwood)



Derrick Mitchell Jr.
★★★
6'0", 185 pounds
athlete
St. Louis
(Vashon)

Bench almost saves Iowa hoopsters

A new-look bench lineup offset starting-lineup woes in loss at Minnesota.

By **TOM CLOS**

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If not for the performance of the Iowa men's basketball team's reserve players in Sunday's gut-wrenching 62-59 defeat at Minnesota, there is a good chance the Hawkeyes would have been run out of Williams Arena.

The Black and Gold bench featured four different scorers and outpaced the Gophers' reserves, 27-0; they supplemented disappointing offensive performances from a good chunk of the team's starting lineup.

Junior guard Devyn Marble and freshman center Adam Woodbury combined to produce only 4 points.

“You look at [the Minnesota] game, our starting lineup was down 14-2, and the backups came back and cut the lead,” Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery said in his weekly teleconference. “It's been like that all year long. Game to game, we've had different guys.”

Junior forward Zach McCabe led the pine players with 10 points, and sophomore guard Josh Oglesby added 8 and 3 assists. The duo combined to shoot 5-of-13 from 3-point range.

Oglesby's solid day from the field was a nice sight for the Hawkeyes, who, since the onset of the season, have called on the underclassman countless times for big shots from deep. Most of the campaign has been a bust for Oglesby, but a solid shooting day in Minneapolis has renewed hope of a late-season surge by the Cedar Rapids native.

“When I've been wide open in games,



Iowa guard Josh Oglesby drives against Minnesota in Williams Arena on Sunday in Minneapolis. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

I've tried to aim it and get my shot perfect,” Oglesby said last week. “But Coach [Kirk] Speraw said I should just let it fly like I do in practice.”

A new wrinkle was added to the bench corps when McCaffery decided to move previous starter freshman guard Anthony Clemmons to a backup role and junior forward Melsahn Basabe to the starting lineup prior to the Penn State game on Jan 31.

For Clemmons, the rookie has admitted that he is in a better, overall more comfortable position coming in as a change of pace rather than carrying the burden of a team in the starting role.

“It's been a lot of stress relief,” Clemmons said last week. “When you're starting you've got to control the tempo of the game, but coming off the bench, all I think about is giving my team a boost.”

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With all the struggles and inconsistencies the starting five have posed for McCaffery, the overall reliability of the bench to step up for him has been a load off his back.

“To be able to go to the bench and have [Josh] Oglesby, Zach McCabe, and Eric May along with Anthony Clemmons in particular play the way they did [at Minnesota],” McCaffery said. “Those guys

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NOTEBOOK

Benching gets attention

Brands started Grant Gambrall against Penn State to wake up Ethen Lofthouse.

By **CODY GOODWIN**

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Confusion filled the minds of Iowa wrestling fans on the night of Feb. 1, when Grant Gambrall — not No. 14 Ethen Lofthouse — took the mat for the Black and Gold at 184 pounds.

Gambrall hadn't wrestled a match for Iowa since Dec. 6, 2012, in the dual against Lehigh. There, at 174 pounds, he lost to Nathaniel Brown, 3-2. His match with Penn State's Ed Ruth wasn't much better. Ruth won a 21-10 major decision over Gambrall that night.

This decision to start Gambrall over Lofthouse came strictly from the coaching staff.

“First of all, he probably earned a shot,” Iowa head wrestling coach Tom Brands said Tuesday. “I know there's been discussion that he wants a shot. The other thing was the timing for Lofthouse. He wasn't wrestling well.”

Over his last four matches, Loft-

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