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Shelter needs foster care



Volunteer Larry Akin pets Petticoat in the Iowa City Animal Care & Adoption Center on Monday. (The Daily Iowan/Rachel Jessen)

The Iowa City animal shelter hopes to boost the number of foster families from 53 to 100.

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Even with a plan to build a new Iowa City Animal & Adoption Center now in the near future, officials are still calling on the community to help offset anticipated overcrowding.

Center officials visited the Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn St., on Monday evening to hold an informational meeting about their foster-care program, "Cold Noses, Warm Hearts." Their hope is to educate community members about the program, which allows an individual to take home an animal to help them become ready for adoption in a home environment instead of

a shelter.

"Foster care is essential to any shelter," said Liz Ford, a foster parent and animal technician at the animal center. "The shelter gets a lot of animals that can not be directly adopted out. If you're not willing to euthanize them, you need to have a foster system."

The program has been in place since 2004 and currently has 53 foster families. Jennifer Read, the foster-care coordinator, hopes to eventually have more than 100 foster families available to help, with different skill levels with the animals.

Issues that would cause the animals to not be ready to be adopted include being too young, having medical issues that cannot be

given attention at a shelter, and overcrowding.

Plans with the new animal shelter are moving forward. The Iowa City City Council passed a resolution Feb. 19 approving a second phase in the construction of the shelter.

The construction will serve to replace the original shelter, which was heavily dam-

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Regent openness eyed

The Legislature works to address transparency issues with the Board of Regents.

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The Iowa Legislature is taking up a bill that will call for more transparency from the state Board of Regents. This bill follows the regents' work with the same issue at the university level.

Sen. Jeff Danielson, D-Cedar Falls, proposed a bill for regent transparency, titled the Regents Accountability and Transparency Act.

Highlights of the bill include a proposal that would cause the regents to go to public readings of projects costing \$100,000 or more prior to any work on the project. The bill also includes adding public forums each quarter, with 30 minutes of public commentary at the beginning of the meeting.

Bill Monroe, a special adviser for government transparency, said the legislation might have come too early.

"Right now, the regents proactively decided they want to take two historic steps toward ensuring transparency exists on campuses," he said. "I would suggest on that legislation to wait and see how the proactive efforts work."

The bill follows controversy with Iowa State University's Harkin Institute being scrutinized for alleged academic infringement after Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, said he wouldn't donate papers from roughly 40 years of Congress because of concerns regarding academic restrictions.

Regent Bruce Rastetter has more recently gone under fire after he reached out to University of Iowa President Sally Mason regarding a UI professor's research.

The regents' Feb. 6 meeting addressed

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Crisis Center goes international

The Johnson County Crisis Center has started training international students as a part of their online chat program.

By **STACEY MURRAY**
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The Johnson County Crisis Center has begun training 12 University of Iowa international students to offer online Crisis Chat in Mandarin Chinese to students, and officials there say the implementation of this service will provide students with more resources when they seek help.

This online chat, available from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. every day, allows people to anonymously chat with Crisis Center volunteers.

"I think it is really exciting to reach out to a population that may not feel comfortable reaching out to our other services," said Rachel Beach, the Crisis Chat coordinator for the center.

The program is set to launch in late-April to mid-May, following the orientation and training of the volunteers.

Conversations about the plan began last semester, and the threat-assessment team at the UI decided Mandarin Chinese was the language with the



UI Melissa Lugge volunteers at the Crisis Chat online counseling service at the Johnson County Crisis Center on Monday. (The Daily Iowan/Juan Carlos Herrera)

greatest need. The center hopes to add languages in the future following more analysis. Possibilities include Spanish and Arabic.

The committee in charge of choosing the languages factors in the number of students in Johnson County who speak the language, along with the

number of calls the center receives — factors that led to choosing Mandarin Chinese.

International students account for roughly 10 percent of the UI's enrollment. Chinese students account for

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Officials wary of cuts

Officials weigh in on the sequestration impact on Iowa.

By **BRENT GRIFFITHS**
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Iowa could see jobs disappear and lose millions in funding if automatic spending cuts go into effect on Friday.

The state report released by the White House has University of Iowa officials and local experts divided on the potential effects of the so-called impending sequestration.

"Despite all this doom and gloom, not all of it is going to happen on Friday," said Tim Hagle, a UI associate professor of political science. "Look, Friday is going to come, and the sky is not going to fall."

Sequestration is rooted in the 2011 Budget Control Act passed during the debt-ceiling debate. The agreement raised the debt ceiling in exchange for

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Cloudy, windy, 80% chance of snow; spring is near but still too far (to steal a line from Jim Galvin).

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Auditor draws praise



Johnson County Auditor Travis Weipert stands in his office on Monday. (The Daily Iowan/Callie Mitchell)

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Despite being in office for only two months, Johnson County Auditor Travis Weipert has ushered in a number of high-profile changes that have resulted in cost savings for the county and local taxpayers.

Many officials are directed toward department-to-department training and creating a more financially efficient administrative system. To date, Weipert said he has been able to save the county thousands of dollars. Approximately \$4,000 alone has been saved with a simple accounts-receivable deadline date.

"I'm trying to be as open with [the Board of Supervisors] to see where we need to save some money," he said. "We'd like to see the cost of a lot of the elections that are happening right now drop \$5,000 to \$10,000 apiece with cross-training."

Recently, the Auditor's Office has cut back on gasoline consumption and vehicular wear and tear by partnering with the County Assessor's Office in a new automobile-sharing service.

"We've probably saved a couple hundred dollars so far," Weipert said. "Maybe once a month,

we'll coordinate with them to use their smaller cars. We can't be taking three people to conferences in our eight-passenger vehicles. It just doesn't make sense."

Weipert, who defeated incumbent Tom Slockett in the June 2012 primary, officially resigned from the Tiffin City Council in August 2012.

Colleagues of Weipert say the new auditor has helped make day-to-day operations streamlined and efficient. Many said a new face was a welcome change.

"Travis has been a breath of fresh air," Supervisor Janelle Rettig wrote in an email. "He is engaged, collaborates with other offices, empowers staff, and is eliminating clutter. In the coming months, I'm looking forward to seeing his plans to make the office more efficient."

Weipert said serving as a former Tiffin city councilor and as an Iowa legislative page motivated him to seek a more prominent public office where he could have a stronger role in county operations.

"The big thing is I've always worked in politics," he said. "I had worked in corporate America for 12 years, but I've always felt like I've wanted to help out the community. In a role like

this, I feel like you have a bigger role to play."

Weipert declined to comment on former Auditor Tom Slockett's \$58,000 in unauthorized technology spending reported in October 2012 but did say he has much to learn in the still-new position.

"We're talking about a guy who was in office for 30-plus years," he said. "Obviously, there's a knowledge gap between us, but I've talked to him quite a few times, and he's been really helpful. It's one of those things somebody can't teach you overnight. It takes you a couple of years to build up the knowledge he has."

Slockett could not be reached for comment Monday evening.

County Treasurer Tom Kriz said talks are underway concerning the creation of a county finance division is just one example of the many initiatives Weipert has targeted for completion in the coming weeks. Weipert, he said, has an excellent adaptability skill set that has made pushing initiatives forward easier than in years past.

"With him, we are actually interacting between office and office now," Kriz said. "We're looking at ways to make both offices more efficient. It's truly just his

Travis Weipert

- Former Tiffin city councilor has saved approximately \$4,000 by changing deadline date for accounts receivable.
- New vehicle-sharing program between the Auditor's and Assessors' Offices have resulted in the savings of a few hundred dollars in gasoline and vehicular wear and tear.
- Defeated former Auditor Tom Slockett in a June primary. Slockett had held the position for 35 years.

Source: Travis Weipert, Johnson County auditor

openness to looking at how his office and our office do business in general. I see creativity and some things that we just haven't seen out of that office in quite some time. It has been, in a simple word, tremendous."

Kriz also pointed to Weipert's social-media presence on both Facebook and Twitter as examples of his innovative, contemporary measures in place.

"You have to adapt to change," he said. "His ability to want to do that is a plus to Johnson County. I think he will be on the cutting edge to get the information out. That's part of adapting to the needs of the people in the community."

METRO

Man faces assault-with-weapon charge

A local man was arrested after allegedly showing a knife to a person during a verbal altercation.

Murphy Henry, 25, was charged Feb. 24 with assault using/displaying a weapon and concealed weapons.

Iowa City police officials responded to a report of a verbal altercation between Henry and another person. Henry left the residence before police officials arrived. During his absence, the person told officials that during their verbal dispute, Henry pulled out a knife. Police officials located Henry several blocks from the residence. During a search, police officials reportedly located a folding knife in Henry's rear pocket, the police complaint said.

Assault using/displaying a weapon is an aggravated misdemeanor.

— by Rebecca Morin

Woman faces theft, tampering charges

A local woman was arrested after depositing allegedly counterfeit checks into her bank account that resulted in the bank losing more than \$4,000.

Robin Jordan, 24, was charged Dec. 31, 2012, with tampering with records and second-degree theft.

According to a police report, Jordan gave an acquaintance her debit card to deposit two allegedly counterfeit checks into Jordan's bank account. The counterfeit checks were for \$3,500 and \$4,700 on the account of Tonya's Place. The bank records showed subsequent withdrawals of \$503, \$2,870, and \$1,700, the complaint said. Jordan reportedly admitted to police officials to never having worked at Tonya's Place and having withdrawn \$1,700 from her bank account. The bank reportedly lost \$4,712.

Tampering with records is an aggravated misdemeanor. Second-degree theft is a felony.

— by Rebecca Morin

Coralville woman charged in iPhone theft

A Coralville woman was arrested after allegedly taking an iPhone from a restaurant counter and putting it in her friend's purse.

Larissa Taylor, 52, was charged March 12, 2012, with third-degree theft.

Iowa City police officials responded to a report of a stolen iPhone. Police officials watched a surveillance video and reportedly determined Taylor took the iPhone. The owner of the phone was an employee at the restaurant who left her iPhone on the counter next to the cash register. Taylor allegedly saw the phone, took it, and put it in her friend's purse, the complaint said.

Taylor then ordered food and left the establishment. The GPS tracking device in the phone tracked the phone across the street to Taylor's workplace. When police officials asked Taylor why she

took the phone, she stated that she was going to return the phone the following day, the police complaint said. An iPhone is worth more than \$600.

Third-degree theft is an aggravated misdemeanor.

— by Rebecca Morin

Sex-abuse trial rescheduled

The trial of an Arkansas man charged with three counts of sexual abuse has been reset, according to a court document.

Travis Lee Porter, 45, is charged with two counts of third-degree sexual abuse and one count of second-degree sexual abuse in connection with alleged sex acts with a young girl.

Porter allegedly abused the girl several times between the years of 1999 and 2005 until the girl was 12 years old.

Porter's trial has been reset for 9 a.m. May 28. His pretrial conference is set for 10 a.m. May 17.

— by Cassidy Riley

BLOTTER

Jonathan Cahalan, 26, North Liberty, was charged Sunday with possession of marijuana.

Shavonda Conway, 25, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with OWI.

Franklin Kobschull, 50, address

unknown, was charged Feb. 23 with smoking tobacco in a prohibited area.

Jerry Mehalovich, 51, Des Moines, was charged Sunday with possession of drug para-

phernalia, possession of marijuana, and OWI.

Leonard Robles, 18, 54 Amber Lane, was charged Sunday with driving with a suspended/canceled license and obstruction of an offi-

cer. **William Rowe**, 44, Bentonville, Ark., was charged Feb. 23 with public intoxication.

Mariann Sanchez, 20, Muscatine, was charged Sunday with PAULA.

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CRISIS CENTER
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the largest group of international students.

The Crisis Center partnered with the UI, and the latter applied for the Garret Lee Smith Suicide Prevention Grant. The grant gives \$270,000 in federal support over a period of three years.

The UI first applied for the grant in April 2011 but was denied.

But the passing of the Affordable Care Act allotted federal money to be spent on prevention — providing funds for programs such as the Crisis Center. The UI re-

ceived funds in the fall of 2012.

When the grant expires in three years, the center will attempt to gather community and university support.

“It’s a really innovative use of the Crisis Chat,” said Sam Cochran, the director of University Counseling Service.

Because the Crisis Center structure is already in place, Cochran said, the program will likely be able to continue through funding by the university and International Students and Scholars.

“I think if someone wanted to speak in their native language, it might be easier for them to say what they mean,” said

Keyan Li, a native Mandarin Chinese speaker at the UI.

But another student said the necessity depends on the students.

“If they understand the language, then it might not be necessary to speak in a native language,” UI student Jing Ting said. “It will vary from student to student.”

Keri Neblett, the community intervention director for the Crisis Center, said she believes the program will aid the center’s cultural awareness.

“I think being able to reach out to the international-student population is a great opportunity to provide services in a new format,” she said.



UI alum Rachel Beach sits in her office at the Johnson County Crisis Center on Monday. Beach is the coordinator of the Crisis Chat online counseling service. (The Daily Iowan/Juan Carlos Herrera)

REGENTS
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concerns at a university level with transparency.

The regents took the first step toward a nine-person task force at its Feb. 6

meeting. The panel would work with the presidents of the three universities, along with the regents, to ensure transparency among the entities. The first report of the task force will be presented at the June meeting.

“The number of recent

news stories regarding the apparent lack of transparency at regent institutions is troublesome,” Regent President Craig Lang said in the task-force proposal.

However, some believe the regents have taken initiatives towards in-

creasing transparency.

“Obviously, the board is in a process of studying up on transparency,” Regent Nicole Carroll said. “The board is taking the lead on that issue with the task force, but I’m not going to say the Legislature can’t do what it wants.”

Mark Braun, the UI interim vice president for Strategic Communications, said university officials would support any work that can be done to increase transparency.

Monroe said legislation could be a suitable course of action if current plans,

like the task-force proposal, prove unsuccessful.

“It seems the group that is being targeted is already working on transparency,” he said. “I say, let them try, and if they’re not successful, then legislation was probably a good idea.”

CUTS
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\$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, triggering automatic cuts over the next nine years, including \$85 billion over the next seven months.

According to the report on Iowa, financial aid is one area that could hit the UI —

2,370 fewer students would receive aid. However, while Pell Grants are exempt from potential cuts, federal work-study programs are not. Work-study, for example, could be available to 1,020 fewer students.

“You’re squeezing state budgets in the way that the sequestration would; it puts pressure on states,” Jason Furman, principal deputy director of the National Economic Council, said on a conference call Monday. “What some states will do in turn is squeeze some things they do, and one of the biggest uses of any state budget is public education.”

The UI would also see a large effect of the sequestration in research, which one official said could include \$30 million in cuts.

“March 2 life is radically different,” said Dan Reed, the UI vice president for Research and Economic Development. “Some pain will manifest itself in ways people may not necessarily expect.”

Reed said everyone at the UI could feel the indirect effects of the cuts because the university budget “touches us all.”

John Keller, the dean of the UI Graduate College, said the biggest aspect he

is waiting for is seeing what the direction to take with the cuts, which would be rolled out in the weeks following March 1.

“We’re waiting with bated breath in terms of the direction,” he said. “I don’t want to cause too much alarm, and we’re planning on several different scenarios.”


Keller said the Graduate

College could potentially be forced to reconsider the construction of some programs and have officials find funding to help current students finish their programs.

Hagle said he believes a fix will come for the problem before any drastic effects are felt. However, one economic expert believes the cuts amount to “poisoned pill,”

which could result in an increase in unemployment.

“The economy is on the upswing and crawling back up,” said Bülent Uyar, an associate professor of economics at the University of Northern Iowa. “All of the sudden, we start slashing the budget in indiscriminate manner ... may cause unemployment in foreseeable future.”



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EDITORIAL

Implement magnet-school program to diversify district

In addition to the Iowa City School District passing the diversity policy and revenue purpose statement, it is now considering implementing magnet schools.

A magnet school is a public school that emphasizes a specialized curriculum, such as foreign languages, fine arts, math, science, and so on. Students' parents typically choose to submit applications to enter a magnet school, followed by a lottery (depending on the number of applicants and available space) in which students are chosen at random for admission.

Often used to decrease segregation in urban areas, Iowa City School Board member Sarah Swisher said the program would be geared toward more equally distributing students based on socioeconomic status.

The *Daily Iowan* Editorial Board strongly encourages the School Board to implement a magnet-school program.

Iowa City schools are unequal in the distribution of students in socioeconomic status, as free- and reduced-lunch data indicate.

Because the School District as a whole only has 29 percent of its students on the free- and reduced-lunch program, implementing a magnet school program shouldn't be terribly difficult, and it would be extremely beneficial to students with high poverty socioeconomic status.

A study published in the *Research in Business and Economics Journal* found that, on average, students in low-poverty schools tend to perform much better than students in high-poverty schools. This makes implementing the diversification policies, such as a magnet school, an imperative component in improving academic success.

Also, enrollment is growing by approximately 200 to 400 students a year, *The Daily Iowan* has previously reported. Assuming this trend continues, the School District will inevitably need more space, which a magnet school can provide.

While the diversity policy was being dis-

cussed, Swisher said, several parents raised concerns about busing and forcibly transferring students to even out the distribution of students based on socioeconomic status.

In theory, magnet schools draw students by offering unique programs that other schools don't have. This should help level out Iowa City's student distribution without forcing students to move to a different school.

The opportunities for joint efforts among local institutions and Iowa City schools are enormous and could easily be used to improve education opportunities, Swisher said.

If the magnet-school program draws more applications than it has room for, for the sake of fairness, the School District must ensure that the applicants are chosen at random so that preference is not given to one group over another.

"If we can work with the university and with community partnerships and ... private sector partnerships as well, that helps provide this incentivized programming as well, I think we're in a great position because we have the right resources," Swisher said.

School Board member Karla Cook said the revenue purpose statement, passed earlier this month, will cover all building expenses for the construction of new magnet schools. Funding to pay for staff and instructors, she said, will come from the state government's provision for allowable growth to Iowa's public schools.

Since the School District has the necessary funds, is in an environment with rich opportunities for students, and relies on parental choice to implement the a magnet-school program, the *DI* Editorial Board supports the School Board's inquiry into magnet schools.

Your turn.

Do you think the implementation of a magnet-school program could increase diversification?
Weigh in on at dailyiowan.com.

See quester? Me, neither



By BEAU ELLIOT
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"Sequester" has become the word of the day. You probably noticed. It's everywhere — wine bars, coffeehouses, not-whine bars (we need more of those), the Pentacrest with odd people bumping into each other randomly and discussing "sequester". I know you've seen them (and probably did your best to avoid them).

(You ever notice that "odd" people always "randomly" bump into each other on the Pentacrest? Good. Because otherwise, I would be the only one who notices "odd" people bumping into each other "randomly," which would make me feel odd and random. By the way, "random" is a huge problem in Iowa basements, I hear. Not that I'm an expert or anything. Or ever go down into my Iowa basement. Too many spiders and too much random.)

What? You haven't heard of "sequester"? Where have you been? Oh — watching Hawkeye men's basketball. You have my sympathies.

But you know how bad that second half against Nebraska was? Sequestration (yeah, really — that's the noun, and don't ask me, What's a noun?) will make that second half seem like an irregular French verb whose conjugation you can't remember. And don't really care all that much that you can't remember. Of course, the Hawkeye men hoopsters are not an irregular French verb. But they certainly are irregular.

(I mean, who blows a 19-point lead against Nebraska? That's like blowing a 19-point lead against the Houston Astros.)

Sequestration is a deal Republicans and Democrats reached in 2011 (yeah, I know, who can remember the medieval days of 2011?) to avoid some fiscal cliff or another. These days, fiscal cliffs seem to wander around the landscape at will. Or maybe that's George Will. The landscape these days is so confusing.

The sequestration was designed to be so nightmarish-

ly horrible that Democrats and Republicans would work together to avoid it, then sing "Kumbaya."

Well, fortunately, it appears as if we won't be subjected to Democrats and Republicans attempting to sing "Kumbaya."

Six hundred or 700 or whatever hundred years of music thank them.

Those federal-budget cuts seem nightmarishly horrible to people who have a measureable IQ, but a large segment of Republican lawmakers seem to think the cuts are pretty decent.

(I use the phrase "Republican lawmakers" advisedly; "Republican lawmakers" don't seem to want to make laws, or confirm federal appointments, or do much of anything they are Constitutionally charged to do — they appear to wish to do nothing and collect their cozy salaries anyway. Cool "work" if you can get it, dude.)

Republicans say sequestration won't really be all that bad, that President Obama is merely trying to scare the American people with his tales of doom and woe in order to win re-election (oops, Republicans — he already did that; did you forget?), and, in any case, sequestration is all Obama's fault.

(Yes — you got that right; it's not that big of a problem, and Obama is responsible if there is a problem. It's fun to be a Republican. That's why there are so many of them here in Fun City.)

Of course, if you live in Iowa, there is this: Under sequestration, the *Washington Post* reports that "Iowa will lose approximately \$6.4 million in funding for primary and secondary education, putting around 90 teacher and aide jobs at risk."

And this from the *Post*: Under sequestration, "Around 2,370 fewer low-income students in Iowa would receive aid to help them finance the costs of college and around 1,020 fewer students will get work-study jobs that help them pay for college."

You could follow my example (which I don't recommend) and focus on Hawkeye men's basketball as the Hawks play themselves into the NIT. With any sort of luck.

In any case, apparently, the real fiscal cliff will arrive around March 27. That should be almost as much fun as watching the asteroid not hit Earth. ■



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COLUMN

Argo not the No. 1 film of the year by a long shot



By BEN ROSS

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I normally don't watch the Oscars. Though I consider myself a movie buff and incredibly amateur film critic, I have never really taken much to award shows in which the first question asked to its participants is: Who are you wearing? But sitting in the *DI* newsroom Sunday night practically

forced me to pay attention to the awards that only mothers care about. (I will say, though, that Seth MacFarlane was rather entertaining as a host, and I don't understand why he took so much flak for doing a poor job. His only task was to entertain, after all.)

I was delighted to see Christoph Waltz earn another Oscar for his performance in *Django Unchained*, and it's hard to argue with Jennifer Lawrence's winning, as well as Daniel-Day Lewis' performance in *Lincoln* — this was a rare film in which I actually had to remind myself that Lewis was in

fact acting, playing the role of Honest Abe exactly as I imagined the 16th president acted.

In all, I was thoroughly entertained by the Academy Awards this year. Aside from a lot of singing (*Les Mis* was enough, dammit) I have but one bone to pick with this year's awards.

Argo.

This was not the best movie of the year. This was not the second-best movie of the year. It was not the third-, fourth-, or even fifth-best movie I saw this year. That Ben Affleck, the once-lovable screw up from *Dazed and Confused*, got

to stroll on stage with his pseudo-intellectual facial hair and accept the Oscar for best film made me swell deep in the wallows of my gut.

That's not to say *Argo* wasn't good. It was entertaining, and I actually didn't mind the work of Affleck until two nights ago. But I just don't see how a movie in which the most exciting part came in the opening 10 minutes (that's a fact, not opinion) can beat out a wild ride of a film such as *Django* or an emotional historical flick such as *Lincoln*, or an über-patriotic piece such as

Zero Dark Thirty.

I made the joke that *Argo* was the most predictable film I have seen since *Miracle* on my Facebook Sunday night and was quickly torn to shreds by my "friends."

The joke being that both films are based on true(ish) stories, so the conclusion is known when entering the theater. But I wasn't really kidding. In *Miracle*, people still had that small feeling of doubt; that the Russians might just trounce the spunky American hockey team. With *Argo*, there was never question that Affleck would parade around the streets of Tehran, a lamb

among lions, retrieve the American nationals, and get back on the freedom plane without a hitch, just as the Iranians were in hot pursuit of the jumbo jet on the tarmac.

I just don't understand how a movie, where the climax is literally minutes just after the exposition and followed by 110 minutes of falling action, was seen as the best movie of the year. *Moonrise Kingdom* was better than *Argo*. So were *Skyfall*, *The Hobbit*, *Django*, and *Lincoln*.

I enjoyed myself more watching the Oscars than I did watching *Argo*.

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City trash-container ordinance may return

An ordinance aimed at making waste-containers less visible from the street may be discussed by the City Council again in April.

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After the Iowa City City Council deferred action on an ordinance that would require trash containers to be stored out of public view, locals have expressed mixed views on the issue.

The ordinance amends the housing code and solid-waste ordinance to require storage of residential solid waste, yard waste, and recycling containers to be located behind the front building structures or screened from public view.

Nancy Carlson, a member of the College Green Neighborhood Association, said the issue was about people who don't have respect for their neighbors.

"Most people who live in homes take pride in their neighborhoods," she said. "They put their trash out and bring it back in. But there are short-term renters here who are not interested in that."

Carlson said the impetus for her decision to go to the city about the issue came on a Saturday when she went out and wrote down 25 addresses with garbage cans sitting in the front yard.

"It makes the neighbor-

hood look like a slum," she said.

The North Side Neighborhood Association was one of the neighborhoods that originally brought concerns about waste containers to city staff, related to the placement of trash cans and overflow issues.

"It was a combination of things," said Mike Wright, the coordinator for the association. "Some people make it a routine of leaving their [waste containers] in the middle of their yard — that doesn't do a lot for neighborhood aesthetics."

Wright also expressed concerns about trash overflow, with trash being spread across yards and animals getting into containers.

City staff said the requirement would help neighborhood appearance, reduce trash issues, and support neighborhood stabilization.

However, Mary Knudson, the neighborhood representative for the Miller Orchard neighborhood, said she wasn't sure if the ordinance was the right move for the city.

"My first reaction is that's a lot of oversight," she said. "On some people's property [waste containers] are hard to have them not be seen from the

Waste Container Ordinance

The city council deferred action on an ordinance that looks to improve neighborhood aesthetics.

- At the Feb. 19 meeting, councilors voted 7-0 to defer the measure
- City staff expect the ordinance to be before the council in April
- Ordinance would require storage of waste containers to be behind the front building line.

Source: Source: Iowa City city staff



New recycling bins are seen on Aug. 28, 2011. The city council deferred a potential ordinance that would amend the housing code to require storage of waste-containers to be less visible. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

street. Sometimes I have to have it in front with the snow. There's a fine line that I don't like with it."

Jim Walters, a member of the College Green Neighborhood Association, thought the ordinance wouldn't be able to suit all residents of Iowa City.

"They've got a vision of everybody's situation being [the same], and they're not," he said. "One size does not fit all."

Walters said the city-provided recycling bins were difficult to move around and that his property lot didn't allow for them to be stored on the side. He was also concerned about how those

with disabilities under the ordinance.

Walters also saw the issue as part of a trend to increase regulations.

"Iowa City has had a constant cascade of regulations; it gets to a point where there's too many," he said. "I don't want the neighborhoods to look trashy or unkempt, but there are [other issues] that upset me more than this."

But Carlson thought the issue needed to be addressed by the city.

"There are lots of ordinances [for neighbor-

hoods]," she said. "If there are people living in our area not taking responsibility for their property and behavior, the city has to get involved."

The council deferred action on the ordinance by a 7-0 vote at its Feb. 19 meeting after it became clear the council was split on the issue.

"I don't see a great reason to move forward with a split vote," Mayor Matt Hayek said at the Feb. 19 meeting. "This clearly doesn't seem like something we should be divided on."

Doug Boothroy, the director of Housing and Inspection Services in Iowa City, said the city would contact neighborhoods around the city to get their input on the ordinance.

"It's part discussion and part changes they'd like to see," he said. "Their feedback might suggest change."

Boothroy said the process could take another month at least and speculated that the ordinance may be back on the table in April, though no date has been given.

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aged by the 2008 flood. The new shelter is set to be ready for use by 2015.

Currently, the temporary shelter houses 80 animals, a greater number than the old shelter. Although the shelter is not overcrowded at present, June and July are the busiest months, and officials are preparing for the upcoming overcrowding.

Ford said although the foster care helps with the overcrowding at the shelter, it is more helpful to have a strong adoption program.

"Shelters have a capacity,

and they have to work within that capacity," Ford said. "You can't have [all the animals] go to foster families. The most important thing to focus on is having a really good adoption program to start to help overcrowding."

The shelter is operating in a temporary location at 4852 Sand Road.

Roughly half a dozen people interested in learning about the foster-care system attended the meeting.

Many of the attendees recently lost a family pet and were not ready to adopt a new animal but still wanted to give back.

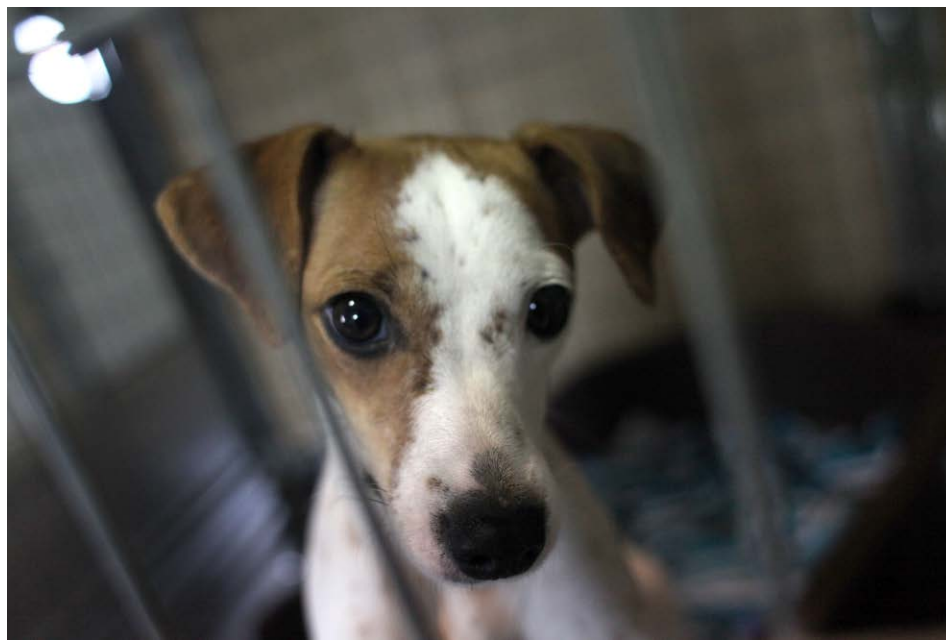
"We lost our eldest cat, and I'm not emotionally ready for another cat," said Iowa City

resident Jenni Olson. "But my girls are older, we've got the space, and we're in a good place to be able to foster cats and kittens."

Shelter officials said the ultimate reward of the program is saving the animals that otherwise would not have survived.

"It's all about saving lives," Read said. "If we didn't have foster families, we wouldn't be able to save the animals and help adopt them out."

Rat terrier Freckles stands in his cage at the Iowa City Animal Care & Adoption Center on Monday. (The Daily Iowan/Rachel Jessen)



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College donations up

By **REBECCA MORIN**
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With the economic crisis diminishing, a sense of financial security is being restored across the nation — and universities and colleges are experiencing it firsthand.

On Feb. 20, the Council for Aid to Education released a study that found a 2.3 percent increase in charitable contributions to colleges and universities in 2012.

This year, more than 1,000 institutions participated in the survey. However, the results do not just represent those particular institutes, they represent all institutions, said Ann Kaplan, the director for Voluntary Support of Education Survey for the Council for Aid to Education.

"I think it's covered in the press every year, and it is important to those who participate in the survey," said Kimberly Kane, program associate with Council for Aid to Education. "With the recession, people are anxious to see the results."

While a few State Board of Regents universities saw a decrease in donations in the last year, officials say they are implementing new strategies to improve fundraising efforts.

The University of Iowa and the UI Foundation received \$203.4 million from more than 76,000 donors in fiscal 2012, said Dan Sandersfeld, the director of creative services for the UI Foundation.

Although the contributions to the UI were not as high as in fiscal 2011 — which marked the second-best year with \$213.9 million raised — UI Foundation officials are finding new ways to improve fundraising efforts.

"In May, the UI Foundation will embark upon a multiyear, comprehensive campaign to raise additional funds in support of students, faculty, programs, and facilities at the UI," Sandersfeld said. "The three strategic areas of focus for the campaign are educating our students, ensuring a healthier and more sustainable world, and enriching commerce, culture, and communities."

Because of the number of baby boomers retiring, the donations and charitable contributions could increase in general.

"As people get older, they get more secure," said Patrick Barron, an adjunct lecturer in economics at the UI. "Their houses are paid for, their cars are paid for, and so they might be more inclined to give to charity."

This year's results were no different from previous year's results, Kaplan said.

"They have grown almost every year, just like when the economy goes up, contributions go up as well," she said.

The UI was not the only university to experience a decrease in contributions. The University of Northern Iowa also saw a decline in donations.

"Fundraising results

Donations

There has been a 2.3 percent increase in donations to colleges and universities in 2012.

- University of Iowa received approximately \$203.4 million
- Iowa State University received approximately \$101.9 million
- University of Northern Iowa received over \$22 million

Sources: UI Foundation, ISU Foundation, UNI Foundation

for last year exceeded \$22 million," UNI Foundation President Bill Calhoun said. "Although this was slightly less than the previous year, it still represented the third-largest fundraising total in UNI's history."

However, with the recent recession, universities and nonprofit organizations are aware of the fluctuation they will receive in charitable contributions.

"Gift totals to nonprofit organizations do fluctuate based on a number of factors, including the economy and market performance," Sandersfeld said.

Universities and colleges continue to stay strong in their hope regardless of the economic crisis.

"Our alumni and friends care deeply about creating opportunities for UNI students," Calhoun said. "Because of this, we anticipate continued growth in private support in the years ahead."

NATION

BP on trial in oil-spill case

NEW ORLEANS — BP put profits ahead of safety and bears most of the blame for the disastrous 2010 spill in the Gulf of Mexico, a U.S. Justice Department attorney charged Monday at the opening of a trial that could result in the oil company and its partners being forced to pay tens of billions of dollars more in damages.

The London-based oil giant acknowledged it made "errors in judgment" before the deadly blowout, but it also cast blame on the owner of the drilling rig and the contractor involved in cementing the well. It denied

it was grossly negligent, as the government contended.

The high-stakes civil case went to trial after attempts to reach an 11th-hour settlement failed.

Eleven workers were killed when the Deepwater Horizon rig leased by the BP exploded on April 20, 2010. An estimated 172 millions of gallons of crude gushed into the Gulf over the three months that followed in the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history.

Justice Department attorney Mike Underhill said the catastrophe resulted from BP's "culture of corporate recklessness."

"The evidence will show that

BP put profits before people, profits before safety and profits before the environment," Underhill said in opening statements. He added: "Despite BP's attempts to shift the blame to other parties, by far the primary fault for this disaster belongs to BP."

BP attorney Mike Brock acknowledged that the oil company made mistakes. But he accused rig owner Transocean Ltd. of failing to properly maintain the rig's blowout preventer, which had a dead battery, and he claimed cement contractor Halliburton used a "bad slurry" that failed to prevent oil and gas from traveling up the well.

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How to Survive a Weasel Attack:

- First, find and provoke a weasel. The easiest way to find a weasel is MySpace. The easiest way to provoke a weasel is a misleading profile pic.
- Confirm that you are being attacked by a weasel and not a wolverine. The easiest way to tell the difference is that weasels often have Biblical first names, such as “Lazarus” or “Zeriah,” whereas wolverines often bite out your voice box to stop you from screaming.
- Do NOT insult the weasel’s mother. While this is an arguably effective tactic for gaining the upper hand, it’s not cool, dude. Not cool.
- Tell the weasel you will punch it with your right fist, but instead punch it with your left — weasels always fall for that one.
- Posit to the weasel that Riemannian manifolds might better be expressed in terms of Lagrangian — rather than Hamiltonian — mechanics. While the weasel is busy formulating a response, kick it in the balls. (All weasels have balls/are hermaphrodites.)
- While the weasel is incapacitated, plunge the Spear of Longinus directly into its heart, for that is the only known way to banish a weasel. (Did I not mention you needed to have researched, found, and unearthed the Spear of Longinus? Oh well, pretend I said that first.)
- Savor your victory; it will be short-lived once the weasel mafia learns of your malfeasance. Be warned: their influence is potent and far-reaching.

Andrew R. Juhl dedicates this Ledge to Sami — because she told him to.

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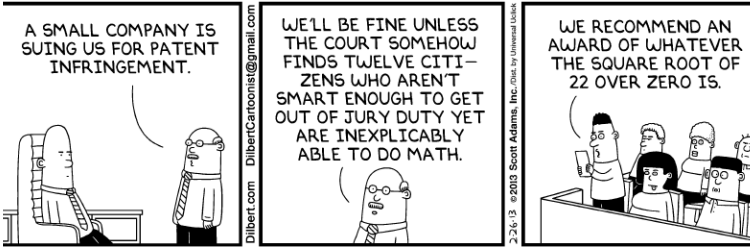
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OBJECTS OF ART

The New York Times Crossword

- Edited by Will Shortz No. 0122
- ACROSS**
- Not so likely to be fooled again [Mercy!]
 - Avoid
 - Make a running start at marriage?
 - Mixed bag
 - “Is you is or is you ma’ baby?”
 - Byproduct of a sad dairy cow?
 - Ming museum piece, maybe
 - Is a bookworm
 - Place in society
 - Tartan cap
 - Byproduct of a homely dairy cow?
 - Oman man
 - Capote, to pals
 - Rogers
 - Old Carl Sagan series
 - “I would say ...” in texts
 - Byproduct of an exhausted dairy cow?
 - Cry often made after a whistle
 - Kohl’s competitor
 - Tehran tongue
 - Suffix with cavern ... or gorge?
 - Turkish V.I.P.’s
 - Byproduct of an irate dairy cow?
 - Poke (caramel candy)
 - What a magician pulls a rabbit out of
 - Janet of “Psycho”
 - Fit to serve
 - Byproduct of a portly dairy cow?
 - Fruit in a still-life painting
 - Brand in Road Runner cartoons
 - Does fantastic stand-up
 - Mex. miss
 - Film
 - Paintball sound
- DOWN**
- Part of WWW
 - Down with a bug, say
 - Whiskey distillery supply
 - Sword you score points with
 - Part of a show that begins “Previously on ...”
 - Attacks
 - Ginger
 - Start of a cheer
 - Verses, collectively
 - Cannibal, e.g.
 - Temporary gap
 - Waffling
 - ‘40s beach blasts, briefly
 - Good cholesterol, for short
 - Camry maker
 - Tic (breath mint)
 - In (lined up)
 - Metal between osmium and platinum on the periodic table
 - Senseless
 - Alternative to Ascap
 - Kia model
 - Place to get a facial
 - Gilligan’s island home
 - Gen. follower
 - la-la
 - Shade of white
 - Legitimate
 - Chinese menu general
 - Lens settings
 - Repentant one
 - after me ...
 - Much of Libya and Algeria
 - Expensive filling material
 - One of the Coen brothers
 - Science writer Willy
 - Thrills
 - Traction
 - Prefix with friendly
 - “What ____, chopped liver?”
 - __ king
 - Winter Denver hrs.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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- **Baron Chanda Seminar**, 9:30 a.m., 5-669 Bowen
 - **Safe Zone Training Phase 1**, 9:30 a.m., 315 Phillips
 - **Pharmacology Postdoctoral Workshop**, “Intrinsic Regulation of Survival and Death in Mammalian Brain Neurons: A Potassium Channel Holds the Key,” Andrew Shepherd, 10:30 a.m., 1117 Medical Education & Research Facility
 - **Story Time with Judy Nyren**, 10 a.m., Sycamore Mall
 - **Iowa City Foreign Relations Council**, Bahá’i Institute of Higher Education and Iran, Dean Chaden Djalali, noon, Congregational United Church of Christ, 30 N. Clinton
 - **Using Epic to Conduct Clinical Research**, Douglas Van Daele, UIHC chief medical information officer, noon, UIHC C44A General Hospital
 - **English Conversation Classes**, 12:30 p.m., UIHC Pomerantz Family Pavilion Melrose Conference Center 6
 - **Operator Theory Seminar**, “Some structural for 1,1 factors,” Ionut Chifan, Mathematics, 1:30 p.m., 309 Van Allen
 - **Optical Science Technology Center Materials Seminar**, “Spectral Signatures of Trapped Charges and Excitons in PbS Quantum Dot Films,” Xiaomei Jiang, University of South Florida, 1:30 p.m., 104 Iowa Advanced Technology Labs
 - **Math Physics Seminar**, “The Vacuum in Light Front Field Theory,” Marc Herrmann, Physics/Astronomy, 2:30 p.m., 309 Van Allen
 - **English Language Learners’ Discussion Circle**, 3 p.m., Pappajohn Business Building, Room 5126
 - **Microbiology Seminar**, “Traptomers: artificial transmembrane proteins that inhibit HIV,” Yale University, 3 p.m., Bowen Watzke Auditorium
 - **Tai Chi Open Practice**, 5:30 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
 - **Archery 101 Kids Klub**, 6 p.m., Scheels, 1461 Coral Ridge
 - **Historic Foodies – Appetizers and Finger Foods**, 6 p.m., Wesley Center Ground Floor, 120 N. Dubuque
 - **Live TV Broadcast**, “Tom’s Guitar Show,” 6 p.m., Uptown Bill’s, 730 S. Dubuque
 - **The Children’s Hour Auditions**, 6 p.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
 - **Bicyclists of Iowa City Sixth-Annual Bike Expo**, 6:30 p.m., Northridge Pavilion, 2250 Holiday
 - **Holistic Health in Iowa City: A Panel Discussion**, 7 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
 - **Live from Prairie Lights**, Dina Nayeri, fiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
 - **Tchoupitoulas**, 7 p.m., Bijou
 - **Envision Meeting**, Karen Carlson, Prudential Insurance, 7:30 p.m., Bedell Entrepreneurial Learning Laboratory
 - **Middle of Nowhere**, 9 p.m., Bijou

UITV schedule

Campus channel 4, cable channel 17

- 7 p.m. “Hawkeye Athletics, A History of Greatness,” a look at some of the most memorable seasons of Iowa athletics over the years, produced by UI graduate Nick Fetty
- 8 UI Orchestra Invitational Gala Concert, Faculty Woodwind Trio, Maia Quartet, UI Chamber Orchestra, Feb. 25, 2011
- 9 Iowa Basketball with Fran McCaffery, hosted by Gary Dolphin and broadcast by HawkVision
- 9:45 Inside Iowa, weekly campus magazine covering education, research, and service at the UI
- 10 Iowa Women’s Basketball Coach Lisa Bluder Press Conference
- 10:45 Inside Iowa, weekly campus magazine covering education, research, and service at the UI
- 11 Best of Java Blend, live musical acts from the HawkVision Iowa City, produced by Iowa Public Radio
- Midnight Daily Iowan TV News Update

horoscopes Tuesday, February 26, 2013 by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Sharing too much information will work against you. Let your intuition guide you when dealing with peers, colleagues, or contractual matters. Don’t let uncertainty stop you from making a move. Believe in your abilities.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The favors and assistance you are given will depend on what you’re willing to do in return. You can set up a workable relationship with someone looking to master the same market. Romance is highlighted.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may think you have everything under control, but unexpected situations will develop, leading to all sorts of emotional issues and alterations that must be dealt with swiftly yet moderately. Don’t over-share.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don’t let negativity take over. Recognize what you have, and move in the direction that suits you best. There is so much you can gain by interacting with the right people. Your life is on an upswing. Take advantage of whatever comes your way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Bide your time. If you are too efficient, you will be given tasks that will slow down your progress. A lifestyle change will lead to an unusual but rewarding way to spend your time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Work on important partnerships. You have plenty to gain if you nurture and share a relationship with someone accepting of your goals and willing to help you progress. Love is in the stars, and spending time with someone special will pay off.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Take care of any business you have with banks, government, medical, or legal institutions, and you will avoid a mishap that could set you back. Open, honest discussions will help you prove your point and persuade others to help you reach your goals.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Let your intuition guide you in your personal and professional dealings. When it comes to partnerships, you can gain through the people you associate with. A unique approach to how you run your home will make a difference.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Expect to face negativity and setbacks if you try to hide information from someone you have to deal with. Problems with friends, family, and people in your community will cause unexpected changes in your status.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Keep moving forward. You’ll have the ability to make significant alterations to how you earn your living and the people you get to work alongside. There are profits to be made. Love is highlighted.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Read the fine print before you agree to something. Not everyone will have your best interests in mind. Ulterior motives can cause you to make an emotional mistake that can cost you personally and financially. Question discrepancies.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Discuss your thoughts and emotions with someone you care for. You have to be on the same page if you plan on moving in a positive direction. Equality will make the difference in any personal or business partnership you form.

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10 a.m.-noon, Michael Minus Andrew
Noon-1 p.m., Cheap Seats
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2-3 p.m., Kelly DePalma
3-5 p.m., Dirty D in the PM

5-7 p.m., Devious Dance
7-8 p.m., Purveyors of Sound
8-9 p.m., The Real Freshman Orientation
9-10 p.m., Thematic
10 p.m.-midnight, Local Tunes
Midnight-2 a.m., Steven Conlow

ARTIST SHOWCASE

Carleen Coulter arranges ceramic pieces created by artist Shawn Ireland at AKAR on Monday. AKAR holds one show a month showcasing an artist’s work. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

Sports

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BOX SCORE

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ting together a strong finish. Through six games this month, the Sioux City native has posted just 18 points as a member of the starting lineup. In his last three contests, Woodbury has scored just 6 points. The 7-footer has struggled to stay on the floor, logging

just nine minutes in each of the Hawkeyes' last two games thanks in part to his overall ineffectiveness and chronic foul trouble. Woodbury turned in perhaps his worst performance of the year in the team's most recent affair: a 0 point, three-foul effort against the Cornhuskers. Putting it kindly, the expected freshman phenom has been anything but that.

Eric May average points per game in February - 7.3

The Hawkeyes' lone senior is doing everything in his power to reach the NCAA Tournament before the final curtain draws on his time in Iowa City. May has been an explosive force off the bench as of late, putting up back-to-back 10-point efforts against Minnesota and

Nebraska. The senior is averaging 7.3 points per game this month and has logged more than 20 minutes in all but one of those contests. May narrowly missed a double-double in his 10-point, 7-assist game against the Gophers Feb. 17, and if Iowa is to make any noise next month, it will undoubtedly need its lone graduating player to continue his torrid pace.



Iowa's Khanishah Williams competes in the high jump during the Iowa Invitational on Feb. 15 in the Recreation Building. (The Daily Iowan/Jessica Payne)

TRACK

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Alexia said. "I think for not ever really competing at Big Tens, we had a lot of [personal records] in our group, so I think that was really good."

Head women's coach Layne Anderson highlighted Alexia, along with fellow sprinters Kaitlyn Nelson, Lake Kwaza, Raven Moore, and high jumper Khan-

ishah Williams as individuals who had made great improvements during the season.

"I thought there were improvements by other individuals; they just didn't carry over to the championship meets," Anderson said. "You can't run well, jump well, or throw well at the Iowa Open and then go and only have a portion of that performance at a conference meet."

A handful of Hawkeyes will get one final chance to

compete in either Ames or South Bend, Ind., this weekend at a "Last Chance" meet. These meets are held the week before the NCAA meet to give a final shot to athletes to qualify for the national meet in Fayetteville, Ark.

Alexia, along with Williams and Nelson, are some of the female runners going for the Hawkeyes.

"I'm looking to pick up another second at least, maybe two," Alexia said. "It's more or less making sure I stay engaged in my race, just get-

ting out hard and keeping that momentum the entire time."

The track and field program has three weeks off in between the indoor and outdoor seasons to train in some of the events exclusive to outdoor track, such as the hammer and javelin throw, along with other events that are in both indoor and outdoor track.

"We're moving in the right direction," Alexia said. "It's just taking us longer to get there."

SWIMMING

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swimmers is the NCAA Championships on March

21-23 in Indianapolis. Mundt said Seemann and Stoughton have the possibility of being invited to the competition, depending on how many swimmers get called. It

is expected that the top 35 to 40 swimmers in each event will receive the coveted invitations. If Stoughton receives one, she said, she has plenty to work on.

"I definitely need to push myself harder in practices," she said. "I would have to build back up for the next couple weeks with a lot of yardage and intensity."

WEEKEND

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Wrestling

The Iowa wrestling team, without a doubt, had a worse weekend than Fran's Crew.

Kevin is probably going to make a case regarding the wrestlers' chance at redemption, that the Hawkeye grapplers will still perform well at the NCAA meet next month and that Iowa's basketball team had its NCAA hopes dashed with a gut-wrenching loss to a lowly Nebraska team.

But let's be honest, Hawkeye basketball fans. The NCAA expectations that were placed on Iowa this season were both premature and, as the season has shown, unrealistic. This is a young team that needs another season to mature and grow together before a deep run in March is in legitimate sight.

Iowa wrestling, on the other hand, is routinely among the nation's top four teams. This is a program that has expectations of a national championship every single season — whether it is at the NAAs or the National Duals.

This weekend saw a

both veteran and decorated Black and Gold wrestling team lose to a No. 4 Minnesota team they previously beat this year. Should I mention they also lost to a team they had never previously beaten in No. 6 Missouri? Imagine letting David win when you're the Goliath in the matchup. That's extremely disappointing.

Both matches were easily winnable, too, but Tom Brands' boys seem to have found themselves in a late-season funk — something that may or may not carry over into March's bigger, more important tournaments.

The Iowa basketball team has been abysmal on the road all season long — it has won just two road games all year — and should I mention its continual struggle to finish games? Because that's been apparent since New Year's Eve.

Wrestling has been the long glimmer of hope for major Iowa sports this winter, and this past weekend showed that the grapplers could be on the verge of a major collapse unless they fix something quickly. But the basketball team? Please. Losing on the road to beatable teams has become the norm.

—by Cody Goodwin

SPORTS

Women's golf ends up 10th in Arizona

The Iowa women's golf team finished 10th Monday at the Westbrook Invitational, held at the Westbrook Village Golf Club in Peoria, Ariz.

The two-day tournament, hosted by Wisconsin, saw the Hawkeyes shoot 912 (plus 48) as a team, finishing just 1 stroke behind the Badgers and Eastern Michigan.

After the first day of play, Iowa sat alone in ninth place, carding a 612 (plus 36) through the first two rounds. Frost on the course delayed the start of the second day until 10 a.m.

Pacing the Hawkeyes was senior Kristi Cardwell, who shot a 74 on through her first round Sunday. She slipped in the second round, shooting a 78 but

was able to finish strong in the third, parring seven of her last nine shots to round out another 74. Caldwell finished tied for 22nd.

Freshman Amy Ihm continued her strong play this season, shooting a 76 (plus 4) and a 77 through the first two rounds. She saved the best for last, shooting a 75 in the final round, collecting 12 pars and two bogeys on the final 18 holes.

Sophomore Lauren English started off slowly the first day, shooting a 78 and a 77 through the first two rounds; however, she managed to come back strong on Monday, shooting a 74.

Freshman Brianna Midkiff finished at 231 (plus15) and sophomore Shelby Phillips finished agt 233.

The women's golf team will be out of action until March 15,

when it travels back to Arizona for the Mountain View Collegiate in Tucson.

— by Ryan Rodriguez

Three softball players honored

Three members of the Iowa softball team played well enough to earn a spot on the Bama Bash All-Tournament team from the Bama Bash softball tournament this past weekend.

Johnnie Dowling, the leadoff hitter for the Hawkeyes, landed a spot on the All-Tournament Team by posting a .438 average. The senior raked 7 hits and scored 5 runs along with 3 stolen bases and an RBI. Dowling also had three multi-hit games.

Chelsea Lyon also garnered All-Tournament honors thanks to

her performances in the pitching circle. The senior went 2-0 this past weekend, pushing her overall record to 5-1. Lyon posted a 1.62 ERA in 13 innings of work, limiting her opponents to a .188 batting average.

The third Hawkeye to earn a spot on the All-Tournament team was Kayla Massey. The junior tallied a .462 batting average that included a home run and five RBIs. Massey posted .692 slugging percentage and scored 1 run herself along with two complete-game pitching performances against No. 1 Alabama.

Iowa's record sits at 10-5 after three season-opening tournaments. The Hawkeyes finished second this past weekend, despite dropping two games to Alabama, the defending national champions.

— by Cody Goodwin

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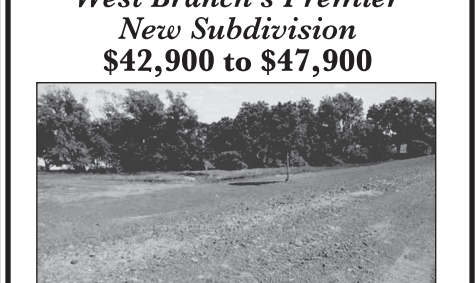
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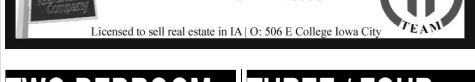
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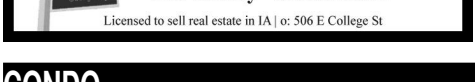
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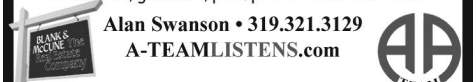
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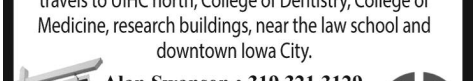
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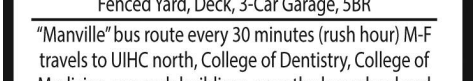
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THE BOX SCORE

3 losses haunt Hawkeyes



Iowa coach Fran McCaffery shouts at guard Devyn Marble during a time-out against Penn State in Carver-Hawkeye on Jan. 31. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

The Hawkeyes have suffered a trio of crippling losses this season, Adam Woodbury is struggling, and Eric May is closing out his Iowa career in style.

By **TOM CLOS**
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The Iowa men's basketball team held decent chances of making a push for an at-large bid in the NCAA Tournament. And then the Hawkeyes went to Nebraska and wilted to a crippling loss to a team that had only three conference wins entering the day. The Hawkeyes now sit at 17-10 overall, 6-8 in the Big Ten, with only four games remaining in the regular season. The Black and Gold will most likely need to win each of those contests, as well as a game or two in the conference tournament for any shot of making the final 68-team cut next month.

Losses to teams with losing records this season - 3

Iowa has pulled off several impressive victories this year over Iowa State,

Wisconsin, and Minnesota, but a trio of disheartening defeats has in essence canceled out each of those triumphs. The Hawkeyes have dropped three games to teams with overall records under .500; the worst being a 95-79 blowout loss at 12-15 Virginia Tech on Nov. 27, 2012. The Hawkeyes were able to recover in conference play, only to drop a winnable game at Purdue Jan. 27. The Black and Gold bounced back once again and seemed primed to drive down the home stretch of the season toward the NCAA Tournament, only to fall, 64-60, on Feb. 23 at Nebraska. Simply put, if the Hawkeyes are left out of the Big Dance on Selection Sunday, look no further than these three games as the reason.

Record in last 10 games - 5-5

The Hawkeyes pulled off one of their

biggest wins of the season a 70-66 victory over Wisconsin Jan. 19. Since that game, Iowa has gone just 4-5 overall. Throughout that span, the Black and Gold have only one win over a team with a winning record in conference play (Minnesota) and have a pair of losses to teams with losing records (Purdue and Nebraska). Iowa has been close in a lot of its defeats, however; four of the five losses were by a combined 14 points, including an overtime defeat to the Boilermakers and a double-overtime loss at Wisconsin Feb. 5.

Adam Woodbury's total points in February - 18

Iowa's top freshman recruit has struggled throughout his rookie campaign and has shown no signs of put-

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POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Worst weekend?

Did the Iowa men's basketball team or the Hawkeye wrestlers have a worse weekend? Two *Daily Iowan* staffers debate.

Basketball

Yes, wrestling had an off weekend placing fourth at the National Duals, but it isn't half as bad as Iowa basketball's loss to Nebraska.

Let's put things into context. Wrestling lost to No. 4 Minnesota and No. 6 Missouri. Two top-10 teams in the country — much greater competition than the lowly 13-14 Husker team.

Yes, Iowa's two No. 1-ranked wrestlers Matt McDonough and Derek St. John both lost matches against Mizzou, but they'll get their chance at redemption in a competition in which the basketball team won't find itself — the NCAA Tournament.

Iowa dropped the ball in a can't-lose game and has all but sealed its NIT fate. The squad's schedule before the game was an easy one to get to at least 9-9 and possibly 10-8. Now, the Hawkeyes face no chance of reaching the Big Dance unless they win (gulp) at Indiana. Going 9-9 can even be difficult with an upward-trending Illinois team coming to town next week.

The Hawkeyes gave away a 19-point lead to a team that looked completely outmatched in the first half, causing the Nebraska commentators on the broadcast to say that they hoped no one left at halftime. The only people that left were Fran McCaffery's Hawkeyes.

The squad only managed 19 points and seven field goals in the second half; Nebraska scored 39 points. On top of that, Nebraska shot a dismal 50 percent from the free-throw line and still managed to win.

This was a gut-wrenching loss that Iowa could ill-afford after putting itself in bubble territory. Iowa only has two road wins on the year, and it desperately needs to win the ones in which it is the clear favorite. After narrowly escaping at Penn State, maybe Hawk fans should've seen this coming.

Yes, wrestling had a bad weekend, but it still has a chance at the highest national stage. The basketball team, however, does not.

— by **Kevin Glueck**

SEE **WEEKEND**, 9

Iowa swimmers and divers not satisfied with just school records

By **NICK DELAQUILA**
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The Iowa women's swimming and diving team finished its season at the Big Ten meet on the campus of the University of Minnesota last week.

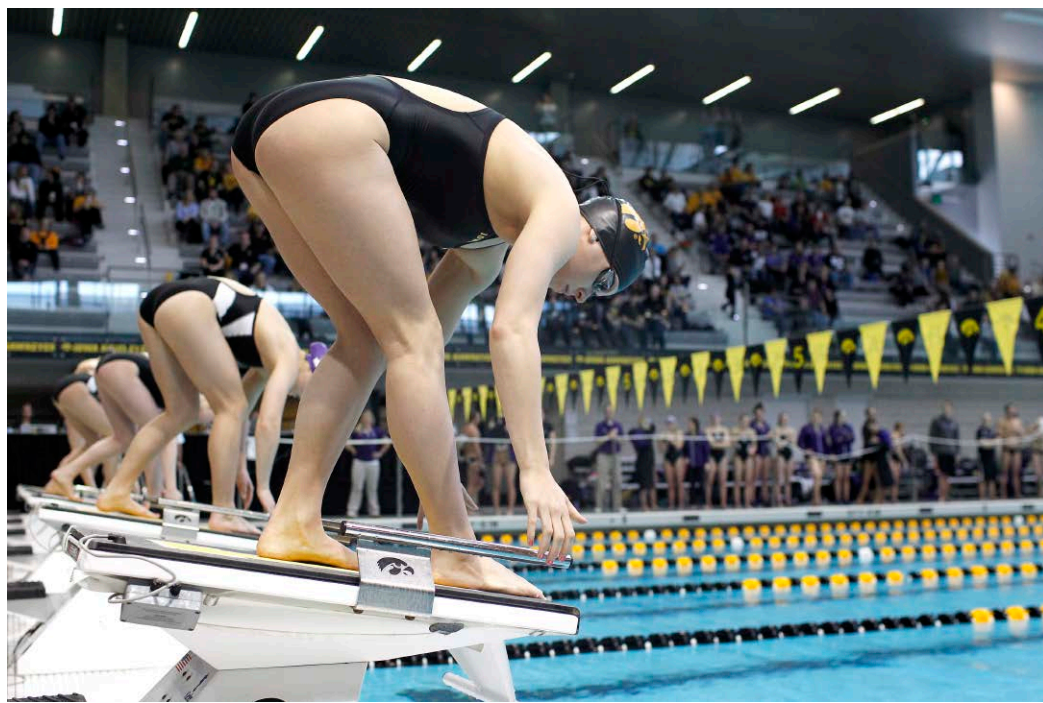
Iowa concluded the year with a 10th-place finish at the Big Tens, following a 7-2 regular season in dual meets. Although it may not have been the exact finish the Hawkeyes were looking for, there is still plenty to be excited about going into next season.

"Overall, I think it went pretty well," assistant coach Nathan Mundt said. "Obviously, we would like to place higher in the team standings, but I thought there were some very authentic performances."

Some of those performances include breaking four school records at the Big Tens to go along with another school record set early in the season.

Freshman Olivia Kabacinski started the record-breaking performances in November 2012, when she swam to a school mark in the 50 free, sprinting to the wall in 22.08 seconds.

In the final tournament of the season, the Hawkeyes picked up their final four records. The 200-medley re-



Swimmers take to their blocks during a meet in the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center on Jan. 26. (The Daily Iowan/Juan Carlos Herrera)

lay record was broken by the team of sophomore Heather Arseth, juniors Karolina Wartalowicz and Abbey Tuchscherer, and Kabacinski. The quartet touched the wall in 1:40.97 for 10th place and a school-best time.

"It was a really cool, once-in-a-lifetime experience," Arseth said. "Especially being part of the relay and sharing it with three of my teammates was really special."

In the 800 free, sophomore

Becky Stoughton, Kabacinski, and juniors Emily Hovren and Lindsay Seemann swam to the school record in 7:14.99, beating the previous record by nearly four seconds.

A pair of school-record setting performances came from Hovren and Seemann following the relay records. Hovren swam to the wall in the 200 individual medley in 2:00.42, and Seemann set the 200 back in the 200 back finishing with a time of 1:59.00.

Despite the record performances set in Minneapolis, Stoughton said, the team has room for improvement.

"It was rough for the most part," she said. "I personally didn't compete up to the level I should have, and I know a couple others weren't completely satisfied with how they performed as well."

Up next for the Hawkeye

SEE **SWIMMING**, 9

Tracksters seek rebound

By **KEVIN GLUECK**
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A disappointing season is drawing to a close for the Iowa women's track and field team.

The squad finished off its indoor season with a lackluster last-place finish at the Big Ten indoor meet at the SPIRE Institute in Geneva, Ohio, this past weekend.

"We just weren't very good; it's that simple," assistant coach Clive Roberts said. "We need to figure out how to be better. We've got the kids in the program to be better."

The Hawkeyes managed just 11 points this past weekend at the Big Tens, more than 100 points fewer than the first-place Illinois, which gathered 115 points.

"The fact that we got embarrassed at the Big Ten championships should not sit good with anybody on the team. We've got to identify which of those kids have major issues with that," Roberts said. "We also got to identify which kids don't have major issues with that situation. If they're content in that, we got to figure out how to get them a little upset."

The Hawkeyes were without some key athletes throughout the season, including distance runners Brooke Gambrell and Mareike Schulle, who placed seventh in the NCAA in cross-country last fall.

This forced some younger athletes to step up and compete a little earlier than they may have been ready for.

"We only have three upperclassmen in our sprint group — that's a lot of pressure on our underclassmen," junior Adrienne

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