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Celebrating King's life

Iowa City residents choose different ways to celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

By DANIEL SEIDL
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Joyful singing filled one local church to commemorate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The Rev. Orlando Dial of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church said one important part of King's life was his religious involvement.

"[We are] focusing on Rev. King, as opposed to Martin Luther King," he said. "Many times people refer to him as a civil-rights leader, but he was first and foremost a preacher."

Bethel hosted its second Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Annual Program & Celebration on Monday.

Bethel's event was just one of many held, or to be held, by Iowa City community members and the University of Iowa throughout the week to remember King's legacy.

A unity walk was held by the UI to celebrate King bringing together people of many different ethnicities. The walk went around the Pentacrest, beginning and ending at the Old Capitol.

After the walk, participants heard several speakers in the Old Capitol Senate Chamber commemorate King's legacy. Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, one of the speakers, said King's life taught it is important to take an active role in making change.

"[King] ... knew nothing could happen if folks didn't really serve their communities as best they could," he said. "You [have to] put on your shoes, you [have to] be part of the action ... but we need a whole

SEE KING, 3



A boy looks up at his father during the Unity March on the east steps of the Old Capitol on Monday. This was just one of many events around Iowa City honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his beliefs. (The Daily Iowan/Callie Mitchell)

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FROM MONDAY'S EVENTS

Board moves on plans

The Iowa City School Board prepares to forge ahead on plans to improve the district for 2014.

By LILY ABROMEIT
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This year, the Iowa City School Board will focus on implementing the highly contested issues passed last year in an attempt to equalize the district.

The School Board began work on the diversity, redistricting, and facilities master plans during its Jan. 14 meeting.

The diversity policy is an attempt to better distribute socioeconomic classes in the schools across the district by distributing the percentage of students participating in the free- and reduced-lunch program. The redistricting plan is the response by the board to achieve the diversity policy goals.

Currently, the board is working to begin the first phases of the year's plans. In order to anticipate new buildings and renovations that come with the diversity and redistricting policies, the board passed the facilities master plan timeline on Tuesday.

"We're looking at the facilities master plan, and there are things outlined in there for the first year, so we want to keep those things on track," said board President Sally Hoelscher.

The 10-year, \$258 million facilities master plan includes reconstructing or renovating all the schools in the district.

The board also approved the attendance zone timeline for the redistricting of boundaries.

Hoelscher said she is hoping the redistricting plan will create a balance in the district by ensuring every child receives the best education possible by more equally placing students by socioeconomic classes.

Superintendent Steve Murley

SEE DIVERSITY, 3

Council to vote on controversial Gateway Project

The Iowa City City Council will vote on the controversial Gateway Project tonight.

The proposed multimillion-dollar project would raise Dubuque Street, the "front door," of Iowa City, and replace the aging Park Road bridge with a higher structure.

The Gateway Project has been in the works for more than five years and has had several public discussions in the past year, as well as discussion at City Council meetings.

Concern has been raised by Iowa City citizens about the effect of raising Dubuque Street. Some said the project would be detrimental to decades-old homes, trees, and wildlife habitats. There have also been concerns about the price of the project.

Three designs were proposed for the

bridge: a \$35.01 million deck girder bridge at 200 plus 1 foot; a \$38.31 million through arch at 200 plus 1 foot; and a \$36.65 million deck girder bridge at 500 plus 1 foot.

Some councilors, including Susan Mims, have been concerned about the effect raising Dubuque Street might have.

The project was proposed in order to prepare Iowa City for future traffic projections.

Despite the various concerns, others are glad the council is preparing for the future.

Councilor Kingsley Botchway said he is unsure if the project will be approved, and there is still much discussion to be had at the council's work session today.

"I think it depends on the design," he said. "I think there's a lot to be discussed."

— by Daniel Seidl



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UKRAINIAN DISSENT



Protesters fire at police with fireworks in central Kiev, Ukraine, on Monday. After a night of vicious streets battles, anti-government protesters and police clashed anew Monday in the Ukrainian capital. Hundreds of protesters, many wearing balaclavas, hurled rocks, and police responded with tear gas. (Associated Press/Sergei Grits)

WHILE YOU WERE AWAY

City warns of phone scam

Iowa City officials are warning residents to be aware of a phone scam in which callers attempt to defraud Iowa City residents.

The callers impersonate IRS agents and demand that people pay fake tax bills by loading a prepaid card with money or by sending it via wire service.

The callers use a program to make the IRS's toll-free number appear on caller IDs. The callers often identify the last four digits of some victims' Social Security numbers to help persuade callers.

The callers threaten to involve the police if the taxpayers refuse to send money.

Officials warn residents the IRS wouldn't ask for payments through prepaid cards or wire transfers, and the agency typically notifies taxpayers through the mail. A true IRS agent would not involve the police on back taxes.

— by Stacey Murray

Landlord convicted of 'peeping'

An Iowa City landlord was convicted on Jan. 2 of "peeping" on tenants through holes in their apartments.

Elwyn Miller, 64, was found guilty of six counts of invasion of privacy. Invasion of privacy is a serious misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in jail.

Miller will be sentenced at 1:30 p.m. Feb. 10 in 6th District Court.

Associate District Court Judge Stephen Gerard issued the ruling on Tuesday — three months after Miller waived his right to a jury trial.

Miller was initially charged with 11 counts of invasion of privacy in late October and early November 2012 for allegedly spying on tenants through manufactured holes in the ceilings and walls of the residents' bathrooms and bedrooms.

— by Rebecca Morin

Local attorney faces license suspension

The Iowa Supreme Court will review the law-license suspension of Jeff McGinness this week.

McGinness is a local attorney who serves on the Iowa City School Board. He faces a six-month suspension of his law license after he admittedly violated Iowa's rules of professional conduct when he falsified court documents.

The court will hear arguments from both sides on Wednesday in Des Moines. The state's Court Attorney Disciplinary Board will speak for 15 minutes. Fifteen minutes will then be allotted for McGinness. The court will issue an opinion before court's session ends on June 30.

McGinness is appealing the suspension that was recommended by the state's Grievance Commission, claiming the suspension is excessive.

McGinness was working at the firm Simmons Perrine Moyer Berg-

man when he falsified documents to make it seem as if they had been served earlier.

— by Stacey Murray

Bloomfield pleads not guilty

A former University of Iowa researcher, John Richard Bloomfield, pleaded not guilty on Jan. 2 in connection with his wife's 1997 slaying.

Bloomfield is accused of killing his then-57-year-old wife, Frances Bloomfield. She was found in a ditch outside Rockford, Ill., in September 1997. Investigators believe she was strangled at the couple's home in Iowa City.

Authorities arrested Bloomfield in November 2013 at his home in St. Paul after investigators conducted additional DNA testing. He was extradited to Iowa, where he faces a first-degree murder charge.

Bloomfield waived his right to an in-person arraignment hearing. The hearing will take place Friday.

— by Stacey Murray

METRO

Man charged with 3rd OWI

An Iowa man has been accused of smelling of alcohol and swerving while driving.

Michael Garcia, 25, was charged Jan. 18 with third-offense OWI.

According to an Iowa City police complaint, Garcia was driving recklessly and swerving over the center line. A strong odor of alcohol came from inside the vehicle, and Garcia had bloodshot, watery eyes, the complaint said.

Garcia attempted to drive away from officers and was asked to turn off his vehicle and put his keys on the dashboard. He refused to exit the vehicle after numerous warning and was eventually physically removed from the vehicle and detained.

Third-offense OWI is a Class-D felony. — by Rebecca Morin

Local man charged with attacking an officer

A North Liberty man has been

accused of striking a police officer with a metal rod.

Darrell Abbott, 41, was accused Jan. 18 with assault with the intent of injuring a peace officer.

According to a Johnson County Sheriff's Office complaint, Abbott could be heard banging large objects into walls and breaking glass in his residence. He also approached a basement window and broke it out with a metal rod.

Abbott attempted to strike a police officer with a metal rod, the complaint said. He was shot twice with a Taser and physically resisted officers attempting to restrain him.

Assault with the intent of injuring a peace officer is a Class-D felony.

— by Rebecca Morin

Area man charged with child-porn possession

A West Branch man reportedly admitted to having more than 1,000 child-pornography photos on his home computer and cell phone.

Brady Verlo, 22, was charged Jan. 17

with six counts of sexual exploitation of a minor.

According to an Iowa City police complaint, Verlo told police officials he had approximately 400 child pornography photos and videos with nude minors engaging in sexual acts on his cell phone, as well as more than 1,000 images on his home computer.

Verlo admitted he sexually gratifies himself when viewing the photos and videos, and he has exchanged the photos and videos with other people interested in child pornography, the complaint said.

The investigation is ongoing; additional charges are likely, the complaint said.

Sexual exploitation of a minor is a Class-D felony.

— by Rebecca Morin

UI faculty member charged

A University of Iowa music lecturer reportedly told police officials his laptop contained pornography after falsely reporting it stolen.

Brent Sandy, 55, was accused Jan.

13 with possession of a controlled substance, false report to law-enforcement authorities, and third-degree theft.

According to a University of Iowa police complaint, Sandy reported his laptop stolen from his office during a three-minute window. UI Information Technology Services located the laptop using a Mediacom IP address.

The IP address of the laptop was located at Sandy's residence, the complaint said. A search warrant was executed, and the laptop was found at Sandy's home. Police officials also allegedly located a small container of marijuana, which was found in a drawer in the living room.

Sandy reportedly told officers he took the laptop from his office because he was going to get a new laptop issued, and his current laptop contained pornography.

Possession of a controlled substance is a serious misdemeanor. False report to law enforcement authorities is a serious misdemeanor. Third-degree theft is a serious misdemeanor.

— by Rebecca Morin

BLOTTER

Sean Abbas, 21, Cedar Falls, was charged Sunday with possession of marijuana.

Leonardo Alachan Ventura, 31, 2018 Waterfront Drive Lot 99, was charged Monday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Benevia Armstrong, 18, Indianapolis, was charged Monday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Dwight Banks, 19, Rochelle, Ill., was charged Sunday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Pratik Bhakta, 25, 1007 Melrose Ave., was charged Sunday with OWI.

Damen Brown, 48, 429 Southgate Ave., was charged on Jan. 17 with possession of marijuana and public intoxication.

Robert Bryant, 44, 1100 Arthur St. H5, was charged Jan. 18 with assault intending to commit sexual abuse and interference with official acts.

James Cox, 42, Tipton, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Samuel Dull, 27, Coralville, was charged Sunday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Lori Elmore, 47, Burlington,

was charged on Jan. 17 with public intoxication.

Kathleen Featherstone, 60, address unknown, was charged Jan. 17 with criminal trespass and improper use of 911.

Michael Garcia, 25, Burlington, was charged Jan. 18 with driving while barred, interference with official acts, and third-offense OWI.

Zachary Gorman, 20, New Hampton, Iowa, was charged Jan. 17 with public intoxication and interference with official acts.

Luke Guy, 23, 1020 E. Jefferson St., was charged Jan. 17 with public intoxication.

Daniel Hruby, 20, 929 N. Dodge St., was charged Jan. 17 with possession of marijuana.

Curtis Jones, Jr., 34, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with OWI and driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Cody Kaller, 28, 1610 College Court, was charged Sunday with OWI.

Anthony Klappa, 29, Hopkins, Minn., was charged Jan. 17 with OWI.

Shawn Knepp, 19, 1607 Hollywood Blvd., was charged Sunday with possession of con-

trolled substance and driving with a revoked license.

Juan Lopez, 49, Cedar Rapids, was charged Monday with driving while barred.

Justin Lough, 23, 909 E. Burlington St. No. 6, was charged Sunday with fifth-degree theft.

Asaad Makawi, 50, 2507 Whispering Prairie Ave., was charged Jan. 18 with taxi violations.

Ryan McDonald, 19, 624 S. Gilbert St. Apt. No. 1, was charged Monday with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana.

Andres Medina, 42, 2128 S. Riverside Dr. No. 92, was charged Sunday with driving with a revoked license.

Frank Nicastrì, 51, address unknown, was charged Jan. 18 with assault.

Terry Pearson, 54, 2033 Davis St., was charged Jan. 17 with driving with a revoked license.

Bradley Pechman, 35, 515½ N. Johnson St., was charged Monday with keeping a disorderly house.

Ronda Perry, 54, 923 Cross Park Ave., was charged Jan. 17 with third-degree theft and criminal trespass.

Kyle Plotsky, 19, 532 S. Dodge St., was charged Monday with

PAULA.

Rene Redd, 22, 424 E. Davenport Apt. D1, was charged Sunday with OWI.

Rickie Roberts Jr., 35, address unknown, was charged Jan. 17 with criminal trespass.

Richard Rolon, 33, 4494 Taft Ave., No. 380, was charged Monday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Chad Sharkey, 19, 12 Denbigh Drive, was charged Jan. 18 with possession of a fictitious driver's license/ID.

Ann Snodgrass, 55, 400 S. Dubuque St. No. 1429, was charged Jan. 18 with criminal trespass and interference with official acts.

Laurie Tate, 49, Nichols, Iowa, was charged Monday with third-degree theft.

Richard Vickroy, 26, Muscatine, was charged Jan. 18 with fifth-degree theft.

Maxwell Villhauer, 20, North Liberty, was charged Sunday with PAULA, OWI, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Xu Wang, 20, 2910 Eastwood Drive, was charged Jan. 18 with OWI.

Alyssa Williams, 18, 710 S. First Ave., was charged Monday with assault causing injury.

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heck of a lot more than that.”

Melissa Abram-Jackson, the manager of Organizational Development & Training at the University of Houston Downtown, echoed Loeb'sack's belief.

“If we don't receive, take ownership of, [or] find our place in the legacy ... then today really becomes nothing more than a day off,” she said. “We don't have to stage protests [or] become part of a march to make change. It's really not the volume of your voice, it's the impact of your voice. But first you have to find it.”

Though Iowa City residents agree King's life is worth remembering, there is some disagreement on how it should be celebrated.

One issue that's been a hot topic in Iowa City is

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

The University of Iowa will host several events to commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The events include:

- Monday:** Unity March and “Time to Remember”
- Tuesday:** “Building Positive Care Relationships Among Health-Care Workers and Transgender Patients”
- Wednesday:** “Structural Violence: Health Disparities in the U.S. and Abroad”
- Thursday:** Soledad O'Brien Lecture, Community of Color reception, “Bringing the Vision Home: Celebrating Iowa Women of the Civil Rights Movement”
- Friday:** Larry Yazzie performance
- Saturday:** “Sweet Songs of Sorrow and Joy: Jazz, Poetry, MLK, and Civil Rights”

Source: University of Iowa Website

whether students should spend the holiday in school, learning about King, or out of school celebrating in their own way. While the UI has always had class off on the day, the Iowa City School District held classes Monday.

Dial said if it is recognized as a national holiday, students should take off the day.

“We have 180 days to teach diversity, and you

should every single day,” he said. “I think we should respect it as a national day off.”

Billie Townsend, program manager of the UI's National Alliance for Doctoral Studies in the Mathematical Sciences and a member of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, said it is unfair to look at this holiday any differently than other national holidays.

“If you're going to make



Roy Salcedo, the coordinator of the multicultural program at the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership, speaks before the Unity March on the east steps of the Old Capitol on Monday. (The Daily Iowan/Callie Mitchell)

Martin Luther King Day a day in class, you need to look at the other holidays,” she said. “Why should [this]

holiday be any different.”

Townsend noted that people of all ethnicities, not just African Americans, should

celebrate King's day.

“It's not a black holiday,” she said. “It's a holiday for everybody.”

DIVERSITY

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said the process will begin after spring break. He said rezoning will occur for the junior highs and high schools as well.

“The intent is to recognize that when you open up new buildings and add significant additions on other buildings, we want to take advantage of those new seats by rezoning our [schools] and moving more students into those seats,” he said.

Murley said the redistricting plan goes hand-in-hand with the diversity plan, because it will create a more varied and equal population.

“For both ... the intent when we're done with the process is that there's an equitable distribution of resources and learning environment,” he said. “We want to make sure that [no matter] where you go to school, that the facilities [are] equal school to school ... and we also want to make sure ... the student population is equally distributed throughout the district.”

Hoelscher said the projections for the district's enrollment will continue to grow, and the board wants to ensure the district can accommodate the larger class sizes.

“Obviously, one of our goals ... is making sure we have enough seats for the students who are here as

well as for the students that are coming,” Hoelscher said.

She also said she thinks the board will need to keep a strict eye on finances in the upcoming year as plans for building and remodeling schools get underway.

School Board member Chris Lynch said he wants to see a strong focus on keeping the financial burden at a reasonable level. The board spent more money last year than authorized for one year, he said, and he hopes to see the opposite take place in 2014.

“You can't do that forever,” he said. “It's fine to do that in a single year ... and it's not an issue yet, but it's something that needs to be addressed now so we don't have issues two or three years from now.”

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COLUMN

Same river, same river



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Things to do while forgetting anything involving the New England Patriots.

- Watching the river freeze over. No, really — it's exciting watching those electrons slowing and slowing and slowing, kind of like figure skaters twirling and twirling slower and slower in the Olympics. Pop quiz: When we say Sochi security, do you immediately think Social Security? (Thought so.)

Of course, all that is merely in my imagination, because it's so much easier to haul around my imagination than it is to haul around an electron microscope.

The great thing about a frozen river is that for once, you *can* step in the same river twice. So there you go, Heraclitus.

- Wondering if Lance Armstrong is a cycle-path. The great thing about wondering is that it doesn't cost you anything. The downside is that it doesn't pay anything, either; how often life turns out to be a zero-sum game.

Which is not to say life is a game; just ask the Patriots. What say you, Heraclitus? Heraclitus mum. Hum. Maybe life is a zero-mum game.

- The polar vortex is coming to kill us all, or at least kill our memories of "global warming."

First, there is no "global warming"; there is global climate change, as scientists say. Second, there has been a polar vortex for as long as human beings can remember — which these days seems to be last week, give or take a minute.

Third, the polar vortex does not move, much, in a north/south way; it is a revolving wind that blows west to east around the Arctic.

Some of our quite-conser-

vative cousins seem to live on one of Jupiter's moons; they spot an Arctic clipper (as if we've never had one of those before), and say, See, there's no global warming. Then they make Al Gore jokes, as if that's a difficult, clever thing to do. (I mean, even I can go on for hours about Al Gore-rhythms.)

Meanwhile, back on this planet, such as we know it, what happens is this (according to many sources, including *Scientific American*): Global climate change warms the Arctic enough to melt the ice in the summer; the heat thus generated weakens the polar vortex enough that Arctic air previously contained by the vortex swarms south like Vikings into Ireland back in the day (hello, birth of Dublin), and we in the States get an Arctic clipper.

Hello, quite conservative cousins, Mother Nature says. Remember me? You will.

- President Obama reins in the NSA. Or rains in. Or reigns in. Whatever.

That's OK; most Americans, from what I can tell, William, don't know the difference between "reining in" and "reigning in." I'm not exactly sure what "reigning in" might mean, but I kind of like the Dada-ness surrounding it. Not that "Dada-ness" is a word, but if it were, I suspect it would mean something akin to "Loch Ness." Or maybe that's "Lock Ness."

So many Nesses, so little time. Where have you gone, Eliot Ness, a nation turns its lonely eyes to you.

Oh, you're with the NSA now. Suddenly, somehow, a nation's eyes are not so lonely. If you know what I mean.

- Patriots? What Patriots? Oh, well, the George W. Bush administration did craft the Patriot Act, which meant the Patriots win the Super Bowl enough times to nauseate the football world.

But, the Patriot Act is long gone. Isn't it? Hello, NSA, I'm talking to you.

But you knew that already, didn't you. Lonely eyes and all.

EDITORIAL

Branstad's vision promising

A day before Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad announced his intention to run for a sixth term, he began the new year in earnest with his Condition of the State address on Jan. 14.

In addition to new initiatives such as the Home Base Iowa Act, a tax-reform bill for veterans, Branstad reaffirmed his support for a tuition freeze in the state's public universities, a new pharmacy building at the UI, and increasing rural connectivity, among others.

Branstad's vision for 2014 is admirable, though it leaves for another year many pressing problems facing Iowa, such as a degrading infrastructure and the thousands of Iowans living in poverty. Still, his call for bipartisan work on those problems that can be solved is welcome.

The Home Base Iowa Act, which Branstad called the "centerpiece" of his 2014 agenda, would stop the taxation of military pensions with the aim of bringing more veterans to the state. In-state tuition for veterans and their families and academic credit for military training and experience are also on the table.

"I believe Iowa can offer our nation's veterans something even greater than a square deal," he said at the address.

The reference to Theodore Roosevelt's landmark domestic program of the early 20th century is certainly no accident. Perhaps Branstad hopes to follow in the progressive president's footsteps. Regardless, increased support for veterans, who are too often cast aside when they return from combat, is much needed.

The governor also voiced his support for another tuition freeze for the state's public universities. Though the state Board of Regents had voted to hold the in-state tuition at its current level for the second-straight year, Branstad set aside \$19 million in his proposed fiscal 2015 budget for the freeze. David Roederer, the director of the state Department of Management, said the sum effectively "buys the tuition freeze," because it fills the gap a tuition hike would bring. The measure, not altogether surprising con-

sidering the broad support for a freeze among the regents and the Legislature, nonetheless sends a definitive message. With student debt continuing to rise across the nation, Branstad intends to get behind a second-straight tuition freeze for the first time since 1975 in Iowa.

Another facet of the governor's 2014 agenda is the continued pledge for a new UI pharmacy building. It's a welcome change for today's facilities, which UI Pharmacy Dean Donald Letendre has called "woefully inadequate for educational delivery."

After touring the building in October 2013, Branstad has set aside \$2 million in the budget, a move praised by UI President Sally Mason.

With similar amounts parceled out for UNI and ISU projects, the governor's commitment to the state's universities is encouraging. As the legislative session begins for the year, time will tell if Iowa's legislators feel the same.

Branstad's proposals went beyond education. In a follow-up to the Connect Every Iowan Initiative he unveiled in September, Branstad said bringing broadband Internet to those in rural areas was important for the state economy as a whole.

"As our connection speeds increase, so does the pace of our economic progress, so does our ability to grow jobs, and so does our ability to turn the Iowa Dream into reality," he said.

Branstad emphasized this idea of the "Iowa Dream" several times in his address, hoping to highlight the state as a beacon of opportunity.

With the proposals he has laid out in his Condition of the State speech, though they are somewhat limited in scope, the governor has taken several good steps toward making the Iowa Dream sound less like a cliché and more like a promise.

YOUR TURN

Do you think Terry Branstad has Iowa on the right track? Weigh in at dailyiowan.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR/ ONLINE COMMENTS

Oppose academic boycott of Israel

UI President Sally Mason has joined more than 200 other college and university presidents in opposing the American Studies Association's boycott of Israeli academic institutions. As the foundation for Jewish life on campus, Hillel thanks Mason for her leadership. Hillel also strongly urges the UI's Department of American Studies to distance itself from the association's boycott and, if necessary, to resign its membership in the group.

The boycott of Israeli academic

institutions, and of individuals affiliated with those institutions, suppresses the free exchange of ideas on which the scholarly enterprise depends. It punishes individuals and institutions for a political situation they may have no role in sustaining — and, indeed, may actually oppose. Hillel supports open debate and respects the historical and contemporary aspirations of all of the parties to the conflict. The boycott has exactly the opposite effect.

Gerald L. Sorokin, executive director
University of Iowa Louis Shulman
Hillel Foundation

Aid Syrian refugees

Syrians are fleeing the ongoing violence in their home country by the thousands. Many find safety in refugee camps in surrounding countries. But their misery does not end there. Refugee camps have inadequate shelter, food, supplies, and even water. Too many are dying of starvation, including children. In Iowa City, many organizations have come together to support a fundraiser for some of these refugees.

On Thursday, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Old Brick, there will be music and food featuring a Middle Eastern cuisine. Come join us in doing what

little we can to ease the burden.

Pat Minor

Re: A tax on ignorance

You can argue that playing the lottery is "entertainment." Most of us wouldn't think twice about blowing \$4 on some type of entertainment. Personally, I don't play — mostly for the reasons you outline. My big problem with it is that folks will blow lots more than \$4 per week on this. One hundred in 260 million is not much better than 1 in 260 million. Don't spend your grocery money trying to hit it big. It's probably not going to happen.

Online user rb6banjo

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COLUMN

A letter to Fran McCaffery



Zach Tilly
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Fran, I promised myself I wouldn't write you (I couldn't be that needy, could I?) but I've watched you hit the big time, and I guess I've got something I need to say.

I want to love you, I really do. I want to love your boys, too — Devyn with his doe eyes, Aaron, Mike, Melly. But something is holding me back.

It's hard admitting I'm emotionally unavailable, but I've been burned too many times to commit to anything long-term right now. You have to understand.

Sure, I remember what it was like before I'd been hurt. I was there when you were going through that dark time, before you were a household name. Before

the chair throwing, before the red-faced fits of rage. Remember the night against Campbell? Hopelessly under-talented, outgunned in a lifeless gym ... but you still had that glimmer in your eye. God, I would have followed you to the end of the earth in those days.

Last year I felt myself falling hard for you. There had been moments here and there before, but it felt like maybe we'd turned a corner. You racked up some easy wins in the nonconference. But then the heartbreak.

Indiana by 4 and Michigan State by 3 at home. Overtime losses at Purdue and Wisconsin. Three points at Minnesota. By then I was stunned, we all were, but the schedule was favorable down the stretch.

"There's still an outside shot," they said. And I believed them. Because I wanted to believe them. To believe in you.

You know what happened next. It was a sunny afternoon, a

Saturday, when I heard what happened in Nebraska. Right then I said, "No more of THIS." I couldn't take it; I was living with my emotional health tied to a team as unpredictable as the arrhythmic heartbeat you'd given me. That's no way to exist.

But there was still the Big Ten Tournament.

"There's still an outside shot," they said. And again, like a moth to a flame, I fluttered back into your orbit, Fran. I did.

This time I was in my basement, wrapped in a blanket, when Michigan State strong-armed its way to a 3-point win. I didn't speak for five days.

The NIT run felt like you reaching out, but I wasn't ready then.

In a lot of ways I blame myself for expecting too much from you. I was just a kid, and in my eyes, you were the man who had it all figured out — I realize how naive that was. But how could I have known then that behind those rimless lenses and steely eyes wasn't an unfath-

omable, unconquerable basketball genius but the imperfect humanity of a scrappy, quick-tempered Philadelphia kid doing his best to build something bigger than himself.

I held you up as a god, but you were just a man. As fragile as the rest of us.

So here we are. You're up in Ann Arbor by now, but at much greater metaphorical heights. You've got that number 10 by your name — it's heady stuff. I'd be lying if I said the ride hasn't been exhilarating.

But I still can't bring myself to love you with my whole heart. There's a voice in the back of my mind telling me that this is as good as it gets. That this moment is the high-water mark. That like so many hopes before, this could be lost in a moment.

I so hope I'm wrong, that you and your boys really have changed. That I can trust you completely.

I want to love you, Fran. I just need to know that I won't be hurt again.

Run for the colors comes to UI

By CHRIS HIGGINS
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Hubbard Park may be white and peaceful today, but the grass will be speckled in black and gold when the University of Iowa hosts the first Color Your Campus fun run in April.

"We are bringing the fun-run phenomenon to college campuses across the country," said Color Your Campus cofounder Grant Kamins. "We're using school colors, so it really will be about school spirit and camaraderie."

Registration opened on Monday for the event, a casual 5K in which participants will begin dressed in white and will end showered in black and gold dye. At numerous points during the run, participants will be splashed with the dye. Details about the route will be released later this month, but the race will

begin and end at Hubbard Park.

Planning for the event began in August 2013, when Kamins and cofounder Jared Satkoff reached out to Alexis Kuennen, a UI senior and the president of the UI chapter of the American Marketing Association. Kuennen said the group "jumped at the opportunity."

"We had already thought about doing a 5K ourselves, so this was perfect," she said.

The founders told Kuennen they needed to gauge the interest level from students, so the marketing association began promoting the event on Facebook this past year. UI students, Kamins and Satkoff said, seemed particularly eager to host the event, earning the university the first Color Your Campus run. In October, university officials cleared the event.

After partnering with

the UI, the organizers reached out to local businesses.

Molly's Cupcakes, Swankie Frankie, Running Wild, and BlendCard will donate prizes to participants registering early for the event, including free food and gift cards.

"They contacted me and said they heard we were one of the hot new places in town," said Clyde Guillaume, the Swankie Frankie owner. "Since we were just getting going, we were interested in getting our name out there."

University officials capped registration at 5,000 people, and Satkoff thinks the event will reach the limit.

"We have a very, very good estimate that this is going to sell out within three to four weeks," he said. "We know that people like to wait till the last minute, but for this one, don't, because it's not going to happen."

Satkoff and Kamins anticipate making this first run one of many at UI.

"We 100 percent plan on making this an annual event at UI," Satkoff said. "The day after the event, we will start the planning for the following year. I can tell you one thing: You won't want to miss the first."

Color Your Campus

The first Color Your Campus run will come to University of Iowa in April.

- Registration for the race opened Monday.
- The registration fee is \$40 for individuals, \$35 per team.
- The first 300 registrants will receive either a free cupcake from Molly's or a free hot dog from Swankie Frankie.
- Registration is capped at 5,000 participants.

Source: Grant Kamins and Jared Satkoff, cofounders of Color Your Campus

Omaha plant explosion kills at least two

By JOSH FUNK
Associated Press

OMAHA — An explosion that brought down part of an animal-feed processing plant in Omaha on Monday morning killed two people and seriously injured 10 others, authorities said.

The search for bodies in the crippled International Nutrition plant progressed slowly Monday and had to be suspended in the evening, Omaha police Lt. Darcy Tierney said all 38 of the workers who were in the building at the time had been accounted for, so the death toll wasn't expected to grow.

Through much of the day, authorities declined to say how many died while they sorted out what happened.

In total, officials said two died, 10 were hospitalized, and seven were hurt but refused treatment. The other 19 workers escaped.

Authorities said late Monday that Keith Everett, 53, of Omaha, was one of the victims. The other victim's name hasn't been released.

Search-and-rescue experts worked into Monday evening to stabilize the building and removed one victim.

But the combination of strong winds, cold temperatures, and a dangerous building forced rescuers to suspend operations before the second victim could be recovered, Omaha interim Fire Chief Bernie Kanger said.

That search effort and

investigation will resume this morning, but there's difficult work ahead.

"We've got tens of thousands of pounds of concrete, reinforced concrete and steel," Kanger said. "This is a very significant rescue operation."

Authorities don't know what caused the blast, but Kanger noted that there were no hazardous chemicals at the three-story plant. International Nutrition makes products that are added to livestock and poultry feed to make them more nutritious.

The second and third floors of the plant collapsed on top of the first floor as key structural supports failed Monday. Kanger said firefighters were able to rescue five men initially, in-

cluding one who had to be cut out of the debris.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration will determine the cause of the accident, but Kanger said the investigation could take weeks.

The explosion knocked out the lights in the building and sent workers scrambling for safety.

Nate Lewis said he was on the first floor when he heard the explosion. The building went dark, so the 21-year-old used light from his cell phone to make his way across the production floor and outside.

"I was a production-line worker, although I don't know if I want to be that anymore," said Lewis, who has worked there for around four months.

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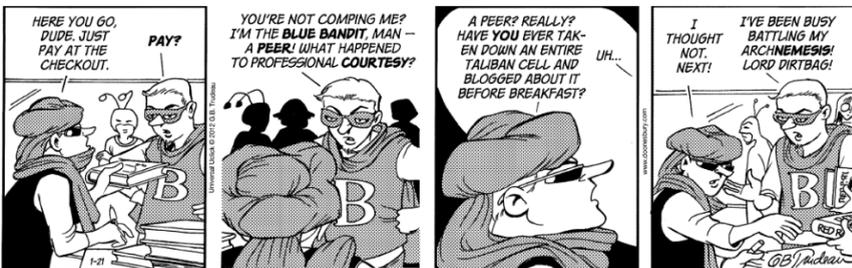
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today's events

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- **Iowa Centers for Enterprises Dev/Iowa Bootcamp**, nine-week program for web developers, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Thinc Lab, 122 E. Market
- **PubMed Open Workshop**, 9 a.m., Hardin Library East Information Commons
- **Pharmacology Postdoctoral Workshop**, "Regulator of G

Protein Signaling 6 (RGS6) is an Essential Regulator of ROS-dependent Cardiomyopathy Induced by both Doxorubicin and Alcohol." Biswanath Maity, 10:30 a.m., 1117 Medical Education & Research Facility

- **Spanish for Employees in the Medical Field**, Office of Cultural Affairs and Diversity Initiatives, noon, 3189 Med Labs
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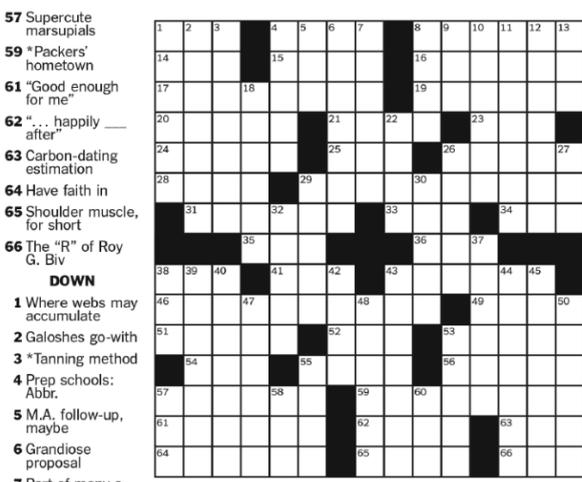
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- 1 "___ Poetica"
 - 4 Alerts to cruisers, for short
 - 8 Footlong sandwich maker
 - 14 Fraternity T
 - 15 In fashion
 - 16 "Seinfeld" ex-girlfriend
 - 17 *Sheriff's insignia, in old westerns
 - 19 How to make money "the old-fashioned way"
 - 20 Like trees during the spring
 - 21 Privy to
 - 23 Shot from an air gun
 - 24 Burns black
 - 25 L.B.J. or J.F.K., but not D.D.E.
 - 26 Speak on the stump
 - 28 Old coll. entrance hurdle
 - 29 *Actor named in a "Six Degrees" game
 - 31 Hemingway novel title location
 - 33 Oaxaca uncle
 - 34 Piece next to a bishop: Abbr.
 - 35 Word with sister and story
 - 36 Some appliances, for short
 - 38 Alley-___ (hoops play)
 - 41 *Nope, not interested"
 - 43 Ironfisted ruler
 - 46 *Tangy breakfast item
 - 49 Stock exchange debuts, briefly
 - 51 Author James
 - 52 Sounds from Santa
 - 53 Surgically implanted tube
 - 54 Org. found in the answer to each asterisked clue
 - 55 Swiss river
 - 56 Italian granny



PUZZLE BY PAULA GAMACHE

- DOWN**
- 1 Where webs may accumulate
 - 2 Galoshes go-with
 - 3 *Tanning method
 - 4 Prep schools: Abbr.
 - 5 M.A., follow-up, maybe
 - 6 Grandiose proposal
 - 7 Part of many a Shakespearean act
 - 8 Observed
 - 9 Suffix meaning "little one"
 - 10 Singer Streisand
 - 11 *Recover, as lost love
 - 12 Jennifer of "Friends"
 - 13 "Not ___" ("Be patient")
 - 18 Puts underground
 - 22 Neglect to mention
 - 26 Wind instruments
 - 27 "The Lord of the Rings" creature
 - 29 Serving on a skewer
 - 30 Bruce who played Dr. Watson
 - 32 Bub
 - 37 Show disdain for, in a way
 - 38 "___-la-la!"
 - 39 Lacking in variety
 - 40 *Tommy's game in the Who's rock opera "Tommy"
 - 42 Response to a wisecrack
 - 43 Merit
 - 44 *Feature of many a charity gala
 - 45 Ship's carrying capacity
 - 47 How some temperatures — and tests — are taken
 - 48 Stuffed
 - 50 Didn't go
 - 53 "Hagar the Horrible" dog
 - 55 "He's like ___ to me"
 - 57 ___ Royale (cocktail)
 - 58 Hubbub
 - 60 Sinuous fish

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Tuesday, January 21, 2014 by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Take a practical approach to everything you do, and you will eliminate criticism and ridicule. Self-improvements that boost your confidence will get you moving down a positive path. Don't let partners dictate your actions. Equality is required to make a relationship work properly.
- TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Do your own thing. Make choices based on what you want, but don't tell others what they should do. You'll get the most mileage if you are honest about what you want and if you refrain from being stubborn, demanding, or excessive.
- GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Use your wisdom, experience, and creative imagination to lead you to victory. Charm coupled with finesse and mystery will make socializing fun and bring about new friendships and opportunities to do things differently. Keep your spending to a minimum.
- CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Make choices based on your abilities. Minor adjustments to your residence may upset someone if you don't ask first. A window of opportunity will enable you to present what you have to offer and gain support. Listen to someone with experience.
- LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll face frustrations at home, but that shouldn't stop you from exploring new interests or connecting with people who share your desires. Travel, and get involved in partnerships, but don't push your luck when dealing with authority figures.
- VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make plans with friends, or sign up for an interest, course, or event that is conducive to socializing. You'll find out valuable information if you watch what happens to people in similar situations. Romance will improve your love life.
- LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Make subtle changes at home, but don't go over your budget. Talk to experts about your plans. Getting started will be much easier if you have local support from people in the know. Aggressive action will change the dynamics of a personal relationship.
- SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Shutting someone out will not solve the problem. Take a physical approach by doing things that reflect the way you feel. An emotional change will alter your financial situation. Travel will open up a new friendship with someone you respect.
- SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep your emotions in check and out of business deals. It's important to be innovative, but you also have to be shrewd if you are going to get your way. A change in the way you live will be costly but pleasing.
- CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You'll have an opportunity to start something new, but before you jump in, make sure you are doing it for the right reason. Taking on too much will backfire, costing you mentally, physically, and financially. Don't make unnecessary changes.
- AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Put more emphasis on sealing a deal. Make your move, and show everyone how ready, willing, and determined you are to accept and follow through with important personal change. Discipline and hard work will bring unexpected rewards.
- PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Offer your assistance, and you will raise your profile as well as encourage offers from people who can help you expand your own interests; however, don't take anything or anyone for granted — a disagreement or loss will be broadside you.

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COMMENTARY

Hawkeyes nice on the mats

Iowa's put together a nice wrestling season so far, but it's not great.



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The Iowa wrestling team has reached the midway point (give or take) in its season. And, so far, it's been a nice season.

The Hawkeyes are 11-1 in duals this year, and they have won every official conference dual so far — by an average of nearly 29 points, I might add. That's nice.

Iowa also went to Evanston, Ill., at the end of December and brought home the Midlands team title. Tom Brands and Company did so in record-setting fashion, scoring 187.5 points (breaking the Hawks' own record). That's nice.

Even more, the team trampled longtime wrestling rival Oklahoma State, 24-6, in Carver earlier this month. They won eight of 10 matches in that dual. That's all really nice.

These accomplishments, in all, have been nice. Like I said, it's been a nice season for Iowa so far.

But it hasn't been great.

There have been very few great moments, if you will, this season from the Iowa wrestling team. I can count two solid ones.

Brands seems to have found his 125-pounder in Thomas Gilman. Gilman, a Council Bluffs native, ran through the field at the Midlands, toppling the weight's defending NCAA champion, Jesse Delgado, before manhandling another former All-American in the finals to win the tournament.

The team has also found someone to fill the 149-pound void in the lineup. Brody Grothus, an Iowa product from Davenport Assumption, has stepped up and provided not only consistency and toughness, he has also beaten some top-ranked wrestlers. He appears to be the guy who can put to rest three years of mediocrity at a weight in which Iowa has failed to score a single point at the Big Ten championships, much less send a wrestler to the NCAA championships.

Those two stories are great. They really are.

But they're being overshadowed by just about everything else that's making this season just, well, nice.

It's not going to be a

cakewalk for Tony Ramos at 133 pounds this year, as most people — me included — thought it might be. Derek St. John seems to have taken a back seat to Nebraska's James Green at 157 pounds. Mike Evans is continuing to struggle against the nation's top 174-pounders.

There are other issues with this team, of course. Questions abound up and down the lineup. And that's because of the expectations this team, this program, has for itself.

Those expectations are to be great, not nice.

Those expectations are to beat what Cael Sanderson is creating over in State College, Pa.

And right now, this team doesn't seem to be in position to do that.

What Sanderson has built over there is exactly what he planned to build. He's keeping those Pennsylvania and New Jersey prep wrestlers — which are consistently some of the best in the country — close to home, putting them in the same room together and letting them beat up on each other.

The result? Penn State has a team that, barring some sort of insane meltdown, will more than likely win its fourth NCAA title in as many years.

That's great. Really great. College wrestling is a strange world. Most coaches will tell you that the whole season is practice until March hits.

And there's a lot of truth in that. March really is the only thing that matters.

From what I've seen so far in "practice," Iowa is more in position

to claim second place in March than some of the other contenders. When teams such as Minnesota, Oklahoma State, and the Sooners are healthy and primed to go, it will certainly be a dogfight for that silver trophy.

Iowa has what it takes to come out of that group on top and to take second place. Don't be surprised if that's where they end up after those three crucial days in March.

And second place is nice. It really is.

But it's not great.



Iowa 149-pounder Michael Kelly wrestles Penn State's Zach Beitz in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Dec. 21. Beitz defeated Kelly, 6-1. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

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redshirting the junior on an already crowded court was a flutter. But just one-year removed from a sophomore campaign in which the Cedar Rapids native shot an underwhelming 27 percent from long range, Oglesby

is hitting 60 percent of his 3 balls and averaging 16 minutes a game, which is relatively solid playing time considering Iowa's roster goes 11 deep.

Oglesby's defense was the first thing Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery wanted to talk about after the win over Minnesota. That game was a coming-out party of sorts for Oglesby, and Iowa

may have found a catalyst to help give it a good run in grueling Big Ten competition.

"He's a talented player; I've been saying that over and over," McCaffery said of Oglesby. "His defense today was nothing short of spectacular. It was the same thing against Ohio State... He has an incredible feel and sense of how to play. When he's hitting

— now he's a superstar. But if he is not making shots, he is still an incredibly effective player. That's why he was on the floor at the end of the game."

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FOOTBALL

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iest schedule in the Big Ten next season.

Instead of playing Ohio State, Michigan State, and Michigan, as it did this past season, Iowa will play Indiana, Illinois, and Maryland — the latter I'm told has joined the Big Ten for some reason. So, yeah. Things do get quite a bit easier for Iowa next year.

Head coach Kirk Ferentz's squad also gets its two toughest games (and it's not even close) at home, and

both of the contests come at the very end of the season: Wisconsin on Nov. 22 and Nebraska the following Friday. If Iowa doesn't start the season 10-0 and have a far-too high ranking to show for it, then we'll all know 2014 as more or less a failure of a season. Iowa could probably stand to drop a game to say, Minnesota or at Pitt — and it probably will — but the Black and Gold really should run the table in the Big Ten next year. And that has everything to do with the most meager of schedules, which, more than anything, speaks volumes about the performance of the con-

ference and how friggin' stupid it is that Maryland and Rutgers reside in it.

Iowa will obviously miss the play of its spectacular linebacker trio, but the Hawkeyes are usually pretty decent at reloading. What should concern fans the most is who will start under center and who will be appearing behind him in the backfield. I'm afraid we've already seen everything we can out of Rudock. C.J. Beathard seems to have a much higher upside, and he outplayed the incumbent in the fourth quarter against LSU when Rudock suffered a knee injury.

And I don't see Mark Weisman getting much better from this season to next. He may be an above-average running back, but LeShun Daniels and Jordan Canzeri have much higher upsides, especially if Weisman reverts to his old position and plows the way between the tackles at fullback for Daniels and Canzeri.

The table is set for Iowa to find itself ranked in the top 10 and even compete in its first-ever Big Ten championship game. Ferentz is the ninth highest-paid coach in the nation. It's about time Iowa fielded a squad to show for it.

WHILE YOU WERE AWAY

Women's swimming and diving

The Iowa women's swimming and diving team won twice and lost once in a four-team meet on Jan. 18 at the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center.

The Hawkeyes went head-to-head with Illinois and Indiana and beat the Illini, 198-101, before dropping a dual against the No. 11 Hoosiers, 170-126. Iowa also faced Missouri in the meet, defeating the Tigers, 164-135.

Junior Becky Stoughton was a bright spot for the Hawks, placing in the top-three four times. She finished second in the 500 free, 1,000 free, and 200 fly before helping her 400-free relay team to third place. In addition, her time in the 1,000 free (9:57.59) is a season best.

Upperclassmen dominated the meet; senior Haley Gordon placed second in the 100 fly (56.29) and third in the 200 fly (2:04.97). She grabbed another top-three finish when the 200-medley relay made up of her, seniors Lindsay Seemann and Elise Borja, and freshman Emma Sougstad finished third.

Senior Emily Hovren also tallied a runner-up finish in the 200 individual medley with a time of 2:05.07. She was the only swimmer besides Stoughton and Gordon to place in the top-two.

The divers on the team also had a strong outing, led by redshirt junior Abby Grilli, who placed second in the two events. In

the 1-meter, she finished with a score of 286.70 and tallied 303.65 in the 3-meter. Grilli continues a strong season in which she has placed highly in every event.

Iowa will resume competition in Evanston, Ill., against Northwestern on Saturday. The event will begin at 11 a.m. in the Norris Aquatics Center.

— by Jordan Hansen

Men's swimming and diving

The Iowa men's swimming and diving team was hard at work over winter break.

After finishing out the fall semester on a high note with a strong showing at the annual Hawkeye Invitational, the Black and Gold were back at it again shortly before the New Year, traveling to San Diego for the annual winter-training trip.

The six-day affair saw that Hawkeyes train twice a day at an outside pool at California-San Diego. With no classes to worry about, the Hawks were able to focus on preparing themselves for the upcoming championship season.

"It's a set that is difficult to do back home, but because we had unlimited time, great pool access, and a focused team, we were able to have meet-style energy during practice," senior Gianni Sesto said in a release.

The Hawkeyes also took to the nearby beaches of Torrey Pines, where they competed in several intrasquad competitions

designed to help them grow and bond.

Once the team's six-day trip was completed, the Hawkeyes returned to Iowa City to prepare for their meet against Missouri and Indiana on Jan. 18.

The No. 21 Hawkeyes dropped both meets, falling to No. 7 Missouri, 168-131, and No. 16 Indiana 195-102. Sophomore Roman Trussov posted the lone Iowa victory of the day, a 54:52 finish in the men's 100 breast. It was his second NCAA "B" cut time of the afternoon.

Iowa will return to action Saturday when it travels to Evanston to take on Northwestern.

— by Ryan Rodriguez

Women's gymnastics

The Iowa women's gymnastics team opened its home season against Utah State on Jan. 11 with a disappointing loss to the Aggies (191.75-191.65). The GymHawks suffered a 0.30 deduction from their score after a failed video review.

"I'm not overly pleased," Larissa Libby said in a release. "It's definitely not where I had hoped we would start. We've got a long way to go."

Freshman Angel Metcalf led the way for the Hawkeyes, winning the beam (9.775), the bars (9.800), and the all-around (38.975).

On Jan. 17, the GymHawks lost their road opener to Ball State, 189.975-188.875.

Metcalf had another strong performance for

the Hawkeyes, capturing her second-consecutive all-around title (38.650).

The GymHawks hit the road again on Monday to face No. 6 Georgia in Athens, Ga.

The Hawkeyes put forth a strong effort but fell to the Bulldogs, 197.400-194.675.

Metcalf, along with freshman all-around teammate Amanda Kowalski, helped pace the Hawkeyes in the beam and the vault.

Junior Sydney Herrer tied her career best on floor with a score of 9.875.

— by Jordan Bucher

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Iowa men's hoops cracks top 10

Four years after a season that saw it win 10 games, the Iowa men's basketball team is officially a top-10 team in the country, according to the Associated Press' weekly poll released Monday. Now, the rankings are just a snapshot of how



Fran McCaffery
head coach

teams have fared thus far. The players know their place on the list means next to nothing.

But given the way Iowa has performed in 2013-14, and because the program hasn't been ranked in the top 10 since 2002, Fran McCaffery's players should be extremely proud of the accomplishment and feel good about their chances.

"I've felt that we were a top-10 team

since the summer," sophomore guard Mike Gesell said following his team's 21-point victory over Minnesota on Sunday. "Our goal is just to get better every day."

"We're not concerned about the rankings or anything like that. The goal is to win championships, because we're so competitive. And so, we're going after this Big Ten championship. If you win the Big Ten, you're in the [NCAA] Tour-

nament. We won't have to worry about what we went through last year, being on the bubble and things like that."

Iowa will take on No. 21 Michigan in Ann Arbor on Wednesday evening. In addition to Michigan and Iowa, three other Big Ten teams appear in the rankings: Michigan State (3), Wisconsin (9), and Ohio State (17).

— by Ryan Probasco

UPCOMING HAWK SCHEDULE

Wednesday
Men's basketball at Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich., 6:01 p.m.

Friday
Women's gymnastics vs. Nebraska, Carver, 7 p.m.
Track at Gold Country Classic, Minneapolis, TBA

Saturday
Men's basketball at Northwestern, Evanston, Ill., 11 a.m.
Men's swimming at Northwestern, Evanston, Ill., 11 a.m.
Women's tennis vs. Nebraska-Omaha, Tennis & Recreation Complex, Noon
Wrestling vs. Minnesota, Carver, 1 p.m.
Women's Tennis vs. Northern Iowa, Tennis & Recreation Complex, 5 p.m.
Women's Basketball vs. Indiana, Carver, 6 p.m.
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 2. Syracuse
 3. Michigan St. *
 4. Villanova
 5. Wichita St.
 6. Florida
 7. San Diego St.
 8. Kansas
 9. Wisconsin *
 10. Iowa *
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 12. Louisville
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Hawks set for Big Ten run



Iowa guard Josh Oglesby shoots a 3-pointer in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Sunday. Iowa defeated Minnesota, 94-73. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

For the first time since 2002, the Iowa men's basketball team is ranked in the AP top-10.

By **BEN ROSS**
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For the first time since 2002, the Iowa men's basketball team is listed in the top 10 of the Associated Press basketball rankings, and after a convincing 94-73 win over Minnesota this past weekend, the Hawkeyes are poised to make a serious run in the Big Ten.

While you were home over break, Iowa went 4-1 in the Big Ten, with a signature win coming over then-No. 3 Ohio State in Columbus on Jan. 12. The Hawkeyes played perhaps their best basketball of the season against the Gophers on Sunday — they were down 2 points at the half, yet won by 20 —

and there's a lot to like about their play. Iowa had 27 points off turnovers, 43 points from the bench, and shot 45 percent from the 3-point line.

Josh Oglesby stole the show in front of an abysmal student section but otherwise full Carver-Hawkeye Arena, making 5-of-7 shots from beyond the arc. The junior looked to be at his best in a 17-point performance, and he was a spark off the bench to send Iowa on a 38-19 run in the second half.

"I got into a rhythm, and my teammates found me; it felt good ... this was one of our better games, to come out and beat by them 20 was really impressive," Oglesby said.

The 3-point shot has been haunting Iowa

for much of the season. In their three losses — Villanova, Iowa State, and Wisconsin — the Hawkeyes went 19-of-51 from long range. If Iowa continues to make 45 percent of its trey balls each game, it is hard to imagine the squad losing another contest.

"It depends on how many you give up," Iowa guard Devyn Marble said after his 16-point performance over Minnesota. "Defensively is what I think is the key and not what we shoot from the 3 night in and night out. We could lose a game shooting 9-of-20 [from 3]."

Oglesby missed the first 12 games of the season with a broken foot, and talk about

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COMMENTARY

Football should improve next season

The Iowa football team has an incredibly favorable schedule in 2014.



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Well, the dark days have come for college-football fans across the country. The season has come and gone, and the Iowa football team underperformed in its final game against LSU in the Outback Bowl to cap a season in which it seemed to overperform at times.

LSU sort of fooled around with Iowa for four quarters in Tampa the way a cat toys with a mouse. Iowa stayed within reaching distance of the game, but in reality, the Hawkeyes had no chance of escaping a rainy Outback Bowl with a win.

Iowa finished the season with an 8-5 record, which is a monumental improvement from last year's four-win campaign. Jake Rudock played about as good as a guy can at quarterback with



Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz reacts after a play during the Outback Bowl in Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Fla., on Jan. 1. LSU defeated Iowa, 21-14. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

no previous snaps, and enough key players return to make it look as though the Hawks should improve in 2014.

Well that and Iowa playing just about the eas-

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