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TONIGHT



Participants dance during Dance Marathon in the IMU Main Ballroom on Feb. 3, 2013. Dance Marathon raised \$1,529,650.19 that year. (The Daily Iowan/Joshua Housing)

Dance Marathon 20 works to honor past, present, and future.

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Dance Marathon is back in the limelight as tonight marks the 20th Big Event at the University of Iowa.

A lot has changed in Dance Marathon over the past 20 years. Mary Schlapkohl, a nurse practitioner in child oncology, attended the first planning meeting for Dance Marathon 1. She said it has been amazing to watch the event transform.

“Back then, I would’ve never guessed that it would’ve grown to the level that it is [at] today,” she said. “Not just financially, but more importantly, to our families. [Dance Marathon] has really become an integral part of the care we provide.”

Twenty years ago, the dancers were on

their feet for 36 hours compared with the current 24. The 1995 Dance Marathon raised \$31,000, helping around two dozen families.

Dance Marathon in 2013 raised \$1,529,650.19, and now the organization reaches more than 700 families.

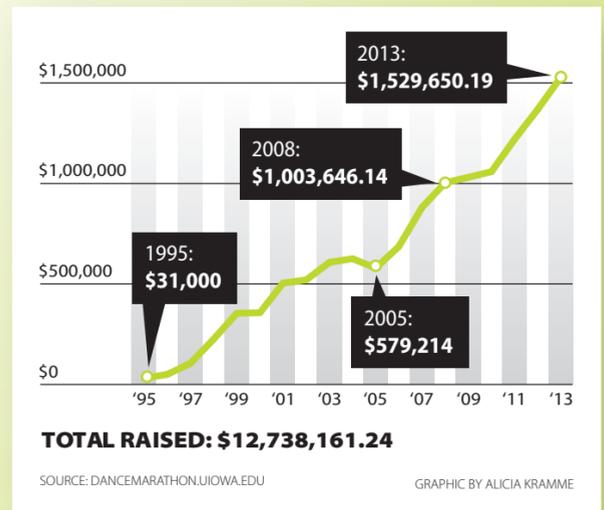
Dance Marathon 20 Executive Director Daniel Morse said one of the biggest things is the roots Dance Marathon has created. When the first Dance Marathon occurred, some UI freshmen were not yet born. Morse said students now have brothers, sisters, cousins, and even parents who participated, and he sees the tradition continuing.

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A record-breaking history

The first UI Dance Marathon in 1995 raised \$31,000. Last year, the Big Event raised more than \$1.5 million. Will dancers break their record again this year?



DANCING BACK FROM LEUKEMIA

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For as long as she can remember, Taya Melendez has loved to dance. At 9 years old, she takes dance classes and, at home, enjoys playing “Just Dance” with her brother Miles on their Wii.

And once a year, she gets to dance in front of a sea of lime green. This weekend will mark the sev-

enth year her family has attended the University of Iowa Dance Marathon’s Big Event.

As a third-grader, Taya is a normal little girl. She goes to school, sleepovers, and her siblings’ soccer games. It might seem typical, but for her parents, it is a miracle. At 13 months old, Taya was diagnosed with leukemia.

“Everything stops,” said her mother, Tera Melendez. Melendez and her husband, Jose, were pulled

out of work that day in 2006 when they received the call from the doctor. Taya had been taken in for her routine checkup, but something was not right.

“We didn’t have a clue, and at that time ... we didn’t even have a cell phone. Now, at the touch of a button you can figure out an idea of what you’re getting yourself into ... we didn’t know, and we

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A white tent covers workers who came across an archaeological find in Hubbard Park while searching for chilled-water lines on Thursday. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

Archaeological find holds up flood recovery

Archaeological finds will delay University of Iowa flood recovery. Contractors working on flood recovery in the University of Iowa Hubbard Park stumbled upon archaeological

items, including foundations of bricks and limestone walls from the 1850s this week, while excavating for chilled water lines. Contractors also found projectile points — or arrowheads — that date back to 3,000 B.C.E. UI officials will work with state archaeologists and historic-preservation

officials to inventory the items. The UI must work with the office in order to keep its Federal Emergency Management Agency funds. Rod Lehnertz, Facilities Management's director of planning, design, and construction, said flood recovery will be held up between two and three

weeks, depending on the weather. Colder weather will slow archaeologists as they try to recover items underneath Hubbard Park. Lehnertz said that while it will have an effect on the flood-recovery costs, the estimates are not yet available.

— by Stacey Murray

County Budget proposed

Johnson County's proposed budget comes out to roughly \$97 million, with next to no change in taxes.

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Citizens of Johnson County will be happy to learn that they will be paying nearly the same amount on taxes as they did last year.

During a Johnson County Board of Supervisors meeting on Thursday, the Department of Finance presented its proposed budget for fiscal 2015. The budget, which includes several major construction projects and conservation funding, among other things, will amount to roughly \$97 million.

Finance Administrator Dana Aschenbrenner noted that due to the assessor raising the value of Johnson County properties, tax levies have now been better distributed over the tax base. This will raise the amount collected without affecting taxes themselves.

The supervisors expressed satisfaction with the proposal.

"We're doing a lot of roads projects, adding hours to ambulances, and helping the conservation effort," Supervisor Chairman Janelle Rettig said. "I think the budget is pretty status quo; I mean the levy rate is pretty much the same. We're going to get a lot done without a dramatic increase in taxes."

Aschenbrenner noted that a referendum passed in 2009 calls for the county to allocate \$20 million by 2030 for land conservation and improvement. Until now, this has gone unaddressed. Aschenbrenner said this has been factored into the budget in order to not create problems in the future.

The supervisors allocated \$1.35 million of the \$97 million for the Conservation Board. The supervisors intend to give \$1.35 million per year, for the next 15 to 16

years, to prevent strain on taxpayers.

Rettig was happy to point out that when this referendum was passed, it was estimated citizens would see a \$26 increase in taxes; however, due to the recent increase in property value and levy redistribution, citizens can look to paying a raise slightly short of \$20.

The money for the conservation project is to be borrowed from Hill's Bank with minimal interest. In doing so, the county will be able to add the sum to a debt levy, a move that will draw the funds from pre-existing revenue incomes rather than raising taxes.

Rettig said the county needs to act and borrow this money as soon as possible.

"We're four years behind with this conservation bond," she said. "Our air and water quality need to be improved through this, an issue that has been repeated-

Budget Proposal

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors' budget proposal for fiscal 2015 includes projects and a conservation effort, with little change in taxes.

- Total budget: \$97,696,320
- Tax levies will be at \$10.15 per \$1,000 of property
- A referendum passed in 2009, which allocates \$20 million to the Board of Conservation

Source: Johnson County Finance Administrator Dana Aschenbrenner

ly voiced by citizens. We needed to get going, because we'd have to pay more per year to play catch up if we waited longer."

Aschenbrenner intends to have the proposal completed and up for public viewing later this weekend or Feb. 10 at the latest. Once up, the only changes allowed on the budget are cuts.

Assessor budget to rise 4-plus %

Iowa City officials reported a budget surplus for fiscal 2013 and are beginning the budgeting process for fiscal 2015.

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The Iowa City Assessor's proposed budget for fiscal 2015 was the main topic of discussion for the Iowa City Assessor's Conference Board at a Thursday meeting.

The budget totals \$890,965, an increase of 4.47 percent from the fiscal 2014 budget. The proposal was approved by 10-0 vote.

The city released its comprehensive annual financial report for fiscal 2013 on Thursday. The report showed \$179,333,000 of total revenue for the city in that year, with only \$115,204,000 in expenses — creating more than a \$64 million surplus.

A surplus isn't unusual, said City Councilor Susan Mims, noting that the city has a budget surplus nearly every year. Mims said because property taxes aren't collected until later in the fiscal year, the city needs

revenue from the previous fiscal year to cover expenses until the taxes are collected. Additionally, city officials over-budget in case of unexpected costs.

"Some of that surplus is simply necessary for cash flow," she said. "Part of it is simply, you need a cushion."

This type of surplus is also reflected in the assessor's budget. Though the total is more than \$890,000, only \$732,673 will be raised by taxation. The rest will come from a surplus of last year's budget, said Iowa City Assessor Dennis Baldrige.

"There is some carryover from the previous year," he said.

This carryover totals over \$158,000, enough to cover the remainder of the budget. The increase to this year's budget was also discussed. This can mainly be attributed to two particular items, postage — which saw a 366.67 percent increase — and printing costs, which saw

a 400 percent increase. These significant increases can be attributed to assessment rolls, Baldrige said, which are only printed every other year.

Salary expenses will also rise, as employees of the assessor's office will increase by an average of 4.39 percent.

Of this increase, 2.125 percent was the average increase based on merit.

Though this isn't an unusual increase, the Johnson County Board of Supervisors, who were present at the meeting, said they will lower merit increases during the next fiscal year.

The county will be capping its merit increases at 2 percent, said Supervisor Chairwoman Janelle Rettig. Though the city will not be held to this same cap, the councilors agreed with the supervisors' thought process on the decision.

"You have to look at how we're doing salaries and wages so that they are fair to the employ-

Assessor's Budget

The Iowa City Assessor's Conference Board discussed the proposed assessor's budget for fiscal 2015.

- The total budget is \$890,965.
- This is an increase of 4.47 percent over the previous year.
- Taxes will account for \$732,673 of the budget.

Source: Iowa City city website

ees and also reasonable to the taxpayers," Mims said.

Councilor Jim Throgmorton also agreed with the council's stance, noting that the change would help prevent salaries from snowballing out of control.

"I think it's wise to try to manage the increase in salaries wisely, because consistently large salary increases can balloon over time," he said.

The council set a public meeting to discuss the proposed assessor's budget on March 4.

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UI freshman Dylan Buchheit and a group of friends snowboard down the Old Capitol hill on Thursday. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

Group tries to aid Iowa's farm women

Women, Land, and Legacy, which recently expanded to Johnson County, aims to better serve women in agriculture.

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Women are putting down roots in the agriculture industry in Iowa.

Farming may often be portrayed as a predominately male occupation, but women own nearly 60 percent of the farmland in Iowa. Johnson County is partnering with an organization that hopes to better serve these women.

The county is the newest addition to Women, Land, and Legacy, an outreach project in Iowa that gathers women around the state to talk about agriculture and natural resources on a local level. The Johnson County

chapter held its first event Thursday, a listening session, at the Iowa State University Extension office, 4265 Oak Crest Hill Road.

The goal of the session was to discuss and sort out the main concerns about the land and agriculture.

"The big thing is we listen to them, we listen to their ideas and concerns, and then ask them at the end of the session, 'What would you like to take place in Johnson County?'" said Tanya Meyer-Dideriksen, one of the founding members of the Women, Land, and Legacy statewide team. "It's completely based on the local interests and local needs."

Meyer-Dideriksen and other members of the U.S. Department of Agriculture State Outreach Council developed the legacy group 10 years ago after realizing that historically, white male farmers were the department's traditional customers, and female farmers were being underserved.

Women, Land, and Legacy initially strove to serve female farmers whose husbands had passed away, inheriting the responsibilities of the farm.

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UI pitches pharmacy project with urgency

The state Board of Regents received a pharmacy-building proposal update.

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The state Board of Regents could be feeling more hopeful about providing the University of Iowa with a new, much-needed facility despite a previous rejection Gov. Terry Branstad.

UI officials went before the regents with what they consider to be "high priority" at the regents meeting on Thursday.

Rod Lehnertz, the UI Facilities Management director of planning, design, and construction, presented the \$96.3 million project to the board — but not for the first time.

In the last few years, the regents struggled to garner support for the project. During last year's legislative session, Branstad line-item vetoed the planning funding for the project but restored funding for a new facility last month. The governor had toured the old building on Oct. 24.

The regents have pointed to the building's lack of energy efficiency as a major reason the state should fund the project.

"The Pharmacy Building would go from being one of the least-efficient

buildings on campus from a utility standpoint to one of the most efficient, along with the laboratories creating economic development by being able to work better with drug companies as well as create jobs," said Regent President Bruce Rastetter.

According to a UI energy report, the building used roughly 5 million kilowatt hours of electrical energy in fiscal 2009 — more than all the buildings on the UI Pentacrest combined. It ranks as the least-energy-efficient building on campus per square foot.

The UI added a wing to the building roughly 20 years ago, but it still has only two classrooms for students and a practice lab too small for the college's need.

The regents need the support of legislators, because the project will require hefty financial support.

The project would require an estimated \$66.3 million from the state and the other \$33 million would come from the UI and private donors. But legislators say the funds must mirror the state's priorities.

"The budget must be

balanced in a way to reflect middle-class values," said Rep. Curt Hanson, D-Fairfield.

The new pharmacy project would begin in the fall of 2015. The project would begin when the new residence hall on the West Campus is completed. Then Quadrangle will be torn down, making room for the new pharmacy facility.

The proposal is still up for discussion. Lawmakers will determine whether the project is feasible during the current session.

Support is beginning to gather.

"I believe this project is necessary to bring the College of Pharmacy into the modern world," said Sen. Nancy Boettger, R-Harlan.

Officials are hoping to advance education while promoting economic growth.

"Everything the UI does is for the advancement of academics," said Rod Lehnertz, UI Facilities Management's director of planning, design, and construction. "This project is a great opportunity for economic development for the University of Iowa."



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COLUMN

Hidden inequality of culture



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When we talk about barriers to upward social mobility, we typically focus on the economic and financial hurdles that people with lower incomes must overcome, but there's another important aspect to this story that's often overlooked: culture.

People of different social classes have their own distinct worldviews, values, preferences, customs, and mannerisms. Like ethnic, national, and religious cultures, class cultures often conflict with one another. Take, for example, the religious conservative working class that makes up much of rural Iowa and juxtapose it with the mostly liberal highly educated middle-class culture of Iowa City, and you'll see that in a sense, the two are polar opposites.

When the more powerful and dominant middle-class culture completely permeates valuable resources (such as a university), the stage is effectively set to breed inequality.

A study in the January issue of the *Sociology of Education* included a number of interviews conducted with the same group of working-class students from a Canadian university over the course of four years.

Academically successful and socially active working-class students generally integrated quite well into the university environment and appreciated the new growth and understanding they had attained but recognized a cost.

"The interviews reflect a complex and complicated mix of allegiances to and dismissal of their working-class roots. While maintaining contact with former high-school peers and family, the participants also increasingly perceive of them as narrow-minded and unambitious. Individualistic notions of personal moti-

vation, grit, and pluckiness are evoked to explain what sets them apart from those they consider less driven or talented and who 'waste' their lives back in the old working-class environment."

The study's author, Wolfgang Lehmann, a sociology professor from the University of Ontario, wrote that these students are shifting away from their traditional working-class roots while remaining outsiders in the middle-class culture.

This can become especially problematic for anyone trying to get into high-status professions, Lucille Jewel, an assistant professor at Atlanta's John Marshall Law School, wrote in the *Buffalo Law Review*. Legal institutions have an aristocratic culture built around them. They are inherently very stratified and hierarchical, and that forces law students to try to behave as they think the upper class should, she argues. However, "no one sees beyond their daily routines to recognize the unfair sorting process that places them on a lower rung than others or that those same processes place others on a lower rung than themselves."

The fundamental problem for any working-class student who wants to enter the middle class is how to behave in the right way so that the right people will notice you, like you, and connect with you so you can get a super awesome job. This becomes extremely hard when you don't have the same level of sophistication that potential employers, your peers, or professors have, and to some degree, your working-class label might prevent you from advancing as far as you'd like.

This form of inequality is by no means an unstopplable barrier that even the barbarian horde couldn't overcome, but it's one that's often overlooked because of its subtle nature. We take the way we see the world for granted, but our values, worldviews, and very basic mannerisms and interactions depend in large part, but certainly not entirely, on our social class.

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EDITORIAL

Harry and Hermione?

Author J.K. Rowling made headlines this week when she said she thought Hermione Granger should have married Harry Potter, not Ron Weasley? Did she make a mistake or get it right the first time?

She made a huge mistake

It takes a remarkable degree of humility to admit that you screwed up the greatest series of young-adult novels ever written.

J.K. Rowling's admission that her decision to "ship" Ron and Hermione was patently absurd felt to me like a vindication of my most deeply held Harry-Potter-related frustration. The Ron-Hermione love connection seemed like a deliberate, stubborn backlash against the throngs of fans — of whom I readily admit having been one — pinning for the day when Harry and Hermione would inevitably fall in love.

The inescapable truth: Harry and Hermione should have gotten together. The emotional connection between Harry and Hermione — developed by growing up together and navigating a bunch of harrowing shared experiences — was far greater than the one between Ron and Hermione. Because the series' narration follows Harry so closely, we saw him get close to Hermione.

But instead of getting the pleasure of watching Harry and Hermione's relationship develop during their weird and sad adolescence, we were instead asked to suspend our disbelief as she implausibly fell for Ron off-screen.

Ultimately, we were left with two shoehorned relationships (Ron and Hermione, Harry and Ginny Weasley) that didn't make a lot of sense, our hero relegated to third-wheel status.

I also take exception to the idea that Hermione and Ron were "right for each other." The argument is based on the supposition that opposites attract and that Ron would somehow counterbalance Hermione's high-strung alpha-femaleness. But Ron was, in many ways, more neurotic and high-strung than Hermione. He was horribly self-conscious, often oblivious, jealous, prone to both accidents and fits of petulance, a poor wizard, and a poor student.

He lacked not only the intellect and wit to keep up with Hermione but also the emotional maturity. Hermione, whose singularly captivating brand of nit-picky brilliance, strength, and her tendency to occasionally break down made the fact that she was fictional absolutely devastating; she deserved so much better.

Enter Harry, literally the only dude in the wizarding world with a résumé strong enough to land Hermione.

All along, the story belonged to Harry and Hermione — consider how often Ron wound up in the hospital ward when bad stuff started to go down, and you'll see what I mean. Sadly, Rowling didn't have the guts to make the obvious choice, and we are all worse off for it.

I applaud her, at least, for admitting her mistake.

— Zach Tilly

Ron & Hermione 4ever

I've always considered myself somewhat of a toned-down Hermione. That being said, my personality lends itself to the need to surround myself with people who calm me down — basically variations of Ron Weasley.

Naturally, when I read that J.K. Rowling recently admitted her regret for writing Hermione and Ron's romance into fruition, I was beside myself.

It would have been "easy" to put Hermione with Harry. In real-life terms, they would be a total power couple, the kind you secretly cyber-stalk while simultaneously wanting to block all of their social-network activity because they're so annoyingly perfect.

Rowling mused that Ron would not have been able to make Hermione happy, and they probably would have wound up in couples' counseling. Although it may be true that Ron might not be able to offer up the type of intellectual stimulation that Hermione often seeks, couldn't one also argue that Hermione and Harry could end up in couples' counseling as well, because Harry's fame would be so freaking stifling for Hermione?

Hermione is the kind of girl who would want to be known for success on her own terms. Instead, with Harry, she would live in the constant shadow of Harry and his scar and blah blah blah.

That Rowling regrets pairing Hermione with Ron is also troubling because, if you want to go there, it seems to have class implications. Everyone remembers Ron's awkward ugly sweaters (which in real life a girl would probably love because she could just steal them and wear them with leggings and boots), while other Hogwarts pupils donned expensive swag.

Hermione and Harry had a lot of common ground when it comes to the time they spent dwelling in the muggle world, but both of their hearts lie in wizardry. It makes sense that each wound up with a Weasley. As weird as it was when Harry started getting with his best friend's younger sister, it was a realistically and charmingly sad way to signify that the trio of Harry, Ron, and Hermione was growing up.

Hermione and Harry could have worked no more or less than Hermione and Ron presumably do. It seems to come down to who allowed Hermione to be the person she wants to be ... and with Ron she isn't forced to play the sideshow. And Ron doesn't care.

— Brienne Richson

COLUMN

Why we need Black History Month



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Whenever someone asks, "Why is there no white history month?," I'd like to think they're joking. But to many, it's a legitimate question.

Sure, there are holidays and months for certain ethnic groups that identify as white, but nothing explicitly coined "White History Month." Often such points are made to question the necessity of singling out a group during Black History Month.

But Black History Month remains vital to American historical education. There are many races, cultures, and ethnicities that make up this nation, yet as I reflect on my public education, U.S. history at its most accessible level is primarily written from a white colonial perspective.

Because of the prev-

alence of this point of view, history education often minimizes the experiences of the colonized. Textbooks may include slavery and genocide, internment camps, farm-worker oppression, and the civil-rights movement, but we learn very little about the way of life and achievements made by people of color outside of the context of anti-racism movements.

For instance, Madame C.J. Walker was the first woman self-made millionaire, regardless of race. W.E.B. DuBois was the first African American to obtain a Ph.D. from Harvard. Playwright August Wilson portrayed a 1950s African-American family amid white American prosperity in *Fences*. Such influential people of color often go unnoticed in typical histories of America.

Many other questions go unanswered as well. How was black life during the Industrial Revolution? What was it like for African Americans during the Great Depression?

Such questions are rarely dealt with in

history classes and, as a result, many Americans, black people included, are ignorant of African American history.

That's why we need Black History Month. "Black History Month is still needed because people wouldn't celebrate black history," UI student Brittney Reed said.

The month encourages people to recognize the positive contributions African Americans have made to this country, regardless of the pre-conceived notions Americans already internalize about blackness and the "black culture."

"If you ever notice when we were in grade school, black history was only a chapter or a few pages, and that was it. They marginalize our existence in history. The African-American experience needs to be throughout the history books," student Judge Brooks said. According to him, Black History Month isn't enough.

He then offered a solution. "I feel that African-American studies courses should be offered in high school.

Just like you can take psychology as an elective, you should be able to take African-American studies classes."

Black History Month stresses the importance of black history, but is also meant to encourage people to study black history on their own throughout the entire year.

To study the African-American diaspora is to understand what makes African Americans so unique compared with other racial and ethnic groups. In a nation that once dehumanized us, we are able to take ownership of our identity. Much of our ancestry is lost in the institution of slavery. The vestiges of that reality, coupled with our race, are what bind us together. February is just one of many ways we can celebrate that.

Until our education system becomes more integrated — until the differing perspectives of black people are included in the teaching of U.S. history that traditionally focuses on white perspectives — African American history month must remain.

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Legislature mulls lowering gun age

Iowa representatives are discussing legislation on gun control.

By LILY ABROMEIT
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Twelve-year-olds could potentially shoot a handgun in Iowa if a bill in the state Legislature passes.

On Jan. 30, a House subcommittee passed the bill, which would lower the legal age that minors may use a handgun under supervision.

Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville, said he expects the bill will have to go through a long process and jump through many hoops before it comes to fruition.

The next step, he said, will be for proponents of the bill to discuss whether the legal age should be lowered from 14 to 12 or be done away with altogether. "There is quite a way to go," he said. "You can absolutely be a proponent of the Second Amendment and gun ownership and still have disagreements on whether the age should be 14, 12 or zero."

Tim Hagle, a University of Iowa associate professor of political science, said although he only has preliminary knowledge of the bill, he would like to learn why legislators want to lower the legal age.

"The apparent rifles, and so forth, are already available for folks at that age ... but the distinction was that they were going to lower the age for handguns, and I didn't see any justification," he said. "I don't see why it makes



Bullet casings are seen on the floor of the West Liberty Gun Club shooting range after a rifle competition on March 6, 2011. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

much of a difference, [and] I think there are big 'why' and 'why push this now' kind of questions that seems to be open."

Hagle said possible positive outcomes could arise in the case of a home invasion, where children may need to defend themselves. However, he added even a supporter of Second Amendment rights may still consider a lower age to be too extreme.

Rep. Gary Worthan, R-Storm Lake, said that although he hasn't reviewed the bill fully, he thinks it is something worth serious consideration.

"If kids get that training earlier, it's always a good thing," he said. "[If families are going to have guns around], it's a good thing that kids can have some safety training early on rather than being curious and attempting to shoot the guns and handle guns on

their own."

Rep. Chip Baltimore, R-Boone County, said emphasis on the need for supervision will be the key to passing the bill.

"The bill only applies to the children who are using handguns under the supervision of parents or instructors," he said. "[The Legislature isn't] just turning children loose with guns ... it helps younger children understand what guns are all about [and that] it's not like on TV."

Rep. Curt Hanson, D-Fairfield, said any bill that would potentially lower the legal age to use handguns would be a danger to families and children.

"As a father and a person who has a longtime relationship with firearms, I think we should not lower the age," he said. "We should keep it at the level we would teach children to use serious weapons."

METRO

Regents OK dorm bonds

The state Board of Regents accepted a bid for the dormitory revenue bonds Thursday at its meeting. The bonds will be used to pay a part of the construction costs for the new residence hall on the West Campus.

The bonds, estimated to be worth more than \$27 million, will be the second and final bond issuance. The first was issued in August 2012.

The project will cost \$53 million and will provide housing for 501 residents.

— by Kevin Svec

Officials alert residents about phone scam

Officials are warning Johnson County residents about a phone scam in which people claim to be from the Johnson County Sheriff's Office and then request payment.

The scammers are telling residents that they failed to appear in court and have to pay a fine or bond. They encourage the victims to purchase a Green Dot or prepaid card and call back with the numbers from the card.

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office would not ask for any payment over the phone, through a wire transfer or via a prepaid card.

If residents feel they are victims of the scam, they should call the Johnson County Sheriff's Office.

— by Stacey Murray

Council wants public input on police/fire project

The Iowa City City Council voted Thursday to set a public meeting for the City Hall Police and Fire

Department heating, ventilation, and air conditioning replacement project.

The project — which will cost an estimated \$147,000 — will replace two aging units serving the first and second levels of the Police Department and the second level of the Fire Department.

The public-input meeting was set for Feb. 18.

— by Daniel Seidl

Regents OK 4 UI projects

The state Board of Regents approved four University of Iowa capital projects during its meeting Thursday, which will include waterproofing work for the UI Hospitals and Clinics Pappajohn Pavilion, an addition to the College of Public Health, repairs for the steam enterprise systems, and relocating the Chronic Pain Clinic and Breast Imaging Center.

The waterproofing project will cost \$2.7 million, an increase of \$200,000 to repair a roof slab that led to water leaking into patient care and support facilities in the Pappajohn Pavilion exterior courtyard.

A project for fifth floor of the College of Health Building that will cost around \$3 million to \$4 million and would cover nearly 12,000 square feet. The project will include meeting spaces, offices, and computer workstations. The new space will act as the administrative home for an informatics initiative announced in November 2013.

A steam distribution project at the intersection of Riverside Drive and Grand Avenue. The line will supply steam to the UI West Campus, which includes the UIHC. Phase one of this project will cost around \$8 million.

A schematic design and budget for the Chronic Pain Clinic and Breast Imaging Center relocation. The project would cost around

\$4.6 million and would move both departments to the Pappajohn Pavilion.

— by Kevin Svec

Regents approve UIHC bylaw changes

The state Board of Regents meetings approved the bylaw changes proposed by the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics at its meeting Thursday.

The UIHC officials requested a task force to review the subcommittees of the University Hospital Advisory Committee.

The task force also recommended the elimination of the subcommittee of scientific and moral aspects in concern to death, due to the responsibilities being absorbed into the Neurology Department, and that the regents create a new compliance subcommittee.

The new subcommittee will "provide oversight and guidance for the regulatory audit and compliance activities of UIHC."

— by Kevin Svec

GOP's Anderson to hold campaign kickoff

Former Johnson County Republicans Chairman Bob Anderson is holding a kickoff event for his state Senate campaign.

Anderson is running for the Republican nomination for Senate District 39; will hold a campaign kickoff event on Feb. 11 at University of Iowa Athletics Club at 6 p.m.

Sen. Sandy Greiner, R-Washington, decided not to run for re-election, which will leave an open seat in a chamber where Democrats hold a two vote majority.

The district includes southern Johnson County and parts west of Iowa City along with all of Keokuk County and most of Washington County.

— by Brent Griffiths

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FOR THE KIDS

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Media-relations head Taylor McKee said this growth is one of the most amazing parts of working with Dance Marathon.

"It's weird to think this organization has been around virtually as long as I've been alive," she said. "It's crazy to think that it started off with just a few people,

and now we have over 100 people on leadership and 2,000 plus dancers. It's really amazing to see that over all these years, people haven't lost interest."

Dance Marathon 20 will feature a variety of alumni events in order to honor the work that has led the Big Event to where it is today. There will be a reception for alumni this evening, among other things.

Morse said he is excited to see the Dance Marathon community come together.

"With its being the 20th year, we are

expecting a huge alumni turnout," he said. "I'm excited to see the excitement and energy that former leaders still have for Dance Marathon."

Entertainment acts for the night include bands South Six Five, Jocelyn, and Mansions on the Moon. The event will run similarly to last year, but Morse said some space will be compromised because of construction projects at the IMU.

From families sharing their stories every hour to the group circles, many traditions have been formed throughout

the past 20 years. No matter how much changes, the same message always proves true. It's all for the kids.

McKee said those who are experiencing this life-changing event for the first time are in for a serious treat.

"I really love to watch first-year dancers," she said. "It's really fun to watch someone experience [Dance Marathon] for the first time because it's almost like getting to experience [your] first time again, which is a magical experience."

TAYA

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didn't have the time," Jose Melendez said. What followed was two-and-a-half years of treatment, including chemotherapy. Just as Taya's hair had started growing in, it began falling out.

Jose and Tera Melendez's lives were turned upside down. When they first bought their house, they had year-by-year plans to turn it into a home. The leukemia diagnosis changed everything, they said.

"You kind of have your hopes and dreams, of things you want to do," Tera Melendez said.

"And then you have something like this happen, and it puts everything on hold," her husband said.

The Melendez family had to juggle providing for four children, hospital bills, and additional costs such as gas to and from Iowa City from their Muscatine home, as well as parking fees. But the family was forced to make ends meet with few resources.

Tera was forced to leave her job with the Muscatine School District in order to stay home with Taya. At such a young age, Taya's immune system was too weak to put her in daycare — something as simple as a fever could jerk their entire life in the opposite direction. If Taya's fever spiked above 99 degrees Fahrenheit twice in one hour, it meant at least a three-day hospital stay. Her record was 14 days.

Just as Jose and Tera Melendez knew

little about the disease attacking their child, they also knew almost nothing about the support system provided by the UI Dance Marathon.

Dance Marathon provided little things, like toys, books, and brief periods of playtime where the parents could take a shower without worrying Taya would be alone.

"Sometimes just getting in the shower, it was like 'Oh, thank you so much,'" Tera Melendez said.

For the rest of the Melendez family, their second Dance Marathon liaison, a college student named Lily, made the biggest impact.

"We spoke to her the most, communicated with her the most," Taya's older sister, Reyna said. She's currently a junior at Muscatine High and the oldest sibling.

"I remember [the first time] they brought us in ... they said 'Your sister is sick.' We always referred to it as her being sick," Reyna said.

But while Jose and Tera Melendez remember every round of chemotherapy, every at-home injection, and every fever spike, their kids, and especially Taya, have mostly positive memories.

She recalled her dad saying, "Let's go explore like Dora the Explorer," as he would take her on adventures through the hospital at night. One time, she laughed as she recalled, Jose and Taya found themselves locked in a hospital stairwell during their exploration.

As the support of Dance Marathon made life in the hospital more comfortable, support from their local community in Muscatine followed suit.

"It took awhile before we really told



Taya Melendez and brother Miles play a dancing game on their Wii at home in Muscatine on Jan. 30. Taya has been a cancer survivor for five years. (The Daily Iowan/Callie Mitchell)

anyone," Jose said.

But Taya's hometown stopped in to help the family two years into the diagnosis. First, a donation from their neighborhood around Christmas showed them the compassion of their community. Then, Jose Melendez's co-workers at the HON Company pulled together a gift. A city-wide benefit followed.

"It was almost as overwhelming as her diagnosis," Tera Melendez said.

Jose Melendez said their roots to Mus-

catine ran deep, as both he and his wife grew up there. But the support they received from friends and total strangers encouraged them to give back to their community as well.

"It made us want to be better parents, be better neighbors, be better citizens," he said.

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Softball aims for lofty goals

By JACK ROSSI
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Whether it looks like it outside or not, Iowa's spring sports are starting and, snow or not, the Hawkeye softball team is as prepared as ever.

Marla Looper's squad is on the rise. Much like any rebuilding team, the Hawkeyes are both young and full of potential.

"It's starting to move in the direction we want. There's a lot of vigor, there's a lot of joy in Iowa softball again," Looper said. "It comes down to these young ladies, and they've worked hard. We are starting to see the energy we want and the intensity we want."

The Hawkeye head coach, in her fourth season, has put up a record of 84-74 in three seasons, which includes last year's 30-26 mark, the most wins for an Iowa team since 2009 — the last time the Hawkeyes were selected

for postseason play. Looper finally has her own team, with most of the players on the roster recruited by the Hawks' head coach. With a renewed sense of optimism after not hearing their name called for postseason play in 2013, the Hawkeyes will try to make a splash in 2014.

The return of senior pitcher Kayla Massey will be crucial if Iowa hopes to return to the upper echelon of the Big Ten. The California native had 25 complete games last season — no other member of the Hawkeyes pitching staff had more than 11. She has also posted a perfect fielding percentage. Massey brings senior leadership to a youthful squad, and there is no doubt whether she will have to be the ace of Iowa's rotation in 2014.

"Having any returner in the circle is vital," Looper said. "It's like having a returning quarterback. It's

nice to have that continuity."

The player getting the most attention recently has been Megan Blank, who recently cracked the Top 50 Watch List for USA Softball Player of the Year. The junior is coming off a season in which she batted .427, a single-season record for the program, and she received first-team All-Big Ten honors. Blank knows that her recognition is well-deserved, but it is in the past, and her focus is on the upcoming season.

"It's definitely an honor to be on a list with some of the top players in the country, but that is about what happened last year," Blank said. "It's a totally new year, so I am trying to forget and build on what I did. It gets the Iowa name out there."

Looper echoed those thoughts and said she is excited about the future of the program.

"This is huge for the

program," Looper said. "It's great for Megan, because she deserves some of that recognition. It's based on last year, but last year, she was one of the best in the country. It's great for the program because people know Iowa again. We used to be one of the predominant programs in the country."

The Hawkeyes are unranked in ESPN's preseason rankings, but rankings don't motivate them. Their goal has always been the same — Big Ten champs and make the postseason. Taking it one game at a time is the key to their success.

"Polls don't really motivate us necessarily, but having our name out there is exciting," Blank said. "We're good competition. We are trying to maintain the same composure for each game."

The team will kick off the season at the Carolina Classic at 12:30 p.m. today in Columbia, S.C.

SPORTS

Men's track to face tough competition

The Iowa men's track team will face some of the premier competition in the

Big Ten, SEC, Big 12 this weekend.

The Hawkeyes will compete in the Husker Invitational, and they will try to tally a big win in Lincoln, Neb. The meet will take place today and Saturday.

"It's going to be a great meet, you got Auburn, Nebraska, and some other big schools there," said sprints coach Joey Woody. "It's also head-to-head, and anytime you get to do that against some of the best

schools in the conference and the country, it's going to make you a better team."

The meet is scheduled to take place in the Devaney Sports Center. — by Jordan Hansen

WOMEN

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throws, which put them ahead by 3.

"Great night for her," Bluder said. "One that I am sure she's going to remember for a long time."

While Penn State's Lucas put up 21 points on the Hawkeyes, she shot just 7-of-21 from the field. And following a 16-point first-half performance, she was held to a mere 5 in the second half.

"We were really cognizant of where she was tonight," Bluder said. "We played a lot of zone tonight ... She got her points, but 5 in the second half, that's pretty big."

The only meaningful statistical category that

IOWA HAWKEYES (73)	FG	3P	FT	RB	A	T	TP
Dolittle	4-9	0-0	0-0	2	2	1	8
Dixon	5-11	3-9	0-0	1	3	0	13
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Logic	5-11	0-2	4-5	11	10	6	14
Disterhoft	8-9	3-3	5-5	5	1	1	24
Till	2-3	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	4
Kastanek	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	20
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TOTALS	28-56	6-17	11-14	31	18	11	73

PENN STATE LADY LIONS (70)	FG	3P	FT	RB	A	T	TP
Edwards	6-13	0-0	4-5	5	4	4	16
East	5-11	0-0	4-4	12	1	2	14
Valdner	2-4	0-0	0-0	8	0	2	4
Taylor	4-12	0-1	2-3	2	2	3	10
Lucas	7-21	2-4	5-6	3	2	0	21
Harris	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Agee	0-0	0-0	1-2	1	0	0	1
Sevillian	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	0
Mitchell	1-3	0-0	0-0	3	1	0	2
Whitted	1-3	0-0	0-0	8	0	1	2
TOTALS	20-55	4-20	6-9	20	12	10	70

Penn State had the advantage over Iowa in was rebounds, which it won, 45-30.

For Iowa, the win pushes its overall record to 18-6 and its conference record to 6-4. The Hawkeyes have

won four of their last five.

Up next for Iowa is Northwestern on Feb. 10 in Carver-Hawkeye. This game will not only be a chance for Iowa to win its 11th game at home, it will also be an opportunity for

Bluder to become the Iowa women's basketball coach with the most victories.

"It gives us that signature win," she said about the road win. "It gives it to us on the road, which is harder."

MEN

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69 loss to the Buckeyes, while Michigan waxed Nebraska, 79-50, on Feb. 5. The Hawkeyes will have to do just about everything better against Michigan if they want to have a chance of sniffing a win. A triumph over the conference leader would be a huge step in the right direction for a Hawkeye squad that has struggled to put games away as of late.

"The Big Ten — there's nothing like it," Iowa guard Mike Gesell said. "Top to bottom, the Big Ten is very good. Every night you go out you have to bring your A game. We'll get right back to work. We have Michigan, one of the top teams in the country,"

Right now, the depth that was lauded as a huge advantage for Iowa seems to be holding the team back a bit, as certain player lineups seem to struggle while head coach Fran McCaffery still searches for the most effective five to put on the floor at one time.

Iowa also has not been getting the help it was used to receiving at the beginning of the season, when Devyn Marble and Aaron White seemed to combine for at least 30 points a game, and the 3-ball was falling like apples in autumn. Io-



Iowa center Gabriel Olaseni shoots a free throw in Carver-Hawkeye on Tuesday. Ohio State defeated Iowa, 76-69. (The Daily Iowan/Alyssa Hitchcock)

wa hit just 3 of its 20 3-point attempts against Ohio State, while White and Marble combined for just 18 points.

"Obviously, we lost to them up there," McCaffery said. "You know, last week, we sat here not feeling good about how the game went, and I felt like we needed to regroup and get the team ready to play on Saturday [against Illinois], and we did that. I thought our guys were really professional in their approach. I was very proud of them, told them that ... we just have to learn from it and get ready for Saturday. Obviously, the No. 1 team in our league right now."

Backup center Gabe Olaseni saw just seven minutes in a 2-point performance against the Wolverines in the first matchup, but since, the London native is averaging 20 minutes, 11 points, and 6 rebounds over the past four games. His play will set the tempo against the Big Ten goliath, and if he does well, Iowa greatly better its chances of stealing a victory at home against one of the best teams in the country.

But Marble said Olaseni might not be the only advantage it has over Michigan. Carver-Hawkeye might be the biggest gun in Iowa's shrinking arsenal.

"You always want to protect your home court," Marble said. "Last two, we've come up short; that puts more pressure on having to get wins on the road. But I think there's always a sense of urgency and importance to win at home because it is so tough to win in this league."

"It's a good opportunity for us. We just have to come out with a different mindset and play at a different energy level. I think it's a really good team; they really spread the floor well, they have good scorers. It's going to take a different kind of focus and game plan to prepare for this team."

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Football adds 19th recruit

The Iowa football program signed another recruit on Thursday as a part of its National Signing Day efforts.



Smith
recruit

Markel Smith, the 19th signee for Iowa, is a native of Kirkwood, Mo. Listed at 5-10 and 210 pounds, Smith is primed to play running back for the Hawkeyes.

A product of St. John Vianney High, Smith is one of two signees who hail from Missouri.

—by Cody Goodwin

Soccer inks 9 recruits

The Iowa soccer team has announced that nine prep student-athletes had signed National Letters of Intent on Wednesday to play for the Hawkeyes:



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- Abbey Toureene, Defender, Pewaukee, Wis., Pewaukee High
- Katharine Woodruff, Midfielder/Forward, Ames, Ames High

—by Danny Payne

Baseball adds Magrane

Former Iowa baseball player Jim Magrane has joined the Iowa baseball team as a volunteer assistant head coach.

"We are excited to add Jim to our coaching staff," head coach Rick Heller said in a release. "With his professional experience coupled with being a former Hawkeye, we couldn't have found a better fit. Jim has outstanding baseball knowledge and a great work ethic and will be a big addition to our staff."

Before returning to Iowa, Magrane enjoyed a 13-year professional baseball career with the Tampa Bay Rays' and Washington Nationals' organizations. He also played overseas in Puerto Rico, Venezuela, Mexico, China, South Korea, and Italy.

Magrane competed for the Hawkeyes from 1996-1999. While at Iowa, he was a third-team All-Big Ten selection as a senior, when he went 6-4 with a 4.43 ERA. He tossed 107.2 innings (a school-record) and struck out a school season record 110 batters. He also tied the school single-game mark of 17 Ks.

He joins head coach Rick Heller and the rest of his staff as they start their first season at the Hawkeye helm.

—by Ryan Rodriguez

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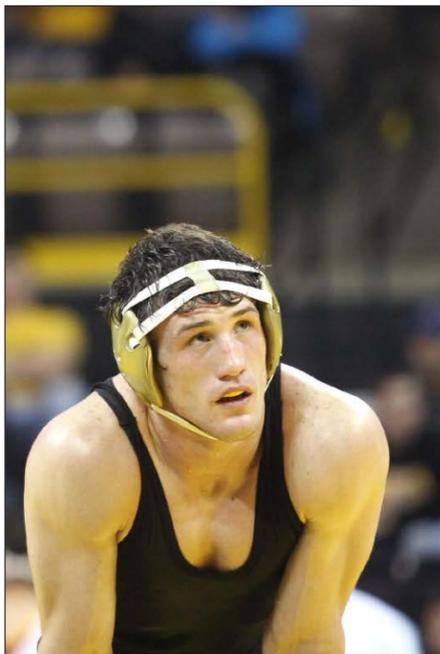
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Swan song for three



Left to right; Derek St. John, Tony Ramos, and Ethen Lofthouse. Photos by The Daily Iowan

Three Iowa wrestlers — Tony Ramos, Derek St. John, and Ethen Lofthouse — will wrestle for the final time in Carver-Hawkeye on Feb. 9 against No. 12 Michigan.

By **CODY GOODWIN**
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When Tom Brands is reminded of the seniors in his lineup, he turns and points to a massive gold board in the Iowa wrestling practice room. The board is filled with names from the past and present, honoring each Hawkeye wrestler who has earned the right to be called an All-American.

His three seniors this year — Tony Ramos, Derek St. John, and Ethen Lofthouse — all have places on the board. The trio has combined to total seven All-American honors, including an individual national championship (St. John in '13).

"There are a lot of accolades there," Brands said. "Let their best wrestling go forward, but this is a big event for them."

The event, scheduled for Feb. 9, when the second-ranked Iowa wrestling team hosts No. 12 Michigan for the final home dual of the regular season, will serve as Senior Day for the three Hawkeyes.

All three have served as leaders this year, though Brands would argue that they've all led by example during each year they've been in the lineup.

"It shows their diligence in not just being in the lineup for one year or for one event," Brands said. "They've been household names for the last three-and-a-half years."

The name that likely jumps further off the page than the other two is Ramos, who has built himself into a crowd favorite during his Black and Gold tenure. The Glenbard North product has an opportunity to finish his career with a spotless record in Carver-Hawkeye, joining just a handful of other Iowa wrestlers to achieve the feat.

This adds a sort of pressure, of course, but Ramos isn't getting caught up in what could happen. He said he's treating the dual like any other — a testament to the program's mindset that emphasizes focusing on the next task at hand and nothing more.

"Some people say you should just walk off the mat with your hand raised and get out of there," Ramos said. "But the fans like interacting. They like to have a good time, too."

"They're there to see wrestling, but they're also there for a show. That's what they're coming for."

Ramos has given Hawkeye fans plenty of memories in Carver over the years. He said he doesn't have a personal favorite — at least

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not right now.

One of Lofthouse's favorites was in January 2011, when he muscled out a 3-1 victory over future All-American Nick Heflin of Ohio State. With the match tied at 1, Lofthouse managed a takedown with 17 seconds left to seal the victory.

"It's pretty crazy to think about," Lofthouse said about the upcoming dual. "Me and Ramos and St. John — coming in here like true freshman seems like yesterday."

The impact of Lofthouse, St. John and Ramos has been immense — not just in the wins, Brands said, but in the preparation as well. And while the Feb. 9 dual is a big moment for them, all three are focused on bigger goals.

Still, after all the hours of practice, the wins, and memories, Brands couldn't help himself.

"I'm kind of smiling right now," Brands said. "At all of them."

IOWA 73, PENN STATE 70

Disterhoft, Logic fuel

By **JACOB SHEYKO**
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The last time the Iowa women's basketball team played Penn State, it lost, 87-71. A matchup that pitted two of the Big Ten's top point guards — Sam Logic and Maggie Lucas — failed to live up to the expectations.

When the two teams met again on Thursday night, not only did the matchup live up to the expectations, it exceeded them.

In Iowa's 73-70 win over No. 9 Penn State, Logic proved why some consider her to be one of the elite guards in the Big Ten. She came through for the Hawkeyes time after time and finished with her second triple-double of the season.

Logic closed with a stat line of 14 points, 11 rebounds, and 10 assists. But this play has become somewhat expected by many, especially her coach.

"That's just crazy," Lisa Bluder said. "Most people dream about that. But she is [a triple-double] every night waiting to happen. It's unbelievable."

But in Iowa's first road win against an AP top-10 opponent since 1993, Logic was not alone. In fact, she was far from it.

In the first matchup between these two teams, Disterhoft was still com-



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ing off of the bench for the Hawkeyes. But in the second go-around, she made her fifth-straight start. And for the fifth-straight time, she finished in double-digits.

Disterhoft certainly didn't act like a freshman playing her first top-

10 opponent. She scored a game-high 26 points on 9-of-10 shooting and added 5 boards. The Iowa City native was also key for the Hawkeyes down the stretch, sinking the Hawkeyes' final two free

SEE WOMEN, 8

Hawks will try again

By **BEN ROSS**
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No. 10 Michigan (17-5, 9-1 Big Ten), the NCAA runner-up from last year's Big Dance will come to Iowa City Saturday, and the Black and Gold better get ready to strut once again. No. 17 Iowa's (17-6, 6-4) last tango with the Wolverines was not pretty.

Michigan all-world guard Nik Stauskas dropped 26 points on the Hawkeyes in Ann Arbor on Jan. 22, and the opposing bench outscored Iowa's deep bench for the first time all season.

The Maize and Blue have gone 3-1 since their victory over Iowa, while the Hawkeyes have gone just 2-2, dropping games against Michigan State and Ohio State at home. Iowa has yet to lose consecutive games, though, so if it has anything going for itself, it's that Iowa has been pretty good at rebounding and getting a win after a loss.

Iowa is coming off probably its worst game of the season, a 76-

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