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Beef prices on the rise



Jack Carlson works on a shoulder cut of beef at the Bread Garden Market on Tuesday. It is estimated that beef prices will rise by as much as 10 percent this summer. (The Daily Iowan/Nicholas Fanelli)

There were 89.3 million cattle and calves nationwide in January, the lowest number since 1952.

By **BRIANNA JETT**

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The effects of last year's drought continue to have an effect — including on the price of beef.

Prices for beef have continued to rise well into winter.

"It's a combination of the drought affecting pastures for cows and the drought affecting high prices for corn," said Nancy Degner, the executive director of the Iowa Beef Industry Council. "Retail prices for beef are up 24 percent since 2007."

Not only is it more expensive to feed cattle, there are also fewer cattle to fill demand.

"Cattle numbers are at somewhat record lows," said Lee Schulz, an assistant professor at Iowa State University and an extension livestock economist.

This January, there were 89.3 million cattle and calves in the United States, a 1.6 percent decrease from January 2012.

This is the lowest number since 1952.

Even as consumers continue to see the price of beef skyrocket, officials say the future is uncertain.

"There's a lot of nervousness in the market," said Dal Grooms, the director of communications at the Iowa Cattlemen's Association.

The uncertainty comes from discussion in Congress about sequestration, which would lead to automatic spending cuts. These cuts would radiate out and possibly cause a furlough of U.S. Department of Agriculture inspectors.

"Prices have been decreasing because of the uncertainty in the market," Grooms said.

However, beef consumers are unlikely to see this decrease anytime soon, if at all.

"It takes awhile for those price changes to work their way to the marketplace," Grooms said. "If Congress suddenly decides to settle all of its issues, the customers probably won't see [the price decrease]."

Even as uncertainty in Congress ripples into an uncertain market, the beef industry is attempting to keep the prices down.

"Cattle producers are doing what they can to keep prices down," Grooms said. "They're operating efficiently."

Some of the techniques producers are using include feeding their animals byproducts.

"In reality, we're producing more

SEE **BEEF**, 7

Rastetter sparks debate

Regent Pro Tem Bruce Rastetter draws fire from one legislator following an exchange regarding a UI professor's biofuel research.

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An Iowa legislator criticized the state Board of Regents President Pro Tem Bruce Rastetter after he reached out to University of Iowa President Sally Mason regarding a UI professor's research.

"The Board of Regents is supposed to be a buffer against political interference in academic freedom, not the vehicle for it," said Sen. Herman Quirnbach, D-Ames. "What is even more important, he seems to be using his position on the Board of Regents to work through the power structure. If I could imagine myself in the situation, and the president of the university and a member of the Board of Regents wants to put pressure on my research — that's a lot of pressure and that's inappropriate."

Rastetter wrote in an email on Jan. 30 to Mason, "The industry would appreciate being able to provide factual information so this professor isn't uninformed; is there a way to accomplish that, thanks Bruce."

His message to Mason came after Monte Shaw, the executive director of the Iowa Renewable Fuels Association, approached the regent and claimed UI Professor Jerry Schnoor was "an embarrassment to the regent university."

These accusations followed published scientific works by Schnoor claiming biofuel production negatively affects the state, because it draws too much water from aquifers — a serious environmental issue.

Schnoor, a professor of civil and envi-



Rastetter
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SEE **RASTETTER**, 7

City Council passes new venue rule

Entertainment venues will now be open to 19- and 20-year-olds after midnight.

By **NICK HASSETT**

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It's official: 19- and 20-year-olds in Iowa City will now be able to see shows after midnight without fears of being ticketed by police.

The Iowa City City Council unanimously approved the final reading of the ordinance, passing and adopting it into law.

In approving the measure, councilors expressed their support for local venues and stressed that this measure didn't mean the council wasn't concerned about alcohol issues.

"A lot of members of the community are concerned and think we're deconstructing the 21-ordinance," Councilor Rick Dobyns said. "But providing nonalcoholic opportunities for students isn't just rewarding the good guys, we're still trying to punish the bad guys who don't quite keep up with alcohol enforcement. Nobody likes police in their bars."

Local entertainment venues have worked with the city to develop the ordinance, and one general manager of two venues thinks the changes are good for the city.

"It definitely hurt everyone's business, bars and venues," said Pete McCarthy, the



Patrons enter the Blue Moose on Jan. 26. The Iowa City City Council voted to allow 19- and 20-year-olds to be in entertainment venues after midnight. (The Daily Iowan/Juan Carlos Herrera)

general manager of Gabe's and the Yacht Club, referring to the previous ordinance. "But we are offering more than just a place to drink — we're offering entertainment."

McCarthy said the previous ordinance made underage venue-goers more reluctant to go see shows.

"Sometimes the headlining band won't go on stage until 11:30, and kids are afraid of getting tickets," he said. "It was

unfair to the music scene, and I think the council knew that."

However, McCarthy thought the changes wouldn't have an immediate effect.

"It took awhile for people to stop going to shows [after the previous ordinance was passed]," he said. "I don't know if we'll see automatic turnaround, but I

SEE **VENUES**, 7

Council defers action on waste containers

After the Iowa City City Council seemed split on the issue of waste-container location, the council decided to defer action on the matter until a future meeting.

The ordinance would have required that waste containers on residential properties be stored behind the building line of residential structures or screened from public view.

Iowa City City Councilor Michelle Payne thought the ordinance was punishing homeowners who didn't have any trash issues.

"I'm at a loss as to why we would do this and make all people suffer for the sins of a few," she said. "Everybody in town doesn't have a problem with their trash can."

Payne also expressed doubts about the effectiveness of the ordinance.

"If someone is being a slob, and they move the [waste container] 3 feet to the side of the house, does that really fix the problem?" she said.

The ordinance was developed after the North Side Neighborhood Association brought concerns about the issue to city staff.

Other councilors had concerns about the process a property owner would undergo if there was a complaint, the cost of screening measures, and whether other neighborhoods should be contacted on the issue.

Ultimately, the council voted to defer action on the ordinance by a 7-0 vote.

"I don't see a great reason to move forward with a split vote," Iowa City Mayor Matt Hayek said. "This clearly doesn't seem like something we should be divided on."

- By **Nick Hassett**

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News

Walk-in mammograms popular at Iowa River Landing Clinic



Radiologist Damon Shearer shows a scan from a new breast tomosynthesis scanner in the Mammography Department at the UIHC in October 2012. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

By **MICHELLE KIM**
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The University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics is now offering walk-in mammography treatments every Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., a move officials say was prompted by an increased interest in the service.

The UIHC has provided the walk-in service on the Health Science Campus every October during Breast Cancer Awareness month for the past two years.

But since the Iowa River Landing Clinic, 105 E. Ninth St., Coralville, opened in October 2012, there has been a significant number of patients who are taking advantage of the walk-in opportunities.

“The results were quite encouraging,” UIHC spokesman Tom Moore said. “When the [Iowa River Landing] opened in October, we also noticed

that some of the patients were choosing to receive mammograms there. Given their popularity, we decided to extend the clinic.”

Moore said roughly 40 to 50 patients come in for walk-in mammogram treatments per month.

According to the Breast Screening Center, they use two of the most advanced techniques for the mammogram treatment: the Digital Breast Tomosynthesis and the Automated Breast Screening Ultra Sound.

The Digital Breast Tomosynthesis provides numerous images of breast that allows doctors to detect breast cancer better, *The Daily Iowan* has previously reported.

“For breast cancer, mammography has done the role to detect early stage problems,” said Jeong Mi Park, a UI clinical professor of radiology.

Park said the mammography treatment walk-in days might change to

Thursday, but UI officials have not yet made any decisions.

The Automated Breast Screening Ultra Sound is used in addition to mammography for women with dense breasts or those with an elevated risk of breast cancer of up to 20 percent.

This technique is also known as the Whole Ultra Sound or the Diagnosing Ultra Sound.

“The Automated Breast Screening Ultra Sound can technically be known as the Whole Ultra Sound,” Park said. “People can do it, but the whole trend is to be automatic.”

Screening, an imaging technique, uses magnets to study tissue.

This technique allows women who have a 20 percent risk of breast cancer to annually receive an MRI, which is recommended.

In January, an Iowa legislator proposed a bill,

H.F.94, that directs the Iowa facilities that offer mammograms to also supply patients with breast-density information.

A facility providing mammography service would be required to send breast-density notices to patients who fit the standard of the dense breast tissue given by the American College of Radiology.

“The bill needs to include different languages, which helps the woman know the density of her breast tissue,” said Rep. Helen Miller, D-Fort Dodge, who proposed the bill. “In terms of language, I mean what kind of density the breast tissue has ... whether it’s positive or negative.”

Miller said the procedures outlined in the bill could help find early forms of cancer.

“The more dense your breast tissues are, the more likely the cancer can be hidden,” she said.

METRO

Teen accused in stabbing has \$500K bond

A teen accused of stabbing a female customer used an 8-inch knife, and the alleged victim feared the assault would continue had it not been stopped.

Heather Stanfield, 17, has been charged with attempted murder, and she is currently being held at the Muscatine County Jail on a \$500,000 bond.

According to an Iowa City police complaint, a female customer went into the Red Pepper Grill, 517 S. Riverside Drive, ordered sandwiches and then sat down at a booth shortly before noon Monday.

The 17-year-old saw the woman and allegedly went into the kitchen to grab a knife, intending to stab her. Stanfield allegedly stabbed the woman numerous times. The victim was transported to the hospital, and said she did not know Stanfield, the complaint said.

According to the complaint,

the woman sustained a stab wound on her left elbow, her left hand, and both the front and back of her right shoulder. The woman fought back during the attack, and a male witness physically intervened to stop the attack, the complaint said.

The woman told police she feared the assault would have continued had the man not disarmed Stanfield.

Attempted murder is a Class-B felony.

— by Jordyn Reiland

Judge dismisses ex-UI official’s lawsuit

A judge has dismissed a lawsuit by a former University of Iowa administrator that claimed a St. Louis law firm defamed him in a report criticizing his handling of a 2007 reported sexual assault on campus.

U.S. District Judge Robert Pratt on Tuesday dismissed former UI General Counsel Marc Mills’ claims against the Stolar Partnership.

The state Board of Regents hired Stolar in 2008 to investi-

gate the university’s response to a woman’s claim that she was sexually assaulted in a Hillcrest dorm room by two football players. The report criticized Mills’ performance, and UI President Sally Mason fired him in response.

Mills sued university officials and Stolar, claiming the report was inaccurate and he was wrongly terminated. Pratt ruled the statements do not amount to defamation by Stolar.

Pratt dismissed Mills’ claims against university officials last fall.

— Associated Press

Man charged with criminal mischief

An Iowan man has been arrested for allegedly slashing all four tires of a vehicle parked in a driveway.

Frank Samec, 44, was charged Feb. 18 with second-degree criminal mischief.

North Liberty police officials made contact with Samec on a sidewalk in the neighborhood where the vehicle was located.

Samec was reportedly witnessed using an object to puncture and deflate all four tires of a vehicle parked in a driveway in North Liberty. Samec was also witnessed inscribing something on the garage door of the residence, the police complaint said. The estimated dollar amount of damage is \$1,500.

Second-degree criminal mischief is a Class-D felony.

— by Rebecca Morin

Council OKs tax rules

The Iowa City City Council has approved a change of rules for taxis in Iowa City.

The council passed a resolution removing issuance dates established by a previous council resolution, as well as setting fees and insurance requirements for taxis, on Tuesday.

The dates to be removed are established by ordinance and contained in the City Code. No changes would be made in the current fees and insurance requirements.

— by Nick Hassett

BLOTTER

Lauren Craig, 33, Davenport, was charged Sept. 29, 2012, with second-degree theft and OCount 16, 2012, with third-degree theft.

Daniel Gerot, 53, North Liberty, was charged Feb. 15 with OWI.

Haley Heniff, 20, 643 S. Lucas St. Apt. D, was charged Feb. 15 with unlawful use of driver’s license, PAULA, and presence in a bar after hours.

Jeremy Ives, 19, N217 Hillcrest, was charged Sunday with possession of controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Brian Kelly, 18, 158 Arabian Court,

was charged Feb. 15 with OWI.

Ryan Markley, 25, 513 Bowery St. Apt. 6, was charged Feb. 16 with possession of controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Lee Maxwell, 22, Moscow, Iowa, was charged Feb. 16 with possession of open container of alcohol in public.

Travis McChane, 23, Elk Run Heights, Iowa, was charged Feb. 16 possession of open container of alcohol in public.

Ryan Molander, 19, 504 Slater,

was charged Sunday with possession of prescription drugs and interference with official acts.

Mika O’Brien, 19, W116 Hillcrest, was charged Sunday with public intoxication and interference with official acts.

Gianna Pugliese, 20, 643 S. Lucas St. Apt. D, was charged Feb. 15 with presence in a bar after hours.

David Richards, 19, Ames, was charged Sunday with interference with official acts.

Ashley Serbousek, 18, 511 S. Gilbert St. No. 2812, was charged Feb. 15 with presence in a bar after hours and unlawful use of driver’s

license.

Craig Splinter, 21, Dubuque, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Kathryn Vanacker, 19, 815 Oakcrest St. No. 9, was charged Feb. 15 with PAULA and presence in a bar after hours.

Grant Wierson, 18, 504 Slater, was charged Sunday with interference with official acts and public intoxication.

Renard Winfield Jr., 21, 1053 Cross Park Ave. Apt. H, was charged Monday with fifth-degree theft.

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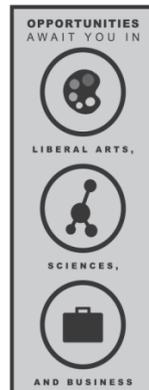
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City OKs landfill bid

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The Iowa City City Council approved the bid of a contractor Tuesday night for the reconstruction of an area of the Iowa City Landfill that was damaged by fire last year.

The council awarded the contract to J.B. Holland, a construction contractor from Decorah, Iowa, by a 7-0 vote. Holland had the lowest bid to complete the reconstruction at \$1.32 million, lower than the city engineering office's estimate of \$1.67 million.

"We believe their numbers are accurate and that they'll do the job for what they say," said Daniel Scott, a project engineer in the engineering office. "If the cost increases, they'll have to cover the costs on their own."

The fire, which broke out on May 26, burned more than 7.5 acres of the landfill, destroying most of the FY09 landfill cell. The plans detail a partial reconstruction of the cell. City staff recommends a staged reconstruction, with 5.4 acres of the original 14.7-acre cell to be completed in 2013. Some of the landfill cell was not damaged by the fire and will not need to be



Fire crews monitor the burning waste at the Iowa City Landfill on May 29, 2012. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

replaced.

While city staff was not certain on the cause of the fire, a likely explanation was that a "hot load," or warm, combustible material, was brought into the landfill, and it subsequently caught fire.

The primary, or base, bid will use a material derived from tires to construct the cell; however, the material would be thinner than the previous cell, with a layer of non-inflammable stone separating the layers of tire-derived aggregate.

The plans call for compartments in the cell, the goal of which to stop the spread of potential fires to adjacent areas.

Though three alternative options were identified in the material of the reconstruction, city

staff has decided to move forward with the original tire-derived aggregate plan.

"It just wasn't necessary to go that extra cost; we feel very comfortable with the safety features we've got," Scott said.

The plans detail placing a layer of garbage on top of the aggregate immediately after its construction, which would reduce the risk of fire spreading in the landfill.

Though councilors had some questions on the implementation of the construction, there was little discussion as the measure was approved.

The cost would be paid for through revenues from the landfill, which Scott previously said have likely been raised.

METRO

Council passes Burlington/Clinton action

The Iowa City City Council has approved a resolution to improve the Burlington/Clinton intersection.

The resolution, approved by a 7-0 vote, authorizes Shive-Hattery Inc to provide design engineering services related to the construction of the Burlington/Clinton Intersection Improvements Project. The project will include the addition of turn lanes on Clinton Street, signal improvements at the intersection, and the replacement of a water main along Clinton Street. The project will widen the north and south leg of Clinton Street near the intersection with Burlington Street.

The intersection ranks as the second-highest collision location in Iowa City, according to city staff.

The project is estimated to cost \$1.1 million; the total cost of the engineering services is not to exceed \$71,100.

The project is to be completed during the latter period of the new University of Iowa music building to be constructed on the southwest corner of the intersection.

— by Nick Hassett

Council backs 4 Zero 4 plan

The Iowa City City Council



The corner of Burlington and Clinton Streets is shown here in September. The Iowa City City Council has approved a resolution to improve the intersection. (The Daily Iowan/Rachel Jessen)

approved a multifamily housing development from a company that had previously applied for the College/Gilbert Street development proposal.

The company, 4 Zero 4 LLC, will replace the housing destroyed by the 2008 flood or acquired in flood buyouts. The development will provide up to 44 units of affordable/workforce rental housing located at 700 S. Dubuque St.

State Community Development Block Grant funding is available for the project.

4 Zero 4 will now have to submit a proposal to the Iowa Economic Development Authority by March 1 in order for the project to be considered; a decision will be announced May 1.

— by Nick Hassett

Council OKs animal-shelter phase 2

The Iowa City Council approved the second phase of the Animal Care and Adoption Center Project, which aims to replace the Iowa City animal shelter damaged by the 2008 flood.

The resolution authorizes the city to move forward with architectural consultant services provided by Neumann Monson PC of Iowa City. The new facility will be located at 3910 Napoleon Lane.

The council approved the resolution by a 7-0 vote on Tuesday.

— by Nick Hassett

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EDITORIAL

Use public funding for UISG



Candidates Nic Pottebaum of the I Party and Sunny Kothari of The # (Hashtag) Party talk about their platforms at the UISG presidential debate in the Chemistry Building on March 29, 2012. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

The University of Iowa Student Government's election season kicked off Monday night with an informational meeting for undergraduates interested in pursuing in legislative or executive office for the 2013-14 school year.

Prospective members of UISG were introduced to an updated set of rules governing student elections; the election bylaws were tweaked last spring to better regulate candidate interaction with students in light of the adoption of online voting. Beginning with this April's election, candidates may no longer provide students with electronic devices on which to vote or campaign in campus computer labs.

These changes are nice, but they neglect the most glaring problem with UISG's election rules: They clearly favor candidates with lots of money to spend on a campaign. We support the establishment of a public funding system for UISG's presidential elections.

As it stands, candidates for UISG president can spend up to \$3,000 during the campaign to promote their ticket and two at-large senate candidates. Senate candidates are limited to \$300 spending per campaign.

All campaign spending and "in kind" campaign donations are subject to strict reporting requirements and are subject to scrutiny by the Student Election Board commissioner, but all of this spending is out-of-pocket. There is no mechanism by which candidates can receive "public" campaign funds from student government.

In other words, candidates or sets of candidates without an adequate pot of money need not apply.

UI student Sunny Kothari, who ran unsuccessfully for UISG president last spring, said that the investment required to run such a campaign is "clearly daunting."

"The system is unfortunately set up to reward the individuals who advertise the most, just like any other campaign," Kothari said. "And in any year with a competitive election, all parties put in the maximum amount of time, effort, and money to be elected."

Kothari and his running mate used personal savings to finance their shot at executive office.

Given the extraordinarily high cost of a competitive campaign, it is not surprising that 2012's race was the first contested election for UISG president in three years. So far this year, only one presidential candidate — current Speaker of the Senate Aaron Horsfield — has emerged.

Current Student Elections Board Commissioner Peter Chalik said that there is no system of public financing in place because of the high cost and logistical difficulty of such an initiative. Both are certainly valid concerns.

To hold down the costs of a public financing system, we suggest that all candidates for president and the Senate alike be on the hook for the first \$300 of campaign spending. Because senators are not allowed to spend more than \$300 per campaign, they would not be eligible for public funding.

Any presidential campaign spending beyond \$300 up to the maximum \$3,000 would be subsidized by student government. Obviously, such a measure would require a cap on the number of presidential candidates eligible to participate in the general election to keep spending low.

A relatively low-cost program could make a big difference. Even if \$10,000 were set aside every year to fund UISG elections, the program would consume just over 2 percent of UISG's annual organizational budget and initiatives fund, which amounted to \$450,470.59 in fiscal 2013. Any unused funds could be rolled into next year's election fund.

These new rules would certainly require a stronger student-elections watchdog to ensure that public funds are being spent properly, but the total costs of public funding are far outweighed by the benefits of more competitive, more inclusive elections.

It's time to open up UISG elections.

Your turn.

Do you think UISG should publicly fund the student elections? Weigh in on at dailyiowan.com.

Worrisome crime



By JON OVERTON
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The enterprising American spirit is our most valuable asset. Whether it's devising new ways to deceive vulnerable borrowers or defrauding customers, the American financial sector embodies America's magnificence. Our forward-thinking government even provides the freedom to experiment with the limits of financial exploitation and deception. Few Wall Street executives went to prison because of the national financial crisis. Sadly, there have been many casualties along the way — one such case is right here at home.

A U.S. Attorney's Office Northern District of Iowa press release reported Russell Wasendorf, the former owner and chief executive officer of Peregrine Financial in Cedar Falls, was convicted of stealing more than \$215 million in customer funds from his company. The press release also stated this great American received a 50-year prison sentence (he's 64) and

must pay \$215 million in restitution to his 13,000 victims.

This is worrisome for freethinking bankers, whose inventive practices are threatened by law. Being pestered by those trivial bylaws about ludicrous notions such as regulations and honest business is manageable, but now the legal system is punishing our esteemed innovators for carrying on the march of progress.

But cases about white-collar crime are relatively absent from the news compared with street crime.

The thought seems to be that few can appreciate the arduous work that goes into devising exploitative schemes and complex derivatives that regulators can't understand, so the fewer people who know about Wasendorf, the better.

What does Wasendorf's conviction mean for those who follow in his path, brave enough to disregard all ethics and undermine common decency in the pursuit of individual gain? It may be the dying vestiges of a bygone era when oppressive government persecuted bankers for experimenting or the revitalization of the backward, freedom-quashing idea that little people are as important as big people. ■

Spring-break obsessions



By BRIANNE RICHSON
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More than 1 million college students nationwide flock to typical spring-break destinations each year.

Iowa students in particular put forth time, effort, and money for spring-break preparation, with this year's hiatus approaching in around three weeks. The Campus Recreation & Wellness Center even offers a six-week "Spring Break Boot Camp" exercise class for those seeking that final push toward a "vacation bod."

It's just that serious.

Unfortunately, much of this preparation is thrown out the window for more than 80,000 students who find themselves being arrested over spring break each year, according to a report by Classes and Careers.

UI senior Mitch Taylor looks forward to experiencing a slew of spring-break destinations, including the popular Panama City Beach, but he does not dispute that spring break is often overhyped.

"Iowa City can be just as fun, because you know a lot of people and everything is cheap, accessible, and what not," he said. "To be in a warm environment is something different, but Iowa City is a crazy environment in its own way."

While the reported estimate of spring-break arrests and mishaps seem like a lot, recent research has dispelled the idea of the reckless spring-break culture as perpetuated by the media more than anything.

Case in point — the upcoming action thriller *Spring Breakers*, with dual kiddie stars Vanessa Hudgens (from *High School Musical*) and Selena Gomez (known for her Disney Channel shows). This tidbit of cinematic artistry features 20-somethings drinking, smoking, and sex-on-the-beach — all during the famed spring break.

The going-with-the-crowd mentality that drives many people to do ridiculous things on spring break just as easily happens in Iowa City as on a random beach, and it's clear that arrests happen in both school year and break settings.

So, whether you're using spring break as an incentive to work out or exchange weekend Iowa City fun for the beach, go for it. It's not as crazy as it seems. ■

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GUEST COLUMN

Warming glacial ice disturbing

I'm a believer in climate change because of the book *Storms of My Grandchildren*, by James Hansen, that I read a few years ago. For those of you not familiar with Hansen, he is the director of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies and adjunct professor in the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences at Columbia University. He is also an alumnus of the University of Iowa and has testified before Congress on climate change.

To better understand the concept of climate change, two terms that Hansen uses a lot — cli-

mate-change forcings and climate-change feedbacks — need to be clarified. "Forcings drive climate change. Feedbacks determine the magnitude of the climate change."

The main human-made forcing on Earth is the greenhouse-gas carbon dioxide (CO₂) that comes from burning fossil fuels such as coal, oil, and gas. Since human beings started burning these fuels in large quantities, CO₂ has accumulated more quickly and at higher levels as measured in parts per million (ppm) compared to preindustrial age accumulations.

During glacial-interglacial cycles, CO₂ levels topped out at less than 300 ppm. Now, we are approaching levels of 390 ppm. Higher levels of CO₂ mean that the Earth radiates less heat back into space than what it absorbs from the sun. Over the last 100 years, the average global temperature has increased by 1.5 degrees Fahrenheit.

The most important feedbacks "... all involve water, in either its solid, liquid, or gas form." Glaciers, for instance, help cool our planet because they reflect back to space most of the sunlight that

hits them, but bodies of water and water vapor absorb heat, and a warmer planet leads to a higher probability of more extreme weather events, such as droughts and heat waves as well as heavier rains and intense storms.

The speed at which our planet is warming is disturbing. Visual evidence of this warming can be seen in the film *Chasing Ice*, which will be shown at the Bijou from March 8-14.

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Susan Moore
Board member, Landlocked Film Festival

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Overdose deaths up

By LINDSEY TANNER AND MIKE STOBBE

Associated Press

CHICAGO— Drug overdose deaths rose for the 11th straight year, federal data show, and most of them were accidents involving addictive painkillers despite growing attention to risks from these medicines.

"The big picture is that this is a big problem that has gotten much worse quickly," said Dr. Thomas Frieden, the head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which gathered and analyzed the data.

In 2010, the CDC reported, there were 38,329 drug overdose deaths nationwide. Medicines, mostly prescription drugs, were involved in nearly 60 percent of overdose deaths that year, overshadowing deaths from illicit narcotics.

The report appears in Tuesday's *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

It details which drugs

were at play in most of the fatalities. As in previous recent years, opioid drugs — which include OxyContin and Vicodin — were the biggest problem, contributing to 3 out of 4 medication overdose deaths.

Frieden said many doctors and patients don't realize how addictive these drugs can be and that they're too often prescribed for pain that can be managed with less risky drugs.

They're useful for cancer, "but if you've got terrible back pain or terrible migraines," using these addictive drugs can be dangerous, he said.

Medication-related deaths accounted for 22,134 of the drug overdose deaths in 2010.

Anti-anxiety drugs including Valium were among common causes of medication-related deaths, involved in almost 30 percent of them. Among the medication-related deaths, 17 percent were suicides.

The report's data came from death certificates,

which aren't always clear on whether a death was a suicide or a tragic attempt at getting high. But it does seem like most serious painkiller overdoses were accidental, said Dr. Rich Zane, the head of emergency medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

The study's findings are no surprise, he said. "The results are consistent with what we experience" in ERs, he said, noting that the statistics no doubt have gotten worse since 2010.

Some experts believe these deaths will level off. "Right now, there's a general belief that because these are pharmaceutical drugs, they're safer than street drugs like heroin," said Don Des Jarlais, the director of the chemical dependency institute at New York City's Beth Israel Medical Center.

"But at some point, people using these drugs are going to become more aware of the dangers," he said.

UISG hands out funds

By JONATHAN SOLIS

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The University of Iowa Student Government granted nine organizations a total of \$468,419 for the next fiscal year on Tuesday evening.

These organizations fall into a group called collaboratively funded organizations, which draw from the undergraduate and graduate student governments.

Groups such as Dance Marathon and Bijou were allocated funding, as was the community-based Johnson County Crisis Center.

The collaborative funding is recommended by the Joint Finance Committee, which comprises both undergraduate and graduate student government leaders.

Matthew Tarnoff, the co-head of the committee, said collaborative groups have to demonstrate a large student involvement and effect to qualify.

In December 2012, UISG renewed the status of eight such groups. Both Hawks Nest and Walk It Out applied for recognition but were denied. The only newly admitted group was the Indian Student Alliance.

"We've been around for 15 years, and we have 15 years of annual events that bring a lot of diversity to campus," said Jostna Dash, the president of the Indian Student Alliance.

Traditionally, UISG funding unspent by student organizations is returned to UISG at the end of the fiscal year. In



Participants dance at Dance Marathon in the IMU on Feb. 3. (The Daily Iowan/Joshua Housing)

contrast, the collaborative organizations get to keep any money that isn't expended.

"The status will help us with our longevity; we get to keep our money to help save up for future generations," Dash said.

SCOPE was approved for \$164,000, the largest approved allocation.

"We collaborate with the Hawks Nest to put on Hawkapalooza every year, as well as Homecoming productions," said SCOPE assistant general manager Emily Kane.

SCOPE has brought artists such as T-Pain and All Time Low to Iowa in recent years.

"Besides our free concerts we provide to the students, we are run much like a business," Kane said.

The size of the UISG approved budget for SCOPE is pretty standard this year, Kane said.

The total collaborative-organization budget is recommended by the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership, and is typically an average of the last three

fiscal-year budgets.

Funding has increased 2 percent for each collaborative group, said Tarnoff, who's been with the Student Assembly Budgeting and Allocating Committee for two years.

Other groups with the status are Homecoming Council, Student Video Productions, Rape Victim Advocacy Program, and KRUI.

The group's newest member hopes that it will fall into place with the rest of them.

"We have six major events every year," said Indian Student Alliance social head Arti Bhakta. "They bring out hundreds of students and community members."

One of the largest events that the group puts on, called Nachte Raho, is set to take place March 2. This cultural dance competition will feature teams from universities around the nation.

"These events are for the community," Bhakta said. "We want to show our culture, dancing, and food."

METRO

School Board defers action on superintendent limits

The Iowa City School Board tabled discussion on a change in superintendent limitations Tuesday night.

The discussion comes after the Feb. 5 approval of a new revenue-purpose statement for the district. A provision in the statement limits the district's borrow-

ing to \$100 million through 2029 against future sales taxes. Officials would use funds to renovate current facilities and build new elementary schools.

But officials are now discussing a potential conflict between a part of the revenue statement



Murley superintendent

and the superintendent's limitations.

School Board members want to look at various plans for the district before moving forward with discussion on changing the limitations.

"I say we should hold off on this discussion, but have this discussion once we have date and an overall plan," board member Patti Fields said. "This can be changed, but we shouldn't be spending money without a plan."

— by Stacey Murray

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“Drinking makes such fools of people, and people are such fools to begin with that it's compounding a felony.”
— Robert Benchley

the ledge

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Do you know why I pulled you over? (Part 2)

- Who's askin'?
- Because you need directions to the murders, rapes, and other real crimes?
- You wanted to hear my ex-cursus about police corruption?
- Fine, I'll blow you. There are nicer ways to ask, though, you know?
- You wanted to test how much of the Fourth Amendment I learned from Jay-Z?
- Because I'm driving at night, you're bored, and all the good coffee places are closed?
- Pork-pork bacon, oink?
- Because you're trying to find out what happened on the last episode of "Downton Abbey?" What? Oh ... you don't want to know what happened? Why wouldn't you want to know that Dowager Countess just died?
- Gosh, I don't know. I'm just as confused as you are.
- Hold on ... let me finish my drink. AHHHH. OK, what's up?
- Probably because I was speeding like a crazy mo-fo. That about right?
- Are you asking philosophically? Might just the answer to your question also be a question? "Why NOT pull me over?" Yeah. Think about it. Woah.
- Ooh, ooh. I love this game. Let's say why at the same time.
- Not sure. Let's check with my unconscious passenger.
- Because you need the green, and I'm holdin'. Purple Kush special this week, sir.
- Let's just cut to the chase ... vvvvvrrroooooommmmmmm.

Andrew R. Juhl thanks Beau, Matt, Dana, Drew, Hans, Susan, and others for contributing to today's Ledge.

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SO HOW'D YOUR PRESENTATION GO, ALEX? REALLY WELL, ACTUALLY...
THEY SEEMED AMAZED THAT WE'RE...
OH...
SHOULD YOU BE TELLING ME THAT? NICE TELLING BREACH, DUDE. UNBELIEVABLE. I SO SUCK AT SECURITY.

DILBERT BY Scott Adams

I'M CEO OF APPLE SAYS A LEADER SHOULD ADMIT WHEN HE'S WRONG.
I'M A I WON I WORK FOR ME BECAUSE I'M NEVER WRONG. THE BEST I CAN DO IS ADMIT WHEN OTHER PEOPLE ARE WRONG.
THAT SORT OF MISSES THE POINT.
WELL, I HUMBLBY ADMIT YOU'RE WRONG.

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- **Cardiac Risk Assessment and Cholesterol Screening**, 8:30 a.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
 - **Anatomy/Cell Biology Seminar**, "Investigating the role of Gcn4 in cell cycle regulation during B cell development," Jennifer Barr, Anatomy/Cell Biology, 1 p.m., 1-561 Bowen
 - **Time Management and Organizational Skills**, University College, 3:30 p.m., 61 Schaeffer
 - **Life in Iowa Career Series**, Job and Internship Search Strategies, International Programs, 5:30 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Center
 - **Gray Knights Chess Club**, 6:30 p.m., Senior Center
 - **Salsa Practice Group**, 6:30 p.m., Senior Center
 - **It Lies Within**, 7 p.m., Gabe's, 330 E. Washington
 - **Open Mike/Spoken Word**, 7 p.m., Uptown Bill's, 730 S. Dubuque
 - **The Rabbi's Caf**, 7 p.m., Bijou
 - **Life After Study Abroad**, 7:30 p.m., 1100 University Capitol Center
 - **UI Symphony Orchestra**, William LaRue Jones, conductor for *La Forza del Destino: Overture*, by Giuseppe Verdi, and Beethoven's *Piano Concerto, No. 4, Op. 58, G major*, Alan Huckleberry, piano; guest conductor Zhou Jin will lead *Mooring at Night by Maple Bridge*, by Xu Zhenmin, and *Also Sprach Zarathustra, TrV 176, Op. 30*, by Richard Strauss, 7:30 p.m., IMU Main Lounge
 - **"The Wonder and Discipline of Seeing,"** Geneva Campus Ministry, 7:30 p.m., 101 Becker
 - **Writers' Workshop Reading**, Lucie Brock-Broido, poetry, 8 p.m., Dey House Frank Conroy Reading Room
 - **The House I Live In**, 9 p.m., Bijou
 - **Free Jam Session & Mug Night**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
 - **Wasted Wednesdays**, 10 p.m., Gabe's

- ### UITV schedule
- Campus channel 4, cable channel 17
- 1 p.m. Faculty Jazz, June 27, 2012
 - 2 "Voyager Celebrates 35 Years in Space," produced by NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab with UI Professor Don Gurnett, Sept. 4, 2012
 - 3:30 UI Explorers, "Humans & Animals," Anthropology Assistant Professor Matthew Hill addresses the changing nature of human-animal relationships using archaeological sites, Feb. 17, 2011
 - 5 Faculty Jazz, June 27, 2012
 - 6 Iowa Magazine, human-interest stories on research, service, and education
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horoscopes Wednesday, February 20, 2013 by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Observe, and you will avoid problems with friends or colleagues. Listen carefully, and assess the situation without making any impulsive moves. Strive to get along and finish what you start.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Helping others will lead to favors and advancement. A partnership with someone who has attributes that bring out the best in you will lead to a winning situation and a bright future. Share your creative ideas and expand your interests.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Displaying uncertainty or insecurity will set you back. Hide your fear, and focus on what you do best. Don't allow someone with little to offer become your judge. Speak from the heart. Integrity and honesty will count.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't make a move. Let everyone come to you. Your savvy way of dealing with others will put you in the driver's seat. Don't be afraid to boast about your accomplishments. What you offer will be appreciated, and joint ventures will pay off.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Think outside the box. With a little help from someone who owes you a favor, you will be able to get ahead. Don't let anyone put demands on you that will stifle what you can achieve. Love and romance are highlighted.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't go overboard if someone asks for assistance. Someone trying to take advantage of your skills, talents, and knowledge must be controlled. A difficult partnership should be reassessed before you become too entrenched to back out gracefully.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Size up your situation, and keep your emotions in check. The less others know about the way you feel, the easier it will be for you to get what you want. Mixing business with pleasure will require discipline. Don't give in to demands.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make plans to do something exciting. Visiting someone who lives differently from you will enable you to see the possibilities for making your life simpler.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Watch over friends, family, and your home. Expect to encounter trouble if you don't stick to the rules. You will need to make changes or sacrifices in order to avoid an emotional situation that could affect a close relationship.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Rely on experience and people to help you get what you want. A career move or development will enable you to reach a goal ahead of schedule. Don't let impulses take over. Savor the moment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Wait and see what everyone else does before making a move. Concentrate on what you want to do in the future, and research what's required to reach your goals. Romance may entice you, but you must take care of business first.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Speak up, share your ideas, and make financial decisions that will secure your reputation and your ability to get ahead in the future. Changes at home will contribute to your emotional and creative wellness.

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OBJECTS OF ART

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0116

- ACROSS**
- 1 [5]
 - 5 [1]
 - 10 Word on either side of "a"
 - 13 Sporty auto, for short
 - 14 Call to mind
 - 15 Asteroid area
 - 16 Stand up to
 - 17 In an intellectual manner
 - 19 Pointy-eared TV character
 - 21 [25]
 - 22 Polished off
 - 23 Couldn't help but
 - 27 Feudal lord
 - 28 With 49- and 69-Across, a hint to the meanings of the bracketed clues
 - 31 [10]
 - 32 Spoken for
- DOWN**
- 1 Crumple (up)
 - 2 Faux fat
 - 3 Like late-night commuter trains
 - 4 Harry Belafonte catchword
 - 5 Eat like a bird
 - 6 Alternative to Ct. or La.
 - 7 ___ favor
 - 8 Squeeze (out)
 - 9 Gen. Beaugregard's men
 - 10 Soft and smooth
 - 11 Dishonest, informally
 - 12 Compound in disposable coffee cups
 - 15 "South Pacific" setting
 - 18 Small brook
 - 20 [20]
 - 22 Court fig.
 - 24 [60]
 - 25 Do better than
 - 26 Bob Marley classic
 - 29 Red ink
 - 30 Let go
 - 34 Support providers
 - 36 Barista's container

Puzzle by MICHAEL DAVID

- 38 Seller of TV spots
- 39 Some children's show characters
- 40 Rig contents
- 41 Projecting wheel rims
- 43 Links concern
- 45 Fig Newtons maker
- 46 [15]
- 47 Check out
- 49 Mont Blanc, par exemple
- 50 Clears the board
- 52 [40]
- 56 Turned state's evidence
- 58 Pal around (with)
- 60 Parisian pronoun
- 61 Gee preceder
- 62 Emeritus. Abbr.
- 64 "Awesome!"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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- 7-8 p.m., Live from Prairie Lights
- 8-10 p.m., Standing on the Verge
- 10-midnight, Theater of the Mind
- Midnight-2 a.m., Mo and Johnny Blade

THIS GUN FOR DISCOUNT



Lee Lazernick (right) asked mother Thelma Lazernick to pose with a customer's Ruger Mini-14 .223 semiautomatic rifle on Monday, at All Around Pizza and Deli in Virginia Beach, Va., where customers wearing weapons or who bring their concealed weapons permit are offered a 15 percent discount. (Associated Press/Virginian-Pilot, Amanda Lucier)

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BEEF
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beef with fewer cattle than we ever have in the past," Degner said.

Officials encourage consumers with strapped budgets to look for more economical cuts of beef.

"We're continually looking for new cuts and products to fit every budget," she said.

In fact, changes have occurred in how cattle are cut in general.

"We did research to change the way the beef carcass is cut," Degner said. "Instead of chuck roasts, we have several chuck steaks that work on the grill, which consumers enjoy."

Local business owner Doug Havel of Bud's Custom Meats in Riverside has seen the effect of rising beef prices.

"The prime cuts, as far as your steaks, have

probably gone up 25 percent in the last year," he said.

Many consumers are buying alternatives.

"We're selling a lot more ground beef," Havel said.

And some are even turning away from beef all together.

"Our pork sales and chicken sale are up 25 percent," he said.

However Mark Martin, the manager of Nelson's Meat Market in Cedar Rapids, isn't worried about the price of beef.

"I think the price is going to settle itself out," he said. "It pretty much always does."

Instead, he is worried about the quality. If the price of beef continues to rise, farmers might shy away from producing the more expensive meat.

"My biggest concern is in the summertime, the really good quality meat will be harder to come by," Martin said.



Premium cuts of beef sit and wait to be packaged and sold at the Bread Garden Market on Tuesday. It is estimated that beef prices will rise by as much as 10 percent this summer. (The Daily Iowan/Nicholas Fanelli)

RASTETTER
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ronmental engineering, is the codirector for the UI Center for Global and Regional Environmental Research and a specialist in water-quality modeling and aquatic chemistry. He testified before the U.S. Congress in 1990. He presented

his findings last month in Washington, D.C.

Rastetter co-founded Hawkeye Energy Holdings in 2003, a company that produced 450 million gallons of ethanol per year. At this time, the company was the third-largest ethanol producer in the United States. He served as the CEO until 2011.

The intervention of Rastetter drew fire from Quirm-

bach for a "disrespectful tone" when discussing Schnoor's research, but Rastetter said he was only passing on information.

"It was simply passing along an email and asking for dialogue and communication between the parties," he said. "I don't side with renewable-fuels interest — I was only interested in a dialogue."

But Quirmbach finds

fault with Rastetter's methods.

"If that was what he was trying to do, he did a bad job of it," he said. "The words were deeply disrespectful of a prominent expert in the field and on the UI faculty."

While Quirmbach praises Rastetter's work as a regent who pushes for funding through the state Legislature, he said regents don't belong in academic re-

search.

"As far as interfering in academic research, that is crossing a line he shouldn't cross," he said.

Schnoor, the professor at the heart of the disagreement, finds no fault with Rastetter — he only notes the importance of the aquifer issue.

"I don't think he overstepped his boundaries," Schnoor said. "As a member

of the Board of Regents, he's entirely privileged to ask questions."

While Rastetter and Quirmbach disagree on the intent of the message, Schnoor continues to focus on the issue at hand, rather than the disagreement.

"I'm only anxious to talk about environment problems, especially water sustainability in Iowa and elsewhere," he said.

VENUES
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think everyone knows this is the right move."

Several students at the University of Iowa expressed their support for the policy change.

Freshman Clare Goerdt said she had been to shows at Blue Moose and Gabe's in Iowa City and thought the changes would be manageable for the city.

"[Alcohol] could be a problem, but there are a lot of regulations in Iowa City that they want to fol-

low," she said before the meeting. "I would definitely go to more shows if this is passed."

Freshman Samantha Budzyn thought there were ways to prevent underage drinking at venues.

"It might lead to some alcohol issues, but I think you should be able to see a concert," she said. "Maybe they can put an X on your hand [for underage venue-goers]."

Junior Kaleb Robuck said he had been to several local music venues and thought the changes were a good idea.

"I've gone a couple of times with underage friends, and I'd probably go more," he said.

However, for people that have received tickets for violating the previous ordinance, there won't be any legal options available to reverse the citation.

"If they've received tickets while it was illegal, there's no provision for expungement," said Eric Goers, an assistant city attorney.

But now that 19- and 20-year-olds are allowed after midnight, McCarthy thinks it's up to the venues to do their part.

"[The council] has do-

ne everything it can," he said. "Now, the ball is in our court. I think we'll get back to a real cultural city, but it'll take work on everybody's part."

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cused throughout the four-day event, which includes both morning and evening sessions.

"I think so, in swimming you're kind of used to longer meets," Long said. "So they are used to that, and it just gets more exciting day in and day out."

The Hawkeyes' team goal is to move up in the Big Ten standings — the finished ninth in each of the last five years. This will prove to be a difficult challenge with seven teams in the league ranked among the nation's top 25.

The highest-ranked team in the field is Indiana at 13th, but Michigan and Minnesota aren't far behind — both the Wolverines and Golden Gophers are tied for 16th.

Wisconsin is the last team ranked in the top 20 at 19th, and Ohio State, Penn State, and Purdue round of the list of Big Ten teams at Nos. 21, 24, and 25, respectively.

Those numbers don't mean much to freshman Olivia Kabacinski, whose contributions have helped Iowa to a winning record this year. That mindset will, the Hawks hope, translate to this week's meet.

Kabacinski is looking forward to her first Big Ten meet.

"I really want to have some personal best times; being a freshman, I don't really know how I'm going to place yet," she said. "So I'm just looking to have good times and see where those end up. That will be good enough for me."

Although Kabacinski is definitely confident in her team and in herself, she did admit she is a little anxious to prove how hard she has worked this

'It's been great; you know it's a fun time of year as you are preparing and fine-tuning,'

— Marc Long, head coach

season.

"I'm definitely excited but also a little bit nervous," Kabacinski said. "I really want to race well for my team and prove to everyone that I've worked really hard this season."

That hard work has been put to the test in the last two weeks for every swimmer on the roster. Iowa's last meet came on Feb. 8 against Western Illinois, meaning the women have had almost two weeks to prepare for their ultimate goal.

"It's been great; you know it's a fun time of year as you are preparing and fine-tuning," Long said. "We are talking about exciting things, so it's always a fun time of the season."

Long noted that the women have practiced

well this week and they are both mentally and physically prepared for the task at hand. The coaching staff has been telling them all season long that the main goal is to perform well on the biggest stage, at the Big Ten meet.

"We have been telling them that we are getting them ready to have their best performance," Long said. "There are a ton of different things to work on, and we are just giving them the opportunity to go out and perform."

COMMENTARY

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of March Madness just seven times. And none of those omissions came in years when the conference was as strong as it is now.

The Big Ten boasts eight teams — including Iowa — in the top 30 of the KenPom ratings, a well-respected ratings system for college bas-

ketball. No other conference has more than six teams in the top 30. That kind of depth will show itself on Selection Sunday; the Big Ten is expected to get six to seven bids and possibly as many as eight. That bodes well for Iowa.

Even if the Hawkeyes only reach 9-9 in conference play, a win or two in the Big Ten Tournament could be enough to secure a bid. And as a No. 6 or No. 7 seed, they would

get a favorable first round matchup.

McCaffery has said on numerous occasions that he doesn't want his team to focus on the big picture, he wants the players to focus on winning the next game. That's a healthy attitude, especially because the majority of Iowa's remaining games are must-wins.

But the possibility is out there, and it's well within reach — unthinkable just two weeks ago.

WRESTLING

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a minute of riding-time to earn the win.

This is the fifth time this

season that a Hawkeye has earned the weekly conference honor, more than any other school. Nick Moore at 165 pounds earned the accolade on Jan. 29, and 157-pounder Derek St. John was recognized on Dec. 11, 2012. Senior 125-pounder Matt McDonough

has earned the honor twice this season — once on Nov. 20, 2012, and again on Feb. 5.

Ramos has posted a 20-0 record this season, which includes 18 bonus-point victories.

— by Cody Goodwin

Golfers thrive by beating each other

The Iowa men's golf team is not as experienced as others, but is propelled by individual competition.

By KEVIN GLUECK

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The men's golf team is like most sports teams. The athletes practice together, travel together, eat together — some even live together.

But when it comes to competing, each athlete stands on his own. The players use their own shots, make their own putts, and tally their own scores. This makes golf much different from other team sports.

In a way, said Iowa men's golf head coach Mark Hankins, this aspect of golf is good. His athletes compete against one another on a daily basis.

"They all would like to be the No. 1 man," Hankins said. "We said that if you don't want to be the No. 1 man on the team, you don't even have to be on this team, because if you're OK with being the second-best player on your own team, you're not competitive enough for this team."

The golfers go through a qualifying contest to decide who travels to each weekend's tournament.

"All that competition hopefully prepares us better for the tournament," Hankins said. "We do a lot of competition to get ready for competition."

The team will go out at the beginning of the fall and play rounds at one of the six area courses that the team plays on. Once the Hawkeyes get into more tournament play, the coaches choose the lineup based on stroke averages the golfers have accumulated through out the year.

Junior Steven Ihm says the friendly competition fuels each player.

"It's not like we're at each other's throats, but we definitely want to qualify and be on the team," he said and laughed. "Everyone wants to qualify, but you got to be able to stand up for yourself and put in the time and the extra work to try to outdo your teammates."

Hankins said this year's team is less-experienced than past teams. There are no seniors on this year's squad, a big drop from last year, which had five.

The squad is quick-

ly gaining experience, though — the Hawkeyes have played the toughest schedule in the Big Ten this year.

"We're getting good-quality challenges in these tournaments," Hankins said. "That's the only way you can get to be the best is to play against the best."

Sophomore Joseph Winslow said the team doesn't have a defined leader but rather a collection of knowledge shared among each.

"It's bring us together in the fact that we're all closer in age rather than having a huge age gap between a senior and a freshman," he said. "From that standpoint, it's as if the team is led as a team, rather than looking to put the pressure on one or two guys."

At the end of the day, the golfers play against themselves, which lends itself to doing well as a group in competition.

"It's definitely unique for a college sport," Ihm said. "It's almost like wrestling in a way that you try to win your individual match. In you do well, the team does well."

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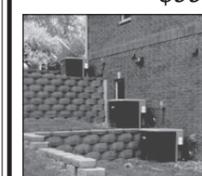
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Men's basketball game postponed

By **TORK MASON**
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The Hawkeyes' Thursday night men's basketball game at Nebraska has been postponed, the Iowa Athletics Department announced in a release Tuesday.

The game was scheduled to tip off at 8 p.m. Thursday, but weather forecasts calling for heavy snow — from 15 to 20 inches in the Lincoln area — starting Thursday morning pushed the game back to 1 p.m. Saturday. The announcement came in advance for the safety of student-athletes, fans, and game-day personnel.

There was a possibility that the game would be moved up to tonight, but both Iowa and Nebraska

have conference byes this weekend.

The game was originally slated to air on ESPN2, but with the rescheduling, no television information is currently available. The Iowa Athletics Department will announce that information when it becomes available.

Fans who had purchased tickets for the originally scheduled Thursday game can use those same tickets on Saturday. As a reminder, all ticket backs note that days and times are subject to change, according to the release. The Athletics Department said tickets remain available for Saturday's rescheduled game with prices at \$10 and \$15. All tickets can be purchased at Huskers.com, or can be bought at the Devaney Center beginning 90 minutes prior to tip-off.

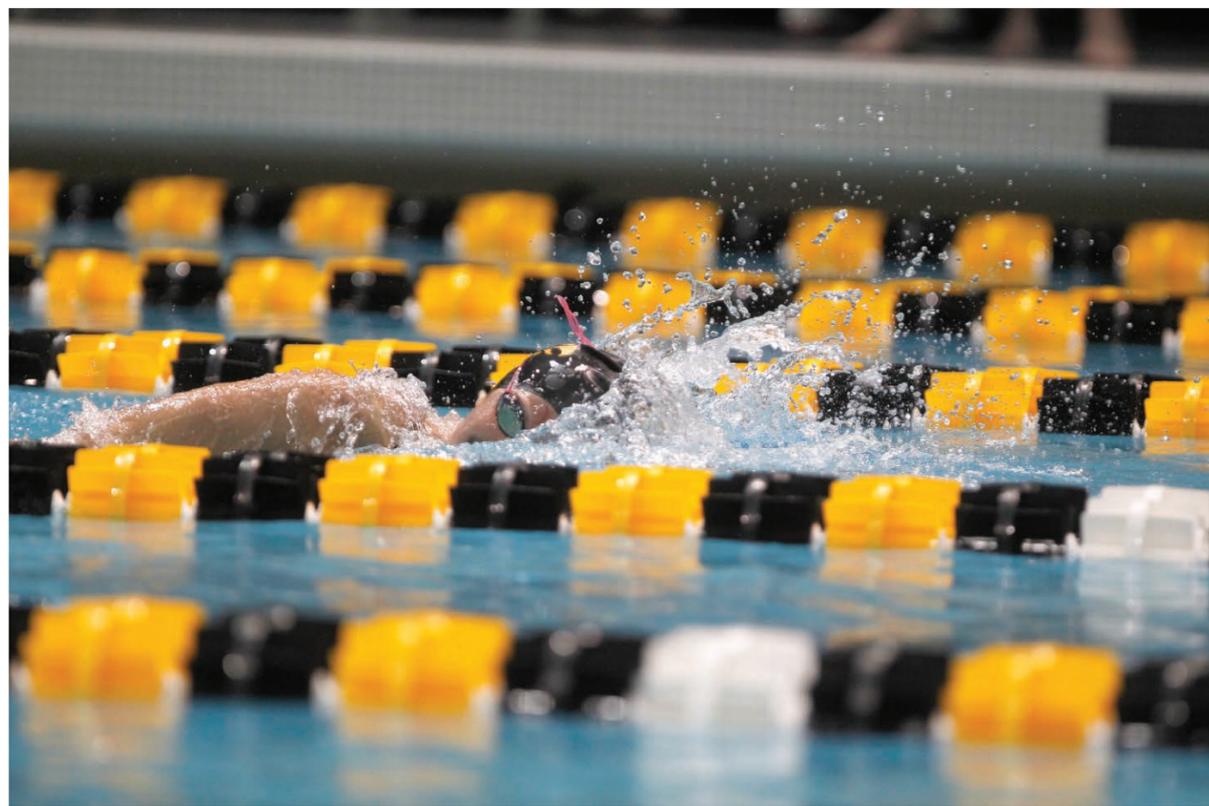
All of these decisions were made in conjunction with the Big Ten.

Nebraska will enter Saturday's game with a 3-10 conference record, and is currently riding a two-game losing streak. The Cornhuskers sit in the bottom half in all but a handful of league statistical categories.

Iowa's three-game winning streak is the third current longest in the Big Ten — both Indiana and Illinois are on four-game streaks.

The Hawkeyes' 72-51 win over Minnesota on Sunday help push the Black and Gold into a tie for sixth-place in the conference with Illinois and Minnesota. All three teams have a 6-7 mark in conference play.

Swimmers head to Big Tens



Iowa's Becky Stoughton swims the 500 freestyle event during the finals on Day 1 of the Hawkeye Invitational in the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center on Nov. 30, 2012. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

Iowa's women's swimming and diving teams begin their Big Ten Championship meet today in Minnesota.

By **NICK DELAQUILA**
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The Iowa women's swimming and diving teams will finally compete at the Big Ten championships this week after months of preparation. The meet begins today at 11 a.m. at the University Aquatic Center on the campus of the University of Minnesota.

After posting a 7-2 record in dual meets this season, junior Karolina War-

talowicz said, the Hawkeyes are ready to show that all of their hard work has paid off.

"We're really excited, and everyone is really confident," Wartalowicz said. "Just going through all the hard work this year makes everyone pumped for the meet."

Hawkeye head coach Marc Long is confident his team will be able to stay fo-

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Big Ten Women's Swimming and Diving Championships

Where: University Aquatic Center, University of Minnesota.

When: 6:30 p.m.*

*Swimming preliminary rounds will start at 11 a.m. Thursday through Saturday. Finals will begin at 6:30 p.m. Diving preliminary rounds start at 1 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. Finals will take place later each day.

COMMENTARY

Tourney talk returns

The Hawkeyes have rebounded from a brutal start to conference play and are in position to make the NCAA Tournament.



By **TORK MASON**
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Somehow, the Iowa men's basketball team has done it again. Left for dead after numerous heartbreaking losses that had them limping along at 3-7 in the Big Ten, the Hawkeyes have since rattled off their first three-game conference winning streak since 2007. And Black and Gold fans are hopping back on the NCAA Tournament bandwagon once again.

Those fans might just have it right this time.

The Hawkeyes have several factors working in their favor as they prepare for the final five regular-season games: a favorable schedule, selection history, and the Big Ten's national reputation.

Look at Iowa's last five games. You'll find two games against Nebraska — currently 11th in the Big Ten at 3-9, home games against Purdue — a team the Hawkeyes held a lead over in the final minute of what turned out to be a road loss on Jan. 27 — Illinois, and a road contest at No. 1 Indiana.

Only the trip to Assembly Hall on March 2 is a game that can be chalked up as a loss. The other four games are all winnable for Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery's squad.

They're all games the Hawkeyes could lose, too. Nebraska has given several of the conference's top teams a run for their money, Illinois can beat anyone in the nation when it gets hot from behind the arc, and Purdue has already beaten Iowa.

But Devyn Marble appears to be clear of his monthlong slump after averaging just under 20 points per game in the Hawkeyes' recent winning streak. Several other Hawkeyes shot 50 percent or better from the floor last week, and the offense found a more consistent rhythm. If that continues, Iowa will be tough to beat, especially in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

Say Iowa finishes the regular season 4-1. That would give the Hawkeyes a 10-8 Big Ten record, their first 10-win conference season since 2005-06. It would also make them a virtual lock to reach the Big Dance.

Since the tournament field expanded to 64 teams in 1985, Big Ten teams that won at least 10 games in conference play have been left out

WRESTLING

National Duals seeds announced

The brackets and seeds for the 2013 National Wrestling Coaches Association/Cliff Keen National Dual Meet Championship Finals have been released. The No. 2 Iowa wrestling team received the second overall seed, behind Oklahoma State.

The National Duals are scheduled for Friday and Saturday in Williams Arena on the campus of third-seeded Minnesota. The first two duals in the quarterfinals will begin at 6 p.m. on Friday and the final two, will take place at 8 p.m.

Saturday's semifinals will start at 1 p.m. and will decide which teams will wrestle for first-place and third at 7 p.m. Ohio State rounds out the top four seeds.

Ohio State will face fifth-seeded Missouri in the first round. The winner of that dual will wrestle the winner of Oklahoma State and eighth-seeded Illinois in the first semifinal. Iowa's first-round foe is seventh-seeded Cornell. The winner of that dual will get either Minnesota or sixth-seeded Virginia Tech in the second semifinal.

Iowa finished third in last year's National Duals.

— by **Cody Goodwin**



Iowa 133-pounder Tony Ramos lets Penn State's Jordan Conaway escape during their match in Carver-Hawkeye on Feb. 1. (The Daily Iowan/Rachel Jessen)

Big Ten honors Ramos

Iowa's Tony Ramos was named the Big Ten's Wrestler of the Week

on Tuesday. This weekly honor is the first of the season for the 133-pounder and the third of his career. Ramos' earned it in large part because of his 9-0 major decision victory over then-No.

3 A.J. Schopp of Edinboro. The Glenbard North product produced two takedowns, a reversal, a pair of nearfall points, and more than

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