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The Moen-ization of IC



Marc Moen stands on the unfinished 10th floor at Park@201 on Thursday. (The Daily Iowan/Juan Carlos Herrera)

A number of Iowa City Moen-backed developments are shaping the look of downtown.

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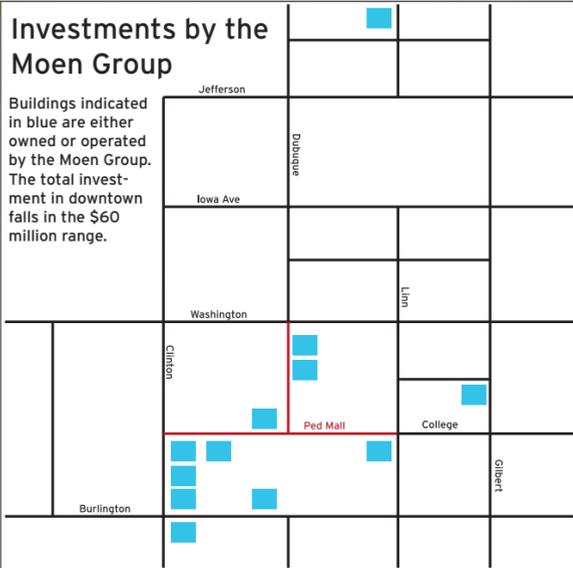
When much of the University of Iowa community returns to Iowa City in the fall, students will be met with a slew of changes to downtown, led predominantly by the real-estate development company Moen Group. And although some local groups have mobilized against

the developments, the paths of three projects, including the 14-story Park@201 and the proposed high rise Chauncey will march on.

Packing & Provision Co. Building

Once the home of a JC Penney department store and

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Iowa City La' James under fire

La' James allegedly violated nearly a dozen health and operations codes.

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A long-standing North Side Iowa City beauty school synonymous with trimming hair has come under fire for allegedly cutting corners with a number of Iowa safety and operation codes. The Iowa Board of Cosmetology Arts and Sciences announced Thursday that La' James International College, 227 E. Market St., has been charged with 10 counts of violations of the Iowa Code. The charges against the 75-year-old company were filed following a June 14, 2012, state inspection.

Disciplinary action against owner Cynthia Becher and administrator Tracy LaDage may result. LaDage told *The Daily Iowan* on Thursday afternoon that a public statement would be announced by the end of the day but declined to comment further.

Calls made to the Iowa City location were immediately transferred back to LaDage.

According to the statement of charges made public by the board Thursday, a state investigator visited the college on June 14, 2012, and contended the facility had spas that were noncirculating and contained an assortment of debris. The inspector contended current business logs failed to specify which tub had been cleaned and who had done the cleaning.

The investigator also reportedly found that the business had paper, Chapstick, hair clippings, and pens mixed in with station-specific cleaning supplies.

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IC joins growing gluten-free trend

Iowa City officials discuss the increase in going gluten-free for health and weight loss.

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Over the past few years, decreasing gluten intake has taken off across the country, and Iowa City officials say that trend has increased locally.

"When I started [in 2000], there were around 30 businesses [that offered gluten-free products]," said Anna Sobaski, the president and founder of Breads from Anna. "In 2009, there are over 1,200 businesses. There's always going to be a need for gluten-free products; that's not going away."

One University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics dietitian said there are no positive or negative effects associated with decreasing one's gluten intake when a person does not have celiac disease or a wheat allergy.

"We see more patients trying to lose weight by reducing their intake of gluten," Natalia Hauck said. "I think people are still using gluten-free diet as more of a trend, like a Mediterranean diet or the Atkins diet. People will want the easy way out to lose



Gluten-free products are shown at the Iowa City New Pioneer Co-op on Wednesday. Today and Sunday, the Co-op is having a gluten-free sampling event in Coralville. (The Daily Iowan/Joshua Housing)

weight, but it really doesn't make a difference."

People with celiac disease and wheat intolerances have trouble digesting their wheat. Ninety-seven percent of people with celiac disease are undiagnosed. One in 133 Americans are diagnosed with celiac disease.

The Bread Garden Market, 225 S. Linn St., has been selling gluten-free options since 2008, and one official said that it is no longer uncommon for restaurants to offer gluten-free products.

"Everyone does [offer gluten-free

SEE **GLUTEN**, 5

Airports see more fliers

Iowa airports benefit from an uptick in the economy and budget airlines.

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Officials from Iowa's two biggest airports point to budget airlines and the re-emergence of demand that withered during the recession as reasons for a continuing increase in the number of passengers.

"The economy of the corridor is doing extremely well, and businesses are expanding and putting travel back into their budgets," said Tim Bradshaw, the director of the Eastern Iowa Airport. "People also have more disposable incomes, and with the pent-up demand from the recession people are starting to travel more."

The Eastern Iowa Airport near Cedar

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Student Health works on sleep

The University of Iowa Student Health is evaluating the success of its new sleep program and hopes to continue the program next year with more promotion.

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More than 100 students took advantage of a new program offered by University of Iowa Student Health Service this semester to help them catch more Zs.

Refresh is an eight-week program in which students receive weekly emails with information and strategies to try to get better sleep. According to the 2012 National College Health Assessment, sleep difficulties rank in the top five stressors for UI students.

"That's why we felt that we needed to address the issue, and that's why we wanted to find some early intervention that could help students," said Tanya Villhauer, the Student Health associate director for education.

Villhauer said the Student Health staff members are pleased with having 105 students participate in the program because they did a soft rollout this semester. She said over the summer, they will evaluate comments from students on how helpful the program was and do more advertisement in the fall.

Karla McGregor, UI professor of communication science and disorders, said she is glad Student Health is taking the initiative to address this health concern.

"The kinds of behavior students sometimes engage in, like cramming instead of sleeping, are usually counterproductive," she said. "People who are tired don't remember as well [or] learn as well, either."

UI neurology Profes-



A University of Iowa student sleeps in his apartment. (The Daily Iowan/Photo Illustration by Callie Mitchell)

sor Mark Dyken, the director of the UI Hospitals and Clinics Sleep Disorders Center, said some students with sleep concerns may have more serious disorders, but he applauds Student Health for helping those who simply need more sleep.

"I think that's awfully nice that they are working on a program to remind you of the obvious," he said. "There's something about sleep that keeps you healthy."

Some of the concepts the program addresses include learning about sleep and the sleep cycle, breathing techniques, and adjusting the sleep environment.

Mickey Trockel, a clinical assistant professor of psychiatry and behavior science at Stanford University — created the program. He said he created it based on similar concepts doctors use when helping insomnia patients.

"I felt like it would be

useful, [and] it would be something that students might buy into," he said.

Villhauer said Student Health spoke with different departments on campus, including Academic Advising and UI Counseling. Director of UI Counseling Sam Cochran said they made about 45 referrals to the program.

"Over half of the students who visit us here at the Counseling Service have a sleep disturbance of some kind," he said. "Sleep disturbances can set the stage for other kinds of mental-health disturbances."

Cochran said 59.5 percent of students who visit UI Counseling report sleep disturbances.

Some students said they think the program sounds useful.

"I think students don't get enough sleep due to stress," UI sophomore Ryan Bedingfield said. "Personally, I don't get enough sleep because I have roommates who

Refresh Sleep Program

The University of Iowa Student Health Service offered the Refresh sleep program for the first time this semester. The program involves:

- Eight weekly emails
- Daily sleep journals
- Strategies designed to help students sleep better

Source: Tanya Villhauer, associate director for education at Student Health

have people over until 3 a.m."

UI junior Danica Schrader said she would consider utilizing the program if more sleep could help her get better grades.

"It's so important to get good grades, so you think you have to stay up all night studying," she said. "Maybe if you got more sleep instead of staying up all night, you could get a better grade."

Tuition freeze nears passage

Rep. Dave Jacoby said he expects the tuition freeze will pass within the next five days

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Eight months after the state Board of Regents proposed a tuition freeze for in-state students, one local representative said the proposal is just days away from going into place.

"I think [the passage] is more than likely, and it will happen and will happen within the next five days," said Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville. "Right now, it's agreed to and is getting drafted by the Legislative Services Agency, and unless something weird happens and wheels fall off the bus, it will pass."

Jacoby said the money for the freeze currently exists in three different appropriation bills, which when passed will form the necessary 2.6 percent in state appropriations to provide in-state undergraduate students with a tuition freeze for the 2013-2014 academic year.

Since former regent President Craig Lang brought up the proposal

in September with other members of the board, and the Legislature took up the issue in January, students from the three regent universities have made countless trips to Des Moines to personally appeal to legislators — a tactic both sides believe was effective in continuing to move the proposal forward.

"I think it resonates very well with a lot of us, and I love it when they actually reach out to us," said Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Red Oak.

Former University of Iowa Student Government President Nic Pottebaum helped lead the UT's efforts for the freeze, with personal appeals coupled with students who specifically targeted legislators during Regents Day and Hawkeye Caucus Day — an organization that advocates the UT's interests throughout the entire state.

Pottebaum welcomed the news of the recent progress of funding support in the Legislature.

"This is a great accom-

plishment for students, and it was accomplished a lot by the students," he said. "On both sides of the aisle, the tuition freeze was never really a contentious issue, and early in the session they were very inclined to make something like that happen."

UI President Sally Mason was thankful for the support the proposal has received from both Gov. Terry Branstad and the Legislature so far.

"All of us are very grateful to the Legislature and the governor for their support of public higher education in Iowa," she said in a statement. "As the first tuition freeze in 30 years, this measure will bring much needed relief to Iowa students and families and keep our costs among the most affordable in the nation."

Jacoby agreed with Ernst and believes the credit for the passage of the freeze belongs to students, in particular their individual appeals to legislators from their hometowns.

"By far, the students were the best lobbyists that we have seen here," he said. "They're here to tell you their personal story, and look you in the eye, and advocate for the university."

Pottebaum said he feels the future of additional freezes for undergraduate students rests with the state of Iowa's economy — adding a proposal for graduate students is much more complicated.

Jacoby also said the possibility of future proposals rests with what issues the Legislature is focused on during the session — although he expressed interest in a five-year proposal.

He said students have created a lasting mechanism for future advocacy efforts.

"I think we will expect and welcome students showing up to every session," Jacoby said. "They have developed a model for advocacy and I think they ought to continue it, because it keeps everyone involved in the political process."

BLOTTER

Andrew Beadle, 23, Solon, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication.

Scott Butler, 50, address unknown, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication and fifth-degree theft.

Dayna Ceresia, 28, 2401 Highway 6 E. 1215, was charged Wednesday with criminal trespass.

Brady Greufe, 22, 513 Bowery St. Apt. 1, was charged Thursday with OWI.

Jsaqua Jackson, 22, 1015 Cross Park, was charged Wednesday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Steven Keever, 25, 1121 Gilbert Court, was charged Tuesday with public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

William Luttrull, 24, 720 Michael St., was charged Wednesday with possession of marijuana.

Ledaniel Moore, 23, 1100 Arthur St. C4, was charged Thursday with OWI, possession of marijuana, and possession of a discharge carry toy gun within city limits.

Chayton Quail, 18, 201 Myrtle Ave. No. 8, was charged May 9

with fifth-degree criminal mischief.

Kathryn Resch, 20, Springfield, Ill., was charged Tuesday with fifth-degree theft.

James Roe Sr., 56, 20 N. Dodge St. No. 3, was charged April 17 with fourth-degree theft.

Deedle Seals, 56, 901 Cross Park Ave. No. F, was charged May 10 with fifth-degree theft.

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CORRECTION

In the May 16 article "Real estate strong in IC," the *DI* incorrectly reported that 526 housing units were sold in the Iowa City area in April 2012. That number reflects the number of housing units sold between January and April 2012. The *DI* regrets the error.

We'll be right back!

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later a rowdy college-town bar, the renovations on the Pedestrian Mall's Packing & Provision Co. building, 118 E. College St., are now nearly complete. Today, its tenants include women's boutique Velvet Coat and Modus Engineering.

Come September, lead developer Marc Moen said, the structure will also see an 85-seat FilmScene cinema, a 49-person "green" roof terrace, and a potential 800-square-foot urban art gallery.

Steven Vail, the owner of the Des Moines-based Steven Vail Fine Arts gallery, told *The Daily Iowan* Thursday that negotiations for an Iowa City location are in the works. The art gallery would

occupy a first-floor retail space next to Velvet Coat. Moen said the grand idea is to have FilmScene collaborate with the gallery.

"The type of art gallery we want to do does not exist [downtown] at this time," he said. "If it was an Andy Warhol show exhibit, it'd be great to have a movie about Andy Warhol's life. That's the last piece of the puzzle."

Jon Fogarty, a member of the Iowa Coalition Against the Shadow — a group opposing the development of the Chauncey — cried foul about the Moen Group's recent tax-increment financing expenditures, calling it a "crutch for local governments."

"With the old Vito's space, we're subsidizing building a theater there that we will be replicating," he said. "I would love

for anybody to explain it to the taxpayers of Iowa City."

Park@201

After Packing & Provision Co. building renovations are complete, the anticipated Dec. 1 opening of the 14-story Park@201 building, 114 S. Dubuque St., will bring a total of \$13 million in new investment to downtown.

The glass building similar to the company's Plaza Towers building will feature a two-floor full-service Buzz Salon, 7,000 square feet of "Class A" office space on the second through fourth floors, and residential units on floors five through 14. Since Jan. 22, when 10 of the 26 housing units were sold, today, only 10 remain. Despite multi-office space inqui-

ries, Moen said no official leases have been signed. He said the building is expected to cap off in August.

Ritu Jain, the owner of Textiles, 109 S. Dubuque St., said looking out onto the new building from her Pedestrian Mall store demonstrates the interest in downtown, among students, young families, and particularly, developers. That interest, she said, provides dividends for her business.

For City Councilor Jim Throgmorton, however, construction relating to Park@201 reminds him of the evening he and the City Council approved the public funding for the building.

"I think I made two mistakes when I voted for [it]," he said. "It's going to be taller than it should be ... two to three stories out of scale, and we should've

given the public more time to express their views. We gave them no time."

He cautioned that the future of downtown should not be "monopolized" by a single developer, regardless of building history and reputation.

"If you change it too fast in one direction, then it will become something rather dramatically different, and I don't think that's wise," he said. "Then it becomes not just our downtown, but one person's vision for downtown."

The Chauncey

After months of back-and-forth discussions with a number of local and national developers, the City Council selected on a 5-1 vote, the \$53 million, 20-story Chauncey

as its preferred development choice on Jan. 8.

Despite arguably the most significant public backlash, the project remains on track to be developed at the city-owned northeast corner of College and Gilbert Streets.

The tower will include 12 bowling lanes, a café, art gallery, two FilmScene theaters, a 35-unit boutique hotel, residential units, an outdoor movie screen, and parking.

"We're just staying on that course, and there's just going to be a lot of controversy going into it," Moen said. "I get the controversy, but we're doing what every developer does. You pick the [request for proposals] you can respond appropriately, and when you do that, you'd better be serious about that, because it's expensive."

LA JAMES
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"Respondents failed to exercise professional competency within their scope of practice as instructor and owner failed to provide a quality standard of learning," according to the document.

The handful of charges that La' James faces include failing to provide an esthetics classroom, failing to clean and document the cleaning of pedicure spas, failing to disinfect equipment and instruments, failing to supervise student instructors, failing to meet instructor-to-student ratio and employing instructors without certification.

A disciplinary hearing on the charges is scheduled for Jan. 13, 2014, in the

board's conference room in Des Moines. If any of the allegations are founded, the board could take disciplinary action against the defendants.

Iowa Department of Public Health Communications Director Polly Carver-Kimm said because of state confidentiality laws, no further public information regarding the La' James charges could be released as of Thursday.

In an email, owner Becher said the company was made aware of the charges on Thursday.

"We were surprised by the allegations since the prior three inspections at the La' James Iowa City school met state regulatory requirements," she said. "However, it is not and will not be our practice to resolve any legal or regulatory issues through the news

media."

Becher said it is "important to our clients and our staff that all state laws and regulations be met in our facilities. La' James International College has more than 75 years of instructing students to become successful stylists. La' James graduates can be found across the United States and the world helping people with their beauty needs."

The college's website lists six additional locations — Des Moines, Cedar Falls, Fort Dodge, Davenport, East Moline, Ill., and Fremont, Neb. — all owned by Becher. She was named Iowa Small Business Woman of the Year in 2004 and Iowa Business' Education Person of 2007.

According to its website, the beauty school has been educating students for

more than 75 years. Downtown developer Marc Moen, who owns the

Brewery Square Building in which La' James is located, said he was unaware of

the charges relating to La' James as of Thursday evening.



La' James International College, 227 E. Market St., is seen on Thursday. (The Daily Iowan/Callie Mitchell)

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COLUMN

Farewell, my dear friends



By **BEN EVANS**
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I'm graduating this weekend. Today is the last day that I will be a student at the University of Iowa, the last day I will live in Iowa City, and the last day I will reluctantly call myself a Hawkeye. I am not walking at the graduation ceremony, so if you'll permit me the space, and the time, I'd like to share my own commencement address, what I have learned and experienced, with you, the readers of *The Daily Iowan*.

When I came to the University of Iowa, I followed a girl from my high school, an ex-girlfriend who wanted to major in photography and ended up going to the University of Northern Iowa instead. I stayed here, even though I had always rooted for ISU when the two football teams played and didn't quite care for UI's large campus or the way the Ped Mall smelled of dried beer and decomposing puke.

I stayed because of UI English Department's reputation and the Creative Writing Workshop.

This was 2009, and the university was still recovering from 2008's flood, just as the university is still recovering from it now. This was before the 21-ordinance, before the experience of getting drunk, before espresso and a thousand other things the college experience floods a person with.

I remember sitting on the Pentacrest lawn with a high-school friend whose name I can't remember now, listening to Simone Renault — a woman of great intelligence and poise — give the student address to the freshman class of 2013. I was handed a poster with a checklist of all the things I could do during my four years at the University of Iowa.

Kiss someone on the steps of the Old Capitol, go to a football game, see the giant sloth, get lost by taking the wrong Cambus: "47 things you should

do at Iowa."

I did a lot of those things, most of them actually. I went to No Shame Theater; I ate grilled cheese from Marco's; I spent late nights and early mornings both studying and drinking; I worked at this newspaper and at the college radio station, KRUI; I even dabbled in student government there for a semester.

At the end of it all, I expected, maybe naïvely, the great catharsis I had been promised in bold black and yellow letters on the university's website. I expected something to deeply change my mind and broaden my existence, an emotional experience beyond words from the university.

But I felt nothing, I feel nothing for this institution; because after scrolling through my degree audit, a culmination of numbers and letters I have grown accustomed to predicting and defining my success in life, I realized my experience at the University of Iowa was not defined by how much work I did in Principles of Reasoning or what letter grade I received in Poetry Writing.

My life is no longer defined by my grade point, and with that liberation, I can see so clearly that the UI as an institution had nothing to do with my personal growth in the past four years. A diploma is nothing more than a piece of paper with a stamp of institutional approval, and a degree is nothing more than a title costing tens of thousands of dollars and four years of just showing up.

I can confidently say the UI has taught me nothing more than what I could have taught myself given a well-stocked library and a massive amount of free time, costing nothing more than the amount of a library card and the odd late fee.

But what I can also say with equal confidence is that my time in Iowa City is not measured by how many classes I took or credits I earned but by the people I have encountered and loved and will carry with me for the rest of my life.

To some of them, I owe my loyalty, to few of them, my life, but to all of them, I owe my thanks and sincere, humble gratitude for the time we have spent together. I wish everyone their due luck in all their future endeavors.

Farewell, my friends.

Ants in the Vacuum



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I've got the column space on the last day of the semester, so I'm obligated to say goodbye for now on behalf of this page and the paper.

"Goodbye for now; see you on June 10."

Personally, it's been a pleasure writing here for the past few months, and I hope you'll return to the Opinions page with glee in June when my tenure as this section's editor formally begins.

I hope, too, that next month we'll be in a better spot politically than we are today. (A guy can dream, yeah?)

Today, we're stuck in a cycle of tragedies and inept responses, punctuated most recently by a chain of scandals in Washington of varying severity.

The IRS profiled tea-party groups applying for tax-exempt status as 501(c)(4) social-welfare organizations, an understandable bureaucratic measure with undeniable chilling potential for free speech.

The Department of Justice seized Associated Press phone records as part of an investigation into a leak regarding a Yemen-based terror plot, a major intrusion upon the freedom of the press by the Obama administration.

The investigation into last September's attack on the American consulate in Benghazi also drags on and seems, at this point, to be more of a partisan hatchet job on Hillary Rodham Clinton's presidential aspirations than a moral crusade.

These controversies have ballooned so preposterously that this week they eclipsed some good news in the debate that has dominated Washington for years. Tuesday, the Congressional Budget Office revised its fiscal 2013 deficit projection downward by about \$200 billion to \$642 billion and reported that the current budget outlook is better than expected for the next decade at least.

The media largely papered over that story, which raises an unsettling question.

If the deficit falls in the middle of a Benghazi hearing, does it make a sound?

Apparently not.

As tempting as it is to look past all these controversies, they're still a little unnerving. How much seediness can a critical observer be expected to rationalize or justify on behalf of the people he believes in — or, at least, wants to believe in?

With this in mind, I was feeling a little pessimistic about the future, until I had an encounter yesterday that put things in perspective. Bear with me here.

See, I woke up yesterday to find that ants had overrun my living room. I didn't take a proper head count, but I assure you there were more ants than you'd be comfortable with in there.

So I got the vacuum from the closet. I scouted their position and found they'd established a five-foot radius around their central command near my couch. Some brave souls — spies, perhaps — wandered out to 10 or 12 feet.

With the situation properly assessed, I massacred them. I was Anton Chigurh hobbling through my apartment; my vacuum — extendable sucking wand in one hand, tank in the other — was my air-powered bolt pistol. I was the unstoppable march of Death.

I ambushed the advance guard first and traced their frantic retreat back to ground zero, a small chunk of a cookie that had slipped under the couch. The ants groped and writhed on their prized morsel even as I sucked it up — sucked them up too.

I dropped to the floor, stalking and eviscerating the stragglers who'd survived the primary campaign. I didn't stop until I had destroyed their community entirely. I considered showing mercy to the last living ant, allowing him to go free so he could warn whatever friends he had left that the land of the Cookie Chunk is a land of certain death for all who enter.

But I vacuumed his ass up instead.

And then, as I thought of the lives I'd ended, I wrestled with the questions that haunt conscientious bug killers. Who was I to end the lives of all those poor creatures? Didn't they have a right to be alive just like me?

In my sorrow, I looked at my vacuum tank and rejoiced. In the filth, against a backdrop of dust and hair that had been spun into allergic gray cotton candy in the bowels of my vacuum, the ants had remade their society. They were speckled and smeared like little coal miners, a little shaken up, but alive.

At the center of their new world, a mass of ants lurched, crested and broke over a single cookie piece, now caked with grit and fuzz.

What a beautiful lesson, I thought, that even after such destruction, in such miserable circumstances the ants kept living.

Sure, I tossed them all in the Dumpster a few minutes later, but for a brief moment they reminded me of that most fundamental fact of life.

Through the malaise and the muck, it goes on.

GUEST COLUMN

No greeks in the new Rome

A crisis, calamitous in scope and effect, has befallen Iowa City, eroding a cherished and lauded tradition, rocking the very foundation of the identity of this town: the city zoning code has been amended; the "slow death of the greek system" is imminently upon us. Woe to this municipality that, under the new definitions of rooming-house cooperatives, we are unlikely to see any new behemoths of splendor or paradise of bachelors. Despite a concerted and passionate effort, the City Council is indifferent. While under normal circumstances I (and many others) would view this recent development as a good old reminder to our greek friends that seldom do people *always* get what they want, I must in this instance speak out in their support — though for none of the reasons they'd proffer on their own behalf.

First, as they'd be quick to point out, we mustn't forget the very beneficial and important philanthropic and volunteer work carried out by fraternal organizations, not to mention the enriching personal and spiritual effects of membership for everyone involved (it's called "bromance" for a reason).

But let's be honest: As anyone who lives within earshot or bottle-throwing distance of a frat house can attest, lots of boisterous, reckless drinking takes place in frats and sororities. And when business owners and restaurateurs mention "problem bars" and "problem drinkers," it's easy to discern where a good chunk of these patrons are living.

So when Mayor Matt Hayek says the council's decision "is not about *Animal House*," he's being as disingenuous as the spokespeople for fraternities. The decision is in the same spirit as other housing-density measures, the 21-ordinance, and any other measures that seek to not only restrict underage persons' access to alcohol but to shift the entire downtown culture away from one that indulges in heavy drinking. And remarkably, the greeks have it right, albeit indirectly: There ought to be room enough for work and play.

I have lived in Iowa City since 2008, a very slight and brief period of time that hardly gives me any authority whatsoever to speak about the eternal essence of this town, yet even within such a short time, I've seen a noticeable change in demeanor. I'm buffeted by fancy-pants restaurants and "social

clubs" I can't afford to eat at, boutiques and chic clothiers that are indifferent to my existence, a giant mound of concrete that will soon be festooned with Plexiglas and still more chic boutiques, gaudy apartments where nifty stores used to be, and a preposterous number of yogurt and muffin/cupcake boulangeries. That's not to say that increased diversity is a bad thing; it's the zeal and pace that saddens me.

Because let's continue to be honest: Getting drunk is a lot of fun. School, work, life, all of human existence has and will always be an immeasurably stressful thing, full of peril and disappointment from start to finish (if we're still being honest). Santa isn't real; I'll never be a basketball star; inevitably I, and all those whom I've loved, will die.

Thus we strive to create meaning for our lives, to gain knowledge and experience and self-fulfillment, to work for the benefit of one another, to improve our collective lot. But also, complementary and in balance to this, drinking: a grand catharsis, a momentary shaking off of the fardels of time, a figurative and brief throwing up of hands and saying "f*** it for tonight," a time to spew forth all ideas and dreams, anxieties and fears, thoughts and witticisms, no matter how obnoxious or silly or ludicrous they seem or actually are; not a bleak, nihilistic acceptance of futility nor a misguided desire to be numb, rather a visceral immersion in the present.

There are obvious, well-documented, and very serious hazards and potential short- and long-term consequences in doing so (especially on a regular basis). Terrible things often happen involving alcohol, as anyone who's been downtown or at a house party on a Friday night will tell you. Some people can't handle themselves. But "terrible things happening" is the thesis of most of human history, and there are plenty of obscenely worse things happening right now that don't involve drinking. So, while they won't say it outright, the unspoken argument of the greeks is correct: The only way to never die is to never live. Don't take away this catharsis from all of us.

Jesse Marks
Iowa City resident

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GLUTEN

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products] now, even by accident," said Heath Brewer, Bread Garden Market assistant store manager. "They didn't have them when we first started [offering the products] five years ago, but people started to catch up a couple of years ago."

The New Food Pioneer Co-Op, 22 S. Van Buren St., is holding several gluten-free events this weekend and next week to show customers its various products and educate the public about celiac disease and wheat.

"People ask for these foods, and it's also part of the popular diet, being gluten-free," said Nik Conner, New Food Pioneer Co-Op special-

ties manager. "We've been diligent in coming up with new recipes and providing options for customers."

Other places in Iowa City, such as the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 123 E. Market St., have also reached out to provide the community wheat-free options for roughly three years.

"People have celiac sensitivity in our church,

and we decided to go ahead and just offer [a wheat-free] Eucharist," Minister Pam Larabee-Ziereth said. "We want to make them feel like they're a part of the community."

The University of Iowa mirrors Iowa City's efforts in providing many eating options for its students. The UI has a dietitian that students who identify having celi-

ac disease can meet with.

"They go through the menu and are told what they can and can't have," said David Von Holten, chief assistant manager at Hillcrest Marketplace. "They have a toaster just for gluten-free products and gluten-free bread. We have generally a handful of people, and they have strict guidelines they have to follow." Although some offi-

cials said people who are going gluten-free is a trend that will pass, Iowa City will still continue to offer the options for a variety of reasons for the foreseeable future.

"It's a big thing, and we don't intend to stop [selling gluten-free products] any time soon," Brewer said. "We still don't go a day without someone asking about a gluten-free product."

AIRPORTS

CONTINUED FROM FRONT

Rapids has set passenger records in the last three months — a record pace, which was welcomed by the chairwoman of the Cedar Rapids Airport Commission.

"The commission members and management are very pleased with the record numbers of passengers traveling through the airport for the past three months and believe that the increase is strongly influenced by the improvement in the corridor economy and the addition last year of a low cost carrier to the line up of air service providers," said Carroll Reasoner, the chairwoman of the Cedar Rapids Airport Commission and University of Iowa general counsel.

However, beyond customers' budgets, other officials point to Frontier Airlines beginning service to the airport last year along with AirTran pulling out of the Quad Cities International Airport as other reasons for the record setting growth.

Des Moines International Airport — the biggest in the state — has also seen an increase in passengers over a one-year period, with an 8.3 percent increase from the time between April 2012

Record Numbers

The Eastern Iowa Airport has set record passenger numbers for the last three months, which officials say is due to both budget airlines and the recovering economy.

- **April:** 85,676 passengers, up from a record set in 2007.
- **March:** 98,435 passengers, up from a record set in 2000.
- **February:** 79,359 passengers, up from a record set in 2006.

Source: Eastern Iowa Airport press release

to March 2013 and the year before, April 2011 to March 2012.

One official at the Des Moines Airport said its increase is also partially due to another budget airline. Southwest Airlines began service in Des Moines in September 2012.

"Basically, last September, we got Southwest Airlines here, and for the first time ever in 2012 we hit over 2 million passengers," said Don Smithey, the executive director of the Des Moines Airport Authority. "[Southwest] provided a low-cost carrier we needed for many years."



The Eastern Iowa Airport in Cedar Rapids is shown on Wednesday. According to the Iowa City Area Development, the airport has set monthly records for three straight months in February, March, and April. (The Daily Iowan/Jessica Payne)

Smithey said the Eastern Iowa Airport isn't currently at the point to be a major competitor with Des Moines.

One official with the Cedar Rapids-based airport agreed with this point and believes the strong performance of the two airports is

a good sign for Iowa's economy.

"If two major airports in the state are doing well, then the state is doing well," said Heather Wilson, director of marketing and communication for the Eastern Iowa Airport. "Des Moines

and Cedar Rapids [Airports] are doing well. It is a pretty good indicator major metro areas have strong economies."

However, Bradshaw said, the two airports do share some boundaries when it comes to their service areas.

Beyond the airports' recent success, Bradshaw and other officials will soon be focused on the airport master plan. Previously under consideration, the plan will address the over 20-year-old terminal, parking lots, and roadways.

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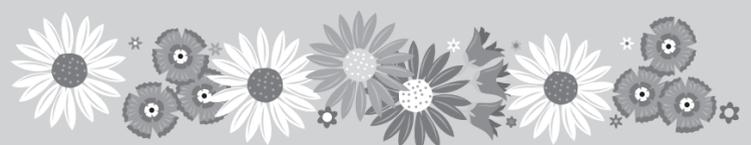
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The Daily Iowan DAILY BREAK

“ Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read. ”
 — Groucho Marx

the ledge

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Words I recently learned, their definitions, and what I originally thought they meant:

- underexposed (insufficient for proper or full development, as negatives in photography): not wearing pants.
- tententious (biased): roughly halfway between oned-entious and twentidentious.
- unsettle (to put into confusion): to get a divorce.
- whipsaw (to victimize in two opposite ways at once): the COOLEST WEAPON EVER!!one.
- wisenheimer (a smart aleck): a shrewd virgin.
- urbanity (refined or elegant courtesy): how poor a politician considers you.
- rapsallion (rascal, ne'er-do-well): a species of alliumizze, also commonly referred to as a "shallotizze."
- zeroth (being numbered zero in a series): He's going to be the bad guy in Final Fantasy XIV. He has white hair and looks distinctly feminine. A stretch, I know.
- rectilinear (moving in a straight line): rectilinear? Hell, damn near killedilinear.
- ineffable (taboo): Ellen DeGeneres. By me, at least. Unless I got her really drunk. Hmmm.
- jawboning (the use of spoken persuasion): really bad form fellatio.
- tittup (to move in a lively manner): near-antonym of "ass up, face down."
- clitic (a word that is treated in pronunciation as forming a part of a neighboring word and that is often unaccented or contracted): OK, OK, now you're just baiting me

Andrew R. Juhl thanks Merriam-Webster and his own bad vocabulary for helping with today's Ledge.

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Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

THIS WILL SOUND CRAZY, BOOPIE, BUT I WAS SO ENVOYOUS OF YOU BACK THEN! YOU WERE THE HOT, BLOND CHEERLEADER WHO DATED THE BIG MAN ON CAMPUS.

WHAT I FAILED TO APPRECIATE, OF COURSE, WAS THAT GLORY DAYS DON'T LAST FOR LONG!

WELL, THEY CAN. I FOUND THAT ONCE I GOT PAST ALL THE SILLY STUFF, MY LIFE ONLY GOT MORE RICH AND INTERESTING.

WAIT... YOU'RE NOT BITTER OR DESPERATELY SAD? SORRY.

DILBERT

by Scott Adams

GAAA!!! EVERY TIME I LEAVE MY CUBICLE, SOMEONE PUTS A DOCUMENT ON MY CHAIR!

I HAVE AN IN-BOX! STOP LEAVING STUFF IN MY CHAIR!!!

HOW DO YOU KEEP YOUR CUBICLE SO NEAT?

I PUT EVERYTHING ON ALICE'S CHAIR.

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BY VEV

LET ME SHOW YOU A FASTER WAY TO DO THAT.

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- ACROSS**
- Entree meant to be eaten with the fingers, according to its creator
 - "People's Choice Awards" airer
 - Key chain
 - Millerite, e.g.
 - In flight?
 - Late critic featured on the Hollywood Walk of Fame
 - Position of prominence
 - Vatican money, once
 - Sunbathes, informally
 - So-called "Playwright of the Midwest"
 - Out of spirits
 - Marlon Brando's role in "Superman"
 - Leave off
 - W.W. II pistol
 - Buildings with many owners
 - Post office purchase
 - Big 1970s-'80s band with a geographical name
 - Art of television
 - Innocents
 - Playing costs
 - Dear
 - What Mad magazine lacked from 1957 to 2001
 - Part of many a vegan's diet
 - Country singers?
 - Short distance
 - Goes beyond the pail?
 - Element #100 is named for him
 - It's often freely given
 - Surveillance cam location
 - Athlete who started a clothing company in 1933
 - "Fantastic Mr. Fox" director Anderson
 - Hiking guide
- DOWN**
- Dry mounts?
 - Locale for many 1-Down
 - St. Petersburg's ___ College
 - Middle-earth region, with "the"
 - "___ Nobody's Business" (old blues standard)
 - Shoulder-fired weapon, for short
 - Salt
 - Willard Scott's successor on "Today"
 - Symbol of Apollo
 - Dancer de Mille
 - Remove
 - Seeker of the Seven Cities of Gold
 - Induces
 - Victorian-era furnishings
 - Shows the ropes
 - Scorecard blemish
 - Pulitzer-winning cartoonist Feiffer
 - Bill who received a Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2002
 - Title maiden in a Heinrich Heine poem
 - Home of the Karl Marx Theater
 - Endangered
 - Lower
 - Brent of "Star Trek: T.N.G."
 - Company boycotter?
 - Don Quixote, e.g.
 - Kind
 - Payroll tax, for short
 - Oil in a can

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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today's events

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- iPad Tips & Tricks, 11 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- Armchair Travelogues, 1 p.m., Senior Center
- The Ardore String Quartet and Elizabeth Oakes, 6 p.m., Riverside Recital Hall
- Molly's Violin Performance to benefit Iowa City Hospice Music Therapy, 7:30 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church, 320 E. College
- "The Children's Hour," 7:30 p.m., Dreamwell, Universalist Unitarian Society, 10 S. Gilbert

UITV schedule

Campus channel 4, cable channel 17

Noon Iowa Dance

1 p.m. Live: College of Law Commencement

3 WorldCanvass

5 Iowa Dance

6:30 UITV News

7 Live: Graduate College Commencement

9 UI Percussion Ensemble Fall Concert, Oct. 28, 2012

10 Symphony Orchestra, Oct. 31, 2012

10:30 UITV News

11 Iowa Football Spring Game Press Conference

11:30 Hawkeye Sports Report, May 9

horoscopes

Friday, May 17, 2013
 by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Boost your confidence by getting into a self-improvement regime or sprucing up your wardrobe. Socialize and flirt with new ideas, prospects, and challenges. Greater opportunity is within reach. Bring about positive change, and enjoy the results. Love is in the stars.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Keep your head clear and your possessiveness or stubbornness in check. Listen carefully to what's being said or offered. An emotional response will not help you get what you want. Remain calm, and do your research. Facts and figures cannot be disputed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Keep life simple, and listen carefully. Sincerity will make it difficult for anyone to put pressure on you. Love and romance should be scheduled if you are in a relationship or looking for the perfect partner if you are not.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Closed-mindedness will keep you in the dark and lead to a poor choice. Offering a suggestion will bring better results than making demands. Make it clear you want to help, not take over. Personal uncertainty will lead to emotional confrontations.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): The information you gather will allow you to find solutions that will help you as well as others. Personal relationships look promising. Visiting someone, taking a mini vacation, or spending time with someone special will enhance your life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Listen carefully and respond mindfully. Don't let the serious side of life hold you hostage – follow your heart or a dream. Look for adventure or do something that will bring you personal gratification. Positive action will bring good results.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You may be given a false impression regarding what's being offered at an event, seminar, or conference you want to attend. Set a strict budget, and stick to it, especially if you are making home improvements or spending on entertainment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A contract, financial, or legal matter must be handled in detail. Make sure you get all the information you require before you move forward. Emotional issues will surface if you have neglected to honor a promise. Nurture partnerships.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Travel and communication should highlight your day. Enjoying unique or unusual surroundings or taking on a challenge that gets your adrenaline flowing will inspire you to embrace change and new adventures. Love and romance are in the stars.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Financial problems will surface if you have given someone the authority to handle a job, contract, or investment. Spend more time at home if it will help you improve your living space or the changes you want to pursue emotionally or physically.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Listen to your heart, but don't dismiss experience when it comes to making a final decision regarding love, romance, and your domestic situation. Anger will not help a situation that is causing confusion and uncertainty. Assess your situation honestly.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Face adversity head-on if you want to gain respect and the support you are looking for. Secret affairs will damage your reputation, and gossip will make others question your integrity. Concentrate on work and doing the best job possible.

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UI freshman Morgan Lauer plays the piano on Thursday. (The Daily Iowan/Callie Mitchell)

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The academic year that was

Peter Gray resigns

Peter Gray, a former associate director of athletics student services at the University of Iowa, resigned in November 2012 amid allegations of sexual harassment and misconduct.

According to documents originally obtained by the *Press-Citizen*, the UI filed a formal complaint with the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity regarding Gray and his alleged sexual harassment and inappropriate behavior toward student-athletes.



Peter Gray resigned

An audit of the UI Athletics Department revealed that the Provost Office was made aware of the allegations against Gray on Sept. 25, 2012, and the sexual misconduct coordinator was notified the same day.

The state Board of Regents requested 100 percent compliance from the UI following the controversy involving Gray, and UI President Sally Mason told the board in April that 100 percent of the faculty at the UI had undergone appropriate sexual-harassment training.

Mason's contract not renewed

UI President Sally Mason's contract was not renewed on Aug. 1, 2012, when former state Board of Regents President Craig Lang asked her to "re-frame and reprioritize" her goals for 2012-2013.



Sally Mason UI president

Since Aug. 1, Mason has been working "at will." Specifically, Lang asked her to improve communication between the UI and the Iowa Legislature and better showcase the UI's contributions to the state.

The regents held their regular evaluations of all university presidents in January. Mason described her evaluation as "very productive." Before the evaluation, Mason said she wanted to point out the ways in which she had worked to meet the requests of the regents.

2009 murder case continues

Justin Marshall, 22, was sentenced to life in prison on April 26 for first-degree murder related to the slaying of John Versypt, a former landlord of Broadway Condominiums.

Marshall was the second suspect in this case. Charles Thompson was the first and his trial ended in a mistrial. Courtney White was the third suspect; on April 26, he pleaded guilty to tampering with a witness and was credited the time he had served. He was to be released soon after the plea was made.

Marshall has recently appealed his conviction to the Iowa Supreme Court.

Ex-UI student convicted in rape

A former University of Iowa student was convicted of sexual abuse in December 2012.

Evan Pfeifer was accused of raping a woman on the west side of the Pentacrest in the early morning hours of Oct. 3, 2010.

The state showed surveillance footage, which they claimed showed Pfeifer near the Pentacrest shortly before the incident—along with testimony from one witness who caught up with the victim



Dancers move during Dance Marathon's Power Hour in the IMU Main Lounge on Feb. 4, 2011. (The Daily Iowan/file)

after the rape and asked her if she had been raped. She nodded her head yes.

Mark Brown, Pfeifer's attorney, said the victim had been drinking the night of the abuse and got in an argument with her sister about marijuana.

Regents work on transparency

The regents approved the creation of a nine-member Transparency Task Force in March, following transparency issues between the regent universities and the board. The group hopes to combat transparency issues that have arisen in the last year.

Regent Nicole Carroll leads the task force, and Mark Braun — the UI interim vice president for Strategic Communication, represents the UI.

The task force has held several public hearings throughout the state in the last several weeks. The first was held in Johnston, Iowa, in April, and another was held earlier this month in the Iowa City Public Library.

The task force will present its findings to the Board of Regents at its June meeting.

Senate squashes reagent appointments

Gov. Terry Branstad appointed several people to the regents, only to have them denied by the Iowa Senate.

The Senate voted 27-23 to reject Robert Cramer's nomination for a six-year term on the board. The Senate also failed to reappoint former Regent President Craig Lang, on a 30-20 vote. A third nominee, Subhash Sahai, was confirmed on a 45-5 vote.

Lang ended his term as regent president in April; Regent Bruce Rastetter is currently serving as acting president.

Lang was appointed to the board in 2007 and elected president of the board in July 2011.

Justice center fails twice

After two elections and two unsuccessful votes, the future of the Johnson County justice center is undetermined.

The proposal for the creation of a 195-bed jail and four courtrooms first appeared on the November 2012 ballot. The bond referendum required a 60 percent supermajority but only 56 percent of votes were in favor of the project.

Obama wins re-election

Iowa's status as a blue state helped President Obama win a second term, and the 2012 election was met with record voting numbers in Johnson County.

Johnson County counted 75,463 voters, up from 73,231 in 2008. The turnout was 82.58 percent of the registered voters.

Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, also won re-election, defeating GOP challenger John Archer.



President Obama campaigns in Devenport on Oct. 19, 2012. Obama asked the Iowans to vote for him so he can accomplish some economic goals, as well as work on such issues as immigration. (The Daily Iowan/Juan Carlos Herrera)

Loebsack will continue to represent the 2nd Congressional District, which includes Johnson County.

Iowans voted to retain Iowa Supreme Court Justice David Wiggins, despite a strong political effort to oust him following his participation in a court decision that legalized same-sex marriage in 2009.

Other local officials won and retained seats in Johnson County. Travis Weipert was named the new Johnson County auditor after running uncontested. Johnson County Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek also ran uncontested and kept his seat.

Local state Reps. Dave Jacoby, Vicki Lensing, and Mary Mascher retained their seats in the Iowa House after uncontested races.

Incumbent Johnson County Supervisors Pat Harney, Terrence Neuzil, and Rod Sullivan were also re-elected to retain their spots on the Board of Supervisors.

College of Education faces crisis

A vote of "no confidence" was held on Nov. 7, 2012, against former Dean of the College of Education Margaret Crocco. Following the vote, Crocco was made aware of negative comments on her job performance left on an internal college survey.

Provost P. Barry Butler asked for the comments and said they should be treated as a personnel matter.

One month after the vote of "no confidence," all seven members of the Faculty Advisory Committee resigned because they felt they could no longer serve as a liaison between the faculty and administration, according to an email sent to the college faculty and staff.

Crocco resigned from

her position on Dec. 10, 2012. Nicholas Colangelo has served as interim dean since Crocco's resignation. He told *The Daily Iowan* at the beginning of the semester that he was eager to help the college move on from what some officials called a crisis. The college launched its new brand on May 3, and officials said the atmosphere in the college is now much more positive.

Dance Marathon celebrates 19 years

The University of Iowa held its 19th annual Dance Marathon — a 24-hour event for students to raise money for the UI Children's Hospital. Dance Marathon broke a record, raising \$1.53 million this past year, bringing the grand total to \$12.7 million.

Sen. Harkin retires

Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, announced in January he would not seek re-election to a six term in 2014.

Harkin has served Iowa for nearly four decades in Congress, starting in the House of Representatives.

Most believe his largest legacy is the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act, which many refer to as his "landmark legislation."

Rep. Bruce Braley, D-Iowa, announced he would run to replace Harkin, and he eventually received the senator's endorsement.

UI Foundation launches campaign

The UI unveiled its campaign For Iowa Forever More, calling donors to raise \$1.7 billion. The UI has raised slightly more than \$1 billion, funding 317 new student scholarships and programs, 118 new research projects, and 88 faculty positions.

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Sports

WEBER

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ball operations Jerry Strom saw the clip, and tears ran down his face; the next day he called my dad and it all transpired.”

What transpired was an act of kindness from the basketball program, one that made a lasting impression on the entire family.

The Iowa basketball team invited Weber and her family to be honorary guests at the March 22 contest against Stony Brook. Members of the team signed a basketball and gave it to Alice Weber. Each player greeted her in the locker room as they returned from warm-ups. Weber and her family even got to sit in on the team meeting before the contest.

“To have a woman, who essentially has about a week to live say she wants to spend her time with the Hawkeyes ... it’s an overwhelming feeling,” Iowa head basketball coach Fran McCaffery told *The Daily Iowan*. “What was so special to me — we can set those things up, but the key is how the players respond to her and her family.”

When Weber passed away, the squad was in New York preparing to compete in the NIT semi-

finals. Because no members of the Iowa team were available to make it to the ceremony, John Streif, the now-retired assistant athletic trainer and travel coordinator at the University of Iowa, attended the funeral at the Dyersville Basilica as an ambassador for the entire program.

“It was an honor for me to be there to represent the team and staff at funeral services,” he said. “She was a true Hawk-eye.”

Today, the ball signed by the team sits on the mantle above the fireplace in the Weber home. Bob Weber said it ranks as one of his most prized possessions as a memento of the good deeds given him and his wife by the Iowa basketball program.

Weber also said he was surprised by the service provided to him and his family and reflected on what that moment meant to his wife.

“I don’t know how to explain it,” he said. “I couldn’t believe they did something like that; they are top-of-the-line people. We would like to thank them some way for what they have done. I could not believe what they did for her. It’s not something I think a place like that would do for anybody.”

“It was wonderful, She was really happy. It made her life, I think.”

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—Frank McCaffery, head basketball coach

BASEBALL

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the tone for next year, starting on the mound. The Hawkeyes will send sophomore pitcher Sasha Kuebel to the mound.

Kuebel has begun to rebound from what has been his sophomore slump after a successful rookie season.

“He was struggling early on, and sometimes, when you have so much success as a freshman, your expectations are extremely high,” Dahm said. “Sometimes, you forget what made you successful. I give a lot of credit to Sasha. He was really struggling, he was really down, and he had lost his confidence, but you know what, he just went back to work.”

He never faltered in his freshman campaign. The St. Louis native had a 6-0 record, tossing a 2.67 ERA. He was named second team All-Big Ten and appeared in 13 games, all starts.

This season has sung a different tune for the sophomore, with a 2-8 record and 5.12 ERA. He began the season as the lead pitcher, taking the Friday starting slot.

SPORTS

Regional coaches honor Blank

Iowa softball’s Megan Blank has added another honor to her already successful 2013 season. The sophomore was just named a 2013 National Fastpitch Coaches Association first team All-Midwest Region selection. This is Blank’s second all-region honor in as many seasons.

Blank is just the sixth Hawkeye in program history to earn all-region honors in each of her first two seasons. She was named to the second team last season as a freshman.

The Culver City, Calif., native earned this recognition on top of recently earning her second-straight first team All-Big Ten selection. College

Sports Madness also named Blank an All-American.

Blank just recently capped a record-breaking season for Iowa. She set the single-season batting-average record with a .437 clip, besting Kim Davis’ record of .428 set in 1993. Blank also raked in 59 RBIs and smacked 11 home runs during the 2013 campaign.

The all-region teams were chosen by coaches from each region, and all the honorees now become eligible for selection to one of three 2013 coaches’ association Division I All-America teams.

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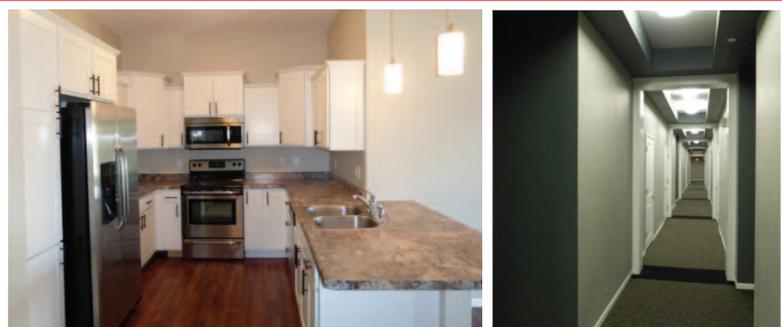
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Iowa hoops caps the year



Iowa guard Devyn Marble shoots a 3 against Maryland in the NIT semifinals at Madison Square Garden on April 2, 2013. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

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In the fall of 2011, Iowa fan message boards began circulating the catch phrase, "We're back." It was sparked by the commitments of this season's freshman class and the promise of a return to the NCAA Tournament.

That berth in the Big Dance didn't materialize this season, but the Iowa men's basketball team got one step closer to accomplishing that goal. They stormed through the second half of the Big Ten season and NIT and reached the NIT championship game in Madison Square Garden.

Head coach Fran McCaffery said the obvious goal for any team is getting into the field of 68, but he felt the team could benefit equally from making a deep run in the NIT.

"I'm going to argue that there's very little difference between the teams that you're playing [in the NCAA tournament and NIT]," McCaffery said in a press conference before the NIT championship game on March 29. "There just is. So if you make a long run in this tournament, we could easily have made a long run in [the NCAA Tournament]."

Junior Devyn Marble spearheaded Iowa's 11-4 charge to finish the season and led the team over that stretch with 18.1 points per game — including eight games in which he dropped at least 20 points.

Marble said he was simply looking for any way he could find to push the team forward.

"I just wanted to win," he said. "So I was trying to make winning plays for the team, and it just happened to come [in the form of] big scoring nights. But I was also rebounding, getting assists, getting steals; I was just doing everything I could to get us a championship. Unfortunately, we fell short to Baylor, but it was another steppingstone in the right direction."

The Hawkeyes struggled to win away from Carver-Hawkeye Arena for most of the season but were forced to get past that obstacle in order to reach the NIT finals. Marble said the experience of needing to win five-consecutive games was a valuable one, and getting a pair of those victories away from home was important. Iowa ended Virginia's 19-game home winning streak before knocking off Maryland in the NIT semifinals in New York.

Improved team defense was a major factor in the team's success in 2012-13, and senior Eric May said locking down opposing offenses was a point of emphasis in the offseason.

"We weren't stupid," May said. "We knew what our problem was last year, and that was defense. We could score, but we couldn't get stops when we needed to. And it's really good to see, when you put a lot of emphasis on [defense] in the offsea-

son — which is not a glamorous thing to work on — and guys buy into it."

The Hawkeyes' 25-13 season marked the program's highest win total since 2005-06, as well as the end to May's career in Black and Gold. May and his teammates won just 10 games in his freshman season, and he was the program's last remaining player on this year's roster from former head coach Todd Lickliter's tenure.

The Dubuque native said he was glad to be a part of moving the program forward, noting that the improvement isn't confined to the win-loss column.

"Just the overall energy is the biggest difference [between his freshman and senior years] — from within the program and outside it," May said. "There's a lot of good talk about this program, and it's come with a lot of work. But once you get to that point, you've got to keep pushing."

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- Wednesday: Mike Gesell, Freshman of the year
- Thursday: JD Reive, Coach of the Year
- Today: Men's basketball, Story of the Year

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Late hit boosts Hawks

The Iowa baseball team will send Sasha Kuebel to the mound tonight against Purdue.

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The Iowa baseball team may have lost its chance to make it to the Big Ten Tournament prior to facing off against Purdue for the final season series, but the season is yet to be a wrap.

Iowa secured a 2-1 victory over the Boilermakers in the first game, which went into extra innings and lasted two hour and 34 minutes. Iowa won with a go-ahead RBI single from sophomore Anthony Torres.

Iowa's Matt Dermody, who went 9.2 innings, staged a classic pitchers' duel with Purdue's Robert Ramer, who tossed 10.2 innings.

"Those guys competed and made pitch after pitch," Hawkeye head coach Jack Dahm said in a release following the game. "It was a great job by Matt to keep his concentration and focus and keep doing his job. That's a mature pitcher who went out and played the game pitch-to-pitch, like we talk about."

The game remained scoreless until the fifth inning, when Iowa struck first with sophomore Eric Toole crossing the plate after a wild pitch by Ramer.

Purdue then notched a run of its own in the bottom of the seventh inning courtesy of a Kyle Wood RBI single.

With the score tied at 1 in the bottom of the 11th, Iowa sophomore Nick Hibbing, pitching in relief, got himself into a jam with runners at first and second. That is when Purdue, first baseman Angelo Cianfrocco, hit a blast over the right field fence.

The shot originally was ruled a walk-off home run, but after Dahm protested the call, the umpires got together and ruled the homer a foul ball.

Dahm hopes today's second meeting against the Boilermakers will set

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Hawks give the gift of themselves

In an act of kindness, the Iowa men's basketball team made the final days of one lifetime Hawkeye fan something very special.

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On the morning of Feb. 18, Bob Weber found Alice, his wife of 52 years, in a helpless position, sprawled on the floor of the bathroom in their Dyersville home.

Alice Weber, who family members say was relatively healthy leading up to the incident, was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer on March 3. Weber passed away less than a month later, on Easter, but not before seeing her beloved Hawkeye basketball team make an improbable run to its first NIT championship game in school history.

Despite the crippling illness, the Webers — who have been season-ticket holders to Iowa basketball for around a decade — along with one of their daughters, Nancy Henn, attended Iowa's first-round tournament game against Indiana State — a 68-52 Hawkeye victory.

"We had just found out she got the cancer diagnosis a week before that," Henn said. "I called to see if we could get handicap tickets so she could go.



Alice and Bob Weber meet with Iowa head basketball coach Fran McCaffery. (Contributed photo)

They gave us tickets in the top row." And despite the illness, Henn said there was no question that her mother would attend the game.

"There was only hesitation because her stomach was collecting fluid," Henn said. "She was supposed to go in and get it drained. She decided, 'Nope.' Dad asked her if she wanted to go to the hospital or go see the Hawkeyes, and she said the Hawkeyes."

Coincidentally, camera crews were in the stands near the Weber family, filming another piece.

"I tapped a Channel 2 person, and I whispered it would probably be the last game for my mother," Henn recalled. "From there it took a life of its own. [Director of men's basket-

SEE WEBER, 8

Hawkeye golf lags in regional

The Iowa men's golf team completed first round action of the NCAA Tallahassee Regional on Thursday, and the Hawkeyes have left some work for themselves in order to advance.

They are tied for 11th after finishing with a team score of 299 (plus-11) after the first round. The Black and Gold are 27 strokes behind leader North Carolina, which finished minus-16 after the first day. The Hawks are also 19 strokes behind the cutoff for NCAA championships. No. 7 Georgia Tech and South Florida are both tied for fourth at minus-8.

Sophomore Joseph Winslow continued his good play, shooting an even par 72 to tie for 36th. MJ Maguire of North Carolina has the individual lead after one round with a 65.

"Obviously, we're not happy with the score we shot today," said head coach Mark Hankins in a release. "Some of that is strategy, and some of that is just execution. We'll take what we learned today, apply that for tomorrow, and work to put five good scores together tomorrow."

The Hawkeyes will continue regional play today and Saturday.

— by Kevin Glueck