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UI aims at rural M.D. need



Fourth-year UI medical student Mary Rysavy observes first-year medical student Nicole Brokloff (center) practice her physical-exam skills with fellow medical student Kaitlyn McCune in the Medical Education & Research Facility on Monday. (The Daily Iowan/Nicholas Fanelli)

By STACEY MURRAY

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Rural Iowa, although plentiful in crops and livestock, has lacked a vital need in recent years — family physicians.

The University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine and its students are trying to fill the state's growing need for doctors in both rural and metropolitan areas.

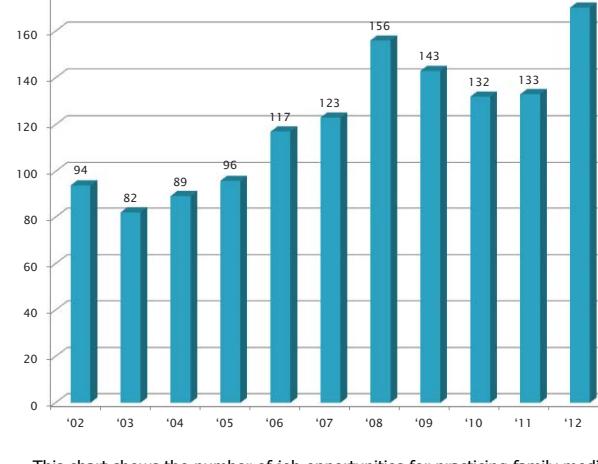
"Don't think we haven't done work year-to year just because the demand is going up," said Roger Tracy, the director of the UI Office of Statewide Clinical Education Programs. "It simply means the demand is outstripping our ability to close positions with new placements."

The state of Iowa had 170 job opportunities in 2012 — up from 133 openings in 2011.

This demand means Iowa would need 170 physicians — either newly minted or relocated into Iowa — to fill the demand for doctors. According to a 2011 report from the Association of American Medical Colleges, Iowa ranks 40th nationally in doctors per 100,000 residents

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Family Medicine Job Openings in Iowa



This chart shows the number of job opportunities for practicing family medicine in Iowa, demonstrating the demand.

Source: Office of Statewide Clinical Education Programs



Clancy
superintendent

Merger plan draws concern

A local interest group says it is concerned about the state Board of Regents' plan to combine schools for deaf and blind students in Iowa.

By CASSIDY RILEY

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The state Board of Regents is looking to increase and combine services for the deaf and blind students of Iowa. However, some groups are concerned about the potential merger.

Currently, the regent institutions are separate. The Iowa School for the Deaf is located in Council Bluffs, and the Iowa Educational Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired is located in Vinton.

But now, a planning committee for the regents made up of representatives from both the Iowa blind and deaf communities are working to combine services for both disabilities and house them in five regional schools.

The regents reviewed the initial proposal from the committee at their last meeting, Feb. 4. The regents requested the committee create a proposal for a pilot school. The proposal will be presented to the regents by September at the latest in order to explore the implications of combining the services.

"The board accepted [the plan for five regional schools] in concept but wanted to first implement and learn from one regional program," said Patrick Clancy, superintendent for both the Iowa Educational Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Iowa School for the Deaf.

No details have been completed, but Clancy said the pilot school will most likely be in a location that currently lacks services for students with hearing and sight impairments.

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Sequestration may hurt UI research

UI officials expressed frustrations to Rep. Loebsack over possible spending cuts.

By BRENT GRIFFITHS

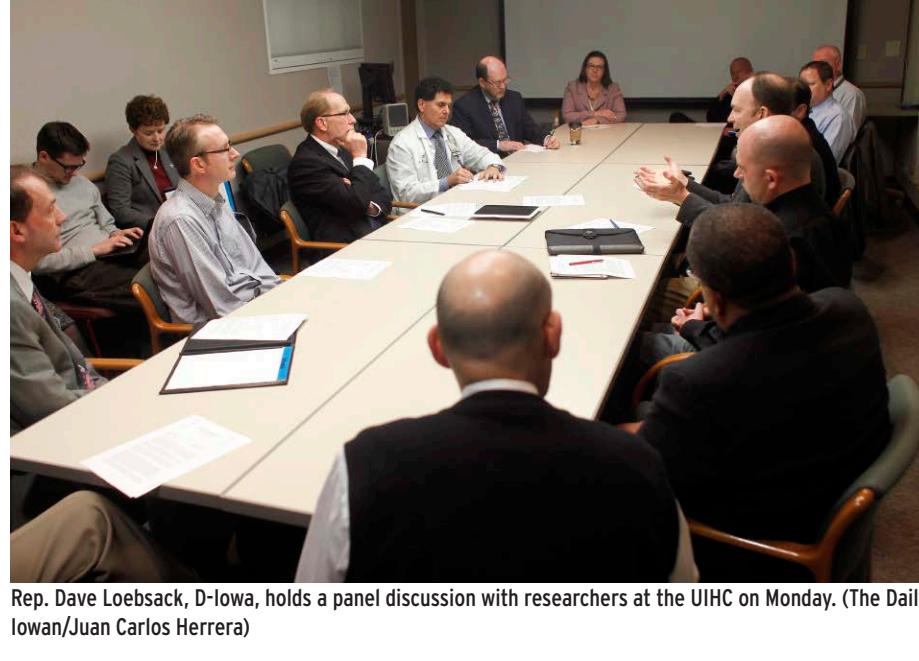
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John Fingert researches the genetic basis of glaucoma. He is just one of countless researchers at the University of Iowa and across the country whose research could be scaled back, or even discontinued, if Congress fails to delay spending cuts by March 1.

"It's a pound of flesh," the UI ophthalmology associate professor said during a panel discussion on Monday. "When you're asking someone for cuts, you're really asking for your livelihood."

Fingert said recent cuts amounted to 19 percent of his budget, and they have forced him to avoid using costly stem cells to further his research. However, those cuts would be smaller in scale compared to the so-called "sequestration."

Sequestration is rooted in the 2011



Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, holds a panel discussion with researchers at the UIHC on Monday. (The Daily Iowan/Juan Carlos Herrera)

Budget Control Act passed during the debt-ceiling debate. The agreement

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Locals weigh in on pope

By NICK HASSETT

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Local Catholics and experts have expressed mixed views on how the church should move forward after Pope Benedict XVI announced his retirement last week.

The resignation — which will take effect on Feb. 28 and is the first in almost 600 years — sent shockwaves throughout the Catholic community.

The pope stated in a declaration to the church that his declining health was the reason for his decision.

More than 75,000 Catholics live in the Diocese of Davenport, which in-

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Panel eyes cultural centers' bus access



People board a Cambus outside the Main Library on Dec. 13, 2011. UISG senators have proposed adding a new stop to the Interdorm route, which would be located across the street from the Latino Native American Cultural Center. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

The UI Student Government Diversity Committee hopes to alter a Cambus route to better serve the Cultural Centers on campus. Officials said the plan may not be feasible.

By JONATHAN SOLIS

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The Diversity Committee of the University of Iowa Student Government is gathering information to determine the feasibility of changing a major Cambus route in order to increase accessibility to the Cultural Centers on campus.

UISG senators have proposed changing the Interdorm route so that instead of turning left in front of the Field House, the bus would continue to make its way down Melrose Avenue.

The new proposed stop would be across the street from the Latino Native American Cultural Center, 308 Melrose Ave. The stop would be closer to all four cultural centers than the current Boyd Law Building stop.

In addition, it would be the nearest stop for the Gerdin Athletics Learning Center, Alice's Rainbow Childcare Center, Brookland Woods Childcare Center, and the Law Admissions Building.

There is a stop in roughly the same area that serves only the Melrose Express and Oakcrest

routes of the Iowa City bus system.

"As a Cultural-Center student, I attend meetings and go [to the centers] to study, and I think the Cultural Centers are the coolest," said Kyra Seay, the head of the UISG's Diversity Committee. "After I had people calling me confused about the location, I realized that a lot of people don't know where they are."

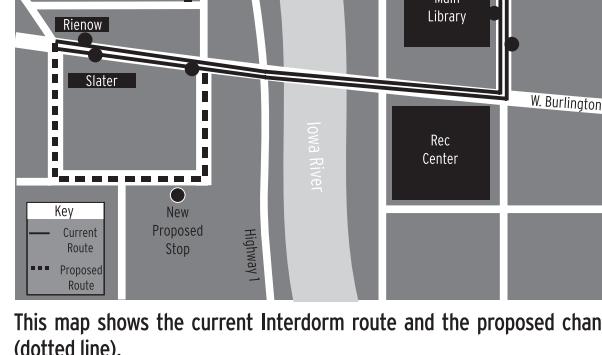
Seay said that other members of the Diversity Committee have similar reasoning.

Preston Keith, a UI graduate student who helps run the day-to-day functions of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered Resource Center, believes the initiative would have a positive effect on the centers.

"We're striving to increase our awareness, but our location is kind of at our disadvantage," he said. "Having a bus route would make them more accessible."

Some officials have other ideas they believe will improve awareness or access to the cultural centers.

Last year, the centers saw more than 15,000 student visits, said Roy



This map shows the current Interdorm route and the proposed change (dotted line).

Salcedo, the manager of the cultural centers — an increase over previous years. Salcedo said the focus should be on student safety, and he wants to look into improving the area's lighting.

UISG President Nic Pottebaum suggested what he referred to as a more pragmatic solution for increasing traffic to the UI's Cultural Centers.

"I know the law-school bus stop is also considered the Cultural-Center bus stop," he said. "I think we could put signs up at stop to help direct students to the centers."

In order to make changes to the bus routes, Cambus Director Brian McClatchey said, bus officials would have to gather data

on the users it would benefit. However, he doubts whether the proposed plan would be feasible.

"The route could do that; the problem is that the stop at Slater Hall is a critical stop for the Interdorm, which exists to serve the dorms," he said.

If the Interdorm route were to travel down Melrose, it would skip the Slater and current law-school stops. This would be problematic because the Slater stop serves what McClatchey described as "numbers in the low thousands." The main issue, McClatchey said, would be the degree of ridership.

"Because of the nature of the roads, the current route is what makes sense," he said.

NEWS

Woman charged with attempted murder

A local woman has been charged with attempted murder after allegedly stabbing another person.

According to an Iowa City police press release, on Monday morning, police officers responded to the Red Pepper Grill, 517 S. Riverside Drive, after receiving a report of an assault.

The police said they determined that an adult female went to eat at the restaurant and 17-year-old Heather Stanfield allegedly assaulted her with a knife, the release said.

A male witness at the restaurant was able to disarm Stanfield, but the woman sustained four wounds. She victim was transported to the University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics.

According to the release, Stanfield was taken into custody; she has been charged with attempted murder.

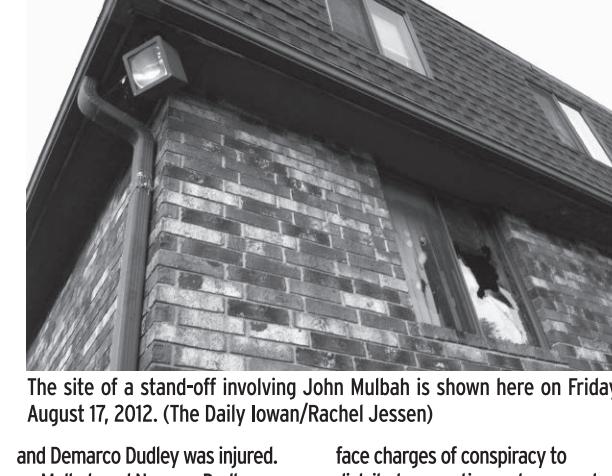
— by Jordyn Reiland

Drug trials rescheduled

Federal trials for codefendants Norman Dudley and John Mulbah, charged in connection with a shooting on Aug. 16, 2012, at Breckenridge Trailer Court, have been rescheduled for May 6.

The shooting was the result of an Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement undercover investigation, according to a press release from the Johnson County prosecutor Janet Lyness in August 2012.

Evan Carl Hardemon was shot and killed by agent Daniel Stepleton,



The site of a stand-off involving John Mulbah is shown here on Friday, August 17, 2012. (The Daily Iowan/Rachel Jessen)

and Demarco Dudley was injured.

Mulbah and Norman Dudley were both charged with controlled-substance violations and failure to affix a tax stamp. They both also

face charges of conspiracy to distribute narcotics and a second charge concerning distribution of a cocaine base.

— by Cassidy Riley

BLOTER

Esmeralda Alegria, 39, 2167 Keokuk Apt. 10, was charged Feb. 16 with fifth-degree theft.

Bartolo Arciniega, 25, 1205 Laura Drive Lot 20, was charged Sunday with fifth-degree theft.

Jonathan Guerrero, 20, West Liberty, was charged Feb. 16 with PAULA and fifth-degree theft.

Denver Jackson, 25, 518 1/2 Ronald St., was charged Sunday with

assault.

Corey Johnson, 20, 2251 Taylor Drive, was charged Feb. 16 with possession of controlled substance and OWI.

Devon Kent, 21, 522 E. Burlington St. Apt. 2, was charged Feb. 16 with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Daylin Lloyd, 407 N. Dubuque St. Apt. 7, was charged Sunday with keeping a disorderly house.

Alex Perry, 19, 2631 Lakeside Drive Apt. 12, was charged Feb. 12 with

Hector Lopez-Soto, 43, 845 Cross Park Ave. Apt. A1, was charged Feb. 13 with fifth-degree theft.

Taryn Moyer, 20, 522 E. Burlington St. Apt. 12, was charged Sunday with keeping a disorderly house.

David Nessen, 40, Chicago, was charged Sunday with domestic assault.

Zachary West, 22, Tiffin, was charged Jan. 4 with criminal mischief and public intoxication.

possession of marijuana and OWI.

Dennis Smith, 22, 2654 Roberts Road Apt. 2D, was charged Feb. 16 with driving with a suspended/canceled license and OWI.

Scott Suhr, 24, 2259 Davis St., was charged Sunday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

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with 187 practicing physicians in 2010.

The Carver medical school implemented a rural program this past fall that picks four students a year to fill the growing need. If these students eventually practice in a rural community in a pri-

mary-care area for five years in Iowa, they can be refunded up to \$20,000 a year for five years for their student loans.

"Four students a year is not enough to meet the health-care needs of Iowa or the nation, but we also put out a lot of students who go into primary care, so this is a start," said Christopher Cooper, the associate dean for student affairs and curriculum in

the medical school.

Gov. Terry Branstad, in an address last month, also announced a proposal for subsidizing student loans for 20 Iowa students who commit to working in rural areas for five years after graduation. His subsidy would be \$2 million annually.

Only two colleges in Iowa provide physicians for the state: Des Moines University and the UI

graduate roughly 350 students combined each year.

Roughly 50 percent of the UI medical students pursue residencies in Iowa, and only 50 percent of those who stay in Iowa will practice in rural areas. Rural communities are defined as areas with populations of fewer than 10,000 people.

Soon-to-be graduates will submit their requests for residency programs

Wednesday and a national institute's algorithm will match students to programs in March.

Medical student Mary Rysavy, a Dubuque native, said she hopes to stay in Iowa but isn't set on a particular location.

"My interest has always been in serving areas with great need and working with underserved populations," she said. "I haven't decided yet whether I would

want to be a small town or rural community — I'm keeping my options open."

However, fourth-year medical student Heather Kruse's list included three programs in Iowa.

"I'm from Iowa, and I want to stay in Iowa. I think it makes sense to learn where I'm practicing," she said. "I have rural connections, so I feel a pull to be a part of the communities."

CUTS

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raised the debt ceiling in exchange for \$1.2 trillion in spending cuts.

The debt ceiling is the total amount the United States can borrow to meet its existing obligations. However, the committee whose responsibility it was to implement the cuts failed to reach an agreement.

This forced automatic spending cuts ranging

from medical research to aspects of defense spending. These cuts were originally scheduled to go into effect in January 2012, but they were delayed until March 1.

"[I'm not] even hopeful, let alone optimistic, anything will happen before March 1," said Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, who held the discussion at the UI Hospitals and Clinics and opposed the 2011 Act. "This is the easy way out to do something quickly like slashing and cutting and not talk about the

long-term effects."

Officials from around the UI detailed how possible cuts would affect their area of research on campus.

"Research isn't something you can turn off for a few months and turn back on and have it where it was before," said Edwin Stone, the director of the Institute for Vision Research. "What took two months to destroy can take three, four years to build back, and some of it might never come back."

One UI ophthalmology

professor echoed Loebsack's concerns about sequestration, calling it a "political game."

"Science is not a commodity," said Keith Carter. "We could talk about every disease state and organ system, but people need to recognize the prioritization of health care."

A political expert said sequestration was designed to be so drastic that neither Republicans nor Democrats would want it to go into effect.

"Everybody seems to have an incentive to keep

it from happening ... and if it goes into effect, in a sense, both sides lose," said Tim Hagle, a UI associate professor of political science.

One UI official said a lack of funding could put the U.S. at a disadvantage because other nations, including China, continue to increase funding for both medical and general research.

"If you look at our global competitors, we are facing an increasing global array of competition," said Daniel Reed, the UI vice presi-

dent for Research and Economic Development.

If the deadline passes on March 1, Reed said federal agencies' contingency plans will be unveiled, and the UI would begin work on implementing cuts.

Loebsack said possible help could come when the current debt ceiling expires March 27.

Officials expressed frustrations that Congress has let the debate go this far.

"I want the leaders of this country to do their job, so I can do mine," Stone said.

POPE

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cludes Johnson County, according to the New Advent Catholic Encyclopedia.

Several professors at the UI said they thought the decision to resign was a smart move.

"It's certainly significant and historic," said Kristy Nabhan-Warren, a religious-studies associate professor at the UI. "But many people I've talked with are impressed. He's recognizing that he's getting frail and

older. I think he's doing the right thing."

However, Nabhan-Warren doesn't think the church will undergo too much change with a new pope.

"The fact that he's willing to pass the torch, when the Roman Catholic church hierarchy was essentially shaped by him in his tenure, I'm not so sure we'll see a radical change in leadership," she said.

Edward Fitzpatrick, director of the Newman Catholic Student Center, 104 E. Jefferson St., said he thought the pope resigned on his own accord.

"We would've known

about any pressure [from church scandals]," he said. "It was in a daily meeting where he announced it and it shocked everyone."

And though the process of a pope resigning is entirely new for living Catholics, Fitzpatrick doesn't think the resignation will be too significant.

"I don't think this will affect things in the long run," he said. "They'll have to elect another pope, and we won't have the funeral and mourning. They'll be able to do it earlier; we might have a new pope by Easter."

Siobhan Roddy, a Catholic student at the UI,

said the pope's decision saddened a lot of Catholics, but that everyone could understand why he chose to resign.

"He's a very intelligent, respected man," she said. "I pray this next chapter of his life is good, that he made a good decision for himself."

But Raymond Mentzer, a UI religious studies professor, said he thinks

some fear a former pope and a current pope might lead to a split within the catholic community.

"The fear is, a reigning pontiff and a retired one would invite factionalization within the church," he said. "In a sense, once a pope, always a pope."

However, Fitzpatrick doesn't share that concern.

"[Pope Benedict] is an intellectual, prayer-

ful man who kind of got thrown into the papacy," he said. "I don't think he's going to be public, it'll be like he went away to the monastery."

As for what they'd like to see from a new Pope, the answers were varied.

"I want to see the pope very strong in his faith and on issues, not afraid of dialogue, but standing with precedent," Roddy said.

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EDITORIAL

More Iowa physicians needed

The state of Iowa is bleeding — and there are not enough doctors to stop it.

Iowa has one of the worst physician-to-resident ratios in the nation, with neighboring states Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Nebraska all ranking higher, according to a 2011 report from the Association of American Medical Colleges.

With a total population of more than 3 million in 2010, there were only 172 active M.D.s and 36 active osteopathic doctors per 100,000 residents — cumulating in Iowa's ranking as the 40th in the nation for physician supply.

The lack of Iowa physicians hurts rural areas more than urban areas. In general, people living in rural areas need more medical attention, because they tend to be older and poorer than those in urban areas, according to a report from the Agency for Health Care Research and Quality.

Both officials at University of Iowa and Gov. Terry Branstad have put forward proposals to salve the wound created by the problem, but action is needed immediately.

The *Daily Iowan* Editorial Board fully supports any measure that will lead to eventually replenishing the ranks of physicians in the state and provide more care for the residents of rural communities.

Branstad, in an effort to stem the tide of a loss of doctors in Iowa, proposed a series of budgetary reforms in his address last month.

He proposed to subsidize student loans — to the tune of \$2 million — for 20 students studying in Iowa who commit to working in rural parts of Iowa for five years after graduation. Though rural jobs often pay less than other physician positions, Branstad also wants to spend another \$2

million a year toward grants to rural hospitals to create more medical residencies in the state.

The governor is not the only one trying to make a difference in this particular area; the UI Carver College of Medicine has been trying to find a solution to the problem for many years.

"Don't think we haven't done work year-to-year just because the demand is going up," said Roger Tracy, the director of the UI Office of Statewide Clinical Education Programs. "It simply means the demand is outstripping our ability to close positions with new placements."

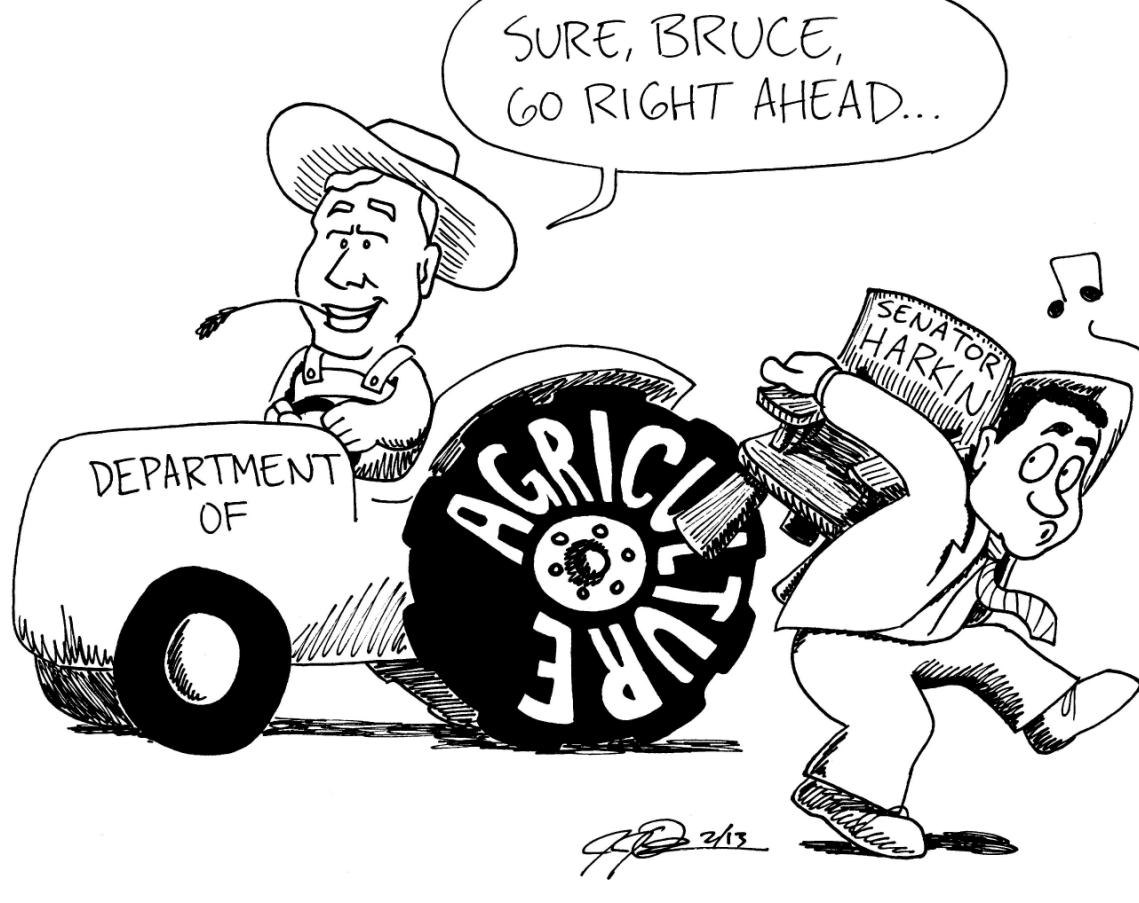
The Carver medical school implemented a rural program this past fall. In the program, officials pick four students a year to combat the growing need of physicians in rural areas.

The plan is similar to Branstad's in that if these students agree to practice medicine as primary-care physicians in rural communities for five years in Iowa, they can be refunded part of their tuition. The refund can be up to \$20,000 a year for five years taken off their student loans.

But a problem remains. Only approximately 50 percent of the UI medical-school graduates choose Iowa in which to pursue their residences. Further, only around 50 percent of that particular group of graduates will choose residencies in rural areas, where medical attention is needed more.

Hopefully, Iowa can stop the bleeding before it's too late.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Affordable housing needed

I was beginning to feel like Don Quixote arguing about Gilbert and College Streets. Then I regained the power of hope from President Obama's State of the Union Address. It was his emphasis on a living wage, the middle class, housing, and voting, that attracted my attention.

We have a small business here in Iowa City that pays a living wage plus benefits, but it is endangered because its location in the floodplain at Van Buren and Washington Streets. The New Pioneer Co-op is an Iowa City institution that wants to expand, and it would expect to employ more people.

The middle class/working class

making \$45,000 to \$60,000 per annum needs affordable housing. These are the people who earn too much for Section 8. These are the homeowners that pay their real-estate taxes to keep the city functioning at a Triple A bond level.

There are two elections coming up in the near future, one special election in which the revamped justice center will be on the ballot, and the other for three City Council positions. You must register to vote and vote as though your lifestyle depends on it, because it does. These elections are off-year elections, and the power elite is depending on you to be uninterested. 2010 was a midterm election that has brought penury to the middle/

working class because voters were not paying attention.

I have been told that Gilbert and College Streets, which is near to the historic College Green area, is too valuable for affordable housing and that the city cannot allow a parcel of land to go to a single-use business purpose.

Never mind that the byword, before the favored contractor began to build skyscrapers, was to support small businesses. Never mind the fact that affordable housing has been on the agenda for years and that each present homeowner has to pay \$200 to help finance tax abatements for downtown development.

Mary Gravitt
Iowa City resident

RE: 'Minimum wage should be raised'

My favorite part of Obama's speech was when he talked about raising the minimum wage and then in the next paragraph he talked about young adults fighting for their first job.

Billy Zeisnack

RE: 'Iowa City officials, business owners react to possible minimum wage increase'

Better ways of dealing with it, Hans? And just what would that be professor? Employers voluntarily

raising a minimum wage increase over several years? They don't raise minimums unless pressured by government.

Minimum wage was a moot case when you could start at it and then advance in employment and wages, but today people have to live on that wage.

A family, of which IC has few living on minimum wage, of four with one adult employed is \$5,000 below the poverty line. Deny that, Jim Rinella.

And FYI, the Airliner's been crying the poverty wolf since the '70s, when I was in IC. But sadly, today they just can't let more underage drinkers in as they did in the past.

PAULA and disorderly conduct citations seem to affect bars more

than minimum-wage increases. And ask yourself just what is that huge staff and productivity he's speaking of — a bar is a minimum staff business compared with, say, manufacturing, where a minimum-wage increase can really add up if you have large numbers of employees exploited at \$7.25/hour.

Minimum wage is no longer a starting wage — it's a "I'm stuck there" wage with less chance for advancement from minimum wage to a living wage than at any time since minimum wage laws were enacted.

Any of you college grads want to be 27 and working for \$7.25? And Ms. Thornton, what's your business and employee base making?

Joseph Haga

No trash talk here in IC



By BEAU ELLIOT
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So now, the incredibly intelligent and all-knowing City Council wants us to hide our outdoor garbage containers. Perhaps indoors.

All to save the children in Darfur, of course.

(Saving the children in Darfur was a big cause 10 or 12 or 15 minutes ago — who can remember when it comes to saving children? Because they always need saving, somewhere — elsewhere, generally. Rarely does one hear of saving the children of, say, Iowa City, at least in life as we know it.)

Life as we know it only rarely pops its head up on the City Council, usually in the name of Jim Throgmorton. The rest of the council seems to be unable to walk and peel a banana at the same time. Or, given this council, maybe that's unable to peel a walk and to banana at the same time.

(That last bit was easy during the days of Eugene Ionesco and Samuel Beckett, but these days, it seems the City of Literature has settled for the City of Light Reading.)

But meanwhile, in this burg, garbage containers are somehow the height of evil and must not be seen. Or perhaps that's the basement of evil. It's always unclear what's up or down with the City Council.

Maybe that's because things are so often sideways. This is how you get city-issued garbage containers, ugly; city-issued 20-story monstrosities, beautiful.

You know what I mean by garbage containers: those big, bulky green things that the city forced us to use in the first place in its Kafka-esque sense of being, because this is the City of Literature. Don't ask.

Now, however, those big, bulky green things will be hidden just in case children and — gasp, adults in their late-formative years (and we do mean late-formative years) — might catch a glimpse of said

It goes without saying.

Though these days, it seems, it says without going. Especially when it comes to Iowa City and trash.

You can ask Poincaré about this. ■

The Daily Iowan

DAILY BREAK

the ledge

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Do You Know Why I Pulled You Over?

- Because you couldn't get into a real college?
- Because I stopped for doughnuts on my way to work two weeks ago and you can still smell it on me?
- No. And if you don't, either then I'll be on my way.
- Because I let you.
- My guess is you have a very small penis, sir.
- I didn't wrap the bodies well enough and there's blood dripping from my back bumper?
- Technically, I chose to conform to traffic regulations in response to observing your police lights behind me. You didn't actually "make" me. You ain't like a Jedi or anything.
- I'm guessing you haven't met your quota yet? Oh, I'm sorry, that's probably a big word for you. Um ... Because you haven't no-no'd enough vroom-vrooms?
- I guess that depends on how long you were following me.
- Because you've always wanted to see what this was like with a white person?
- No, do you know why I'm pulling away?
- So we can trade jerseys like at the end of a soccer match?
- Because we live in a glorious country where your testimony holds more weight than my own?
- Ooooooo, is this a GAME?!!

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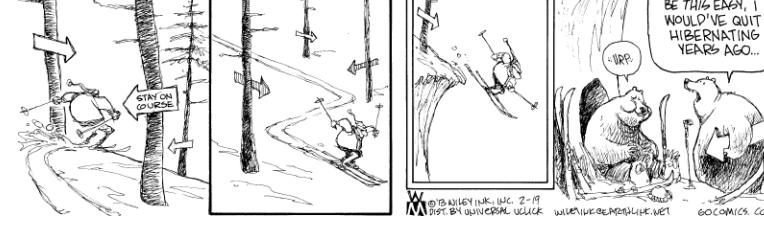
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 - 18 Pillowcase go-with
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 - 20 1973 film for which John Houseman was named Best Supporting Actor
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 - 24 Soviet launch of 1986
 - 25 Like some restaurants
 - 28 Shortest paths
 - 31 Surfer girl, maybe
 - 34 Grp. that suspended Honduras in 2009
 - 35 Bird: Prefix
 - 36 Egg: Sp.
 - 37 Serling or Steiger
 - 38 Eucharist plate
 - 40 Slip up
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 - 42 Sunday best
 - 43 Igor, for one
 - 47 Column base
 - 48 Slugger Mel
 - 49 Squeal (on)
 - 52 Blindsided
 - 56 Hip-hopper's home
 - 58 Treat again, as a sprain
 - 59 Up to the challenge
 - 60 Guy
 - 61 Regions
 - 62 "Like that'll ever happen"
- DOWN**
- 1 Baseball taps
 - 2 "Welcome to Honolulu!"
 - 3 How losses appear on a ledger
 - 4 Pat (down)
 - 5 Motivate
 - 6 Stick together
 - 7 Violinist Leopold
 - 8 Fraction of a fraction of a min.
 - 9 Ties
 - 10 Main part of Japan
 - 11 Get situated
 - 12 German direction
 - 13 Bout-ending slugs
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 - 26 "If ___ catch you ...!"
 - 27 TV spinoff of 2004
 - 28 Stock payout: Abbr.
 - 29 Loses ardor
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 - 33 Weed-killer
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 - 39 Tiny sugar-lover
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 - 42 Obesity
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 - 45 Original Beatle Sutcliffe
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 - 49 Temple head
 - 50 Van Gogh home for a while
 - 51 Choppers
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Ex-prisoner speaks at UI

By LAUREN COFFEY
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Roxana Saberi drummed her fingers against a concrete wall, trying to remember a piece she played on a piano long ago. She wasn't practicing for a recital. She was passing the time she spent in an Iranian prison while being held hostage for 100 days.

Saberi was imprisoned because Iranian officials suspected her of committing espionage. She now speaks to universities and other audiences about her experiences and human-rights issues.

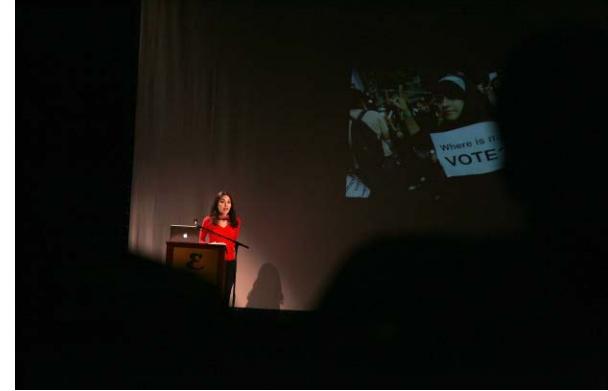
Saberi spoke Monday night at the Englert Theater, 221 E. Washington St., the first event in the University Lecture Committee's lecture series for the spring semester.

On a January morning in 2009, four men from the Iranian government came to Saberi's door with a letter listing the prison Saberi would reside in until May.

Throughout the 100 days of captivity, Saberi was isolated. She did not receive an attorney until five weeks after her imprisonment. She was threatened with eight years of prison and questioned under uncomfortable conditions, causing her to give a false confession, which she later recanted.

Through it all, Saberi managed to be grateful.

"If we can be grateful for something in prison, we can be grateful for something every day," Saberi said. "It just helps us put things in perspective. So,



Roxana Saberi discusses nonviolent protests in Iran at the Englert on Monday. Saberi's book *Between two worlds: My life and Captivity in Iran*, talks about her life in journalism overseas. (The Daily Iowan/Callie Mitchell)

for example, my cellmate would be grateful when she could see the Moon through the bars in the window or getting an extra vegetable in the stew, and it helped us to not feel sorry for ourselves."

Saberi said she hopes the UI audience takes a few pieces of her story to heart.

"What my cellmates taught me was that even though you can't control anything around you, you can always control your own attitude and your response to how you deal with what happens to you," she said.

One UI student wanted to see Saberi speak because it played to her Persian heritage.

"Persian people all have different experiences, and I wanted to hear another experience," law student Sara Ghadiri said.

Saberi said many of the prisoners she met were political prisoners and prisoners of conscience — those who stood up for hu-

man rights. She believed that although the Iranian government has much to improve upon, the people of Iran are trying to make a change.

UI political-science Professor John Conybeare said hostage situations may continue in Iran if the government feels its weapons supply is threatened.

"It doesn't seem effective, in my opinion," he said of the prison tactics. "I suppose [hostage situations] could increase if the U.S. and the U.N. take more severe measures with constricting weapons from the Iranian government."

Saberi urged members of the community to speak out against injustice.

"The other thing [I learned in prison] was the importance for being a voice for the voiceless," Saberi said. "...It doesn't mean we have to be in the limelight or help someone from across the world; we can help someone in our own community."

Informatics to expand

By NICK HASSETT
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The University of Iowa Graduate Informatics Program hopes to bring together students across numerous disciplines with the goal of solving complex problems.

But the recently created program is experiencing growing pains, and members of a new task force in informatics are planning to reinvent it.

"We're at the beginning of discussions of major changes," said James Cremer, a professor of computer science and member of the Interdisciplinary Graduate Program in the Informatics advisory council. "The question is: can we make this program a lot more than it is? Can we make this something big?"

The Informatics Program was created in 2005, and it currently enrolls 20 graduate students in two subtracks: health informatics and information sciences. The program also offers specializations in bioinformatics and geoinformatics.

Professor Nick Street, the director of the Health Informatics and Information Sciences subtracks, said the current program is good, but small.

"Our budget includes fellowships, half a secretary, and a few pizzas every year," he said. "We've done a good job with the curriculum cobbled together from other departments."

Street noted that the current Informatics Program doesn't have its own course load. It uses courses

from other disciplines to supplement the learning done through the program.

"The first thing we need is space, a physical location to begin with," Street said. "If we don't have a place for students to sit, it's tough to build a sense of community."

He also hopes the program will grow to include faculty affiliation with informatics and be able to use that staff to help across the college.

"It's no one's actual job to do this," Street said. "Whether full-time or some portion of faculty allocation, I hope it won't just be voluntary."

Yang Xu, a graduate student in the Informatics Program, said informatics affects more disciplines than most people realize.

"[Informatics] is very important," he said. "Everybody's talking about data, and in order to analyze that, you have to do something with informatics."

In Xu's work in the program, he uses data downloaded from the hospitals and applies data-mining techniques in cancer genetic research and mutations, with the ultimate goal of collecting as much data as possible to make sense of trends.

Xu hopes the program grows.

"I definitely support a larger program with more students, more faculty, and more research," he said. "And collaborating with other students, not only in health, is a very good idea."

The UI is just one of many schools with an in-

formatics or information science program, and dozens have joined an organization called iSchools.

J.D. Ross, the conference coordinator for iSchools, said there are several advantages to joining the group.

"One of the advantages of joining the iSchools organization is to make it easier for member schools to reach common objectives with a collective commitment of resources," he wrote in an email.

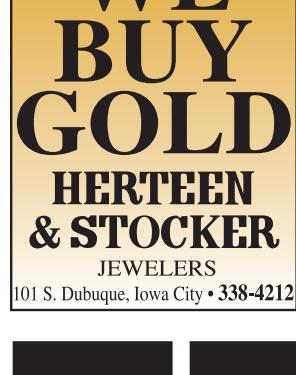
Currently, 39 universities and colleges are under the iSchool umbrella. In order to become an iSchool organization member, an institution must show proof of "substantial sponsored research activity" — an average of \$1 million in research expenditures per year over three years, the training of future researchers, and a commitment to progress in the information field.

Street thinks before the Informatics Program can apply to part of iSchools, it needs more visibility.

"We have pockets in other departments; our school is scattered around campus," he said. "If we want to get the university to talk about iSchools, we need a school."

But Street thinks the Program can make the necessary changes.

"What I would like to see is a stable, well-funded program taking advantage of our expertise," he said. "The right people are here already; it's just a matter of getting something put together."



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Candidates prep for UISG run

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Those interested in running for a position in the University of Iowa Student Government this spring will face much stricter campaign rules than in previous elections.

Roughly 30 students declared their interest Monday night to run for either a legislative or executive position in next year's UISG.

The meeting covered what steps interested students must take to get on the ballot. Peter Chalik, the Student Election Board commissioner, said there are also some minor changes to the election bylaws this year.

These stricter rules clarify that candidates cannot supply voters with a means of voting during the voting period, such as handing them a phone or laptop.

Additionally, candidates must refrain from campaigning in common areas, specifically ones with access to computers, such as ITCs and the IMU.

According to the by-laws, the definition of campaigning ranges from wearing a party T-shirt to tweeting or creating a Facebook status expressing an opinion of a party.

"Ultimately, the whole party is held accountable," Chalik said. "Both parties have to work together to ensure everybody follows the rules."



UI undergraduate students gather for a UISG informational meeting in the Bijou on Monday. The general election will be held in April, and undergraduate students may vote online through their ISIS accounts. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

Each eligible candidate must submit a \$100 bond in order to run for UISG, which they agree to forfeit if they violate the rules.

Campaigning is allowed from April 1-9. Campaigning before or after this period is not allowed.

Students wishing to run must have attended Monday's meeting or may attend a secondary meeting at 4 p.m. Friday in 348 IMU. Otherwise they must meet with the elections commissioner privately.

Two students said they plan on running for executive positions this year.

Aaron Horsfield, the current UISG speaker of the Senate, said he plans to run for president alongside current Sen.

Jostna Dash. "I'm excited to move Iowa forward," said Horsfield, who has participated in the last two student-government elections.

Dash is the president of the Indian Student Alliance at Iowa as well as a resident assistant at Stanley Hall.

"I want to focus on diversity at Iowa and to help give a voice to diversity students on campus," Dash said.

Horsfield said he couldn't disclose the name of the party or details about the platform yet.

However, UISG President Nic Pottebaum said he believes that the I-party — the party elected to serve UISG's current academic year — will not be on this year's

ticket.

No other students have identified themselves as executive candidates yet.

Candidates running for an executive position must acquire 300 valid undergraduate signatures by 4 p.m. March 13, when they'll be submitted to the UI Office of the Registrar for validation.

Students wishing to run for a Senate seat must acquire 75 valid undergraduate signatures. Ultimately, Chalik said, it's the candidates' responsibility to know the rules and to follow them.

"I hope to make this election as fair as possible," he said, but he also emphasized candidates' responsibilities. "Your actions can affect your whole party."

DISABILITIES

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"It's the responsibility of that leadership team to look toward those details," he said.

Michael Barber, the president of the National Federation of the Blind of Iowa, said he has concerns about the regents' plan to combine the services for these students.

"We don't think that there should ever be a merger between the two services because the needs of both groups, blind and deaf, are so uniquely different," he said.

The federation did have a seat on the planning committee for the initial proposal, but Barber said the decision for merging the services had been already made.

"Some of the members of the committee told me that they really just felt that they were just window dressing and that the decision had already been made," he said. "We wanted to be part of the

process but to be very honest with you, our nations were ignored."

Barber said the primary concern he has is that the needs of the students will not be adequately met.

"Whenever programs for the blind are combined with anyone else, the blind guys always come out on the bottom," he said. "Patrick [Clancy] is not going to be able to give full attention to either group."

Regent Robert Downer said combining the services for students with these two disabilities will be better because, over the years, enrollment at the two schools has gone down while education costs have gone up. Downer said merging the schools would not diminish the amount of services.

Clancy said the pilot program is a good start. "We will learn a lot from the pilot," he said. "Now the next step will be more about actually implementing it in one place and actually learning from it."

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The Big Ten arguably could have eight teams selected into the field of 68, however, with Minnesota's recent implosion and Iowa coming on too little too late, the Big Ten will be represented by Michigan, Michigan State, Ohio State, Wisconsin, Indiana, and Illinois. Here's why:

The first five teams mentioned are locks, which leaves Illinois, Minnesota, and Iowa fighting each other to

sneak into the field. Of the three, only one has proven it can win on the road. Illinois has beaten both then-No. 10 Gonzaga and then-No. 18 Minnesota away from Assembly Hall, and it has also sprinkled in wins against top-ranked Indiana and No. 8 Ohio State. If Illinois can upset either Ohio State or Michigan on the road, that will give it five wins against top 25 teams and all but solidify them into the field of 68.

As for the teams on the outside looking in, Minnesota has continued its treacherous fall from the top 10 by getting blown out by an unranked Iowa team after leading by as much as 16. Minnesota has lost seven of its last

10 games and has fallen to 6-7 in conference play.

It doesn't get any easier for Tubby Smith's Golden Gophers — their next two games are at Ohio State and home against Indiana. Smith can do his own version of the Harlem Shake all the way into the NIT Tournament.

Last but not least come your Iowa Hawkeyes. As much as it pains me to say it, we will join our friends from the north in the NIT, because the Hawkeyes have turned it on just a tad bit late. I understand Iowa has been in just about every game this season, but when the NCAA committee looks at the Hawks' résumé and sees the best win is over a slid-

ing Minnesota team, the members won't be too impressed. We have lost all five games against ranked teams, and our only conference road wins come against Northwestern and Penn State. Big whoop.

The only way I see this changing as if the Illini fall apart, as they did in their wonderful football season, and lose a bunch of games down the stretch. Iowa needs to continue to stay hot and beat Illinois at home, and a road win at Indiana in Bloomington on March 2 wouldn't hurt for the late-surging Hawkeyes. The game to watch: Illinois at Iowa in Carver-Hawkeye on March 5.

—by Nick Delaquila

SWIMMING

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really well, and overall, we have a really good team attitude."

That leadership has taken the squad this far, but with Big Tens beginning today, it is time for the underclassmen to go out on their own and prove that all of their hard work has paid off and show that the lack of experience isn't going to be a factor.

Freshman Olivia Ka-

bacinski, who set the school record in the 50 free early on in the year, said she has confidence in her fellow freshmen.

"We have had a really strong freshman class, and I think in a way we have helped push the team into having a really good dual meet season and doing well at the Hawkeye Invitational," she said.

She also reflected on how well her and her teammates have stepped up during the season, and she said her classmates are ready for the strenuous

four-day event.

"I think that my racers have definitely shown people that you can go out there and have fun and have good times at the same time," Kabacinski said. "A lot of people have come out of the woodwork and have really shown their true colors, and that they are here for the team, and they want us all to do well."

Although the team may be young, there is still plenty of experience in the sophomore and junior classes. The Hawkeyes have a number of swim-

mers who have experienced the Big Ten meet atmosphere.

That has Long feeling confident his swimmers will get back into the elite group of the Big Ten. After finishing in ninth the past five seasons, the nine-year head coach is ready for his team to take the next step.

"We have people who are coming back and have scored in the past," Long said. "The Big Ten has seven or eight ranked teams, and we want to start moving up in the standings."

VAULT

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Gymnasts perform this to replicate the height, but they land on a cushioned mat, which allows for more repetition. The softened mat works to prevent injury that would likely occur from the repetition of the event's

hard impact.

"You're really having to base everything on spacial awareness and orientation," Iowa women's gymnastics head coach Larissa Libby said. "It would be like if you take just a random person and have them jump up and do a full turn with their eyes closed off the curb. Most likely, they're going to fall over."

Assistant coach Jacob Lee will also have the gymnasts balance on yoga balls to strengthen the balance component.

"You have to know where you are and what muscles to fire to be able to make that landing easily, with the least amount of impact," Libby said.

Stevenson described the event as a powerful, yet

calm. The senior said it's difficult to approach the event with a lot of energy or hype, because too much energy makes it easier for the gymnast to make mistakes.

"That's the balancing act of vault," she said. "You have to really be able to calm yourself down enough to focus but also get yourself hyped up enough to do that powerful vault."

Push to save wrestling goes on

By CODY GOODWIN

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The International Olympic Committee's decision to drop wrestling from the 2020 Olympic Games on Feb. 12 has booted into action the sport's athletes, coaches, observers, and icons.

"It's worse than death," Iowa head wrestling coach Tom Brands said on Feb. 12 — a date he said he'd never forget. "You can't control death. I feel like we could have controlled this to some degree."

The response has been overwhelming in support of placing the sport back among the 26 core sports for the 2020 Olympics. Many different social-media websites have taken to collecting fans, followers, and subscribers in order to create a wave of momentum, of sorts, to help lead the charge that should place wrestling back into the Games.

Gov. Terry Branstad and Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds introduced a campaign Feb.

14 called LetsKeepWrestling.com, which launched Feb. 15 during the Iowa High School State Wrestling Tournament in Des Moines.

Since its launch, the website has collected more than 13,400 electronic signatures and counting, as of Monday night, to petition the IOC's decision. Assisting Branstad and Reynolds in the launch were Iowa coaching legend Dan Gable, Iowa associate head wrestling coach Terry Brands, and Northern Iowa head wrestling coach Doug Schwab.

"Wrestling and the Olympics are synonymous, together as one," Terry Brands said in a release last week. "As the oldest, greatest and purest sport, I will look, with pleasure, to the World Wide Coalition reversing the IOC vote to eliminate wrestling. I am pleased to stand tall with Congressman Loeback and fully support his resolution opposing the IOC's decision."

USA Wrestling, the na-

tional governing body for wrestling in the United States, also made its first serious public move Monday to combat the decision, forming the Committee for the Preservation of Olympic Wrestling to retain wrestling in the Olympics.

It is a committee of highly respected leaders in the American wrestling community whose mission is to ensure that wrestling remains as a core sport of the Olympic Games.

Bill Scherr of Glenview, Ill., a freestyle world champion and Olympic medalist who heads the group, helped champion the Chicago 2016 Olympic bid, and he is a top businessman in the financial services industry.

The spokesman for the group is Mike Novogratz of New York, a businessman who was also the team leader for the 2012 U.S. Olympic freestyle wrestling team. Novogratz was also the chairman of the Beat the Streets campaign in New York and wrestled at Princeton.

Serving as the director of

development and finance is John Bardis from Alpharetta, Ga. Bardis was the team leader for the 2008 U.S. Olympic Greco-Roman Team and is also a major business leader.

The committee is also made up of 15 other members from throughout the country and include recognizable names in the U.S. wrestling community, like Gable, Oklahoma State head wrestling coach John Smith, and 2000 Olympic gold medalist Rulon Gardner.

The committee was created by USA Wrestling to develop and execute a successful strategy, which will be named as a core sport for the 2020 Olympic Games and beyond.

"We have engaged many of the most connected and brightest minds in our sport, an all-star leadership group," USA Wrestling Executive Director Rich Bender said in a statement. "We have a great opportunity to show the world why wrestling belongs on the Olympic program."

SPORTS

Field trip features sport business

Forty-nine University of Iowa students took advantage of an opportunity this past weekend to attend a sports-business field trip to Indianapolis to meet a range of people who hold high-ranking positions in careers they may wish to pursue one day.

The trip's itinerary included lecture sessions by NCAA and U.S. Track & Field officials, professional sports agents and attorneys, executives from the Indiana Pacers and LiveNation, and a panel on communications issues and strategy with the ESPN Director of College Sports public relations and the NCAA

Director of Image Management.

The expedition was put together and chaperoned by UI lecturer and Iowa City native Dan Matheson, who spent nine years working for the NCAA as an investigator before returning to Iowa City. Matheson teaches three courses in recreation and sports business in the university's leisure-studies program.

"I designed a trip to expose students to a variety of sport-business professionals," Matheson said. "The NCAA offices were a home base for the field trip, even though I had speakers there outside the NCAA. I wanted expose them to different careers in the sport industry that they

may not have heard or thought about before."

This was the second year in a row that Matheson has coordinated such a trip, an event he said he plans to continue.

Indianapolis serves as the headquarters for the NCAA offices and is the host to many other sporting events, such as NASCAR's Indy 500 race.

"We had panelists involved in motorsports marketing and met with execs from the Pacers," Matheson said. "Indianapolis is the home to national governing bodies for many sports."

The trip also served as an opportunity for the students to network with people and perhaps get their foot in the door of a

career they may be interested in upon graduation.

And while it was technically a field trip, one student who participated in the journey said that there was little free time, because the days were filled with meetings and discussion panels.

"We were busy the whole day — most of the time you're up and busy networking," senior health studies and recreation and sports business major Nick Inzerillo said. "I think a lot of people had a good time. I talked to a lot of different people. I'd go on it again, and I recommend it to everyone. It's one of those experiences you're not going to get again."

— by Ben Ross

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Iowa improves shooting



Iowa guard Devyn Marble shoots a free throw against Minnesota in Carver-Hawkeye on Sunday. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

By TORK MASON
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The Iowa men's basketball team is coming off its first three-game Big Ten winning streak since 2007, following a 72-51 win over Minnesota on Sunday. But what has sparked the sudden string of victories after a 3-7 start in Big Ten play? This week's edition of The Box Score will search for the answer to that question.

Field-goal percentage, last three games: G Devyn Marble, 50 percent

Marble broke out of his monthlong slump in a big way last week. The junior shot 27 percent from the floor in a seven-game stretch following an ankle and toe injury in early January. But he has shot 17-for-34 from the field over his last three games and is averaging 19.3 points per game over that span.

Marble's return to form has opened the offense for his teammates, and the Hawkeyes have scored 71 points or more during regulation in all three games. The Black and Gold failed to accomplish that in four of the games during Marble's slump.

Team field-goal percentage, last three games: 48.9 percent

Marble isn't the only one shooting at a higher percentage lately. Four other Hawkeyes — Aaron White, Mike Gesell, Melsahn Basabe, and Eric May — shot more than 50 percent from the field last week, and those four combined to average 33.3 points per game in those games.

Those efforts led to a 48.9 percent mark from the floor last week, more than 6 percentage points higher than the Hawkeyes' season average of 42.7 percent.

Free-throw percentage, last three games: 81 percent

Missed free throws plagued the Hawkeyes in numerous close losses in January and early February. But last week, head coach Fran McCaffery's squad made good on its opportunities from the charity stripe.

Iowa shot 81 percent from the line last week, up slightly more than 9 percentage points from its season average of 71.8. And

in the Hawkeyes' 72-70 win at Penn State on Feb. 14, the Black and Gold hit 6-of-9 free throws in the final three minutes; one of the misses by Marble, with just one second remaining in the game, was intentional.

Points per game, last three games: G-F Eric May, 7.6

May's 7.6 points per game average may not sound significant, but prior to the past three games, the senior was averaging just 4.3 points a night.

In Iowa's demolition of Minnesota, May posted one of the most complete performances of his career. He put up 10 points on 3-of-5 shooting and also collected a game-high 7 rebounds. He also threw down a breakaway dunk in the second half that drew a foul and, after sinking the free throw, gave the Hawkeyes a 10-point lead.

May's contributions have been consistent throughout the year, but he's stepped it up a notch over the last week. He's said he wants to reach the NCAA Tournament in his final year in Black and Gold, and his play lately has reflected that.

POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Big Ten dancing?

How many Big Ten men's basketball teams will make it to the NCAA tournament? Two DI staffers debate.

Eight

As unlikely as it may have seemed, the Big Ten will put in eight — yes, eight — teams in the tournament.

There are five locks: Indiana, Michigan State, Michigan, Ohio State, and Wisconsin. I think Illinois has turned around its season and has the signature wins [Maui Invitational champions, Indiana and Gonzaga — now both top-three teams] to get by with a lesser record in the Big Ten. Minnesota has a favorable schedule to get to 9-9 with games against Penn State, Purdue, and Nebraska.

That leaves the eighth team missing. That team can be Iowa.

Iowa has a great end-of-season schedule after being put through the ring of fire to open conference play. The Hawks finish with two games against Nebraska, a home game versus a struggling Purdue, a home game against Illinois, and an away game against Indiana (count that as a loss).

Finishing 4-1 would put Iowa at 10-8 in the Big Ten and right in the thick of things come Selection Sunday. Couple that with a win in the Big Ten Tournament and Iowa will be more in the tournament than out.

It helps the Hawkeyes that some teams that figured to be in not too long ago are now on the outside looking in.

Kentucky now finds itself without its star player Nerlens Noel, who is lost for the season with a knee injury. CBS Sports' Jerry Palm has Kentucky in his "First Four Out" after a 30-point drubbing courtesy of Tennessee.

Palm also has Iowa State on the outside looking in after losing to 11-14 Texas. Iowa State lacks a signature win in a down Big 12 and has had some bad losses.

Combine these teams' untimely rough patches along with the weak nature of the SEC and Pac 12 this season; a few at large spots are opening up for Iowa — and the Big Ten — to steal.

— by Kevin Glueck

SEE POINT/COUNTERPOINT, 8

Hawkeyes work on vaulting ahead

By MATT CABEL
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Don't blink — you might miss it.

Vault, the fastest event in gymnastics, is over in an instant.

On the vault, male and female gymnasts perform different actions after gaining speed down a runway and launching off a springboard.

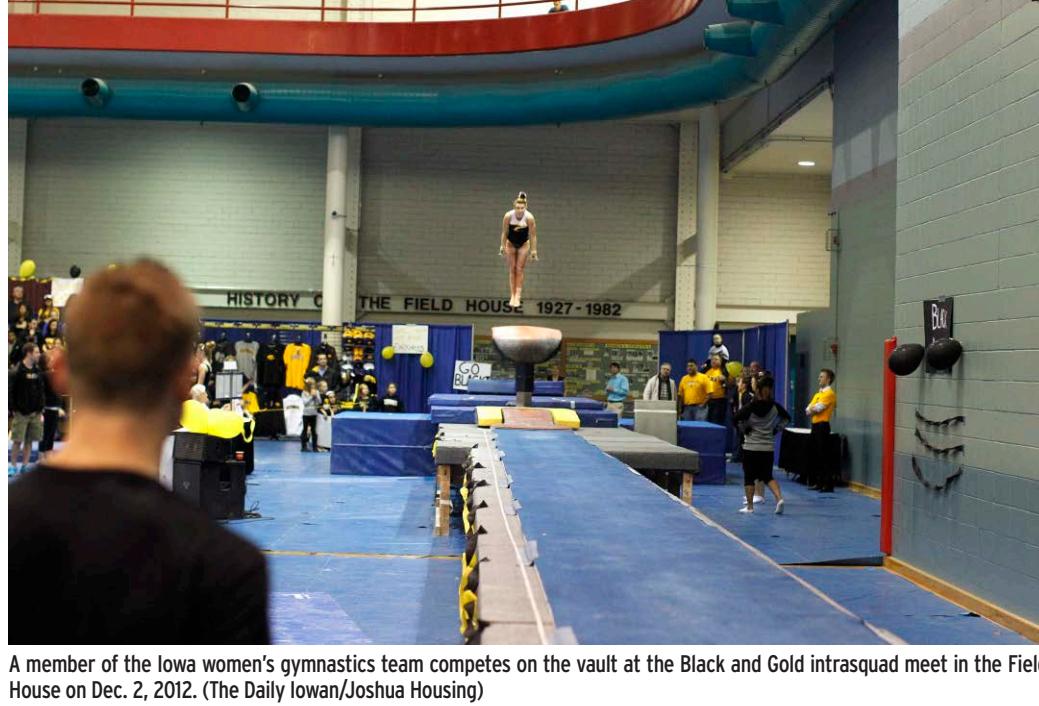
In the air, the gymnast pushes off the vault horse and will perform a twist, a 1½ twist, or a double twist. To "stick," or get a perfect landing, gymnasts are not allowed to move, and their feet must be set.

"You can do a great vault, but if you step, the judge is going to bring the score down a lot," Hawkeye freshman Alie Glover said. "It's basically trying to get the vault as good as you can and then get the landing stuck as well."

The gymnasts can choose how far they want to sprint down the 80-foot runway. Sophomore Emma Willis, for example, runs for around 77 feet before performing her vault.

"I've seen people with the most powerful vaults who only take seven steps in a hurdle," Willis said. "They make it around quite fine."

An added difficulty of the vault comes with its placement in the rotation. For home meets, the GymHawks perform on the vault first. The time delay between the warm-up, team announcements, and singing of the national anthem makes it diffi-



A member of the Iowa women's gymnastics team competes on the vault at the Black and Gold intrasquad meet in the Field House on Dec. 2, 2012. (The Daily Iowan/Joshua Housing)

cult for gymnasts to fully warm up during the touch period.

There are numerous styles — referred to by gymnasts as "families" — which the gymnast can perform on the vault. Iowa performs from group three, the Yurchenko style, named after Natalia Yurchenko, a Soviet gymnast who created the move in the 1980s.

The Yurchenko style vault features a round-off entry onto the springboard, and then the gymnast goes backwards, which is the most common entry form. What vault style a team uses depends on the team

members, their strengths, and the recruiting class.

"With the vault element, you need obviously the speed to get into the horse, and then you need to be able to get onto the horse strong and tight," Willis said. "With that comes the snap, where you follow with your full or one half, depending on who does it."

Landing on the vault has been difficult for the GymHawks this season. Senior Emma Stevenson said the team needs to improve its vault landings after it failed to stick a landing on the vault in a meet

against Michigan State and Illinois-Chicago Feb. 8.

"We do drills every day — we run lineups trying to get sticks; we put pressure on," Glover said. "We're trying to do anything we can to really make it easier to get those landings under pressure."

In practice, the GymHawks do many exercises away from the actual vault horse. One exercise includes the gymnasts jumping and turning off a high bar as they would during the aerial part of the routine.

SEE VAULT, 8

Swimmers head for Big Tens

By NICK DELAQUILA
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Twenty-seven University of Iowa female swimmers will take off for the Big Ten championships in Minneapolis today and of those 27, only two will go for the final time.

This season, head coach Marc Long's roster consists of only 10 upperclassmen, eight of which are in their junior campaigns. Although the roster may appear to be a little young, Long doesn't have any change in expectations.

"Those two seniors [April Allen and Lauren Eytalis] have provided great leadership, and their experiences will definitely help the group as we head into the championship meet," Long said. "We have a hungry freshman class and other people who I think can really contribute."

With leadership comes the aspect of tutoring the underclassmen and helping them through every step of the way. That was something that junior Karolina Wartalowicz says the upperclassmen have tried to make a point of all season long.

"I feel as an upperclassmen, we have given them guidelines and set pretty good examples," she said. "They fit in



Long
head coach

SEE SWIMMING, 8