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Airliner imposes some age limits

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A sign hangs in the front window of the Airliner Bar and Restaurant, stating the establishment's exemption from the city's 21-ordinance.

But recently, some underage patrons have been confused when they were denied entrance on the weekends. This is because owner Jim Rinella and his staff have begun limiting the number of under-

age people who may enter the establishment, 22 S. Clinton St., past 10 p.m.

The 21-ordinance prohibits underage patrons from entering bars after 10 p.m. The Airliner has an exemption, meaning those who are 19 and older are allowed to stay past that hour. Any business whose food revenue is greater than 50 percent of its total revenue may be eligible for the exemption.

In spite of the exemption, Rinella said managing the number of underage en-

tering the establishment is necessary "in order to keep the restaurant responsible and ethical."

"We have decided to allow [underage patrons] to come in past 10, but only to the point we think we can manage," he said. "Depending on the night or the number of bouncers we have working, the limit of [underage people] entering Airliner could be 20 to 60."

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Q&A

Mason eyes tuition freeze

The Daily Iowan sat down with University of Iowa President Mason to discuss the tuition freeze, Gateway project and Dance Marathon.

The Daily Iowan: As the Legislature opens session this month, a tuition freeze for regent universities has again been a discussion for lawmakers. What kind of work have University of Iowa officials been doing to continue this freeze?



President Sally Mason: Well, we're obviously going to keep working with legislators throughout the whole session to make sure that they understand the importance of the tuition freeze. The governor kindly included it in his budget, so we were thrilled obviously to see that the 4 percent [increase in general operating appropriations for universities] was there, [along with] the recommendation that would allow us to freeze tuition.

I think it's great for our students if we could do this two years in a row. It would make history, which is exciting.

It's been a priority of mine to keep costs down for college education as low as we possibly can, so freezing resident tuition is something that I advocated for last year and this year, and I was really pleased when the Board of Regents took it up, and I was very please obviously when the Legislature took it up last year. My meetings thus far with legislators has been very positive on the notion of a tuition freeze, so we'll see where it ends up. Hopefully.

We'll keep our fingers crossed. Our students have been great, by the way. I want to say, in particular, that the student response to this and the students writing thank-you notes to legislators, and going to the Statehouse, and expressing how important this is to them and their families has been very helpful as well. So I hope the student support stays strong as well.

DI: The University of Iowa launched its redesigned website this past month. Why did the university choose to streamline its online pres-

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Pharmacy eyes future



The Pharmacy Building is seen on Monday. Gov. Terry Branstad recently allocated \$2 million for the planning of a new facility. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

By CHRIS HIGGINS
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With state funding all but certain, hopes are high for a new University of Iowa College of Pharmacy building — which is in the planning stages — to replace the current aging structure.

On Jan. 14, Gov. Terry Branstad set aside \$2 million in his budget recommendation for use in planning the project. He vetoed such funding last summer.

"[The funding] needs legislative ap-

proval, but we actually had that last year," said UI President Sally Mason. "The last step was really making sure that the governor understood the importance of the project and was on board with that. Clearly, he's there now, so we're feeling pretty good that this project is on track for success in the Legislature this year."

Mason said planning began this year and is projected to continue for around nine months. The project would demolish Quadrangle and most of the current Pharmacy Building,

which was constructed in 1961. It will retain the portion built in 1996 — the last time the building was updated.

"Obviously, we can't tear down the old building until we've got a place to put people," Mason said. "[Students] are going to stay in the old building until we can move them into the new building, and then we will start the teardown process."

State Board of Regents President Bruce Rastetter is happy that the

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DANCE MARATHON | 20 Leaders meet challenges

The leaders of Dance Marathon have undertaken a heavy workload that is about to pay off at the Big Event.

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Juggling the workload of planning events for families and dancers alike, collaborating with sponsors, and overseeing 18 event committee members are just a few of the many tasks University of Iowa senior and Dance Marathon Event Director Becca Mitsos said she is responsible for daily.

"I'm terrified every day," she said. "The [saying] I guess you could say is 'you know exactly how to do your job once the Big Event is over.' I mean, I will never ever be able to put a price on everything I've learned this year as a leader and every chance that I've had to grow."

Mitsos coordinates events throughout

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Dance Marathon morale captains dance during a Dance Marathon meeting on Monday. Dance Marathon's 24-hour Big Event is less than two weeks away, and participants are getting prepared. (The Daily Iowan/Tyler Finchum)

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WINTER WONDERLAND



Bundled-up students wait to board a Cambus on Monday on the Pentacrest. The University of Northern Iowa canceled classes on Monday, and more than 70 school districts in the state delayed or canceled classes. (The Daily Iowan/Tyler Finchum)

UI changes football parking



Kinnick Stadium parking lot is half full in the early morning on Oct 5, 2013. People arrived early that morning for Homecoming. (The Daily Iowan/Wanyi Tao)

By ALISON KEIM
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For nine Saturdays every fall, more than 70,000 fans surge into historic Kinnick Stadium. On those Saturdays, the fans also pour into the parking lots surrounding the stadium, and University of Iowa officials are working with the National I-Club to relieve the Black and Gold chaos.

In an effort to efficiently use the available spaces, fans who have made an annual contribution to the National I-Club and season-ticket holders will have the opportunity to indicate their first, second, and third parking-lot preferences.

"I think what it will do is it will allow us to efficiently use the parking lots and make it safer because we will have an opportunity to control some of the issues that we had in the past," said Paula Jantz, an associate athletics director. "This is an opportunity to make it better than it has been."

In addition to finding a solution for parking, one of the main reasons for

the decision is to attempt to keep the community safer and create a more enjoyable experience for all attendees.

The UI takes action each season to create a safe environment, however officials believe parking has been a recurring issue.

"The university, as a whole, has reoccurring concerns every football season, which we attempt to address by informing the public so they can enhance their game-day experience, which includes matters of safety," said Charles Green, the assistant vice president for the UI police.

Once fans select their initial preferences, the Athletics Department will make parking-lot assignments based on their Iowa football priority point total, which is available to people who donate and season-ticket holders and the amount of space available. The assignment will last the entire season.

"This was an opportunity to upgrade and enhance our parking," Jantz said. "We added a new contribution level; we are also

going through a reseating of Kinnick Stadium, and so we felt like this was a great opportunity to make some changes and make it more enhanced and efficient."

The most significant change will be for fans who make an annual contribution to the National I-Club. By contributing \$15,000 or more, prior to June 30, the fans will qualify for membership in the Kinnick Society Gold level of giving. These fans will have the opportunity to purchase up to two assigned reserved parking spaces.

There will be no change in fees for parking; the fee will remain \$100 for automobiles and \$300 for recreational vehicles. When parking is paid for on game day, the fee is \$29 for an automobile, \$50 for an RV, and \$100 for a bus.

Officials also hope that the parking changes will solve traffic issues that occurred last season.

"In years past, if you had a permit, you had a number of parking lots you could go to with that permit," said Jim Sayre, associate director of UI Parking and Transpor-

tation. "One of the problems on game day is if you drove to that lot, and that lot was full, you'd go to the next one. It created an operational problem in the moment, it contributed a little bit to traffic congestion and overall general frustration for the attendees who were there to park."

Football Parking

The Iowa Athletics Department has decided to use the available spaces for the next football season.

- Fans who have made an annual contribution to the National I-Club, and season-ticket owners will have the opportunity to indicate their preference for parking.
- This is an opportunity to create a safer, more structured, and efficient environment during game days for all attendees, the university said.
- Officials hope that the parking changes will solve problems that occurred last season.

Source: Paula Jantz, UI associate athletics director of, Jim Sayre, associate director of UI Parking and Transportation

METRO

Man charged with possessing controlled substance

An area man has been accused of possessing marijuana.

Gordon Tieman, 25, Coralville, was charged Sunday with controlled-substance violation and disorderly conduct.

According to a Coralville police complaint, the officers responded to a domestic situation at the defendant's

apartment. When the officers arrived, the defendant refused to answer the door. When entry was made, the complaint said officers observed marijuana in plain view.

There were two jars containing

marijuana, as well as marijuana stored in the toilet, the complaint said.

Controlled-substance violation is a Class-D felony. Disorderly conduct is a simple misdemeanor.

— by Alison Keim

BLOTTER

Jamie Hyde, 24, North Liberty, was charged on Sunday with OWI.

Corbin Kehoe, 21, 1924 Wilson Ave., was charged on Jan. 25

with OWI. **David Martyn**, 45, 322 E Bloomington St., was charged on Monday with domestic assault.

Rickie Roberts Jr., 35, address unknown, was charged on Jan. 24 with trespassing.

Grant Specht, 28, 910 Webster St., was charged on Jan. 25

with second-offense OWI. **Stanley Szeto**, 36, 719 Sandusky Drive, was charged on Jan. 25 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

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project received planning funding after the regents failed to persuade the governor of its necessity last year.

"The building is one of the oldest buildings on campus in terms of functionality, and its utility

cost is one the highest on a per-square-foot basis," Rastetter said. "It is a building that is dysfunctional for today's modern needs."

In July 2013, the governor declined to support \$7 million in project planning funding for all three Iowa public universities.

"Last year, the regents of the universities

didn't do a good job of explaining both the design costs and the long-term costs, in particular on the Pharmacy Building when it was going to go from one of the highest utility cost buildings on campus to one of the most efficient," Rastetter said. "Obviously, we did much better this time as he included the buildings in his budget."

Current pharmacy students are excited about the prospect of a new home for the program, viewing the current building as cramped and outdated.

"It's very constricting," said second-year pharmacy student Kaleb Fincher. "A lot of our facilities are extremely out-of-date. We have no group meeting area, so it

makes bringing the community in here impossible."

Second-year pharmacy student Natalie Blaine agreed with Fincher's comments, saying the space available to the hundreds of students in the pharmacy program is inadequate for them and student organizations.

Along with becoming more cost-efficient, a

new pharmacy building will replace a facility in which classrooms are crowded and laboratories are decades old. The facility will also benefit a program that has seen a drop in faculty and enrollment numbers in recent years as a result of the antiquated facilities.

"Things like that just sort of need to be revamped," Blaine said.

AIRLINER

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Rinella said he decided to limit the underage number in his bar after seven patrons received PAULAs during the months of October and November 2013. According to city documents, the establishment recorded 0 PAULAs in December 2013.

"Our goal every month is to have zero PAULAs," Rinella said. "It's tricky because we try our best to monitor underage students, but all of a sudden when one of us isn't looking, someone hands them a drink, and a cop shows up during that 30-second window."

PAULAs were the exact reason the Airliner lost its exemption from the ordinance in May 2012. The exemption was reinstated in

February 2013.

While some students may be frustrated by the new policy, once a business receives the exemption, it is allowed to apply any sort of limit it wishes, City Clerk Marian Karr said.

The Airliner isn't the only establishment imposing its limitations on the exemption.

Leah Cohen, the owner of Bo-James, 118 E. Washington St., said her estab-

lishment — also operating with an exemption — has also regulated the number of underage patrons.

Cohen said she applied for the exemption because she didn't want to exclude customers who were dining later in the evening, but at the same time, she didn't want to accommodate an underage crowd looking to drink.

"We find that it is very hard to regulate whether

or not [underage patrons] are drinking," she said. "Legals tend to not want to be around too many minors, so it's just worked best for us."

Even though Rinella wants to keep the limit on underage people in the bar, he has no plans to make the Airliner completely 21 and up because he believes there are students who follow the law, and they want a place to hang out where

they don't have to be 21.

While Rinella said he's grateful for the student population, his decision is based purely on business.

"I personally apologize to those students who feel snubbed or offended by our new policy," Rinella said. "That's not our intention; we truly appreciate your business, but we can't afford to get 10 to 15 PAULAs and then lose our exemption."

Q&A

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ence?

Mason: It's one of these things that you should always look at your website and see if it's doing what you expect it to do and if it's effective. I'm not the best person to look at a website and decide what's effective. I think our young people who visit our website regularly are the ones who are best equipped to let us know whether it's good or not. We know that over time, especially with students, the interest in websites changes: what they look at, what they do, the kind of information they provide, and it's not just for students and their families, it's for other people as well.

We wanted to make sure we had a website that is appealing and was useful — so, I think it was time. It had been six or seven years since we overhauled the website. It was time and, thus far, I'm still waiting to see what people think. Students' ways of viewing website have changed over the years, and we just want to make sure that we're connecting with all the right groups and making sure that it's user-friendly.

DI: Last week, Purdue University had a gunman on its campus, and one student was killed. Now that this violence has entered Big Ten, what initiatives is the university doing to maintain campus safety?

Mason: Well, you know we have a history here, so it's not like this is new to the Big Ten. In fact, I think we were the first university in the Big Ten to experi-

ence a shooting on campus, back in 1991. We've been acutely aware of these issues for a long, long time.

It's always a sobering moment to say the least when something like that happens. Having been at Purdue — I spent six years at Purdue as the provost. This would have been an issue I was dealing front and center with if I were still there, so my heart went out, obviously, immediately to the people who are dealing with this and certainly the individual who was killed in this incident and the young man who was arrested as a result of having committed a murder, basically.

Student safety and welfare is always front and center on every campus. I've never been on a campus where that wasn't the case. It's clearly the case here. That doesn't mean that you can always prevent or even predict when these kinds of things are going to happen, but it is about response.

In this particular case, it sounds like the response was appropriate. It was rapid. There was no further damage that was done as a result of this particular incident. It doesn't make it any easier for anyone who was there and experienced it. I'm sure the campus is trying to recover emotionally and mentally from what happened last week.

These are tough situations every time they occur. No school is immune from it. I wish I could say there were places in which you didn't have to worry about this, but I'm afraid that's not true. We always have to be vigilant. We always have to be prepared.

DI: Last week, a group of University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics doctors paid \$150,000 to settle a medical malpractice lawsuit to the estate of David Baldus, a former UI law professor. How does the hospital respond to these suits? How does the university respond to a case where the plaintiff is a cherished UI professor?

Mason: I think you'd have to ask them. These are not issues I typically am involved in. I don't have much to say. It was litigation, and it was settled. Pretty much, it's over. I'll tell you the loss of a professor is always a sad day. He was a very esteemed professor in our law school, and my heart goes out to his family, but beyond that, in terms of the litigation, that's not generally something I'm personally involved in unless I'm personally named in the suit, so I don't have much information that I could share.

DI: Last week, the Iowa City City Council voted on designs for the Gateway Project and it is set to go ahead after lengthy delays. The project consists of raising Dubuque Street to the height of 100-year plus 1 foot and redesigns the Park Bridge to 200 plus 1 foot. How will the city's plans affect the university?

Mason: That one I'm very much interested in.

Thank goodness. We need to do that. Obviously, it has a huge effect on the Mayflower in particular. It will also have a huge impact on access to campus and Park Road bridge. Having been here through the flood and watching water go over the Park Road Bridge and

watching tons and tons of debris back up against Park Road bridge and knowing if that bridge were to collapse, we would have been absolutely destroyed.

I don't even think we'd be talking about how to come back from an event like that. It's just too devastating to think about. So, the sooner we get on with this project and get it done, the better off we're all going to be: the better off the city's going to be, and certainly the better off the university's going to be. I'm glad to hear that it's moving along in the right direction.

DI: How has Dance Marathon grown to become part of the University of Iowa culture?

Mason: It just is part of the culture. I remem-

ber seven years ago, when I arrived, and I was told about Dance Marathon and what the students were doing and why they were doing, and that was the first year that they were attempting to raise \$1 million in a single year.

So, I was concerned, and I wanted to make sure that they hit that goal. Lynette Marshall, the president of the UI Foundation and I went to Dance Marathon that year, and we hung around toward the end to make sure that they were going to make the goal. I think I had my checkbook with me just in case. I was going to do whatever I could to push them over, but they did it without a lot of help from me or any one person.

It was a great group ef-

fort, as it always is. And since then every year, they've exceeded the \$1 million mark. I think they're likely on track to exceed to goal yet again this year. I'm excited. I'll be there towards the end of Dance Marathon as I always am to be able to offer some words and encouragement and thank them for all the good that it does for kids and their families. These kids with cancer, the stories are just amazing, they really are. They tug at your heart. Sometimes they tear your heart apart because they don't all end happy. Many of them do these days, and that's a good thing. I applaud our students for the great work that they do in raising money for this really good cause.

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the year, including Dancer Appreciation Week, Lime Days, and 100 Days Out to educate people and raise awareness for the organization's cause. Mitsos's greatest undertaking is to coordinate the main stage at the Big Event.

With many tasks to complete each day, Dance Marathon leaders have overcome a great deal of challenges this year. Fifth-year UI senior and Executive Director Daniel Morse tackles the tremendous responsibility of overseeing the 270 members who make up the leadership team with 11 executive council members.

"Most of what I've learned is on commanding a team," Morse said. "I really haven't had very much experience leading an executive council in an organization or any work experience in an educational setting, so my ex-

ecutive director role has definitely taught me those skills."

Setting goals for the organization, working with external partners, and meeting with fellow executive members are just a few of the responsibilities Morse meets each day. Establishing a purpose, he noted, is key in the beginning stages of leadership.

"We have [a great deal of] students who serve on the Dance Marathon leadership team, so a lot of that is just building that counter-vision I keep talking about and really enforcing that to where we can sort of grow and improve as an organization," Morse said.

UI senior and Family Relations Director Emily Dungan agreed that vision is what pushes her forward. Working in the hospital and maintaining direct contact with more than 600 families and approximately 250 families daily, Dungan says the reason behind Dance Marathon keeps her driven to complete her workload.

"I wanted to give my

community and this organization sort of an insight into these families; to let them feel empowered and motivated by what these families go through and experience," Dungan said. "I always try to tie that into everything, because these kids and these families are at the heart of every single thing we do as an organization."

Morse and Dungan as said that despite the workload and challenges, their jobs have taught them skills to prepare for careers, Morse in business and Dungan a long-term teacher in the hospital.

While it's been a long process, Mitsos said, she believes everyone's work will pay off at the Big Event and is excited for what's in store.

"We all laugh about it, but I mean we really didn't know what we were doing and still don't, but that's the best part — we're going to figure it out together," Mitsos said. "If this year has been any indication to what the Big Event is going to be like, my team and I are going to be blown away."

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Anticipating the State of the Union

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Emma Monroe, UI freshman

'I probably won't watch the address, because I don't really know anything about politics, but I'm not really a fan of Obama because I have more conservative views on social issues.'



Clarissa Hird, UI freshman

'I hope the president addresses the issues of the health-care website because it has been inefficient and hard to access. And even for those people who could access the site, it would crash.'



David Galeano, UI junior

'Although I do agree with many of Obama's political stances, he's too apologetic. I want him to

be more direct and confident and stop beating around the bush.'



Rhya Ajam, UI junior

'He's very wishy-washy. I think he wants to maintain his popularity so bad that it makes him afraid to make any big changes that may make a lot of people upset.'

Timothy Hagle, UI political-science associate professor

'The president knows he has a small window of opportunity left, so he's going to start looking at his legacy and how to build onto it. In reality, he only has a few months left before the races and people start focusing on that instead.'



Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville

'I want to see a unifying speech from the president but without any baloney.'



I'm interested in hearing about budgeting without people fighting every step of the way.

'His speech needs to let D.C. know that they need to cut the bullshit and get to work.'

Sen. Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa City

'I'm interested in hearing about the issue of income inequality and his plan on helping struggling families.'



Rep. Jake Highfill, R-Johnston

'I'm looking forward to hearing how he is going to balance the budget and how we won't be bankrupt for the next five generations.'



Rep. Dean Fisher, R-Garwin

'I'm interested in hearing how he plans to keep budget under control.'

'I deal with state issues, so I haven't really paid much attention to national issues.'



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UI grad students push for Latin Studies

Graduate students move to create a Latino Studies minor.

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Stacey Alex, a graduate teaching assistant in Spanish and delegate to the University of Iowa Executive Council of Graduate and Professional Students, wants the UI to add a Latino Studies minor.

But so far, no minor has been added. So, Alex will leave the UI.

As the demographics in the university begin to shift, the Graduate Student Senate decided to vote to pledge its support to the long-debated idea of creating a Latino Studies Program.

An initiative to start a Latino Studies Program was put forth in 2006,

but it stalled following leadership changes in the university. At Monday's meeting, the students voted on whether to advocate for a new initiative to be put before UI President Sally Mason and Chaden Djalali, the dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Alex proposed the resolution in support of a Latino Studies minor to the Senate after working with two professors who also backed the minor.

Alex stated in her resolution that Latinos are the largest minority group in the United States, as well as the largest domestic minority group on the UI campus and in the state of Iowa.

"Iowa's the only school in the Big Ten without a Latino Studies Program," Alex said, noting that Northwestern's program began in 2009, and Iowa State began its program in the '90s.

There have been numerous undergraduate and graduate students, as well as faculty members, who have expressed interest in the creation of a Latino Studies Program, including UI doctoral candidate Carla Gonzalez, who spoke with Alex at the meeting.

Gonzalez and Alex said there are plenty of current classes that would qualify for a Latino Studies minor and would just need a slight redesign.

Alex said she was, in fact, leaving the UI be-

cause there was no Latino Studies Program, and the lack of the program might lead to other students to either leave the university or, in some cases, to not come at all.

"I'm really interested in social justice," Alex said. "That's just not happening at Iowa."

The resolution asked the Senate to support the addition of a Latino Studies minor and to advocate that the initiative be brought up in discussions with Mason and Djalali. The motion was voted on and passed without objections.

Bryan Brown, the president of Graduate Student Senate and a delegate to the Executive Council, said members would draft a letter to Djalali to show their support of the program.

"We are now in support of [the resolution's] position to make a Latino Studies minor," Brown said. "This is just evidence that there's student support."

Ben Gillig, the president of the Executive Council, said he would be happy to have a discussion about his group's support for the Latino Studies minor at its next meeting. There will also be a vote in the UI Student Government and Diversity Committee to support the program.

"Just from hearing what was said tonight, I definitely agree with Stacey Alex that it's a big

part of moving forward," Gillig said. "I think it's important that Latino Studies is brought into the mainstream."

The resolution also asked that the Latino Studies minor would be available to students

by the fall semester, because needed programs already exist.

"I think that fall 2014 is perfectly reasonable," Gillig said. "We're happy to provide our input."

While Alex works to bring Latino Studies to

the UI, she said Iowa is "headed in the right direction" and dreams of something even bigger than just a Latino Studies minor.

"Hopefully, that minor will one day blossom into a major," Alex said.

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- The UI is the only school in the Big Ten that does not have a Latino Studies Program.

Source: Stacey Alex, graduate TA in the Spanish and Portuguese Department, Carla Gonzalez, UI doctoral candidate

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COLUMN

Keep focus on Iowa politics



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There's a legal battle raging in Texas about pregnancy and life support. Recreational marijuana is legal in Colorado. Utah is still discussing the matter, but it recently made a giant step toward recognizing same-sex marriage. While politicians in D.C. bicker and read each other Dr. Seuss to keep things from happening, the states remain busy.

Yes, our federal law-making institutions have been reduced to a revolting stew of bipartisan gunk and corporate interests. Our national body politic is nearly paralyzed, and many analysts agree that it hasn't really achieved a whole lot in recent years beyond narrowly extending our national credit limit a few times.

The battle to effect political change, it seems, will have to be fought at the state level. With that being said, Iowans will elect a new state House of Representatives, half of its state Senate, and its governor this year and, while it may seem a bit premature, it's not too early to put those contests on your radar, start doing your homework, and persuade yourself to vote. Politics matters more when it's closer to home.

To give you a better idea of the influence of government closer to home, a very brief recent history lesson about Iowa is in order. Despite my youth, I've been politically conscious enough over the past few years to witness Iowa recognize the sanctity of same-sex marriage. I've seen our government respond to a terrible drought and the effect it had on our farmers. More recently and especially close to home, the state granted a tuition freeze

for resident undergraduates. And these points only brush the surface. The state looks at issues ranging from abortion to gun control to food stamps. It has a central influence on business and agriculture and education. Needless to say, state government is important.

Candidates for state and federal offices begin signing up Feb. 24, and those for county offices start their paperwork on March 3. So we'll soon have an idea of our options. Younger students with Iowa citizenship should consider following along because they'll experience elected leadership for much of their college career in the state. It's a decision that will not only affect their lives but also the lives of their friends, even out-of-staters here for an education.

Considering the relative health of Iowa's economy, many graduates who land a job locally may have a longer-term stake in Iowa politics as well.

Students visiting from other states can also register to vote in Iowa, but the decision comes with some concerns that should be well-researched in advance.

Regardless, wherever we end up after school, we're all here for now, so it's important to play a role in the government we elect on the fourth of November.

As the electoral process unfolds this year, make a list of whom you want to vote for and why. A little Internet research into the legislative and gubernatorial candidates is all it takes. I'm not telling you who to vote for — at this especially early stage, you probably can't make more than a guess of who that will be, anyway — I'm simply asking you to notice state politics this year.

What we see of Capitol Hill on the evening news often looks more like a reality TV show than a reasoned debate about the country's future — we would be wise to focus instead on the comparatively sane world of Iowa.

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EDITORIAL

The dire state of the Union

In his 1975 State of the Union address, President Gerald Ford declared that the “state of this Union is not good.” Since this rather frank declaration of American decline, State of the Unions have become highly publicized occasions for the president to hurl as much optimism at the American public as possible, despite the realities on the ground.

There is nothing to suggest that President Obama's fifth State of the Union will differ from this script. However, if the president wished to be honest with the American people, he would state the obvious; that the state of our Union isn't great.

Sure, the economy and the nation's long-term fiscal outlook have improved somewhat of late. But consider the many massive systemic but virtually unchecked problems facing the country.

Income inequality has soared dramatically, reaching a point not seen since before the Great Depression. The top 1 percent of earners own 42 percent of the nation's wealth compared with bottom 80 percent's 5 percent share. Even more egregious is that this type of inequality has actually grown worse under the current president than under his predecessor, George W. Bush, according to economists at UC-Berkeley.

The situation becomes even bleaker when attention turns to perhaps the single most important policy issue of our time, climate change. As environmentalist Bill McKibben has pointed out, Obama has ramped up offshore drilling, fracking, and other fossil-fuel efforts that will only deepen the damage done by the American energy policy. 2012 was the hottest year on record for the continental United States. At this point, it's hard to imagine greater fossil fuel use reversing this trend.

In Washington, 2013 was supposed to be the year that the Republican Party's dismal standing with Latino voters would finally motivate a bipartisan, comprehensive immigration re-

form act. Instead, the U.S. Senate presented the American public with a lousy, complex path to citizenship and massively wasteful border-control spending that the increasingly radical and ineffectual House GOP torpedoed. Meanwhile, the president continues to deport a record number of undocumented immigrants and millions of college-age undocumented immigrants continue to be denied access to higher education.

The national-security state has also spiraled out of control, with revelations about the NSA's massive surveillance of American citizens unveiling a profoundly disturbing breach of the privacy that suggests a creeping authoritarianism on the part of our nation's security services. At the same time, the United States continues to exert its influence to kill innocent civilians in Pakistan and Yemen via drone strikes and sacrifice American lives for an unwinnable war in Afghanistan.

On top of these huge concerns, the nation's infrastructure is crumbling. Gun violence is out of control. The War on Drugs' draconian policies continue to incarcerate millions of citizens with no demonstrable effect on drug use. Reproductive rights are under assault in statehouses across the country. Voting rights are being eroded by GOP-led “voter-ID” efforts. With respect to nearly every major policy issue, the United States is either heading in the wrong direction, in denial, or completely impotent.

We do not believe that Obama has the power to fix these problems with a speech — or at all, for that matter. But it would certainly be refreshing if the president used the platform of the State of the Union to communicate to the American people that everything is not well.

YOUR TURN

Do you think the country is headed in the right direction? Weigh in at dailyiowan.com.

ONLINE COMMENTS

Re: Iowa's two losses are glaringly similar

Wrestling is a sport of aggression until you're ahead and only then can you ride out the time. Appears the Hawks came out of the phone booth more like Clark Kent than Superman. This is kind of a flashback to when Brands first was trying to get his coaching act together and installed in previous years.

However, for today's program, that should not be allowed or tolerated by Brands and Company. Brands has proven he's a good coach about 90 percent of the

time, but he still needs to work on that 10 percent and his athletes performance vs. swagger.

Online user [anothertanklessjob](#)

Re: Medical marijuana unlikely to pass Legislature

From the bill: The bill strikes references to the authority of the board to establish rules relating to the medicinal use of marijuana including tetrahydrocannabinols naturally contained in a cannabis plant. A

Schedule I controlled substance is a highly addictive and a schedule II controlled substance is a highly addictive substance that has an accepted medical use in the United States.

As more states become progressive, it will either be the federal government changing the classification of marijuana out of Schedule 1 or an Iowa judge ruling on the side of compassion before there will be medical marijuana in Iowa. There is too much reefer madness standing in the way of humanity. There is one bill in the House, HB 168, for example, that is a rewrite of Clel Baudlar's regressive bill from last year

that strips the Iowa Board of Pharmacy of any record or input and increases marijuana penalties.

Ray Lakers

Re: Offer local ID cards

I'm not [so sure about ID cards] either. Because we are older and have a sense of history, we know what these cards have been used for in the past and what they can be used for again. I find the prospect of issuing such cards more frightening than reassuring.

John Finamore

COLUMN

Living in the Winter Olympics



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As we slog along through this winter (which feels longer than the Todd Lickliter Era, which seemed like centuries), you'll be disappointed to learn that walking a mile in the Iowa City wind chills will not be a Winter Olympic sport this year. It was just another Internet rumor.

And I was just getting good at walking a mile in the wind chill without swearing all that much. (You should try it; the Cambus is for wimps.)

Speaking of the Winter Olympics, the home of the Games, Sochi, Russia, is experiencing a grinding winter of its own — temperatures a bone-chilling low 50s, high 40s. Yeah, I know; life is tough all over, and then you get the Winter Olympics.

Oh, I know; you don't care about the Games yet — you're breathlessly awaiting

the State of the Union address to see if President Obama will issue an executive order requiring the Democrats to applaud.

The president did issue an executive order recently (his aides have hinted, broadly, that he will issue more in the future if he can't goad Congress into action on his proposals), and the conservative/Republican universe went nuts. No, Virginia, I'm not being redundant.

According to *Forbes*, that liberal-lefty icon, Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., said Obama is “acting ‘like a king.’” Conservative radio talk-show guru Mark Levin contended that Obama's executive orders were “un-American” and “fascistic.”

And, naturally the Limbaugh weighed in: “Now, [Obama] might have a pen and he might have a phone, but what he does not have is the constitutional power to run this country like a dictator.”

You'd think that Obama had invented the executive order. Not to mention fascism.

So, let's see how accurate the conservatives are here (that's always fun):

Obama has averaged 37 executive orders per year, fewer than the presidential average of 44 and only one more than George W. Bush's average (36, if you're too cold to do the arithmetic at home). And then there are these five Republican presidents, according to Richard Salsman of *Forbes*:

Gerald Ford (84 per year), Dwight Eisenhower (60), Richard Nixon (58), Ronald Reagan (48), and George H.W. Bush (41).

And Obama is the dictator?

In the history of the United States, presidents have used executive orders if not willy-nilly, then regularly. For instance, there are these famous presidential orders of the past (courtesy of NPR):

- Thomas Jefferson, the Louisiana Purchase
- Abraham Lincoln, the Emancipation Proclamation
- Franklin D. Roosevelt, reopened the banks, established the Civilian Conservation Corps, established the first National Labor Relations Board and the WPA
- Harry S. Truman, desegregated the U.S. military

• John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson, established the framework for affirmative action

And then there is this one, perhaps not quite so earthshattering: Herbert Hoover (born in West Branch) in June 1931 signed an executive order about, well, executive orders. It outlined such items as size of paper, size of margins, spelling and grammar (what's that? your inner sportswriter says), and other pressing issues of the day. Apparently, not much was going on in 1931.

Well, there was this New York Democrat preparing to run for the presidency. And run for the presidency. And run for the presidency. And run for, you guessed it, the presidency.

And over in Germany in 1931, a once-obscure Austrian was making waves as a bestselling author. His political party had become the second-largest such party in Germany.

But who can remember 1931? That was so 20th century.

Me, I'm going to hang on Obama's every word this evening. I'm curious about that executive order on applause.

DAILY BREAK

the ledge

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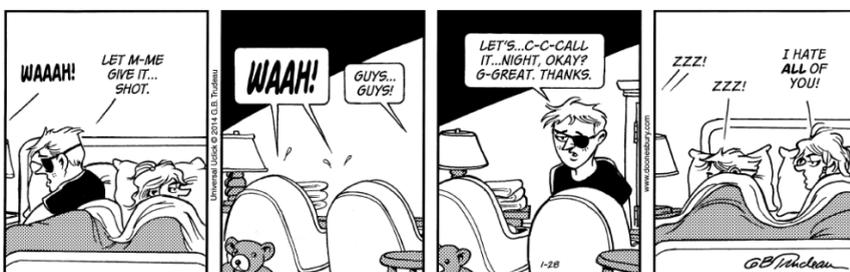
Rejected Sam Spade:

- She had legs like the movie *Jackie Brown*, good and long — but also would've benefited from 20 minutes of shaving.
- "Put the gun down, and fight me like a man," I yelled. She laughed at this, perhaps a little to heartily. While she was distracted by mirth, I took the opportunity to kick her in the shin.
- "Kiss me," she said, wantonly. I could see the sadness in her eyes. The loneliness of lord knows how many nights of sleeping by herself. "Kiss me," this time more a beg than a request and with a hint of bourbon in it. "Kiss me ... kiss me ... please, just tell me you love me. It doesn't have to be true," she piteously bleated and pleaded. I hate it when Mom drinks.
- "Bonjour, senorita," he intoned with a practiced semi-perceptible accent. Yes, he was suave. And that meaning "smooth," not "soft" like a Latin-speaker might think.
- I liked the bloke. Cocksure, strong, didn't say much. I thought about taking him on for a while, as a partner. But no ... it never would've worked; there weren't no room in my life, let alone apartment, for a horse that size.

Andrew R. Juhl thanks Matt Larson and Chris Okishii for contributing to today's Ledge.

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- **Math Physics Seminar**, "Quantum Rotors," Yannick Meurice, Physics/Astronomy, 2:30 p.m., 309 Van Allen
- **Microbiology Seminar**, "Pharmacological disruption of agr quorum sensing in *Staphylococcus aureus* protects against skin and soft tissue infection," Pamela Hall, University of New Mexico, 3 p.m., Bowen Watzke Auditorium
- **Faculty Council Meeting**, 3:30 p.m., 2390 University Capitol Center
- **The Crash Reel**, 6 p.m., FilmScene, 118 E. College
- **Historic Foodies Meeting**, 6 p.m., PS Z, Wesley Center, 120 N. Dubuque
- **Peace Corps Information Session**, 7:30 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Center
- **The Armstrong Lie**, 8 p.m., Film Scene
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 - Rooster's mate
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horoscopes

Tuesday, January 28, 2014 by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Wait to see what others do and say. Get promises in writing, and don't offer something you may not be able to honor. An unpredictable situation is best left alone until you feel safe and secure regarding the outcome.
- TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Take action and control. Show how passionate you feel about the things you do and the people you care about most, and you will receive greater opportunity to prove how valuable you are. Put your best foot forward.
- GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Look closely at your current position, and you will find ways to improve what you do or what you receive for your time and effort. Step up the pace, and keep everyone important abreast of the situation, and you will benefit.
- CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Take on a project that is different from anything you have done in the past. Explore new avenues and meet new people. Up your game and appeal to others, and your personal gain will increase. Love is high-lighted.
- LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Voice your opinion, and make a difference. A change of scenery or hanging out with people from unusual backgrounds will open up a host of new opportunities. Expect someone to show disdain or jealousy. Don't fuel the fire; massage the situation.
- VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Enjoy people, places, and hobbies that have brought you joy in the past. Interacting with someone you love will enhance your personal life. Children will play a role in a decision you must make. Be true to your word and your heart.
- LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Try not to get caught up in inevitable personal situations. Go about your business, and be as productive as possible with regard to research, educational pursuits, and exploring new connections. Don't give in to emotional blackmail or unprofessional tactics.
- SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll accomplish more if you get out and do things outside your home base. Business or promotional trips will be fruitful and take your mind off a personal matter. A lifestyle change will do you good. Look at your options.
- SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep your head clear and your communication honest and straightforward. Move quickly and precisely to get your point across and make your position clear. Avoid spending your own money. Protect your heart and your reputation.
- CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Change things up a bit. Do the unexpected, and you will catch someone trying to give you a hard time. Offer a suggestion to someone you love, and you will find out exactly where you stand and how to proceed.
- AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You are overdue for a change. A new source of income will buy you freedom to follow a dream. Don't share too many of your ideas; someone is likely to take credit for a concept that is rightfully yours.
- PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Show your willingness to get along and to be a contributor. What you offer will lead to a contract, settlement, or investment that will help you out financially. A love relationship appears to have a much brighter future than you anticipated.

Suppose you were an idiot, and suppose you were a member of Congress; but I repeat myself. — Mark Twain

POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Does the hoops 'sucks' chant suck?

On Jan. 17, student season-ticket holders and members of the Hawks Nest were sent an email from Athletics Director Gary Barta. In the message, the recipients were encouraged to abandon the "tradition" of yelling "sucks" as the opposing team is introduced in Carver-Hawkeye. In Iowa's most recent home games, the Hawkeye Pep Band has played over the yells, but a large section of students have chosen to continue the chant. Our sports staff debates: The "sucks" chant — stay or go?

Keep it

Gary Barta needs to suck it up and deal with the "sucks" chant.

While some think the "sucks" chant after opposing players are introduced is childish or unsportsmanlike, it's harmless.

The timing of the email discouraging the yell is a curious to me. Hawks Nest has been doing this for years — yes, even in the dark days of Todd Lickliter.

So why try to stop it now? Because Iowa is a blossoming team with more attention focused on it?

Only a few years ago, you could not pay students to show up. Now that the student section is full, the university wants to tell them what they are allowed to say? Come on. At least students aren't sending death threats to players like some at other schools have in recent months.

Iowa isn't the only school that does it or something similar. Our future Big Ten bros at Maryland do the same exact thing. The PA guy even pauses for them to yell it out.

If I were one of these officials, I would be more concerned about personal attacks that a handful of individuals in Hawks Nest have made toward opposing players.

When Minnesota came to Carver last season, several members of Hawks Nest chanted "DUI" or "Hide the keys" at former Gopher standout Trevor Mbakwe as he shot free

throws just weeks after an arrest in Minneapolis. Mbakwe was visibly affected during the second half, playing a key role in the visitors' collapse down the stretch.

Security didn't do anything to stop that, but they'll warn me not to drop an F-bomb when an official makes an asinine call (it's happened twice this season). Is a mass chant of a word you can say on TV that much worse than targeting the feelings of one individual player?

I find it ironic that an Athletics Department that auctioned off the infamous chair that head coach Fran McCaffery slammed is now preaching sportsmanship. There were even shirts made that said "Let's Get Mad Again" when McCaffery was hired four years ago.

So which is it? Is Hawks Nest and Carver-Hawkeye supposed to be intimidating and loud or a library? It really sucks that the Athletics Department can't decide.

— Kevin Glueck

Do away with it

It's been too long since we have been able to say Iowa has a legitimate men's basketball program. So, you know, it would be nice if its student section started acting like it.

Yes, the "sucks" chant is harmless, many other fan bases around the country are known for their not-so-nice treatment of rival athletes, and Iowa's Athletics Department may be trying too hard to stop an otherwise meaningless act.

But do you know why Duke is known for how opposing spectators treat their players or why Purdue fans get so rowdy when Indiana travels to West Lafayette? It's because Duke and Indiana have two of the best college-basketball programs in the country.

The teams that consistently get berated and cursed at by Keystone Light-induced frat bros are the ones you'll see play deep into March

and sometimes all the way in to April.

As a fan, you should want your team to be the one playing in hostile environments on the road. That's when you know you're doing something right.

Let's be clear. Opposing teams are going to have a hard time winning in Carver-Hawkeye this year because the kids donning Black and Gold can compete with anybody in the country, not because a group of clowns yelled "sucks" during

players' pregame intros.

But if you really want to be a respected student section, don't be the only portion of the stadium with empty seats, and more importantly, skip the cute chants that made everyone giggle at high-school games. Find something original to do, and be good at it.

Iowa basketball has reached "big time" status. It would be cool if the student section allowed itself to reach that level as well.

— Ryan Probasco

MEN

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will be asked to stop, or at least limit, the effectiveness and production of the nation's most talented backcourt — Gary Harris and Keith Appling.

To achieve that, Gesell and McCaffery both stressed the need to protect the basketball Tuesday. Turnovers were a key component in Iowa's 3-point loss to Izzo's squad in Carver last year, highlighted by Iowa's 10 in the second half.

"Michigan State does a tremendous job of ratcheting up its intensity when it needs a stop," Gesell said. "That's something that we need to respond to. I think last year, both of the times we played them, we weren't able to match that. And it led to some mistakes.

"We're going to get after them defensively; we're going to do what we do. We're going to press, try to bother them, and get them out of their rhythm."

McCaffery may say the game isn't more important than any other



Iowa forward Zach McCabe and forward Aaron White (30) defend against Michigan State center Derrick Nix in the Big Ten tournament quarterfinals at the Bankers Life Field House on March 9, 2012. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

on Iowa's schedule, and he won't reminisce about how far his program's come the past four years.

But whether he likes it or not, his players are amped to another level to play in a game of this magnitude on ESPN.

Preaching a business-like approach is what coaches are supposed to do leading up to these types of matchups. But having a

calm demeanor will never be a characteristic of McCaffery's coaching style or his teams' identities.

And as McCaffery has said before, it's OK to play basketball with a little reckless abandon.

"I'm excited just talking about it right now," senior forward Zach McCabe said. "They're a tough team, and it's not going to be easy.

"The best part about it

is it's going to be a grind game. And I think our team is well-prepared for that."

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players take the court at the same time. It's clearly working, and it should continue, unless Bluder needs immediate size in her starting lineup. The team has just enough depth that rotating one or two of its starters off the court at once can still keep the offense flowing, especially with the recent improvement of fellow freshman guard Alexa Kastanek.

But Disterhoft's contri-

butions to the program don't only come from her production on the court. She's a poster girl for the state of Iowa: Miss Iowa Basketball in her senior year, Gatorade Player of the Year in Iowa, and when she was 9 years old, she appeared on a poster for the women's basketball program she now stars in.

The poster shows the young Disterhoft holding a basketball and looking up, dreaming of Iowa players. The caption reads "Dream Big." She orally committed to play at Iowa her during junior

year of high school. Disterhoft is a testament to what can be achieved, a testament that basketball talent can find success playing in the state of Iowa.

Big things are yet to come in Disterhoft's Iowa career. But even as she continues this season as a freshman, it's evident that the squad wouldn't have success without her.

And if she continues to play at such a veteran level — and all signs say that she will — the program she will soon be the face of will have lots and lots of that success.



Iowa guard Alexa Kastanek drives against Indiana on Jan. 25 in Carver-Hawkeye. The Hawkeyes defeated the Hoosiers, 84-75. (The Daily Iowan/Joshua Housing)

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MEN'S HOOPS FALLS TO NO. 15

The Iowa men's basketball team's first week as a top-10 team since 2002 saw it split a pair of games against Michigan and Northwestern, with the former playing a major role in voters' slating the Hawkeyes five spots lower in the latest AP poll.

Iowa's 75-67 road loss to the now No. 10 Wolverines dropped the team's record against the AP Top 25 to 1-4 during the current campaign, with the Black and Gold's lone victory coming against then No. 3 and currently No. 24 ranked Ohio State in Columbus on Jan. 12.

Head coach Fran McCaffery and his team will have a chance to improve that record this evening in Carver-Hawkeye, when No. 7 Michigan State comes to Iowa City, fresh off its first Big Ten loss of the season.

In addition to Michigan State and Iowa, three other Big Ten teams appear in the rankings: Michigan (10), Wisconsin (14), and Ohio State (24).

— By Joshua Bolander

AP TOP 25

1. Arizona
2. Syracuse
3. Florida
4. Wichita State
5. San Diego State
6. Kansas
7. Michigan State*
8. Oklahoma State
9. Villanova
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CHICAGO — Both the Chicago Bulls and the Minnesota Timberwolves were missing their starting centers.

The Timberwolves were able to overcome the adversity.

Kevin Love scored 31 points to lead the Timberwolves over the Bulls, 95-86, Monday night. Ronny Turiaf added 14 points for the Timberwolves, who snapped a seven-game losing streak to the Bulls and won for the fourth time in five games overall.

Timberwolves center Nikola Pekovic exited with a sore right Achilles tendon midway through the first quarter. Turiaf, who was averaging 2.3 points, scored a season high in his absence.

"He stepped up when Pekovic went out, and he brings a lot," Timberwolves guard Ricky Rubio said. "He brought everything he had."

— Associated Press

SCOREBOARD

NHL
Boston 6, NY Islanders 3
Pittsburgh 3, Buffalo 0
Colorado 4, Dallas 3
Carolina 3, Columbus 2
Edmonton 4, Vancouver 2
Los Angeles 1, San Jose 0

NBA
Phoenix 124, Philadelphia 113
Toronto 104, Brooklyn 103
Minnesota 95, Chicago 86
LA Clippers 114, Milwaukee 86
Oklahoma City 111, Atlanta 109
Utah 106, Sacramento 99

NCAAM
Oklahoma 88, Oklahoma St. 76
Villanova 65, Georgetown 60
Duke 80, Pittsburgh 65

NCAA
Notre Dame 87, Maryland 83
Purdue 80, Illinois 68
Stanford 86, USC 59

WHAT TO WATCH

NCAAM
West Virginia at Baylor, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Kentucky at LSU, 8 p.m., ESPN

Soccer
Liverpool vs. Everton, 2 p.m., NBCSN

JUDGMENT DAY

The Iowa men's basketball team will square off against Tom Izzo's No. 7 Spartans in Carver-Hawkeye tonight.

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During his press conference with various members of the media Monday afternoon, fourth-year head coach Fran McCaffery seemed relaxed, determined to give the impression that today's matchup against Michigan State was just another stop on Iowa's grueling and tiring Big Ten schedule.

"I try to keep an even keel," he said. "We try to have a very consistent and businesslike approach to every game in terms of game plan, practice. We're pretty regimented in that regard."

But despite the act, it was easy to tell McCaffery knows this is the type of game fans and followers of the program looked forward to when he was hired in March 2010.

There's no question this is the biggest and most anticipated game of the season and of McCaffery's tenure at Iowa, and he knows what the Hawkeyes are going to be up against.

"I think from a consistency standpoint, they're a program that I think every coach in this league understands if you're going to win a championship, you've got to go through Michigan State. Plain and simple," McCaffery said.

The Spartans will step on the court this evening without two of their biggest contributors in Adreian Payne and Branden Dawson. Payne has been hobbled by a foot injury, and Dawson broke a bone in his hand punching a table out of frustration.

Iowa guards Devyn Marble and Mike Gesell

SEE MEN, 8

Iowa vs. Michigan State

When: 6:05 p.m. today
Where: Carver-Hawkeye
Where to watch: ESPN (WATCHESPN)

COMMENTARY

'Poster girl' becomes Hawkeye star

Without freshman Ally Disterhoft, Iowa women's basketball would be a very different program.



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Ally Disterhoft stops to autograph a basketball before she heads into the locker room before almost every game in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

She's a hometown hero for those who go to see Lisa Bluder's squad play a well-rounded game of basketball. Anyone who follows Iowa women's basketball knew that Disterhoft would play a crucial role in the success of Bluder's well-established program.

It might also be safe to say that no one, including Disterhoft herself, knew that the Iowa City native would play such a pivotal role in the 2013-14 team's success.

Whether in a starting or bench role, Disterhoft's skills have been crucial for the team. She averages 14.4 points per game in conference play, 15th best in the Big Ten and third best for a freshman. The guard has been a force to be reckoned with from beyond the arc and in driving the lane for and-1 opportunities.

She's the team's second leading rebounder, with 120 and a 5.7 per game average, and one of the team's five players who average scoring in double figures.

Disterhoft began the season coming off



Hawkeye guard Ally Disterhoft drives down court at against Michigan State on Jan. 16 in Carver-Hawkeye. Iowa lost to the Spartans, 88-72. (The Daily Iowan/Tyler Finchum)

the bench, but after the team got blown out by Michigan State, she was moved into the starting lineup and had her best game of the season, posting a double-double with a career-high 24 points and 10 rebounds.

She's a freshman who plays nothing like one. The move into the starting lineup sent a message: Spots in the starting lineup are not guaranteed, and that the head coach isn't afraid to make drastic changes to give her team a better chance at making a deeper run in March.

Now, Bluder's top five scorers share the floor to start the games, and it's the best de-

cision the coach has made all season. She put a wrinkle in how teams prepare to face the Hawkeyes. She made her team, which is already one of the top scoring offenses in the Big Ten, even more of a threat.

Disterhoft is the immediate scoring threat that Kali Peschel wasn't providing, the key to getting off to fast offensive starts and avoiding the come-from-behind method it had found varying degrees of success with.

It doesn't matter that all of the team's best

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