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## Hatch pushes college plan

A Democratic gubernatorial candidate visited the University of Iowa to discuss college costs.

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Sen. Jack Hatch, D-Des Moines, advocated his plan to lower college costs on Thursday at the University of Iowa as he continues his campaign for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination.

"We want the best schools with the best education so all of the kids can come here as an 18-year-old kid and graduate as a 21-year-old adult and be ready to tackle the world," he said.

The plan, which Hatch calls "Open Doors for Iowa Students" comprises two major proposals, the first of which he terms the "accelerated bachelor's." It would allow a student to complete a four-year college degree in three years by completing course requirements at any Iowa college or university with easy transfers.

"If you can get through college in three years instead of four, your costs will come down," Hatch said. "The biggest barrier to that is when a college or university doesn't have the variety for you to take the courses when you need to."

He is confident both public and private universities would support the proposal. Public universities are held accountable by the state Board of Regents, and private universities are incentivized because they receive tuition grant money from the state and would participate to ensure the universities receive the grants in the future.

The second proposal is \$3,000 need-based loans for Iowa students from the state to be drawn from a \$150 million fund. The loans would have a 1 percent

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Sen. Jack Hatch, D-Des Moines, stands in the IMU on Thursday. Hatch is seeking the Democratic nomination to run for governor. (The Daily Iowan/Tyler Finchum)

### College Affordability

Sen. Jack Hatch, D-Des Moines, visited the University of Iowa on Thursday to highlight his proposal to lower college costs.

- The plan would provide a \$3,000, 1 percent interest loan to needy Iowa students.
- The loans would be drawn from a \$150 million fund.
- The fund would be drawn from the state budget surplus initially and funded in the future by the interest.

Source: Sen. Jack Hatch

## Getting set for February

The University of Iowa's chapter of the NAACP will use its first observance of Black History Month as an organization to find additional members.

By **KEVIN SVEC**  
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African-American student enrollment was limited on the University of Iowa campus up until the 1960s.

But more than 50 years later, the UI chapter of the NAACP prepares for its first Black History Month on campus.

With February approaching, the organization plans to help spread its cause throughout the community as well as the university.

The NAACP was founded on Feb. 12, 1909 as a way to support civil rights. Today, it serves as a way to bring minorities together and help educate them about equality.

Since the UI chapter is fairly new, the primary goal is to get the word out to other students on campus and create a larger following, which would result in more service to the community.

During Black History Month, the chapter has activities planned for the third week of February. Some of the activities include a Sunday Dinner, a dance class, and a documentary film night.

Brittney Reed, the president of the UI's NAACP, grew up in Des Moines, where she served on the youth council, also as president.

"When I first came to [the UI], I was shocked there was no NAACP organization," Reed said.

Rodnika Carter, treasurer of the UI's chapter, said UI Student Government

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## Dance Marathon alums remember

Dance Marathon graduates celebrate their victory over cancer by keeping their experience close to heart.

By **EMMA MCCLATCHEY**  
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After three and a half years of treatment for acute lymphoblastic leukemia, Darick Witt and mother Shelley Witt were given the news they had been fighting for: Darick was cancer-free.

But rather than rejoice, the 7-year-old Darick surprised his doctor by bursting into tears.

"He said, you mean I don't ever get to be a part of Dance Marathon again?" Witt said. "For a child to go through treatment and cry when it's over shows the relationships he made were strong."

Darick isn't the only former Dance Marathon "kiddo" who couldn't bear to say goodbye to the University of Iowa organization. Even after returning to "normal" lives of school, sports, and hospital-free weekends, families of Dance Marathon graduates haven't forgotten the program that made the transition from hospital stays to high school much easier.

"Every fun event they offered helped me maintain a normal lifestyle for him when we were really struggling," said Witt, who was a single mom at the time of Darick's



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diagnosis.

This sense of normalcy was achieved with everything from Dance Marathon Adventureland trips and Christmas gifts to simple parking vouchers — which saved the Witts from being stuck with a \$198 parking bill after Darick's first hospital stay.

"Every time we go to the hospital, we laugh and reminisce and say if it wasn't for Dance Marathon, we'd still be sitting in

the ramp," Witt said.

Now a 15-year-old freshman and basketball player at Calamus/Wheatland High, Darick said he uses his positive treatment experience to motivate current Dance Marathon families. Along with his mother, Darick has attended the last 10 "Big Events" and founded mini-Marathons in his community of Wheatland, Iowa.

SEE DANCE MARATHON, 3

## Tsarnaev may face death

By **DENISE LAVOIE**  
Associated Press

BOSTON — Federal prosecutors Thursday announced they will seek the death penalty against 20-year-old Dzhokhar Tsarnaev in the Boston Marathon bombing, accusing him of betraying his adopted country by ruthlessly carrying out a terrorist attack calculated to cause maximum carnage.

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder's decision to press for Tsarnaev's execution was widely expected. The twin blasts last April killed three people and wounded more than 260; more than half the 30 federal charges against Tsarnaev — including using a weapon of mass destruction to kill — carry a possible death sentence.

"The nature of the conduct at issue and the resultant harm compel this decision," Holder said in a statement of just two terse and dispassionate sentences that instantly raised the stakes in one of the most wrenching criminal cases Boston has ever seen.

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# Prof seeks anti-cancer drug

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The basis of a future anti-cancer drug could be found in a sponge from more than 1,600 feet under the sea and the bulb of an African flower.

Zhendong Jin, a University of Iowa associate professor of medicinal and natural products chemistry, replicates the anti-cancer compounds found in a Côte d'Ivoire and a sea sponge to, hopefully, find the most affective cancer drug available.

The compounds are much more potent than any drug on the market, which is why Jin and his team spend up to 72 hours a week developing ways to replicate the structure of the compounds found in nature.

"As chemists, we're trying to solve a supply problem," Jin said. "It's difficult to isolate from nature; nature only gives us a tiny, tiny bit."

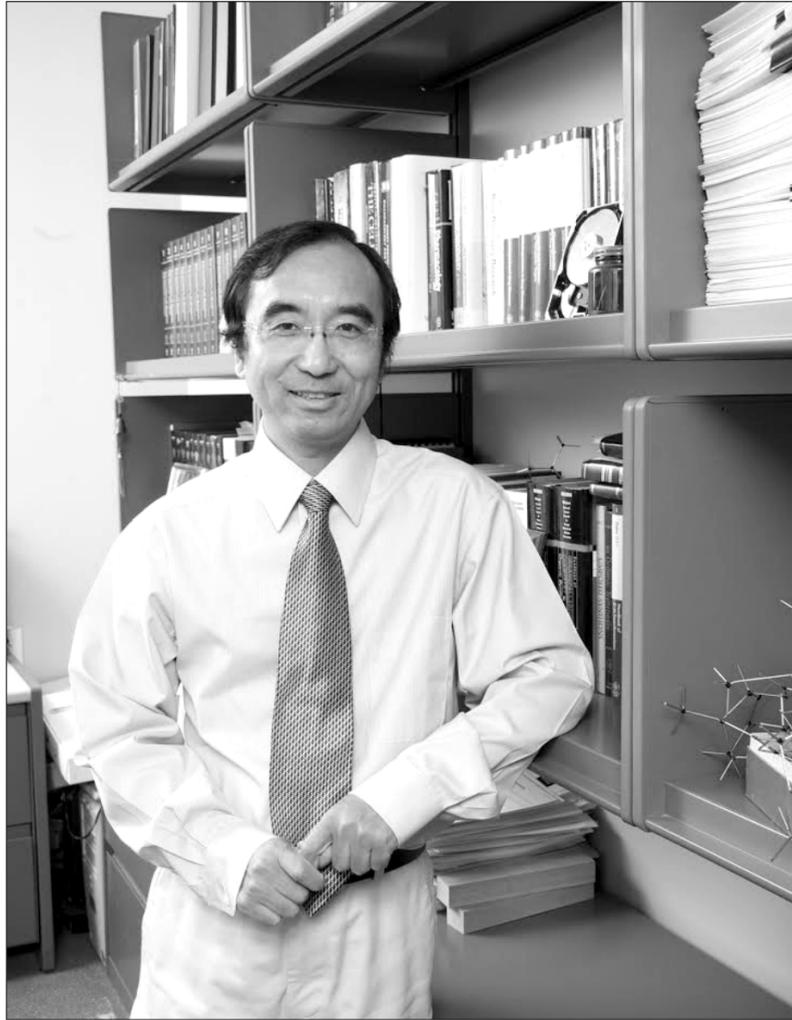
Jin is forced to replicate the compounds because extracting the compounds for the flower is not cost-effective, while obtaining the sea sponge is difficult to begin with because of the depth at which it lives.

The team includes graduate students. Given the likelihood most experiments will fail, Jin said students must have true passion for science and build a "tough cookie" mentality to get through the long and hard days ahead.

"If you don't like it, it's hell," Jin said. "It can be exceedingly frustrating, so you have to be mentally tough enough to overcome that frustration. By the time they receive their Ph.D.s, they may be a different person."

Aashay Shah, a graduate student who has assisted Jin with his research for the past four years, said he appreciates how easy it is to ask to help.

"I remember when my stuff wasn't really working out when I was getting trained and rotating, he himself came to the lab and helped me," Shah said. "And that's not something you see from a lot of professors, especially from someone in



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such a senior position."

Shah said Jin makes himself accessible to students almost 24/7 and will answer any calls from students regarding questions or frustrations they have in the lab.

"On the good days, it works, but on most days, it does not work," Shah said. "Professor Jin is motivating enough to encourage us to get things done independently, but will never be like 'I want the results, I want the results.'"

Not only does Jin make himself available to his students, but he frequently answers questions from others in the department.

"Even with the research in my laboratory, if we reach a point in our synthesis where we are having trouble getting something to work, I may tell my students, 'Maybe we should go talk to Professor Jin,'" said

Robert Kerns, the division head of medicinal and natural products chemistry. "He is an outstanding synthetic chemist just by the way he looks at a molecule and thinks about how to break it apart and how it can be made."

Jin has spent more than 10 years studying and synthesizing the cancer-fighting agents, and he hopes in a few years, he can begin testing the drugs made from these two compounds in human trials.

While he admits he wishes he had more time to spend with his 4-year-old daughter and visiting his family in Shanghai, China, Jin vows to keep researching until his funds run out.

"I don't think I will cure cancer, but if I can put some effective drug on the market, then that would be wonderful," Jin said. "For the people who

## Zhendong Jin

A synthetic chemistry associate professor hopes to fight cancer with new compounds.

- Jin is researching new drug from compounds found in an African lily and a sea sponge.
- These compounds have anti-cancer agents within them called OSW-1 and Superstolide A.
- Jin and his team hope to start human trials in the next few years.

Source: Zhendong Jin, UI associate professor of medicinal and natural products chemistry department in the College of Pharmacy

have cancer, at least they know we work really hard for them. Even though we may be embarrassed, we still haven't delivered the compound yet, I spend most of my time in the lab for them."

## METRO

### Police add 'fat' bike

The Iowa City police will add another "fat" bike to its fleet.

The bicycle has oversized tires to allow officers to patrol during the winter months. The department purchased the bike using asset forfeiture funds.

The bike provides more stability and traction on snow and ice. The bike, a Salsa Cycles Mukluk 3, will be used on patrol in the Iowa City Downtown District.

—by Stacey Murray

### Man charged with 3rd OWI

A local man has been accused of driving while intoxicated.

Dominic Axton, 36, 1471 Valley View Drive, was charged on Thursday with third-offense OWI.

According to an Iowa City police complaint, officers responded to a report of a fight at Coach's Corner Sports Pub, 749 Mormon Trek Boulevard. While officers were on route, they were informed that

the subject involved in the fight had left in a vehicle and drove into a Kum & Go.

According to the complaint, The officers observed the defendant sitting in the driver's seat with the engine running. The officers observed that the defendant had bloodshot watery eyes, slurred speech, and admitted to having too much to drink.

Third offense OWI is a Class-D felony.

—by Alison Keim

### Man charged with theft

A local man has been accused of being

involved in a theft.

Levi Painter, 20, 1218 E. Second St., was charged on Wednesday with second-degree theft.

According to a police complaint, the defendant was seen on video standing as lookout as a codefendant allegedly reached into a truck and took 250 feet of welding lead.

The welding lead had a value of \$1,500, the complaint said.

Second-degree theft is a Class-B felony.

—by Alison Keim

## BLOTTER

**Kristen Arneson**, 18, 4136 Burge, was charged on Jan. 24 with presence in a bar after hours.

**Troy Axton**, 36, 1471 Valley View Drive, was charged on Wednesday with interference with official acts and third and subsequent OWI.

**Vincenzo Caporale**, 18, 449 Slater, was charged on Sunday with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance.

**Evan Carroll**, 19, N119 Hillcrest, was charged on Tuesday with public intoxication.

**Sarah Charlesworth**, 20, 603 S. Dubuque Apt 9, was charged on Jan. 24 with presence in a bar after hours.

**Grace Clay**, 19, 5424 Currier, was charged on Jan. 24 with presence in a bar after hours.

**Shaun Cremer**, 44, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 2436 was charged Wednesday with second-offense OWI.

**Tami Enck**, 42, address unknown, was charged Tuesday with fifth-degree theft.

**Jane Hook**, 31, 406 Waterway Drive, was charged Wednesday with criminal trespass.

**Shelbie Jacobsen**, 20, 4701 Steinbeck No. 18, was charged on Jan. 25 with presence in a bar after hours.

**Jori Anne Jacobsen**, 20, 112 E. Bloomington St. No. 8, was charged on Jan. 24 with presence in a bar after hours, unlawful use of a driver's license, PAULA, and providing a false identification.

**Patrick Kowalewski**, 19, 308 S. Gilbert St. No. 1111, was charged on Jan. 24 with presence in a bar after hours.

**Gregory Mabin**, 19, 943 S. Gilbert St. No. 33, was charged on Jan. 25 with presence in a bar after hours.

**Andrew Malley**, 19, 512 S. Dodge St., was charged on Jan. 25 with presence in a bar

after hours.

**Anthony Markese**, 18, 740 Slater, was charged on Jan. 24 with presence in a bar after hours.

**Contrell Martin**, 19, 2482 Lakeside No. 10, was charged on Monday with third-degree burglary.

**Mason Maynard**, 25, 500 S. Gilbert St. No. 8, was charged on Tuesday with public intoxication.

**Gary Oldaker**, 49, address unknown, was charged on Monday with interference with official acts, possession of prescription drugs, assault, public intoxication, and criminal trespass.

**Lucas Passow**, 25, 802 Bowery St., was charged on Jan. 25 with OWI.

**Stephen Putthoff**, 40, 1717 Maple Drive, was charged on Jan. 21 with possession of marijuana.

**Lazell Roach**, 22, 715 Fifth

Ave., was charged on Jan. 25 with public intoxication and unlawful use of driver's license.

**Matthew Rosi**, 18, 1209 Burge, was charged on Monday with possession of a controlled substance.

**Theresa Sampson-Spies**, 47, 1804 Gleason Ave., was charged on Wednesday with second-offense OWI and driving while license was revoked.

**Jack Sheets**, 21, 5050 S. Johnson St., was charged on Jan. 25 with disorderly conduct.

**Tatijana Vazquez**, 20, 426 S. Johnson St., was charged on Jan. 24 with presence in a bar after hours and PAULA.

**Robin Watts**, 48, 1104 Redwood Ave., was charged on Wednesday with third-degree theft.

**Ofelia Zepeda**, 34, 4494 Taft S.E. No. E15, was charged on Jan. 24 with fifth-degree theft.

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## CLARIFICATION

In the Jan. 30 article "Bijou Back at Late Night," the subhead stated that Bijou will sell alcohol to those of age before the screenings. FilmScene holds the vendor's license and will sell concessions as it normally does.

## HATCH

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interest. The fund would be drawn from the existing budget surplus, effectively keeping banks out of the student-loan discussion.

"We're actually eliminating the middleman," he said. "That's how we can keep the grant low."

Hatch said the fund would be maintained in the future by the interest received from the previous years' loans. He believes the loan would push more students into Iowa colleges as a result of lowered costs and influence universities to become more efficient.

"No college will tell you that they don't need more money, but they can manage their money," he said.

"Students have very little resources to manage their student debt."

Hatch characterized Gov. Terry Branstad as "in the back row" and "silent" on the issue of college costs. In response, Terry Schultz, Branstad-Reynolds campaign communications director, emphasized the jobs created and the lower unemployment rate during the governor's tenure.

"Clearly, students know that they have a pro-jobs governor and pro-jobs government working for them for after they graduate," Schultz said.

Democratic candidate Jonathan Narcisse and former member of the Des Moines School Board criticized Hatch's plan for drawing on the budget surplus.

Narcisse said his plan to lower college costs would

not need to draw from the fund. Instead, he said it would eliminate the cost of "fraud, bureaucracy, and white-collar welfare" in K-12 education in order to provide tuition money to students who would be willing to volunteer 40 hours per summer and work in Iowa one year for every year they receive state funds.

Although the organiza-

tion does not officially endorse candidates, Hatch's plan has drawn the interest of the UI Democrats.

"[Hatch] has spoken to members of the University Democrats before and has been very well-received," said University Democrats President Carter Bell. "We will push all of Sen. Hatch's education-related proposals to encourage students to vote."

## NAACP

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partly funds the group.

The organization also is working on creating fundraisers to further benefit its cause.

"There was a lack of support from students in past

years," Carter said. "We have a need for dedicated people to donate their time to our cause."

The NAACP is working on numerous projects for the coming year. The organization has started working with the Dream Center with to help adults study to earn GEDs and holding after-school programs for mi-

nority children. In this program, members will help the kids with homework and have activities to offer them guidance.

The organization also plans to start a pen-pal program with inner-city kids from Detroit to help mentor them and give them quality advice in their upbringing.

"There were a lot of Afri-

can-American groups, but not many focused on the community," Reed said.

The UI is joining its recent counterparts as its NAACP chapter becomes more involved on campus.

Tiara Mays, president of the Iowa State University chapter, has similar motives for the Ames community during Black History

Month.

"Our history tends to get forgotten, it is up to us to let the people know that it is important and a big part of our culture," Mays said.

Michael Hill, a UI professor of African-American literature, advises the group on campus. He said if the group wants to find success, they have to increase their

membership.

"At this point, the chief importance is to get people involved in issues in their community," he said. "The NAACP gears students up to be part of the larger picture, what needs to be diagnosed in the community and the steps involved in accomplishing those issues."

## DANCE MARATHON

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"I feel the need to go out and do my fair share," said Darick. "I'm not going to take that all for granted. These kids haven't lost their battle, and there's a good chance they won't lose their battle."

A mere 2-year-old when she finished treatment for retinoblastoma, 2009 Dance Marathon graduate Sena Graham can't remember many hospital visits. But the now-12-year-old still lives with

the side effects of her rare cancer, including a lack of vision in her right eye — which hasn't kept the sharp Clear Creek Amana middle schooler from swimming, dancing, and maintaining a long-distance relationship with a fellow retinoblastoma survivor in Scotland.

"I kind of want to be a librarian or a geologist or a journalist, because I like to get up in people's business — and holding microphones is awesome," said Sena, who gets particularly motivated after attending Dance Marathon's Big Event each year. "I look forward to it a lot. At Dance Marathon, nobody asks me

why I have weird eyes."

Mother Lori Graham — who was inspired to become a teacher for the visually impaired after Sena's experience — said she is glad to have a connection with Dance Marathon on the rare chance her daughter's cancer should return.

"Some of the [family representatives] have just been a huge part of our lives," Graham said. "Sena does everything everyone else does. The biggest thing is she can't go see 3D movies."

Keokuk High School freshman Connor Muston hasn't been afraid to spread his horizons, either,

especially since his spirit-lifting Dance Marathon graduation in 2011.

"It felt like I was graduating from high school. It was a really great moment," Connor said. "I say to the other kids, do not stop fighting. Keep this going until there's nothing left of the cancer."

Like Darick, Connor fought acute lymphoblastic leukemia for three and a half years before finishing treatment in 2005. Despite developing some learning disabilities as a result of his chemotherapy, Connor has made the varsity cross-country team, is an aspiring Lego designer, and plans to visit Boston

in August to cheer on his beloved Red Sox alongside mother Amy Johnson.

"Your life never really goes back to normal; there's always that fear the cancer will come back," Johnson said. "But he has no restrictions on what he's allowed to do. We're an average family; we just happen to be a cancer family."

And despite the heartbreak that comes with a cancer diagnosis, Shelley Witt said the relationships formed throughout the treatment process have changed her family for the better.

"Darick was around so many kids with illness and disability it made him

such a kind and thoughtful person," she said. "It's really shaped who he has become as a teenager. People were so giving to him that he wants to be giving and loving to them."

Johnson said her son's endurance — as one of his school's top runners, and as a cancer survivor — has become an inspiration in their community, and hopefully to current Dance Marathon families as well.

"You can win, you just have to keep your strength together. It's possible to get there," she said. "It's not a sprint, it's a marathon."

DAILY IOWAN REPORTER EMMA MCCLATCHEY PARTICIPATES IN DANCE MARATHON.

# OPINIONS

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## COLUMN

### A helpful illusion backfires



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Nobody likes being deceived. But can self-deception actually be beneficial? Absolutely. If you're stuck in a horrible job, you'll probably try to persuade yourself that it's worth it. Otherwise, you're spending a good chunk of your life being miserable for no good reason. Similarly, we have other illusions that protect us, but as the name suggests, they invariably distort reality.

Humans are wired to see their success as accomplished through hard work and talent, while their failures are the product of circumstances.

Let's start somewhere familiar: income inequality. The Pew Research Center released a report last week, showing that people with less income blame their situation on circumstance. Those with higher incomes pinned their success on hard work. Most of the poor said the rich just got lucky.

If I'm in a good spot, it's because I'm a swell guy, and if I'm not doing so hot, it was just beyond my control.

It all sounds very self-serving, but this is part of how we maintain the very useful illusion of control. Imagine thinking you don't have any power to influence your life's direction. Sounds pretty depressing.

In fact, a series of experiments conducted by social psychologists in 1979 and 1981 found that when good or bad things happened to depressed participants, they accurately believed that it was beyond their control. When good things happened to nondepressed participants, they thought they had control, but when something bad occurred, they said they had no control.

People who suffer from

depression are not necessarily wrong in their worldview. In some ways, they are free of many illusions that keep most people optimistic. Control is very much an illusion, or at least the degree of control we assume we have. Critically though, we don't think we have control when things go wrong.

This dynamic is almost certainly part of why the poor blame circumstances and the wealthy praise their own hard work and talent.

Although the polar-opposite explanations the rich and poor have for their respective places in society may seem downright selfish, one finding that Pew reported seems somewhat perplexing. The wealthy — so fond of the virtues of hard work — were evenly split on whether people were poor because of lack of effort or circumstance.

To understand this apparent discrepancy, consider one study that randomly assigned participants to write a challenging (but not excessively difficult) quiz. Others had to answer the questions while the rest watched. Once the quiz ended, contestants and the audience consistently rated the questioner as more knowledgeable than the answerers, even though everyone knew the assignment had been completely random. The quiz hosts did not, however, rate themselves as superior to the contestants.

In his social psychology self-help book *Knowing People*, University of Iowa sociology Professor Michael Lovaglia suggested that "it may be true that those in positions of great power can sometimes more clearly see the effects of situational factors."

This may explain why quiz hosts in the experiment didn't see themselves as better than the contestants, and perhaps also why Americans at the top of the income ladder are unsure about why poor people are poor. Those in authority, to a certain degree, appear to recognize their advantage.

## POINT/COUNTERPOINT

### Do Super Bowl advertisements reinforce negative stereotypes?

Sunday's Super Bowl will not only be the most-watched evening of TV all year but also the year's largest advertising bonanza with 30-second spots going for around \$4 million. They're immensely popular, but are these ads bad for society or are they harmless fun?

#### They're bad news

Virtually everyone loves the Super Bowl and anxiously awaits the wonderful commercials that air during it.

But what people fail to realize is that these Super Bowl commercials advertise a lot more than the products or services that companies are trying to get people to spend bucks on. Along with the materialistic ideas that Super Bowl commercials perpetuate for our highly materialistic society, they are also incessantly promoting sexist values.

Anyone who has ever seen even one or two Super Bowl ads can quickly pick up on that.

Take last year's Go Daddy commercial, for instance. The company tells people that small businesses should have a "sexy side," which is represented by Israeli fashion model Bar Rafaeli, and a "smart side," which is represented by an unattractive dude called Walter. The company says they are a good mix of smart and sexy, and the commercial ends with Bar and Walter making out.

Whereas it might seem like Go Daddy is just lightheartedly trying to promote its website hosting service, what it's actually saying to the American public is "girls are supposed to be sexy, boys are supposed to be smart." And from the sight of Bar and Walter kissing passionately, it's obvious that the two (smart and sexy) are inherently separate entities.

Surprisingly, this commercial was one of the less misogynistic ones, especially in comparison with the Audi ad.

In that commercial, a dateless nerd goes to his prom and ambushes the prom queen on the dance floor, forcing her to kiss him. As a result (even though the girl is shown to have liked the forced sexual encounter, a.k.a. sexual assault) the girl's jock boyfriend gives the nerd a black eye. But, the nerd drives away in his Audi content with the night's events.

Although Audi markets this as bravery, what it really represents is America's prevalent rape culture and the belief that men have to assert dominance and control over a woman's body to prove their masculinity.

There are numerous other ridiculous commercials — such as the Doritos commercial from Super Bowl XLVII — featuring big-breasted women with full lips, beautiful long hair, and perfect skin to attract people.

Because no one would buy Doritos if they hadn't seen a "sexy" woman covered in them on TV.

Obviously, I'm being sarcastic. It's not at all necessary for huge corporations to advertise their products by objectifying women. There are so many positive ways in which commercials could be directed — such as last year's interracial Cheerios commercial, which (not surprisingly) many idiotic people found to be outrageous.

But perhaps the sad truth is that rather than influencing our society's values, the commercials are simply representing them.

— Sri Ponnada

#### They're harmless

If the biggest part of your Super Bowl Sunday is the slew of entertaining commercials, you're not alone. Many viewers admit it's the sole reason they tune in. Because the game draws in such a large, diverse crowd of people from all over the country, companies change their advertising in a fashion that drops dull, repetitive stereotypes for commercials that are more relatable, memorable, and socially harmless.

It's important to note that the discussion isn't about your typical football programming. If that were the case, I'd be on the other side of the spectrum. Advertisements for beer and trucks are the main culprits of perpetuating social stereotypes, inviting you — commercial break after commercial break — to "grab some Buds and laugh at women" or "be a cowboy," respectively. It's made me quite the pessimist.

But even these strongly rooted campaigns are shaken up by Super Bowl advertising. For example, note last year's Budweiser commercial. A Clydesdale breeder raises and then sends one of his horses off to join the Budweiser team and, after driving to view a parade in the city, has a touching reunion with the animal. He even rests his face against the creature and gives it a hug as our hearts are torn out and stomped on by Fleetwood Mac's "Landslide." It hardly imposes the typical idea of "masculinity."

An older commercial for EDS, a data-systems company, depicted the hardships of ranching cats — yes, cats — poking fun at "rugged-man" populism we usually see from Chevy or Dodge. And as far as sexuality is concerned, a Dockers commercial from 2010, featuring middle-aged men in briefs marching through a field and chanting that they "wear no pants," marked a dramatic shift in the way advertising features the human body.

With a price tag running around \$4 million per slot this year, companies can't afford to be drab, offensive, or repetitive. Considering that around half of Super Bowl viewers are women, it wouldn't make sense to force the audience to pick a side on anything. The advent of social networking, giving people a chance to quickly complain, also helps keep commercials in check — a barrage of angry tweets and blogs could make that ad space much more costly.

Yes, there are a few bad apples, but they are quickly forgotten. If anything, those making "statements" operate more as social commentaries, much like a standup comedian, or they make fun of typical advertising. Others simply surprise us, tickling the infantile parts of our brains with Dorito samurais and senior citizens acting like teenagers.

— Adam Gromotka

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## COLUMN

### The definition of a 'thug'



Ashley Lee

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While I'm not a serious NFL fan, I did hear about the controversy surrounding Seattle Seahawk 25-year-old cornerback Richard Sherman. It was his heated and passionate behavior in an interview following the NFC Championship Game that instilled tremendous fear and even disgust among some viewers. Some took it upon themselves to further insult Sherman with racial slurs and call him a thug.

Granted, many people had no problem with his outburst. Football is a physically demanding and arguably violent activity in which players are bound to express an array of feelings on and off the field. Sherman's anger in his interview with Erin Andrews was directed at 49er receiver Michael Crab-

tree, who immaturely rejected his handshake at the end of the game.

But more concerning than Sherman's postgame behavior was the horrendous and offensive public scrutiny that ensued after his interview. Footage showed him yelling and photographs focused solely on his wild expressions. This depiction is all too familiar — the image presented in the media is that of a black male as a hostile menace to society who must be restrained.

The stereotype of the Brute Negro has circulated since Reconstruction — internalized by those who hold anti-black prejudices close to their hearts. This vicious, aggressive, and animalistic creature resembles a beast who must be stopped — a caricature created by white people to dehumanize black males. This portrayal has encouraged the country to see how inadequate black men are by themselves without white intervention.

In 21st-century

vernacular, the Brute is now referred to as the "thug." It was used to refer to the late Trayvon Martin, and it continues to be an epithet used in the criminalization of black men. A black face means trouble. There's no surprise angry tweets and messages poured in deeming Sherman as such.

There are certain words in the English language that have racial connotations. Regardless of the tone used, the context in conversation, or the images we have been trained to associate with particular words, they render discomfort. "Thug" is merely a derogatory name attributed to black men that allows someone to implicitly insult them.

Sherman admitted in a recent press conference, "The only reason [thug] bothers me is because it seems like it's the accepted way of calling somebody the N-word nowadays." He then asks, "What's the definition of a thug, really?"

To understand the

history behind the Brute stereotype is to then understand how and why the word "thug" has transformed into an abusive and racially coded term for black men.

It's easy to consider Sherman as a hot-tempered black male. While I think his behavior after the NFC game was uncalled for, I don't think it's right to further assume that he's terrible person overall, however.

Perhaps the diss from Crabtree, coupled with the joy in knowing he will play in the Super Bowl, created a sense of empowerment — so much that he loss his temper.

Regardless, to call someone a thug is to deem the individual unworthy, unintelligent, and up to no good. It strips away their humanity and forces them to become nothing but a one-dimensional idea.

Sherman is far from a thug. From Compton to Stanford to participating in this year's Super Bowl, he truly is the epitome of the rags to riches success story.

# County OKs Road Plan

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors approved collaboration with North Liberty for reconstruction of Mehaffey Bridge Road.

By CARTER CRANBERG  
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The Johnson County Board of Supervisors gave the green light on Thursday to a major project proposed last week by the Secondary Roads Department.

The project will not only widen but also repave Mehaffey Bridge Road at an estimated cost of \$1.5 million to \$5 million. Secondary Roads will use a process called "cold-and-place recycling," a cost-saving method that involves combining reused material from the old road with new asphalt.

During last week's meeting, Assistant County Engineer Ed Bartels presented the proposal to the supervisors during an informal meeting. He indicated Secondary Roads would collaborate with North Liberty on the construction of the road in a move to split the work as well as the cost.

North Liberty Street Superintendent Don Colony, who was not present at the meeting, expressed his desire to partner with Johnson County on tackling the project.

"We tag-teamed under their bid because it's such a large project that we can probably get better prices if

we expand the project," Colony said. "And we won't have to each pay mobilization twice."

Right now, North Liberty would pay an estimated \$1.01 million of the total. Despite the potential for a costly project, Secondary Roads has factored this into its five-year budget and will be able to handle the cost, officials say.

Bartels pointed out that by working together on a larger portion of road, the city and the county hope to save money by attracting a wider range of bidders.

One of the main considerations of this project has been convenience to motorists.

There will be one lane open during the road work. Because of the ability to work day and night unrestricted, Secondary Roads officials hopes to complete the project as quickly and with as little interference as possible.

In an effort to keep the public in the loop, Secondary Roads officials will post updates via a Twitter feed and website, as well as electric signs along the road. In addition, Secondary Roads employees will be use hot-mix asphalt, a process that allows motorists to drive on the new road

soon after it has been paved.

"The problem with concrete is usually you have to shut down the road for it to be effective, because it has to cure. [With] asphalt, you can drive on it pretty much the same day they put it down," Bartels said.

Concerns over the lack of access for bikers was brought up during last week's meeting; however, the widening will allow for safer biking and an adequate number of breaks in the center lane will make road crossing easy.

Supervisor Chairwoman Janelle Rettig said she was satisfied with biker accommodation.

"The shoulders are set to be 4 feet in width, which is great," Rettig said. "And in addition, we have plans to put a separate trail alongside the highway in three years."

Johnson County Engineer Greg Parker outlined a timeline for the project.

"We are looking at a green-light on contracting in April and to hopefully start construction in June or July," he said. "We're also going to hold a public meeting the first week of May, hopefully at the phone company in North Liberty."

## JAM IN ATLANTA



Abandoned cars sit idle along Northside Parkway in Atlanta Thursday. Troopers and soldiers were refilling gas tanks and providing jumps to people with dead batteries so that stalled vehicles could get moving. (Associated Press/Atlanta Journal & Constitution, John Spink)

## Knox's murder conviction

FLORENCE, Italy — More than two years after Amanda Knox returned to the U.S. apparently home free, an Italian court Thursday reinstated her murder conviction in the stabbing of her roommate and increased her sentence to 28½ years in prison, raising the specter of a long extradition fight.

Knox, 26, received word in her hometown of Seattle. The former American exchange student said she was "frightened and saddened by the unjust verdict" and blamed "overzealous and intransigent prosecution," "narrow-minded investigation," and coercive interrogation techniques.

"This has gotten out of hand," Knox said in a statement. "Having been found innocent before, I expected better from the Italian justice system."

Lawyers for Knox and 29-year-old ex-boyfriend Raffaele Sollecito, who was also found guilty, vowed to appeal to Italy's highest court, a process that will take at least a year and drag out a sea-saw legal battle that has fascinated court-watchers on both sides of the Atlantic and led to lurid tabloid headlines about "Foxy Knoxy" and her sex life.

It was the third trial for Knox and Sollecito, whose first two trials in the 2007 slaying of British ex-

change student Meredith Kercher produced flip-flop verdicts of guilty, then innocent.

After the acquittal in 2011, Knox returned to the U.S., where she evidently hoped to put herself beyond the reach of Italian law. But Italy's Supreme Court soon ordered a third trial.

On Thursday, the panel of two judges and six lay jury members deliberated 11½ hours before issuing its decision, stiffening Knox's original 26-year sentence, apparently to take into account an additional conviction for slander, while confirming Sollecito's 25-year term.

— Associated Press

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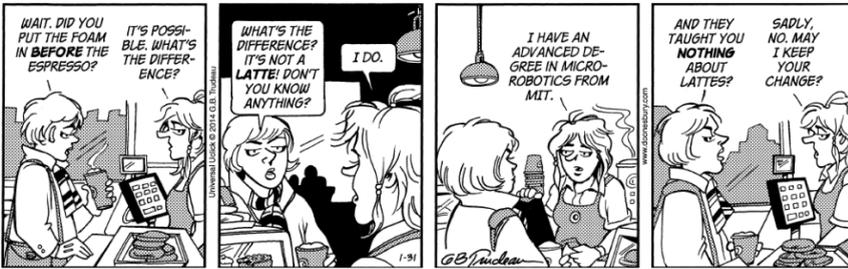
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  - **Iowa Centers for Enterprises Dev/Iowa Bootcamp**, nine-week program for web developers, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Thinc Lab, 122 E. Market
  - **Fulbright Intensive Workshop**, 9 a.m., 1117 University Capitol Center
  - **English Language Discussion Circles**, noon, S126 Pappajohn Business Building
  - **Nebraska**, 4 p.m., FilmScene, 118 E. College
  - **UI School of Music Presents: Dee Bierschenk**, trumpet, 6 p.m., University Capitol Center Recital Hall
  - **Anthology**, 7 p.m., Englert, 221 E. Washington
  - **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** Wapsipicon Almanac Reading, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
  - **Good People**, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Theater, 213 N. Gilbert
  - **Of Mice and Men**, 7:30 p.m., Iowa City Community Theater, 4265 Oak Crest Hill Road S.E.
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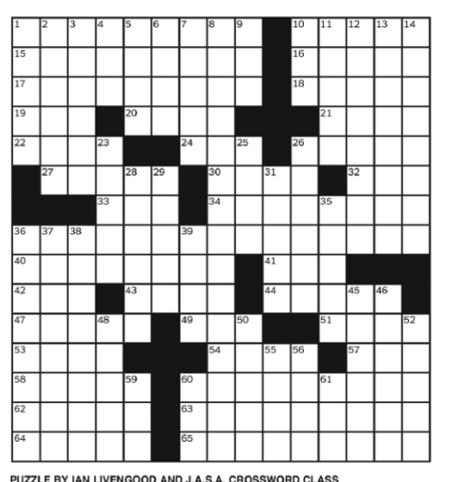
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## OBJECTS OF ART

### The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 1227

- ACROSS**
- 1 Compliment after a dive
- 10 Word with cellar or door
- 15 2012 billion-dollar Facebook acquisition
- 16 Dermatologist's case
- 17 Things employed to show the passage of time à la "Citizen Kane"
- 18 Some saucers
- 19 Mixed \_\_\_
- 20 '50s-'60s sitcom nickname
- 21 Cant
- 22 Identifies
- 24 Small jerk
- 26 Accord
- 27 Brown refreshers
- 30 Caustic soda, chemically
- 32 \_\_\_ kwon do
- 33 Gridiron datum: Abbr.
- 34 So-called "potted physician"
- 36 Oscar-nominated film featuring a dentist-turned-bounty hunter
- 40 Home of Sky Tower, the tallest free-standing structure in the Southern Hemisphere
- 41 "Uncle Tom's Cabin" girl
- 42 Morse bit
- 43 Contrarian's abbreviation
- 44 Island where Artemis was born
- 47 Phishing lures
- 49 Disperse
- 51 Double \_\_\_ Oreo
- 53 Lead-in to type
- 54 Two-master
- 57 Sushi fish



- DOWN**
- 1 Add zip to
- 2 "Hold on ..."
- 3 Port on Lake Ontario
- 4 Result of drying out, maybe
- 5 Pasta, e.g., informally
- 6 "The African Queen" screenwriter
- 7 Attempt to cure
- 8 "Homicidal Psycho Jungle Cat" duo
- 9 Bounty letters
- 10 E, F and G in D.C.
- 11 Jennifer of "Bound"
- 12 Quite a long shot
- 13 Cause for some blacklisting
- 14 Who's who in publishing?
- 23 Move furtively
- 25 Class graded on a curve?
- 26 Gather at harvest
- 28 Whites, informally
- 29 Brown coat
- 31 Expressed some delight
- 35 Perfume holders
- 36 Some Lamaze assistants
- 37 Drink with a straw
- 38 Have no help
- 39 Some, in Salamanca
- 45 Parliamentary home
- 46 Newsman Ray
- 48 What stress may be good for
- 50 "Roasted in and fire": Hamlet
- 52 Guy with a cooking show
- 55 Reassuring comment after a fall
- 56 Wide breach
- 59 What means the most at the end?
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- TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Use your imagination and creative input when looking for solutions, and you will hit the jackpot and win favors. Your ability to show professionalism, as well as concern and honesty, will help secure future prospects. Keep your emotions under control.
- GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Consider services you can offer, and present what you've got to those willing to pay. Good fortune can be yours if you are passionate about what you do and how you do it. Modernization is your ticket to success.
- CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Position yourself so that you get the chance to view or experience other life choices or ethnic traditions. Travel or research destinations that interest you, and you will be able to incorporate what you find into your everyday life.
- LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Offer a deal that is hard to turn down. Talk about a partnership or joint venture that is unique and full of potential. Take action, and you will get what you want. If you include individuals from different backgrounds, you will get diverse feedback.
- VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take the path that is most unusual. Delve into the unfamiliar, and take it upon yourself to discover new possibilities, but don't let someone with farfetched dreams interfere in a solid plan that promises success. Control will be necessary.
- LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Alter the way or what you do to ensure that you achieve satisfaction and personal happiness. A change in the way you treat someone or the company you keep will bring mixed feelings and responses from friends and family.
- SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't let emotions take over when dealing with domestic or household situations. You have to separate your feelings from the reality of whatever changes occur. Use your imagination, and you will find alternative means to get what you want.
- SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Consider your current situation and how well it's working out for you. Question whether you want to continue down the same path or make changes by picking up more skills or education or moving to a difficult location. Follow your instincts, not someone else.
- CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You'll have plenty of ideas, but not all will be feasible. Consider what's involved, and make choices based on reason. Wanting to please someone at the expense of risking your own position or security isn't going to play out well.
- AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Re-evaluate your position, and size up the prospects and how you can reach a destination that will bring you greater satisfaction. Use your imagination, and you will find a unique way to use your talents to help your community.
- PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Listen, and react quietly. The fewer people know about what you are doing, the better. You will avoid meddling if you sneak below the radar and put everything in place before presenting or promoting what you have accomplished. Romance is highlighted.

Don't be trapped by dogma — which is living with the results of other people's thinking — Steve Jobs

# Tennis seeks rebound

The Iowa men's tennis team will try to improve on last season.

By **JORDAN BUCHER**  
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The start of the 2014 season is just around the corner for the Iowa men's tennis team.

The Hawkeyes finished last season with a 7-17 overall record and placed last in the Big Ten for the second-consecutive year. However, the Hawkeyes will be the most experienced team in the Big Ten this season, with a 10-man roster composed of six seniors and only one freshman.

The Hawkeyes return this season hungry for success.

"[We] have a lot of experience, which is a good thing," head coach Steve Houghton said. "The guys who have gone through and suffered the last couple of years [from losses] are really determined to have a better year individually and team-wise, too."

The Hawkeyes will take on a very competitive Big Ten this year, being the only team in the conference that does not have a national ranking.

"If you end up finishing top five in the Big Ten, that almost guarantees you will make it to NCAAs," said Houghton, in his 33rd year at the helm of the Hawkeyes. "There is something to be gained from every Big Ten match."

In his coaching career at

Iowa, Houghton has recorded the most wins in program history, compiling a 345-381 (.475) career-record.

Houghton receives help from assistant coach Ross Wilson, a former two-time NCAA All-American at Ohio State and 2012 National Assistant Coach of the Year, who joined the Hawkeye coaching staff in August 2013.

"We are really happy to have Ross here," senior Michael Swank said. "He's been a great new addition for our team. It's a lot more tennis-focused compared with last year. You can tell already that everybody is a lot more confident with his tennis game, and we're making huge strides to get some good wins this year."

Swank returns to the Hawkeye program as one of the top performers. He competed on Iowa's No. 1 doubles team in 2012, winning a team-high eight victories. Last fall, Swank finished with a 4-6 record in singles play.

Hawkeye newcomer freshman Nils Hallestrand will also help lead Iowa this season. The native of Danderyd, Sweden, finished the fall season with a 4-5 singles record.

The Hawkeyes will kick off their season at home on Saturday with a double-header against Illinois State beginning at 10 a.m. and Western Illinois begin-

## Iowa men's tennis vs. Illinois State, Western Illinois

**When:** Saturday, Illinois State, 10 a.m.; Western Illinois, 3 p.m.  
**Where:** Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex

ning at 3 p.m. at the Hawkeye Tennis and Recreation Complex.

"I can speak for the team that we've been really looking forward to this [meet]," senior Juan Estenssoro said. "We've been practicing hard for this since August, and I really think we are ready both physically and mentally."

However, the Iowa men's tennis team will not start the season on the best foot.

The Hawkeyes have had an injury-plagued off-season, with almost half of its team battling some form of injury during the course of the year. Two or three of the guys in the usual lineup will not compete on Saturday because of various injuries, making a tough Illinois State team even harder to beat.

"We are going to have to make use of good common judgment for the next week or two," Houghton said. "Obviously, we want to win every match, but we also don't want to put a guy out for a good four or five weeks, either."

# Men swimmers eager to get back in the pool

By **RYAN RODRIGUEZ**  
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The Iowa men's swimming and diving team will try to redeem itself following a tough loss this past weekend against Northwestern when it travels to South Bend, Ind., for the annual Shamrock Invitational.

The No. 25 Hawkeyes will square off against the host Notre Dame as well as Missouri State in the two-day meet at Rolfs Aquatic Center.

"We go to this meet for a couple reasons," head coach Marc Long said. "For one, Notre Dame is a great host. It's also a lot of races packed into not a lot of time, so you don't have time to think about anything else. All you have to do is race."

Iowa remains hungry after its last meet, a Big Ten dual that they lost in the final event by a score of 151-149.

The Black and Gold have posted 15 NCAA "B"



Iowa swimmer Kyle Gannon awaits the start of the 1,000 free against Michigan State in the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center on Oct. 18, 2013. The Hawkeyes beat the Spartans, 182-113. (The Daily Iowan/Alyssa Hitchcock)

cut times heading into this weekend, with Grant Betulius, Dustin Rhoads, Andrew Marciniak, and Roman Trussov leading the way with two each.

The Hawkeyes return two All-Americans who swam at the Shamrock Invitational last season. Junior Betulius and senior Marciniak are following up last season's honors with big years once again.

The Hawks also return

two NCAA qualifiers, David Ernstsson and Trussov. The pair qualified in the 800-free relay and the 200-breaststroke, respectively.

"Notre Dame has a lot of depth, and there are unlimited people that can swim, so there's definitely going to be a lot of people swimming more events than they're used to, which is a challenge," sophomore Charles Holli-day said.

# GymHawks head to Illinois this weekend

The Iowa women's gymnastics team will face its third nationally ranked opponent today.

By **JORDAN BUCHER**  
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The Iowa women's gymnastics team hits the road to Champaign, Ill., to take on No. 17 Illinois today.

On Jan. 24, the GymHawks hosted No. 9 Nebraska in Carver-Hawkeye. Iowa posted its second-highest team score this season (193.250) in front of a season-high home crowd of 1,641 fans. The Hawks were able to accomplish this without their usual lineup because of a plethora of injuries. Freshman Mollie Drenth was the only all-around competitor for Iowa, and she posted a score of 38.325. The Hawks posted a season-best score on vault (48.500).

This will be the team's second conference match-up of the season. Illinois (3-1, 0-1) lost to No. 14 Minnesota in its Big Ten opener on Jan. 25,



Iowa gymnast Amanda Kowalski performs on the beam during the meet against Nebraska in Carver-Hawkeye Jan. 24. Iowa fell to Nebraska, 196.450-193.250. (The Daily Iowan/Tyler Finchum)

196.225-195.350. Despite an injury-plagued season, the Hawkeyes have vastly improved their team score from the start of the season to now.

The meet is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. in Huff Hall. The dual will appear on the Big Ten Network as a tape-delay at 9 a.m. Saturday.

## Iowa women's gymnastics at Illinois

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# The Daily Iowan

Iowa will compete against several top-tier programs from the Big Ten and Big 12.

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The Iowa men's track and field team is set to compete in the Bill Bergen Invitational today in Ames. The meet includes teams from many major schools including Iowa State, Texas, Kansas State, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and South Dakota.

Iowa will have its hands full during the event, which ends Saturday — Wisconsin and Texas are ranked in the top 25 of the U.S. Track & Field and Cross-Country Coaches Association rankings, which are computer-based and viewed as official by the NCAA. The Badgers check in at No. 4, and the Longhorns sit at No. 19.

The meet's heptathlon started Thursday, which will conclude today. The Hawkeyes have two competitors in the event, senior Jack Eckert, who scored 2,599 points and sits in

fifth place, and freshman Alec Cranford, who scored 2386 and is sixth. Both set personal records in the 60 meters. Eckert ran his in 7.46 seconds, and Cranford sprinted to a time of 7.37.

The pentathlon will be held today, as will the weight throw and long jump. The long jump will feature freshman O'Shea Wilson, who is attempting to better his current mark of 7.53 meters. That distance currently ranks 15th in the nation, second in the Big Ten.

The Saturday session will feature many high-profile events, including the preliminaries and finals of all running events as well as the remainder of the field events: the shot put, high jump, triple jump, and pole vault.

Tevin-Cee Mincy will lead the Hawkeye sprinters. The senior will try to win his third-consecutive 60 meters. Mincy sits third all-time in Iowa history in

the 60 and has set personal records at each of the first two meets this season.

In the field, sophomore Klyvens Delaunay will try to win another triple jump title. His mark of 15.37m this season is third in the Big Ten and 20th nationally. He leads the team in the event and placed fourth in the Big Ten indoor championships last season.

Iowa placed second in its last competition — the Jack Johnson Classic in Minneapolis — finishing behind Minnesota, which the Hawks will face again this weekend. At the Johnson, they also faced South Dakota, which will also be at the Bergen. The Cyclones are also not an unfamiliar foe; Iowa bested them at the first Big Four Duals, held in Iowa City on Jan. 18.

The Hawkeyes following meet will be on the road in Lincoln, Neb., in the Husker Invitational on Feb. 7-8.

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"The game plan wasn't good enough. Our effort wasn't good enough; we weren't tough enough, okay? Let's go back to work, or let's do better and try to win the next one. We get to play these guys later, but that's down the road.

We've got other people between now and then," McCaffery said. And right now Illinois stands between two tough home matches for Iowa: Ohio State and current conference leader Michigan. Getting a win in Champaign would build some much needed momentum for a Hawkeye team that still has national aspirations.

The Fighting Illini are led by Rayvonte Rice, who is averaging more than 16 points a game. He'll be a tough match for Marble to guard, but in the end, Iowa has the skill and depth to blow an underachieving Illinois squad out of the water. "Illinois is struggling a bit, but they're at home, and that's a hard to place to play," Marble

said. "They have one of the best student sections in the country. They have good scorers with [Rayvonte] Rice and seasoned vets like [Joseph] Bertrand. They're going to be a tough team. They're trying to get in the tournament, too. It's not like there's automatic wins."

**WRESTLING**  
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outlet that releases rankings, *Wrestling Insider Newsmagazine*, have him pegged at fourth.

But perhaps even more impressive is that, in the last four weeks, it's been a Big Ten heavyweight who has reached the top.

On Jan. 7, Minnesota's Tony Nelson had a firm grip on Inter-Mat's No. 1 ranking at heavyweight, where he opened the season with Michigan's Adam Coon unseated Nelson for the top spot on Jan. 14 and held it for two weeks until Telford claimed it on Tuesday.

It's no surprise to Telford that it's a cluster of Big Ten heavyweights that crowd the top of the rankings — six of the top seven spots are held by wrestlers in the conference.

Those six heavyweights — Telford, Coon, Nelson, Northwestern's Mike McMullan, Indiana's Adam Chalfant, and Michigan State's Mike McClure — have combined to create some insane parity.

"That's why you come to wrestle here, to wrestle in the Big Ten," Telford said. "It's a strong schedule, and you can



Iowa heavyweight Bobby Telford takes down Tony Nelson of Minnesota in the last six seconds of overtime to defeat him, 3-1, in Carver-Hawkeye on Jan. 25. Minnesota defeated Iowa, 19-15. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hersh)

make it even stronger with [statement wins]."

There have been plenty of those statement wins — perhaps even more than usual — this season.

During 2013-14, each of the six heavyweights has lost to one of his Big Ten counterparts. Telford lost to Coon, who lost to McClure, who lost to Nelson, who lost to McMullan, who lost to Chalfant, who lost to (you guessed it) Telford.

The circle of wins and losses can give some of the smartest wrestling gurus migraines, because each result throws a wrench into the Big Ten seeding pic-

ture at heavyweight.

"Every week is a battle. Every week you've got a tough opponent," Nelson told the *Minnesota Daily* on Jan. 30. "It's never easy, but you just have to really stay focused and go out there and wrestle your style."

Telford knows this all too well. Currently, he's hit a stretch where he'll wrestle three of those top six heavyweights in back-to-back-to-back duals. He started this run by beating Nelson, 3-1, in sudden victory on Jan. 25.

His next bout will be tonight against McMullan when No. 2 Io-

wa squares off with No. 12 Northwestern at Welsh-Ryan Arena.

A win over McMullan would not only serve as revenge for Telford — the Northwestern big man bested Iowa's the last time they stepped on the mat against each other — but will surely give him a stranglehold on the weight.

Well, at least according to those meaningless rankings.

"So open it up, and create some separation there," Iowa wrestling coach Tom Brands said. "Then that parity goes away."

**WOMEN**  
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speaking. This season, Nebraska allows just 61.3 points per contest.

**Cabel:** Buy. The Hawkeyes are the top-ranked scoring offense in the Big Ten, and I expect to see a shootout from two high-powered offenses because of it.

Iowa has won its last three games by very comfortable margins, and even in its losses, have scored oodles of points. With an opponent such as Nebraska coming in to town, I'd like to think that the Hawkeyes are going to elevate their game to match that of the Cornhuskers.

This is a team that has struggled at times in Big Ten play. If the Hawkeyes catch the Huskers on an off night, I fully expect them to exploit that and score points in bunches. The Hawkeyes are playing some of their best basketball of the season, and I expect it to continue against a team like Nebraska.

**Buy or Sell:** *Hawkeyes will contain Jordan Hooper.*

**Sheyko:** Sell. This is a tough decision considering the Hawkeyes just held Minnesota's Rachel Banham — the Big Ten's leading scorer — to 9 points on 3 of 12 shooting. But what should worry the Hawkeyes the most about Hooper is her ability to hit the boards.

Hooper may not be the tallest forward — she's listed as 6-2, but the senior is second in the Big Ten in rebounds, averaging 9.9 per game. Conversely, Iowa has struggled with keeping teams off of the glass. The Hawks

average just 38 boards per game.

**Cabel:** Buy. With the key word here being "contain."

The Hawkeyes have shown success in the season holding opponent's best scorers to under their averages. Penn State's Maggie Lucas, the team's leading scorer, entered the second half of Iowa's matchup against the Nittany Lions with only 11 points thanks in part to a stellar defensive performance from Logic. But in the second half, the Hawkeyes got gassed, and Lucas exploded to finish the game with 27 points.

Wednesday night against Minnesota, the Hawkeyes put more of a concentrated team effort on guarding the Gophers' leading scorer, Rachel Banham, a 22.8 point per game scorer, who finished the game with only 9 points.

Head coach Lisa Bluder said there's no way that just one defender can stop Hooper completely. But with concentrated efforts from numerous players and knowing where Hooper is on the floor at all times, the Hawkeyes at least have a shot.

I expect Bluder to throw each and any body she has at Hooper. Someone — or a combination of players — has to be able to stop her somehow.

**Buy or Sell:** *Iowa will defeat Nebraska for the first time since it joined the Big Ten.*

**Sheyko:** Buy. Iowa is playing its best basketball of the season. After dropping their first two conference games, the Hawkeyes have won five of their last six contests.

Iowa also returns home, where it has lost



Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder and players on the bench celebrate after a 3-pointer in Carver-Hawkeye on Dec. 5, 2013. Iowa defeated Syracuse, 97-91. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

only two games all season. I expect a close game, one that may come down to whoever has the ball last. But ultimately, the Hawkeyes are playing better basketball and are the better team overall.

**Cabel:** Buy. Like I said before, Iowa is playing its best basketball of the season. Add in the fact that they're playing the Huskers at home, and the fact that they've never beaten the Huskers in Big Ten play, and I think we have the makings of an Iowa victory.

Since throwing Dis-

terhoft into the starting lineup, the team seems to have gotten over the hump of starting games off slowly on the offensive side. The Hawks need that to continue if they plan on taking out the Huskers, and I think they will.

This, to me, seems like a team that's figured it out — at least mostly. That notion is exemplified by Wednesday's 20-2 run against Minnesota that sealed the game. The Hawkeyes are focused, they have desire, and that, I think, will constitute into a win.

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**Ex-Hawk Freeman to compete in FINA events**

USA Diving announced Wednesday that former Iowa diver Deidre Freeman has been invited to participate in two 2014 Fédération Internationale de Natation Diving World Series events.

The former All-American will compete in the 3-meter synchronized competition in Beijing on March 14-16, followed by an appearance March 20-22 in Dubai. She will compete in both competitions with Amanda Burke.

— by Danny Payne

**QUOTED**



‘When I was a kid a turnip was a vegetable that I didn’t like. #turnup’  
— Iowa women’s basketball coach Lisa Bluder on Twitter (@LisaBluder). 10:35 a.m. Tuesday.

**Blank named to softball watch list**

Iowa junior shortstop Megan Blank can add another accolade to her successful career.

The Culver City, Calif., native was named on the Top 50 Watch List for the 2014 USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year.



**Blank**  
junior

This marks the first time that she was included on the list and more importantly, it gets the rest of the country’s attention.

“It means that they’re recognizing Iowa softball and that we’re back on the map,” head coach Marla Looper said in a release. “We’ve opened some eyes.”

Blank has been named a first team All-Big Ten selection twice and is a two-time All-District honoree.

She joins a prestigious list with only 19 other juniors mentioned.

Blank comes off a record-breaking season in which she set the record for highest single-season batting average in program history, .437.

— by Jack Rossi

# Hawks focus on Illinois



Iowa guard Mike Gesell goes for a lay-up in the game against Michigan State in Carver-Hawkeye on Tuesday. Gesell scored 6 points on the game. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

**By BEN ROSS**

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The parity of the Big Ten basketball has reared its head this week. A 10-10 Penn State team took down a No. 24 Ohio State squad the same night No. 14 Wisconsin lost to 10-11 Northwestern, 65-56, on Wednesday. Northwestern’s win at Madison was its first win in the Kohl Center’s 16-year history. Ever.

If this week’s basketball outcomes teach us anything, it’s that there is no such thing as a guaranteed win in the best conference in college basketball. No. 15 Iowa (16-5, 5-4 Big Ten) should take that to heart when it travels across the river to take on Illinois (13-8, 2-6) on Feb. 1. The Hawkeyes are coming off a devastating overtime loss to No. 7 Michigan State, while Illinois is reeling on a six-game conference losing streak. Illinois’ last win came nearly a month ago on Jan. 4 over Penn State.

People were concerned that Iowa’s failure to close out a winnable game over the brand name of the conference greatly hurt its chances at a regular-season Big Ten title. That seemed to be the case, but after Ohio State and Wisconsin got toppled by seemingly inferior conference foes, anything is certainly possible.

“I won’t say [Big Ten title chances are] down the drain, but we’ll need help, of course,” Iowa leading scorer Devyn Marble said. “If we do our thing and finish with a few losses, a Big Ten title is possible. We’ll just have to do what we have to do, and if we come up short, and so be it. We do want to win it, but if you come up short, then you come up short.”

Sophomore guard Mike Gesell had a chance to send Michigan State into a second overtime, but his lay-up rolled out of the rim. If anyone had a right to be upset after the game, it was he, but Gesell just rolled answers off his tongue and spoke of his squad’s looming contest.

**Illinois (13-8, 2-6 Big Ten) vs. No. 15 Iowa (16-5, 5-4)**

When: 6:30 p.m. Saturday  
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“We’ll watch this [Michigan State] film, learn from it, and get right back to work,” Gesell said. “We can’t let this loss affect us in the next practice even. We just have to move on from it and take a professional approach and learn from it.”

Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery was quick to shrug off questions of Big Ten titlehood, too. He pointed to March 6, when Iowa travels back to Michigan State but also made note of the games his squad has to play before that date.

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## Logjam for Big Ten bigs



Iowa heavyweight Bobby Telford reacts after defeating Tony Nelson of Minnesota, 3-1, in overtime in Carver-Hawkeye on Jan. 25. Minnesota defeated Iowa, 19-15. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

There’s a lot of parity at heavyweight in the Big Ten this season, and Iowa’s Bobby Telford has a chance to widen the gap on his competition today against Northwestern.

**By CODY GOODWIN**

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Holding the top-ranked spot at heavyweight in college wrestling this season has been somewhat of a curse as of late. In the last four weeks alone, three different wrestlers have assumed InterMat’s No. 1 spot at college wrestling’s biggest weight.

Those rankings don’t mean much to Iowa’s Bobby

Telford, of course — which is why, when it was announced that he was the new No. 1 at heavyweight earlier in the week, he shrugged it off.

“I don’t look at the polls, to be honest with you,” he said on Tuesday. “That’s why there’s three or four of them. Everybody has their own opinion.”

And there’s a bit of truth to that. Telford holds the top spot at heavyweight according to both Inter-

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Mat and Amateur Wrestling News. Flowrestling ranks Telford No. 2, while a fourth

SEE WRESTLING, 8

## Buying into the Hawkeyes

Women’s basketball reporters Jake Sheyko and Matt Cabel answer key questions pertaining to the Iowa women’s basketball team’s matchup against Nebraska.

**By MATT CABEL and JAKE SHEYKO**

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**Buy or Sell:** Iowa will score more than 75 points Saturday against Nebraska.

**Sheyko:** Sell. The Hawkeyes lead the Big Ten in scoring with 80.5 points per game.

But that number could be slightly inflated given that Iowa’s average during conference play is 77 points per game. This is no knock on Iowa — it states the increased difficulty that comes with each basket against Big Ten defenses.

One of those stifling defenses happens to be the Cornhuskers, who have one of the best — if not the best — defense in the Big Ten, statistically

**Nebraska at Iowa**

Where: Carver-Hawkeye Arena  
When: 2 p.m. Saturday  
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