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CHARTING FARM INCOME

The reaction to a projected drop in farm income is mixed among state politicians.

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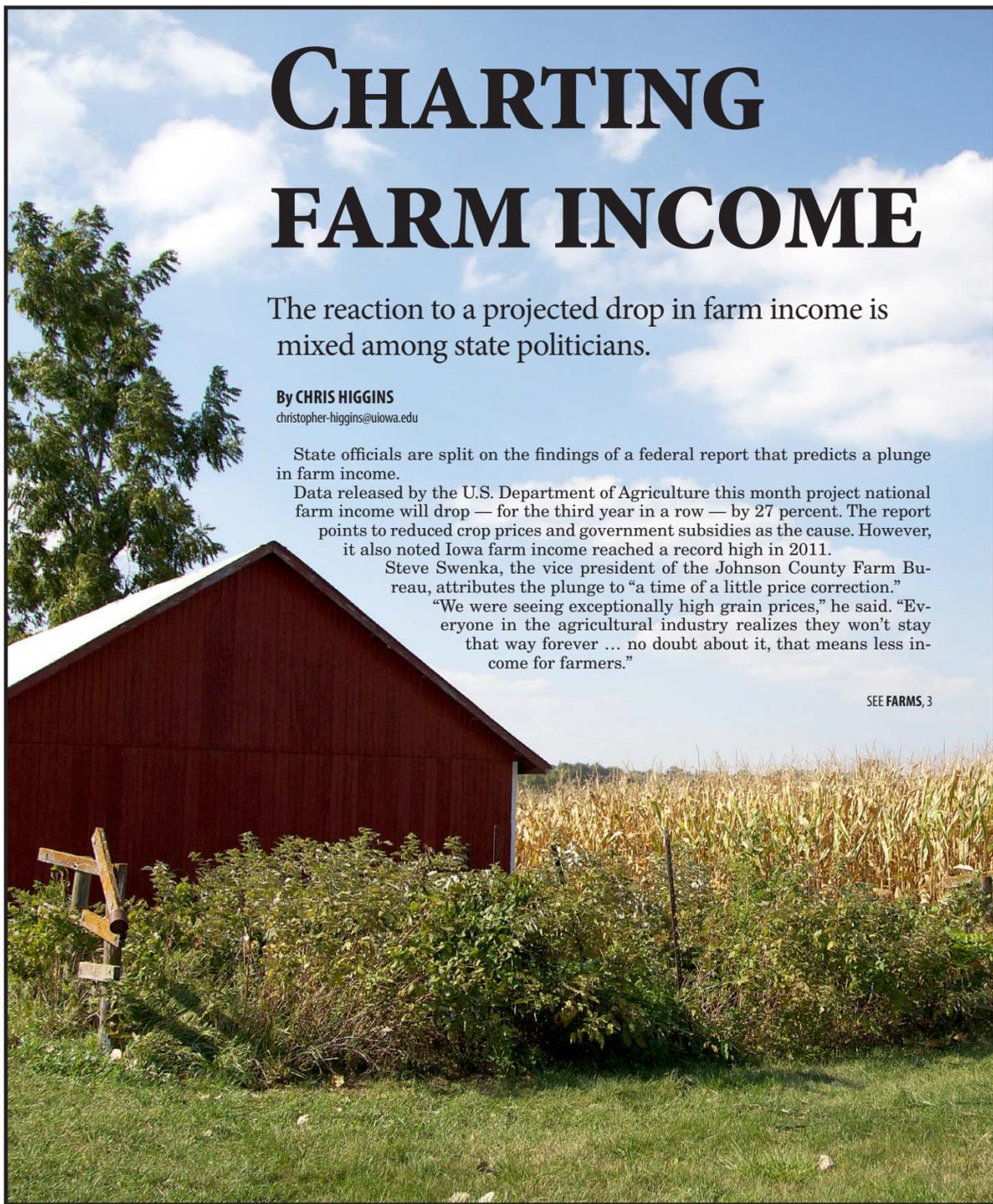
State officials are split on the findings of a federal report that predicts a plunge in farm income.

Data released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture this month project national farm income will drop — for the third year in a row — by 27 percent. The report points to reduced crop prices and government subsidies as the cause. However, it also noted Iowa farm income reached a record high in 2011.

Steve Swenka, the vice president of the Johnson County Farm Bureau, attributes the plunge to “a time of a little price correction.”

“We were seeing exceptionally high grain prices,” he said. “Everyone in the agricultural industry realizes they won’t stay that way forever ... no doubt about it, that means less income for farmers.”

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City faces aging population

Iowa City officials respond to a growing senior population in Iowa City.

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University of Iowa and Iowa City officials say the rapidly increasing senior population in Iowa City can’t be ignored.

“We have a lot of people who are living longer, but we also have a lot of people who are moving here to Iowa City because it’s a really attractive place for retirement,” said Brian Kaskie, an associate director for public policy at the UI Center on Aging. “Relative to the growth that we’ve experienced ... I really don’t think we’ve kept up with the type of programs and services that seniors [need].”

The Iowa City City Council will consider one step in addressing the need for increased senior services on Tuesday. The council will vote on a proposal that would create an ad-hoc Senior Services Committee, which would be charged with examining the current services provided by the city and determining any action to take.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, roughly 8.2 percent of the Iowa City population is above 65 years

SEE SENIORS, 3

Teen employment picture cloudy

According to a recent report, teen unemployment is roughly three times the national unemployment rate.

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As teen unemployment rates continue to plateau above 20 percent, officials say the statistics are misleading.

As of January, teen unemployment rates in the United States reached 20.7 percent, more than three times the national unemployment rate of 6.6 percent, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

In Iowa, the teen unemployment rate is approximately 11 percent — more than twice the rate of Iowa’s overall un-

SEE TEENS, 3



UI junior Nick Brown works in the IMU Hub on Feb. 13. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

Storm Lake students get aid

The University of Iowa and Storm Lake High School will partner up to bring more Storm Lake students to Iowa City.

By **IAN MURPHY**
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A number of students will come to the University of Iowa campus through a pilot program officials hope will extend beyond the next school year.

UI Chief Diversity Officer and Associate Vice President Georgina Dodge outlined a program, known as the Storm Lake Scholars Program, at the Feb. 11 Faculty Senate meeting.

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SCOUTING OUT COOKIE SEASON



Cassidy Hartman sells Girl Scout cookies in front of Iowa Book on Sunday. Girl Scout cookie season will continue until March. (The Daily Iowan/James Soukup)

Article roils Workshop's waters

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Officials and students in the Iowa Writers' Workshop said one experience should not reflect the entire program after a negative article was published in a national paper.

Tony Tulathimutte, an alumnus of the program, pointed out that that his experience at Iowa was beneficial to his writing, but it's unfair to cite one person's experience as a complete reflection of the program.

"I made very close friends who happen to be excellent readers and writers; I read very deeply; and I wrote about four-fifths of a novel there ... but my experience shouldn't be taken to represent every graduate's, and neither should Eric Bennett's," he said.

Eric Bennett, an assistant professor of English at Providence College and a Workshop graduate, published a critical essay, "How Iowa Flattened Literature," in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* earlier this month.

Bennett argues that the Workshop received CIA funding during the Cold War as a means to influence foreign writers to adopt American

values. In addition to the allegation, Bennett posits his belief that the Workshop is too cookie-cutter in its teaching and too restrictive on creativity.

Bennett declined to be interviewed by *The Daily Iowan*.

Christopher Merrill, the director of the International Writing Program, was quick to respond, pointing out with what he saw as flaws with Bennett's article. Merrill disagreed with Bennett's assertions that Paul Engle, the longtime Workshop director and cofounder of the IWP, had any involvement with the CIA.

"We get this one suspicious grant in 1967, but by then, Paul Engle is no longer director," he said. "It seems to me like he had personal issues with the workshop and wanted to pin it to the CIA to slander it. I'm surprised the *Chronicle* would publish something like this."

Merrill stressed that Bennett's article will cause ripples for the Workshop by what he feels is a slandering of its teachers and alumni.

More importantly, he said, it not only fosters a negative image of the workshop domestically but on an international level as well, which could lead to problems down the road.

"Let's say a writer comes to us from China or Russia, or anywhere really, it is not uncommon for writers returning to those countries to be approached by their government and asked if they were contacted by the CIA," he said.

"This article now gives us a bad reputation and will make foreign affairs difficult."

Merrill said he is frustrated because the Workshop now has to perform "cleanup" because of the article.

"We are writing a letter to the editor [of the *Chronicle*]," he said. "Our department is doing what he should have done and is reviewing the claims he made. So far, our research has found that Engle received money from tons of sources and haven't found the slightest trace of CIA involvement."

Tulathimutte disagreed with Bennett's accusations against the program's ability to help cultivate creativity and talent.

"The Workshop gives its students two years of time and money to write whatever they want ... you are required to do very little else, besides teach a few

Writers' Workshop

The Iowa Writers' Workshop refutes claims made by Eric Bennett in his article, which criticizes the writing program.

- Bennett posits that the Workshop was funded through the CIA for political motives and stifles creativity.
- International Writing Program Director Christopher Merrill argues Bennett's article has caused "unwarranted" damage to the Workshop.
- The Workshop intends to thoroughly investigate these claims

Source: IWP Director Christopher Merrill

classes, take additional classes of your choosing, and live in highly affordable Iowa City," he said. "If that all sounds terribly lenient, it still hasn't stopped several recent graduates from writing books to high acclaim."

Novuyo Rosa Tshuma, a current student in the program, offered similar views.

"A few of us in the Workshop have discussed it, and the general feeling is that his views of the Workshop are not reflective of how it is now," she said. "Maybe what he said was truer when he attended it."

BLOTTER

Magda Alvarez, 20, 618 Iowa Ave. No. 1, was charged on Feb. 15 with OWI.

Cynthia Berg, 19, 914 Benton Drive No. 31, was charged on Feb. 14 with presence in a bar after hours.

Jonathan Derksen, 25, 3645 Rohert Road, was charged on Feb. 14 with driving with a revoked license.

Jacob Falls, 20, 504 S. Johnson St. Apt. 5, was charged on Feb. 14 with OWI.

Matthew Ferguson, 28, 1811 12th Ave. Apt. B, was charged on Feb. 15 with fifth-degree theft.

Joshua Gerstner, 18, 2224 Quad, was charged on Feb. 13 with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Jonathan Gordon, 31, 125 Parkway Court, was charged on Jan. 19 with second-degree theft.

Martin Hammen, 37, 1149 Highway 22, was charged on Feb. 15 with fourth-degree criminal mischief, second-degree burglary, domestic abuse, first-degree harassment, child endangerment/abuse, and interference with official acts.

Amanda Hanrahan, 28, 2241 Taylor Drive, was charged on Feb. 14 with driving while barred.

Alyssa Hayes, 21, 1155 Downey Drive, was charged on Nov. 8 with riot and assault causing injury.

Jasmine Heald, 19, 902 N. Dodge St. No. A9, was charged on Feb. 13 with possessing/supplying alcohol under 21.

David Hentges, 19, Glen Ellyn, Ill., was charged on Feb. 13 with obstructing an officer and public intoxication.

Connor Hunter, 20, Lockport, Ill., was charged on Feb. 14 with presence in a bar after hours, public intoxication, and interference with official acts.

Keith Jones, 41, Cedar Rapids, was charged on Feb. 15 with driving with a suspension/canceled license.

Jacob Kallman, 34, 615 S. Governor St. No. 2, was charged on Feb. 15 with public intoxication.

Walid Keita, 20, 328 E. Washington No. 2931 was charged on Feb. 14 with PAULA.

Alyssa Kirchberg, 21, 225 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 2732, was charged on Feb. 14 with keeping a disorderly house.

Shelby Leisinger, 20, 36 W. Court St. No. 410 was charged on Feb. 14 with presence in a bar after hours.

Ricardo Lopez, 21, 630 E. Bloomington St, was charged on Feb. 14 with fifth-degree theft.

Samuel Malone, 18, St. Charles, Ill., was charged on Sunday with interference with official acts and public intoxication.

Wade Marzen, 43, 2128 S. Riverside Drive Lot 56, was

charged on Feb. 14 with OWI.

Mozell McKee, 19, 51 Regal Lane, was charged on Sept. 28 with possession of stolen property and aiding and abetting.

Lauren McTague, 20, 278 E. Court St. No. 404, was charged on Feb. 13 with presence in a bar after hours.

Daniel Mohler, 19, 630 N. Dubuque St., was charged on Feb. 13 with possessing/supplying alcohol under 21.

Frank Nicastrì, 51, 429 Southgate Ave., was charged on Feb. 14 with criminal trespassing.

Rob Nichols, 55, 2010 Broadway Apt. L, was charged on Feb. 15 with fifth-degree theft.

Gage Olson, 18, 646 S. Dodge St. Apt. 6, was charged on Feb. 14 with public intoxication.

Soji Olutunde, 51, Cedar Rapids, was charged on Jan. 21 with dependent-adult abuse.

Dwight Palmer, 61, 429 Southgate Ave., was charged on Feb. 13 with public intoxication and simple assault.

Spencer Paige, 26, 12 Wildberry Lane, was charged on Feb. 15 with fifth-degree theft.

Dalton Phelps, 23, 1813 Chelsea Court, was charged on Sunday with OWI.

Kimberly Pickering, 19, 507 Bowery St. No. 1, was charged on Feb. 13 with possessing/supplying alcohol under 21.

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John Ryberg, 21, 29 W. Burlington St. Apt. 205, was charged on Feb. 14 with fifth-degree theft and public intoxication.

Jude Scotto, 20, Ainsworth, Iowa, was charged on Sunday with third-degree burglary and obstructing an officer.

Sarah Sebeny, 23, North Liberty, was charged on Feb. 14 with OWI.

Cinque Smith, 19, 1100 Arthur St. No. G4, was charged on Nov. 7 with false reports to law enforcement and fourth-degree theft.

Christian Snodgrass, 23, 1155 Downey Drive, was charged on Nov. 8 with riot and assault causing injury.

Tanner Sortillo, 22, 17 S. Johnson St., was charged on Sunday with public intoxication.

Christopher Strickland, 29, 2128 S. Riverside Drive, No. 12, was charged on Feb. 15 with driving with a revoked license.

John Trachsel, 26, 1919 Morningside Drive, was charged on Sunday with public intoxication.

Carl Ryan, 31, 802 S. Van Buren St., was charged on Feb. 15 with second-offense OWI.

Eric Williams, 26, address unknown, was charged on Jan. 21 with criminal trespassing.

Dodge Workman, 20, 332 S. Dodge St., was charged on Feb. 13 with PAULA

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Cattle prices are reaching record highs, which is cause for optimism for some farmers, he noted. The report said national livestock income will increase by less than 1 percent.

State Treasurer Michael

Fitzgerald listed the projected decrease as a top concern of his for the state economy at an event in Des Moines on Feb. 13.

Not all state politicians share his worry. Sen. Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa City, addressed the issue at a University Club event on Sunday.

"We've been through a very robust period in which modern prices

were record for corn and soybeans," he said. "We saw lots of tractors being purchased. It was kind of go-go on all things agriculture, and that's cooled off some. I'm not overly worried about it."

He said that a dip in farm income could come as part of a natural economic cycle and globalization.

"The state's economy in general goes along fine for

about 57 months, and then you have a little downturn, and it comes back," he said. "It's kind of the normal cycle of the economy and this might be a little bit of that. We've got other people around the world who have increased their ability to grow soybeans and corn, and some of it's related to that."

Sen. Tim Kapucian, R-Keystone, was not as

unfazed by the report as Bolkcom.

"It's not just the farm income," he said. "It's what it does for the community. Farm income supports a lot of jobs in Iowa. Whenever we see a drop in farm income, we should be concerned."

As did Swenka, Kapucian noted the rise in livestock income, albeit with some wariness.

"Everybody raises crops, but not everybody raises livestock," he said.

Kapucian also indicated something beyond the realm of government statistics to use in gauging the severity of the report.

"We can make all kinds of predictions we want, but in the end, Mother Nature controls it," he said. "Mother Nature always has the final say."

TEENS

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employment. But UI junior Nick Brown, who works as a cashier at the IMU Hub, said he isn't too concerned.

"I've never had an issue with finding a job," he said. "I don't really see many teens not being able to get a job unless they lack social skills or something."

UI economics Assistant Professor David Frisvold said there are several factors contributing to teen unemployment that differ from adult unemployment, such as students focusing on school work and an increase of financial-aid re-

sources. He also said motivation is an issue.

"On the supply side, it's the extent which you are willing to supply your labor into the market, like the idea that teens are 'too lazy' to work," Frisvold said. "And the demand side is focused more on the number of employers willing to hire teens."

One UI student said her persistence helped her land a job she may have not been fully qualified for.

Junior Jassi Singh, a health and human physiology major, said she faced some difficulties landing a lab-assistant position at the Bowen Science Building due to her lack of work experience in college.

"At first, they were going to hire someone else because I didn't have any lab or work experience since high school," Singh said. "But I kept bugging the lab researcher and reaching out to her saying how I was a hard worker, and she finally gave me the job."

Singh said she didn't have a hard time finding a job on campus. She found the lab assistant listing on the UI's Jobnet website, which advertises on- and off-campus job listings within a 30-mile radius of the Iowa City area.

"My issue is always if a student wants to find a job, even if it's their first time, I think they should be able to as long as they're being

somewhat flexible in what they're willing to do and receive in pay, and they're persistent," said Cynthia Seyfer, the director of student employment in the Financial Aid Office.

Although she thinks motivated teens will find a job, Singh is concerned of the number of teens who are currently unemployed or have never had a job.

"I think a lot of students think they can be the exception, but in reality it's going to be a lot harder for them to get a job after college," Singh said. "Working while you're in school builds skills you won't learn anywhere else. It's helped me become more responsible and learn how to prioritize my time."

Teen Unemployment

Teen unemployment has reached more than three times the national unemployment rate.

• Teen unemployment in the U.S. is 20.7 percent; the national unemployment rate is 6.6 percent.

• In Iowa, teen unemployment is 11 percent.

• Jobnet is a UI resource frequently used by students to look for job listings on and off campus.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics; Cindy Seyfer, senior associate director of student employment at UI

On a national level, Frisvold said more research is needed for specific reasons why the teen unemployment rate is high.

"If it's the case that these are individuals who are looking for a job in their teen years and are not finding work for long

periods of time and then it has a permanent effect on their career trajectories, then we should be concerned," Frisvold said. "But if they aren't working for short periods of time but complete more schooling, then we shouldn't be as concerned."

SENIORS

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old. Fifteen percent of Iowa's population fits into this age group, By 2025, state officials expect this to jump to nearly 20 percent.

"I think it's important for us to look at the whole range of services the aging population needs," said Councilor Jim Throgmorton. "We need to take a look at that, and one

good way to do that is to have a temporary committee."

John Wadsworth, a UI associate professor who studies the aging population, agreed the city needs increased support for senior services because of a rapidly increasing senior population.

"Our society as a whole is growing older," he said. "Iowa City ... needs more support because it's known as a good place to grow older."

Most of the city-spon-

sored senior services are currently provided by the Senior Center. These services include classes, legal and health-insurance counseling, and other amenities. But it doesn't cover everything, Kaskie said.

"We don't have a senior daycare center in all of Johnson County," he said. "I don't want to move my mom into a nursing facility, but I can't leave her at home, either."

In addition to the lack of a daycare center, hous-

ing and transportation need to be improved by the city as well. Transportation increases for the aging population are already in the works for Iowa City, according to a report by Johnson County SEATS last week. SEATS is the primary bus service provided for elderly and disabled people in Johnson County.

One issue in increasing senior services in Iowa City is the diverse needs of the aging population, Throgmorton said.

"The composition of seniors has been changing in the city over the past years," he said. "The needs of senior citizens in Iowa City are quite diverse."

The city, as well as businesses in the city, should be looking at the aging population as an untapped market, Kaskie said.

"The city, and the businesses in the city, really aren't taking advantage of the senior market," he said. "[They] should be thinking of these folks as an emerging market."

City Council

The Iowa City City Council will discuss and vote on various issues on Tuesday. Some of these items include:

- A merger of two city neighborhood-services positions
- Construction of a new animal shelter
- Forming an ad-hoc Senior Services Committee

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COLUMN

Hockey before dawn



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Russia versus the United States. The Miracle on Ice — sort of — 34 years later in Sochi. I rise at 4:30 a.m. and start the coffee. By 5, my roommates have been rallied, and the car's been warmed up. At 5:15, we're walking through a deserted Ped Mall toward our destination, DC's bar—not a typical way to start a Saturday morning.

Despite the early hour and frigid temperature, the popularity of the event soon becomes apparent. By 5:46 a.m., at my table on the upper balcony of the second floor, I can barely move my arms. What started as a trickle through the doors has grown to a rushing tributary, and currents of patrons navigate their way through an ocean of Red, White, and Blue. There are too many people here to count. Every TV has been set to the NBC Sports Network for a live broadcast of the game. After bouts of dancing and chanting, the match starts, but it seems — from the corresponding noise level — that many people missed the opening faceoff. The sun starts to rise at 6:50 a.m.

Why is everyone — me included — here so early to witness an event easy to stream online later in the day? One individual, wearing the Stars and Stripes on a bandana around his head, has been here since the bar was vacant. He's been swinging around a tall mug of light-colored beer and pumping his hands in the air to the loud dance music. Others sit with their eyes glued to one of many TVs, strictly here for the hockey. One

tall, strong-looking man wears a Russian jersey. Maybe to stand out, put on a show, cause a ruckus. Maybe he just likes Russia. Behind me, I hear someone yell:

"[A word not fit for print] the communists."

Wait. What? Is that why we're here? Why a company of proud Americans has set up base in this downtown bar? Because of disdain — joking or not — for something more than 20 years in the past? My logic certainly hopes not, but the energy of the crowd at DC's has a different, louder part of my conscious too busy pounding on the table and chanting "USA" to notice.

Deep into the first period, it would seem that nationalism has given way to typical, loud bar ambiance, a suffocating mumble. Still, the match dictates crowd behavior, every positive move by the United States a victory, a celebration that starts with the vigilant fans and quickly ripples through the rest of the crowd. In a similar fashion, every instance of negativity spreads like tragic news, the anger you feel when you learn someone has dented your car in the parking lot, the emotion of a Shakespearean play crammed into the space of three or four seconds.

I suppose we're here because it's fun—whatever that word means on the individual level: hockey fans and ecstatic bar-goers and hybrids of the two mixing and mingling for their own reasons. The rivalry game eventually ends in a shootout, a 3-2 victory for the United States. Even as a casual spectator, the match was something to behold, and the environment at DC's — while confusing — certainly helped make it memorable. For the semi-hockey fan and avid people-watcher, it's something worth checking out.

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EDITORIAL

Reject NASCAR tax break

This past week, an Iowa Senate subcommittee approved a plan to give the Iowa Speedway, a motor racing track in Newton that was recently purchased by NASCAR, a \$9 million tax break. The motion will proceed to the Iowa Senate Ways and Means Committee, and Iowa Senate Majority Leader Michael Gronstal, D-Council Bluffs, expects the bill to pass in the full Senate.

We believe that this move is yet another example of the broken culture of sports welfare that has stricken local communities across the nation.

The basic premise of sports welfare is that if you either give massive tax breaks to massive sports organizations such as NASCAR or simply appropriate public funds to construct and maintain complexes for these organizations, the local community will reap the benefits from fans staying in nearby hotels, shopping at local establishments, and the jobs provided by complex.

However, the evidence suggests that, rather than bolstering the local economy, sports welfare actually has a very detrimental impact on local communities.

Victor Matheson, an economist specializing in sports welfare, has argued that because sporting events are not an everyday occurrence, many sports complexes spend most of the year unused. This leads to complexes that sit around, unoccupied, simply draining public funds from the municipal government.

University of Maryland-Baltimore County economics Professor Dennis Coates has even contended that sports welfare actually lowers the incomes of local inhabitants, because most of the money generated by the stadium ends up going to the owners. As a Coates study put it, "The professional sports environment in the 37 metropolitan areas in our sample had no measurable impact on the *growth rate* of real per capita income in those areas. The professional

sports environment has a statistically significant impact on the level of real per income in our sample of metropolitan areas, and the overall impact is *negative*."

This has happened in city after city year after year. In Cincinnati, Hamilton County amassed \$1 billion in debt by funding the construction of Paul Brown Stadium for the Cincinnati Bengals. In order to pay for this, the city cut spending in areas such as public education.

While the Newton, Iowa, tax break is, fortunately, not nearly as disastrous as Hamilton County's experiment in sports welfare, the \$9 million taken out of the state's coffers are still \$9 million not being spent improving the state's infrastructure, schools, police, firefighters, health care, and other public services that badly need funding.

Besides, it's not as if NASCAR actually needs the \$9 million tax break from the state. NASCAR generates around \$3 billion in revenue annually. Paying \$9 million for the right to own property in central Iowa will not bankrupt the second-largest professional sports franchise in the United States.

And, fundamentally, the state of Iowa *deserves* the tax money from NASCAR. The state is providing NASCAR with an opportunity to generate obscene amounts of profit. In return, it's only fair that NASCAR hand over some revenue in the form of taxation to the people responsible for the company's success, the people of Iowa.

We feel that there is no reasonable economic or political justification for robbing the state's tax base of \$9 million for an enterprise that, at best, will have a neutral economic impact on the local community. We urge the Iowa Senate to reject this deleterious exercise in sports welfare.

YOUR TURN

Do you think the state should give NASCAR a tax rebate? Weigh in at dailyiowan.com.

ONLINE COMMENTS

Re: Should the U.S. build the Keystone XL pipeline?

Thoughtful discussion. While I agree the pipeline would not be a "silver bullet that destroys the environment," at what degree of impact is the line drawn? Every bit as hard to quantify as how many will be employed after construction.

Then again, for some, being employed temporarily is better than not at all. I do believe there is a level of commitment to reversing climate change by our United States of America. For eight or nine years, a 50-cent per gallon rebate has been

in place for those using alternative-fuel vehicles. This is gaining momentum.

I say thank goodness for global warming. How cold would this Iowa winter be otherwise?

Ross Kenneth Rayner

Re: Roomies aren't for everyone

"It smells like one of those pesky, condescending millennial trend stories in disguise." It is, and quite a bad one at that. "If you're in college, you're an adult." Ha. As Judge Judy would say, "They are not fully cooked yet." That applies to some faculty

as well.

Oswaldo Francisco Diaz-Duque

Re: College wrestling has issues

The Olympics didn't almost dump wrestling because of no-offensive wrestling. They almost dumped it for something new and more PR exciting.

In the Winter Olympics, the U.S. has gained its most medals from something the X-Games and Americans invented. It's exciting, People get hurt (especially in a Russian half-pipe or slope style course), and people love it.

Last I looked, Olympic wrestling was more Greco-Roman, and few college fans love it or understand more about it than who won or lost.

If you want the National Duals to count but not to interfere with the Team National — much like the Preseason NIT in basketball — start off the December schedule with the Duals. It would really put early season training and competition into an early season overdrive.

And FYI, booing isn't evil, it's a public acknowledgement some wrong is going on in the eyes of the money-paying ticketholders in the seats.

Joseph Haga

COLUMN

Valentine's Day the right way



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Congratulations all of you beautiful people out there. You've survived V-DAY 2K14. Hopefully, you have all learned that public displays of affection make everyone sick. I celebrated my long-term relationship with Netflix and Pizza (yes, I'm polyamorous; don't judge me) in private, where that kind of intimacy belongs.

Yes, I'm single. Yes, I may be a little bit bitter. But hey, let's all be real for a minute here. Valentine's Day hasn't been the same since elementary-school days. I miss decorating shoeboxes and begrudg-

ingly giving a card to that kid that smelled weirdly of dirt and his grandma's perfume all the time.

In protest, I went out and bought myself a box of Fun Dip and the Scooby-Doo sticker/lollipop combo pack, and I rejoiced with all my little Valentine's Day cards. I may have even gone out and taken a photo with a random dude and told my parents he was my new boyfriend just so they would stop calling me "lonely," "sad," and "spinster in training." (I'll take the time now to say that I am none of those things. I'm a strong independent lady who don't need no man.)

I'm not ashamed to say that I was invited to several stoptlight parties *wear green if you're single, oh, yeah, that's me ... Do I even own a green T-shirt?* I avoided them all, partly

because showing up in all black and moaning about Faulkner would get me nowhere. I may have swiped yes to several desperate men on "Hot or Not" and "Tinder" combined. Within the same hour. And then I may have fallen asleep. I'm not saying I survived this weekend with grace, but it's over. And I'm thrilled.

My taken coworkers with all their taken-holliness confessed to me ... they wish they were still single. Really? You want to be like me? Constantly reminded by Facebook ads that I went browser shopping for wedding dresses after binge-watching Bridalplasty?

And then I remembered what it's *actually* like to be in a relationship.

You have to text people back, you have to compromise on meals sometimes — *but I want pizza, but, babe we did*

pizza yesterday — and after a certain point, always wearing your sweatpants and ripped up comfy tees ceases to be endearing and more so a reflection of the little cares you have left. I don't want to meet your parents, you don't want to meet my parents, and yes, I do want to watch an hour worth of cat videos and reruns of the "Fresh Prince of Bel-Air" on the weekends and do *nothing else*. I just want someone to buy me breakfast, lunch, dinner, AND coffee when I need it and then leave me alone to my Twitter feed.

OK, so maybe I take it back. While this weekend proved slightly (terribly, tragically, devastatingly) desperate, I really don't want to give up a side of my bed (or my pillows, or my favorite part of the blanket, or hard-core starfish-ing). I mean, after all, Netflix just *gets me*.

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SPORTS

Softball runs into trouble in Texas

Iowa softball returned home from its weekend at the Getteman Classic with a record of 3-6.

The Hawkeyes started off the weekend on a sour note, being shut out by Lipscomb, 10-0, in five innings.

Freshman pitcher Shayla Starkenburg gave up 4 earned runs in 4.1 innings, and the team committed 4 errors.

Later that day, Iowa took on Missouri, and extra innings were needed to decide the winner. Sophomore Erin Erickson hit her second home run of the season, and senior Kayla Massey pitched well, allowing only 2 hits in the first five innings.

Missouri eventually broke through with a walk-off single in the bottom of the eighth to beat Iowa, 2-1.

On Saturday, Iowa took on Alabama-Birmingham in a game that also went extra innings. Erickson scored Iowa's only run, and Alyssa Navarro notched her first RBI of the season.

Alabama-Birmingham broke through in the ninth, scoring 5 runs on 3 hits, then ended the game by putting the Hawks down in order.

Iowa then took on host Baylor. The Bears held the Hawkeyes scoreless, taking the victory, 2-0, and pushing Iowa to 2-6.

The Hawkeyes took on Drake for their last game and finally found their offense; they scored 9 runs and shut out Drake.

— by Jack Rossi

Baseball wins 2 of 3

The Iowa baseball team took two of three from Austin Peay this past weekend to give head coach Rick Heller his first two victories as a Hawkeye.

The Hawks played a double-header Feb. 15 because inclement weather forced the Feb. 14 matchup to be rescheduled. The Black and Gold erupted for a combined 26 runs to sweep the double-header, winning by scores of 11-5 and 15-13.

Austin Peay took the final game of the series Sunday, rallying to score 5 runs and take the game 7-4, chasing starting pitcher Tyler Peyton in his first game as a Hawkeye.

The Hawkeyes will return to action this weekend at Mississippi Valley State.

— by Ryan Rodriguez

Iowa beats Lehigh

The second-ranked Iowa wrestling team showed no love for 24th-ranked Lehigh on Feb. 14, overpowering the Mountain Hawks in a 31-6 thrashing inside Stabler Arena.

The Hawkeyes won eight of the 10 bouts, which included four bonus-point victories. Derek St. John opened the offensive frenzy with a 21-6 technical fall victory at 157 pounds.

Nick Moore followed suit at 165 pounds by winning an 11-2 major

decision. Sammy Brooks (184) and Nathan Burak (197) added two more technical falls, winning by scores of 16-0 and 18-1.

Josh Dziewa and Michael Kelly suffered the only two losses for Iowa at 141 and 149 pounds, respectively.

The victory pushes the Hawkeye's record against the Mountain Hawks to a perfect 25-0. It also pushes Iowa's dual record to 14-2, with an unblemished 6-0 in road duals.

Iowa's next dual will be on Feb. 23 at No. 18 Wisconsin, the Hawks' final dual of the season.

National Duals Results

The first two rounds of the National Duals took place in St. John Arena on the campus of Ohio State on Sunday afternoon.

The field comprised 14 teams from around the country in a single-elimination bracket format. Minnesota and Cornell, the tournament's top-seeded teams, received first-round byes.

Minnesota, Ohio State, Oklahoma, and Cornell all advanced to the semifinals. The Gophers will wrestle the Buckeyes in one semifinal, and the Sooners will wrestle Cornell in the other.

The semifinals are set to take place at noon (CST) today. The finals are set for 3 p.m.

— by Cody Goodwin

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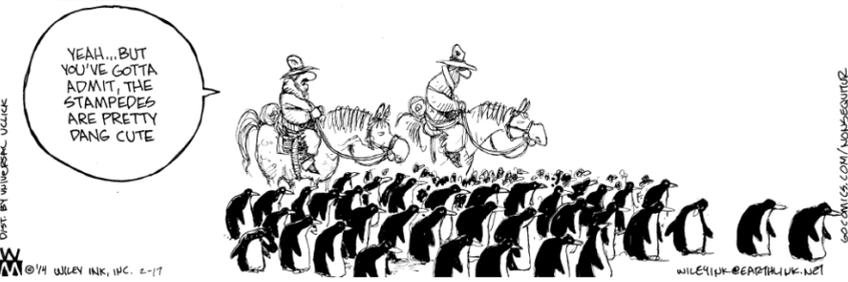
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- **Exploring Majors Fair**, 12:30 p.m., IMU Main Lounge
- **Nuclear & Particle Physics Seminar**, "Symmetries in String Theory: Non-Abelian T-Duality," Catherine Whiting, Physics/Astronomy, 1:30 p.m., 618 Van Allen
- **Plasma Physics Seminar**, "Laboratory Measurements of Turbulence in a Plasma Wind Tunnel," David Schaffner, Swarthmore, 1:30 p.m., 309 Van Allen
- **Hardin Open Workshop**, "Scopus and Web of Science," 2 p.m., Hardin Library East Information Commons
- **Inventor Office Hour**, 2-3 p.m., 5 Gilmore
- **Physics/Astronomy Colloquium**, "Is There a Universal Character of Plasma Turbulence," Michael Brown, Swarthmore, 3:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen
- **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** Timothy Schaffert, fiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- **School of Music Presents: Honor Choir Concert**, 7 p.m., IMU Main Ballroom
- **Open Mike, with J Knight**, 8 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
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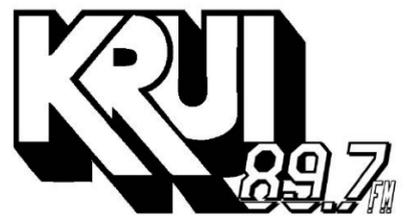
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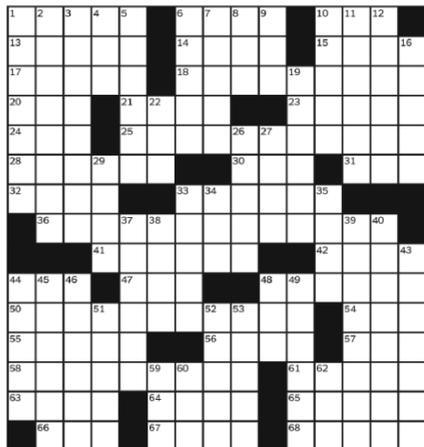
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- 1 Bid
 - 6+
 - 10 Police officer
 - 13 Actor Nick
 - 14 Countless centuries
 - 15 Arrow-shooting Greek god
 - 17 Buy a meal for
 - 18 An operator may help place one
 - 20 Hem and ___
 - 21 Letter after theta
 - 23 Luxurious country house
 - 24 Suffix with shepherd
 - 25 Wine-producing area of SE France
 - 28 Pokes in the rear
 - 30 Assistance
 - 31 Fabric amts.
 - 32 Exclusively
 - 33 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34 ... e.g.
 - 36 Flown into a rage
 - 41 In a composed manner
 - 42 Historical periods
 - 44 Distant
 - 47 Cry loudly
 - 48 Widespread food shortage
 - 50 Refused to cooperate
 - 54 Savor, as fine wine
 - 55 Marisa of "Anger Management"
 - 56 Anise-flavored liqueur
 - 57 President before D.D.E.
 - 58 Everybody ... or part of the contents of 18-, 25-, 36- and 50-Across
 - 61 Adhesive
 - 63 Go separate ways

DOWN

- 1 Always rushing, rushing, rushing
- 2 Very inexpensively
- 3 Went without a copilot
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- 5 Stop working at 65, say
- 6 ___-Bismol
- 7 "Freaky Friday" actress Lindsay
- 8 First numero
- 9 Nine-digit fig.
- 10 Filmmaker ___ B. DeMille
- 11 Through word of mouth
- 12 Surveyed, as before an election
- 16 Leaves rolling in the aisles
- 19 Avoids, as capture
- 22 Noncommittal replies
- 26 Late's opposite
- 27 Britain's last King Henry
- 29 In ___ (working harmoniously)
- 33 Rio carnival dance



- PUZZLE BY LYNN LEMPEL**
- 34 Building wing
 - 35 Flower's support
 - 37 Enter gently
 - 38 Hard hit
 - 39 Isle of Man's locale
 - 40 Flour or sugar container
 - 43 Groups like Disney's dwarfs
 - 44 Camera setting
 - 45 Lacking a key, musically
 - 46 Cesar who played the Joker
 - 48 Turkish topper
 - 49 Accepts formally, as a resolution
 - 51 "Cool!"
 - 52 Lies languidly
 - 53 Real doozies
 - 59 Apply lightly, with "on"
 - 60 Snoopy, in his dreams
 - 62 Stupefaction

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horoscopes

Monday, February 17, 2014 by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Concentrate on your future, not on your past. Make changes based on what's important to you and how you want to move forward personally. Opportunity will develop if you share your ideas and concerns with someone influential.
- TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Helping others can be rewarding as long as you aren't being taken for granted. Draw the line if anyone is too demanding. Your time and expertise is valuable, and you should be rewarded for your effort.
- GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Think before making a decision that will alter your status. Mixing business with pleasure will not play out in your favor. Make decisions based on your goals, not your current desires. Ask for written documentation before you commit.
- CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Use your imagination coupled with your expertise, and you will find a way to improve your relationships as well as your home environment. Compromise, and you will get into a give-and-take situation that is both comforting and prosperous.
- LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't fear change or what others think of you. Move in the direction that offers guidance and a better future. Make choices that will make you happy and content with your life. Take better care of your mental, physical, and financial wellness.
- VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Keep an open mind, and go the extra mile. What you do to help others as well as to ensure that you are living up to your expectations, integrity, and standards will determine who stands by your side and respects you.
- LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Network, ask questions, and use your intuitive intelligence in order to make the best choice. A contract will bring you financial gains. Focus on the fine print and details. A good idea can turn into a great one if you don't cut corners.
- SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may face opposition, but don't get coerced into doing something for the wrong reasons. Get your facts straight from the source before you jump into action. Taking control will save you from ending up in a vulnerable position. Romance is highlighted.
- SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't allow an emotional encounter with someone to ruin your plans. An honest answer may not be easy to deliver, but it will help you reach your destination quicker. An alteration regarding your home or domestic situation is likely to be costly.
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- AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You may have an unusual way of doing or seeing things, but it's your innovative ideas and unique way of following through that will help you reach your goals. Don't let anyone make you feel self-conscious. Do your own thing.
- PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Reconsider your connection to the people around you, and look for a way to collaborate in order to reach a common goal. A change in attitude regarding children or friendships will bring you closer to the people you love the most.

We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit.

— Aristotle

POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Which team will win Olympic hockey gold?

CANADA

I could take the easy route here and say Canada will win the gold medal because the two best players on the planet, Jonathan Toews and Sidney Crosby, center the Canadians' top-two lines, but I'll go more in depth.

It's because of just that, depth. Head coach Mike Babcock has had the problem, or luxury, of choosing who will be the healthy scratches each game. In Canada's last two contests against Austria and Finland, Patrick Sharp (28 goals, 58 points this season with the Blackhawks) and Martin St. Louis (25 goals, 56 points in Tampa Bay) have been off the ice wearing suits and ties.

It's not just who sits and who plays that Canada has the luxury of; it's how many stars the United States' northern neighbor has. Just take a glance at the names. Patrice Bergeron, Patrick Marleau, Jeff Carter, Duncan Keith, Shea Weber, Ryan Getzlaf, Rick Nash, Corey Perry, PK Subban

(the other healthy scratch in Sunday's 2-1 overtime win over Finland) — the names just keep going.

People may say it's not just the names, it's how those guys play together. Yes, of course chemistry is a vital part of a team of All-Stars playing well together, but when a team is as talented as Canada is, that feeling-out process becomes a whole lot easier.

That's been the doubt about the team from the Great White North so far in this tournament — the players are not clicking. That will change now that the preliminary round is over.

Those superstars mentioned above have three games under their belt playing together, with the "role players" filling in. When those role players are named John Tavares (read: Johnny Hockey), Matt Duchene, and Drew Doughty, it's hard to imagine the Canadians blowing it.

Look, this is the thing, Canada is really talented, as in REALLY talented. As

a red-blooded American male, I hate that America's hat is going to win this tournament. The only satisfying grace will be (hopefully) watching videos of a drunken Rob Ford celebrating with a knock-off gold medal.

— by Danny Payne

UNITED STATES

Team USA has the speed and determination to win in the gold medal this year. It's a young team with 14 having their Olympic debuts and have a team chemistry that's unmatched.

Four years ago in Vancouver, the United States lost the gold medal, 3-2, in overtime to Canada. This time around, it's going to come down to goals and the men who protect the net. Canada has the veterans, but experience is not going to be enough for it to lock it up this year.

Jonathan Quick of the LA Kings has proven he is the best choice in net for the Americans to win

this year in Sochi, and it showed in his performance in the preliminary rounds. Quick had 51 saves on 54 shots in two games and helped USA win in the shootout against Russia. The NHL ranked goaltenders before the Olympics started, and Quick came in at No. 2 with Canada's Carey Price just behind him. Price might look better on paper, but when it comes to performance, Quick is able to perform under pressure.

He led the LA Kings to win its first Stanley Cup Final, beating the New Jersey Devils and arguably the greatest goalie of all time, Marty Brodeur, in six games. Quick was

named the Most Valuable Player during the playoffs and earned the Conn Smythe Trophy for his performance.

If the gold medal match comes down to a shootout, T.J. Oshie showed his skills with the puck leading his team to a victory against Russia — scoring four times in the shootout.

Team USA's offense has been explosive and worked as a unit. In Sunday's game, forwards Joe Pavelski and Phil Kessel showed chemistry, and the latter netted a natural hat trick. Patrick Kane's ability to control and pass the puck is one of the best in the world.

Team USA's exciting

play has been able to draw people across the nation into bars before the sun comes up. The boys in Red, White, and Blue carried their momentum from the wild Russia game in to Sunday and don't look like they are going to slow down any time soon.

Hopefully, my superstitious intuition pays off with my newest purchase of Kane's Olympic jersey and has just as much luck as the current one I own. The Blackhawks have never lost a game when I've worn that sweater (never washed it), and now it's the new jersey's moment to shine. God Bless America.

— by Tessa Hursh

Gymnasts bounce back

By JACK ROSSI
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The Iowa men's gymnastics team may have gotten the spark the gymnasts were searching for.

The Hawkeyes hosted their last home meet of the year on Feb. 15, when Nebraska and Minnesota came to Iowa City.

Minnesota defeated Iowa and Nebraska with a score of 437.400. The Hawkeyes finished with a season high 433.050, and Nebraska came in third at 418.150.

Despite the finish, JD Reive's Hawkeyes did not hang their heads after putting up one of their best performances of the year.

"We did well. I was very happy with what we did today," senior Matt McGrath said. "We stayed in as a team the whole meet. We started on floor, finished on high bar, and through that whole process, we did a great job of staying together and hitting our sets. Now, we just need to be a little sharper."

The Hawkeyes will stay busy until they travel to the Big Ten championships at the end of March. Team members hope that the consecutive meets will get them in a groove as they hit the home stretch of the regular season.

"Basically, we've got no weekend off until Big Ten championships, and this is all about learning to compete, perform, and get comfortable out there and do the detail work we need to do," Reive said.

While the mental work is coming along, he still sees room for improvement — rings were one of the weakest events of the meet for Iowa. McGrath led the team by taking

fifth, and sophomores Matt Loochtan and Jack Boyle finished seventh and eighth.

"They did what we needed to do," Reive said. "We still have room for improvement on things, we still counted misses on things, unfortunately, but great energy and great rhythm to the competition and a lot of good performances from the guys. Much improved in a week."

Assistant coach Ben Ketelsen believes that Iowa will be able to maintain the energy from this meet and carry it into next week, when the team will travel to Las Vegas for the Winter Cup, then quickly turn around to Chicago for a meeting with Illinois-Chicago.

"We do much better when it's just meet after meet once the season starts to roll along," Ketelsen said. "So hopefully, this created some momentum so that we can carry it on through the next couple of meets. We will see Minnesota and Nebraska again."

The Feb. 15 meet was also important to see how the gymnasts improved on pommel horse after last weekend's subpar performance in which they scored a 61.050. They bounced back in a big way, scoring a 71.700.

"Pommel horse is normally a struggle for every team," Ketelsen said. It's hard to put up a strong and mentally tough pommel squad. It was good for us to go out and get a solid hit especially after last weekend."

To top off a great performance, sophomore Doug Sullivan took down Ketelsen's pommel-horse school

record with a 15.250.

"He beat me," Ketelsen said. "Which I am OK with because that's what I'm supposed to do. I'm supposed to push them to break records."



Iowa men's gymnast Lance Alberhasky competes on the high bar during the meet against Minnesota and Nebraska in Carver-Hawkeye on Feb. 15. Minnesota won the meet with a score of 437.400. (The Daily Iowan/Callie Mitchell)

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Is Israel indeed America's unsinkable aircraft carrier?

In previous *hasbarah* (educating and clarifying) messages, we made clear what a tremendous asset for our country Israel is. We gave many examples of its contribution to American safety in that important area of the world. But there is much more.

What are the facts?

Turmoil in the Middle East. There is upheaval in the Middle East. Governments shift, and the future of this vital area is up in the air. In those dire circumstances, it is a tremendous comfort to our country that Israel, a beacon of Western values, is its stalwart and unshakable ally.

Unreliable "allies." Egypt, a long-term "ally" of our country, is the beneficiary of billions of dollars of American aid. Its dictator, Hosni Mubarak has been dethroned. As of now, it is unclear who and what will be Egypt's new government. It is widely assumed, however, that it may be the Muslim Brotherhood. Far from being a religious organization, as its name would imply, it is dominated by fanatical radicals, ardent antagonists of the West, obsessed anti-Semites, and sworn enemies of the State of Israel. If the Muslim Brotherhood would indeed come to power, a bloody war, more violent than anything that has come before, is likely to ensue.

Saudi Arabia, a tyrannical kingdom, is another important "ally" of the U.S. It is the most important source of petroleum, the lifeblood of the industrial world. It is, however, totally unreliable and hostile to all the values for which the United States stands. The precedent of Iran cannot fail to be on the minds of our government. The Shah of Iran was a staunch ally of the U.S. We lavished billions of dollars and huge quantities of our most advanced weapons on him. But, virtually from one day to the next, the mullahs and the ayatollahs — fanatical enemies of our country, of Israel, and of anything Western — came to power. Instead of friends and allies, Iran's theocratic government became the most virulent enemy of the United States. Could something like that happen in Saudi Arabia? It is not at all unlikely!

Other U.S. allies in the region — Jordan, the "new" Iraq, and the Gulf emirates — are even weaker and less reliable reeds to lean on. Libya, which once, under King Idris, hosted the Wheeler Air Base, became an enemy of the U.S. under the late, loathsome Khaddafi

— and probably still is. Turkey, once a strong ally, has cast its lot with Iran.

A stalwart partner. Israel, in contrast, presents a totally different picture. Israel's reliability, capability, credibility and stability, are enormous and irreplaceable assets for our country. Many prominent military people and elected representatives have recognized this. Gen. John Keegan, a former chief of U.S. Air Force Intelligence, determined that Israel's contribution to U.S. intelligence was "equal to five CIA's." Senator Daniel Inouye, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, said that "The intelligence received from Israel exceeds the intelligence received from all NATO countries combined. The huge quantities of Soviet military hardware that were transferred by Israel to the USA tilted the global balance of power in favor of our country."

In 1981, Israel bombed Iraq's nuclear reactor. While at first condemned by virtually the whole world — sad to say, including the United States — it saved our country a nuclear confrontation with Iraq. At the present time, US soldiers in Iraq and in Afghanistan benefit from Israel's experience in combating Improvised Explosive Devices, car bombs and suicide bombers. Israel is the most advanced battle-tested laboratory for U.S. military systems. The F-16 jet fighter, for instance, includes over 600 Israeli-designed modifications, which saved billions of dollars and years of research and development.

But there is more: Israel effectively secures NATO's southeastern flank. Its superb harbors, its outstanding military installations, the air- and sea-lift capabilities, and the trained manpower to maintain sophisticated equipment are readily at hand in Israel.

Israel does receive substantial benefits from the United States — a yearly contribution of \$3 billion — all of it in military assistance, no economic assistance at all. The majority of this contribution must be spent in the US, generating thousands of jobs in our defense industries.

Israel is indeed America's unsinkable aircraft carrier. If it were not for Israel, thousands of American troops would have to be stationed in the Middle East, at a cost of billions of dollars a year. In contrast to the unreliable friendship of Muslim countries, the friendship and support of Israel are unshakable because they are based on shared values, love of peace and democracy. What a comfort for our country to have stalwart and completely reliable Israel in its corner, especially at a time when in this strategic area turmoil, upheaval and revolution are the order of the day. Yes, Israel is indeed America's most steadfast friend, a most important strategic asset and most reliable ally.

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IOWA 82, PENN STATE 70

Hawkeyes bury Nittany Lions at the line

The Iowa men's basketball team notched its third-straight road victory with the win against Penn State, 82-70.

By RYAN PROBASCO
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Despite the Black and Gold's trailing Penn State at halftime, it never seemed as if the No. 16 Hawkeyes lost control in its 82-70 defeat of the Nittany Lions on Feb. 15.

The win was crucial for Iowa, as every conference road victory is; but it moved the Hawkeyes to 8-4 in the Big Ten. And losses by Michigan and Michigan State on Sunday mean Iowa is just one game back in the loss column of the Big Ten's regular-season race.

"I couldn't be happier," Hawkeye head coach Fran McCaffery said in a release. "In the first half, I thought it came a little easy early. I didn't think at that point our defense was where it needed to be against a quick, talented group of Penn State guards, D.J. Newbill and [Tim] Frazier in particular."

Senior forward Melsahn Basabe was extremely impressive. The Glen Cove, N.Y., native's 16 points (6-of-9 field goals), 8 rebounds, and 4 blocks were all team highs.

| IOWA HAWKEYES (82) | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----|--|
| | MIN | FG | 3P | FT | RB | A | TO | TP | |
| Woodbury | 11 | 0-2 | 0-0 | 7-8 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 7 | |
| Basabe | 26 | 6-9 | 0-0 | 4-4 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 16 | |
| White | 33 | 6-12 | 0-2 | 2-4 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 14 | |
| Marble | 34 | 2-9 | 1-6 | 10-12 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 15 | |
| Gesell | 30 | 4-8 | 4-5 | 1-2 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 13 | |
| Olaseni | 16 | 0-2 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| McCabe | 10 | 1-4 | 1-2 | 1-2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 4 | |
| Uthoff | 22 | 2-6 | 0-1 | 3-4 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 7 | |
| Oglesby | 18 | 1-3 | 1-3 | 2-2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | |
| TOTALS | 23:55 | 7-19 | 31-40 | 40 | 13 | 6 | 82 | | |

| PENN STATE NITTANY LIONS (70) | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|----|--|
| | MIN | FG | 3P | FT | RB | A | TO | TP | |
| Donovan | 26 | 2-7 | 0-1 | 4-7 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 8 | |
| Taylor | 21 | 2-9 | 1-5 | 0-0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 5 | |
| Frazier | 38 | 4-17 | 1-4 | 2-2 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 11 | |
| Newbill | 37 | 10-15 | 0-3 | 2-2 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 22 | |
| Woodward | 14 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | |
| Dickerson | 9 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2-4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | |
| Travis | 25 | 4-7 | 0-0 | 2-2 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 10 | |
| Johnson | 23 | 4-8 | 1-3 | 2-2 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 11 | |
| Thorpe | 7 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| TOTALS | 26:45 | 31:16 | 15:21 | 36 | 9 | 9 | 70 | | |



Iowa guard Devyn Marble drives to the hoop in Carver-Hawkeye on Feb. 8. Iowa defeated Michigan, 85-67, and followed it up with a 82-70 win at Penn State on Feb. 15. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

Sophomore point guard Mike Gesell also continued his stellar play, turning in a 13-point, 7-assist performance highlighted by four 3-pointers, which tied a career high.

"[Gesell] is a terrific shooter, and he is really feeling comfortable shooting the ball," McCaffery said. "Guys are looking for him."

On a relatively poor shooting day (2-of-9 field goals), senior Devyn Marble continued his streak of being the only player to score in double digits in every Big Ten game.

With a few minutes remaining in the game, Iowa clung to a small but comfort-

able lead. Penn State then decided that if Iowa was going to win, it would have to be from the free-throw line.

The Hawkeyes went 31-of-40 from the line in the game — the most they've taken and made in Big Ten play. And in the final 2:31, Iowa went 13-of-14 from the line, burying any chance Penn State had at winning.

On Tuesday, Iowa will aim for its fourth-straight road victory when it plays Indiana.

The Hoosiers have struggled at times this season, but with wins against both Michigan and Wisconsin, it's clear Indiana has the tal-

ent to defeat more talented squads.

And if this season has taught us anything, no one is exempt from the upset scare.

"We'll rest [Sunday]," McCaffery said. "It is a very difficult place to play

at Indiana. We have had a road toughness about us that I've been impressed with. They will lock into the game plan, and we'll be ready."

COMBINE

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seven former Iowa offensive linemen on NFL rosters), and given their tendency to do well at the combine, Boffeli has more than a fighting chance to earn a spot on a NFL team.

Boffeli reminds us most of former Iowa offensive lineman Adam Gettis, who's draft stock skyrocketed in 2012 following an excellent combine. He was taken in the fifth round by

the Washington Redskins, where he remains a backup guard. Going into the combine, Gettis was rated as going in the seventh round or undrafted by most draft services, but his performance in Indianapolis helped him get calls by just about every NFL team. Gettis recorded the best 40-yard dash time of all guards and had the best broad jump score of all offensive linemen. If there's anyone that can get a player ready for the combine, it's Iowa strength and conditioning coach Chris Doyle.

Right now, Boffeli is rated

as a late-round draft pick or free agent by many draft services, similar to Gettis. He was a regular starter for just his senior season at Iowa, but he played well against solid Big Ten defensive lines, and was an important part of shutting down Minnesota's Ra'Shede Hageman, who many believe to be a first round pick as a defensive lineman.

Boffeli might not have been a household name while he was at Iowa. But neither were Gettis, Matt Tobin, or Marshall Yanda. All three of those guys ap-

pear on an NFL roster right now. He could play guard or even center in the NFL, and front offices love a player that is versatile because it saves them money. Picking Iowa offensive linemen doesn't seem to be a huge risk for NFL teams given their success in the league, and it's not hard to picture his name getting called from Radio City Music Hall come late April.

BASKETBALL

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21-6 run in the first seven minutes of the second half.

"They came out with a lot more intensity in the second half," Bluder said.

Whereas in the first half, the Hawkeyes used six 3-pointers to establish the lead, Iowa was held to just one second half 3.

Shooting in general was inconsistent from first half to second half. The Hawkeyes shot 60 percent from the floor in the first half. But in the second half, Iowa couldn't buy a basket, shooting 27.8 percent.

The one consistent aspect for Iowa was Sam Logic's play. The co-captain posted her third triple-double of the year and her fourth in her Hawkeye career. She posted

a final stat line of 18 points, 11 assists, and 10 rebounds.

The Big Ten's runner up in steals per game also finished with 6 steals.

"Sam contributes in so many ways," Bluder said. "I think emotionally, she got a little taken out of this game, but it's just because she's such a competitor."

Following two free throws from Purdue with seven seconds remaining that gave it the 74-73 lead, Iowa's Ally Disterhoft had an opportunity to give the Hawkeyes the victory, but her shot dipped in and out of the basket.

"We had the shot to win it at the end, by no means is it Ally's responsibility," Bluder said. "We missed way too many shots in the paint. It was absolutely the tale of two halves."

"Knowing that we can play with [Purdue] is defi-

| IOWA HAWKEYES (73) | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----|--|
| | MIN | FG | 3P | FT | RB | A | TO | TP | |
| Dollittle | 40 | 7-19 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 15 | |
| Dixon | 31 | 2-8 | 2-8 | 0-0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 6 | |
| Taylor | 38 | 7-11 | 3-4 | 2-2 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 19 | |
| Logic | 40 | 6-14 | 0-0 | 6-6 | 10 | 11 | 3 | 18 | |
| Disterhoft | 28 | 4-11 | 1-3 | 1-2 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 10 | |
| Till | 8 | 1-1 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | |
| Kastanek | 8 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| Peschel | 7 | 1-2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | |
| TOTALS | 28:66 | 7:16 | 10:12 | 37 | 18 | 14 | 73 | | |

| PURDUE BOILERMAKERS (74) | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----|--|
| | MIN | FG | 3P | FT | RB | A | TO | TP | |
| Clemens | 36 | 5-9 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 11 | |
| Redmon | 21 | 1-3 | 0-0 | 4-4 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 6 | |
| Moses | 39 | 8-15 | 7-10 | 2-2 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 25 | |
| Williams | 30 | 3-5 | 2-2 | 2-2 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 10 | |
| Wilson | 36 | 3-11 | 1-3 | 1-2 | 2 | 7 | 4 | 8 | |
| Bays | 19 | 5-11 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 10 | 3 | 3 | 10 | |
| Thornton | 4 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | |
| Morrisette | 1 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | |
| Perry | 11 | 2-2 | 0-0 | 0-2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 | |
| Hamby | 3 | 0-1 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | |
| TOTALS | 27:58 | 10:16 | 10:15 | 35 | 22 | 19 | 74 | | |

nately going to help. But anytime you lose a 16-point lead, that's a tough one to handle."

TENNIS

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fell, 8-4, leaving the fate of the doubles point to seniors Juan Estenssoro and Jonas Dierckx in the No. 2 spot. In a close finish, Estenssoro and Dierckx delivered a 7-6 (7-4) win over Franz Sydow and Leandro Toledo.

The Hawkeyes kept the momentum going in singles play. The crowd was kept on their feet as both teams battled their way in close match after close match. The teams tied in singles play, 3-3, with Hawkeye victories coming from sophomore Dominic Patrick (6-3, 1-6, 6-2), Estenssoro (6-4, 7-5), and Swank (6-3, 6-7 [3-7], 6-3).

"It means a lot to us and especially the guys that I came to [Iowa] with," Swank said. "Our freshman year, we didn't contribute a whole lot to the team and that was the last time we had a Big Ten



Iowa tennis player Juan Estenssoro celebrates after scoring a point in the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex on Sunday. Iowa defeated Minnesota, 4-3. (The Daily Iowan/Wanyi Tao)

win, so to come out like this and the hard work we have put in really paid off."

Estenssoro was a key player in the Hawkeyes win over Minnesota, helping secure the doubles victory as well as clinching the overall win of the meet with his singles match.

"I was tired, and I ran a lot, but at one point those tired feelings in my legs just went away," he said.

"After Swank won I knew we were 3-2 down. I knew I had to clinch this match and fortunately things went really well." Houghton hopes this win will give his team a spark for the rest of the season.

"I told the guys to take this as an opportunity and to know that we are a good team," Houghton said. "And today we proved that we are."

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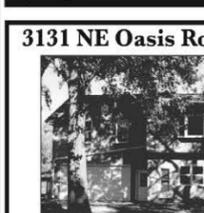
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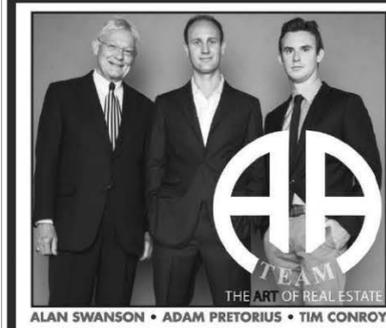
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Men's golf fourth in Big Ten match play

The Iowa men's golf team finished fourth in Big Ten Match Play Championships on Feb. 14 and 15.

Freshman Raymond Knoll finished 2-1, and senior Steven Ihm finished 1-1-1.

Senior Ryan Marks fell to Michigan's Brice Evon after being tied on the 15th hole.

"We can't let a couple losses get us down, because it's the first tournament of the year on a very challenging course," head coach Mark Hankins said in a release.



Hankins
head coach

Nebraska dumps No. 9 Michigan St.

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Terran Petteway scored 23 points and Walter Pitchford added 18, and Nebraska topped No. 9 Michigan State, 60-51, on Sunday.

Petteway had 16 points in the last 20 minutes after Pitchford had scored 12 before the break for the Cornhuskers (14-10, 6-6 Big Ten).

Gary Harris had 18 points, and Adreian Payne 11 for the Spartans (21-5, 10-3), who remain in a first-place tie with Michigan. Harris was 5-of-15 from the field. Michigan State shot 34 percent from the field and 20.8 percent on 3-pointers.

The Cornhuskers led 32-25 at the half and held off a second-half surge with a 9-2 closing run.

The Spartans got a lift when point guard Keith Appling returned from a three-game absence with a sore right wrist. He played 19 minutes but had just 2 points and 1 assist after not practicing for two weeks.

Nebraska outlasted the Spartans for most of the game and won despite a poor shooting day. The Cornhuskers shot 35.8 percent from the field, 30 percent from 3-point range and 61.9 percent at the foul line.

After Payne's lay-up cut Michigan State's deficit to 51-49, the Spartans grabbed a defensive rebound and called time-out.

After Kenny Kaminski air-balled a 3 from the left wing, the Cornhuskers built the lead back to 5 on a 3-pointer by Petteway. The Spartans never got closer than 3 the rest of the way.

Nebraska scored the first 6 points on 3s from Pitchford, a native of nearby Grand Rapids, and David Rivers.

Petteway's first 3 made it 11-4, and two free throws made it 13-4.

Michigan State answered with 11 straight points to go up 15-13.

Petteway was 7-of-17 from the field and Pitchford 6-of-12 for Nebraska. No other Cornhusker scored in double figures.

— Associated Press



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East 163, West 155

Men's tennis snares Big Ten win

The Iowa men's tennis team delivered a 4-3 win over the Golden Gophers.

By **JORDAN BUCHER**
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The Iowa men's tennis team picked up its first Big Ten win in 1,051 days Sunday afternoon as it battled to a 4-3 win to upset No. 39 Minnesota in the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex. Iowa recorded its first Big Ten win since April 2, 2011, and ended a 15-year drought against the Gophers in the process.

The Hawkeyes improved to 5-0 overall this weekend after it defeated Northern Illinois in solid fashion, 5-2, on Feb. 14.

"I wasn't sure if we were up to the task," head coach Steve Houghton said. "It was a big jump we made. Northern Illinois was good preparation for this match, but it means a lot more to beat Minnesota."

The only disappointment the 33-year head coach said he had in

the meet was that he didn't get to experience the traditional Gatorade shower that often follows a meaningful win. He said even contemplated dumping the bucket of Gatorade over himself.

"It was a great team win, and it really reflects all the hard work," Houghton said. "We just worked like crazy. This is the hardest I can ever remember our team working and they deserve a big win like this."

The Hawkeyes started the day out strong, winning the doubles point 2-1 to give them the edge heading into singles play.

Freshman Nils Hallestrand and senior Joey White recorded the first doubles victory of the day, beating Eric Frueh and Juan Ramirez of Minnesota, 8-3. The No. 1 doubles duo of seniors Michael Swank and Brian Alden

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NFL COMBINE 2014

Boffeli heads to combine



The Iowa offensive linemen, including Conor Boffeli (59), protect quarterback Jake Rudock during the game against Wisconsin in Kinnick on Nov. 2, 2013. Wisconsin defeated Iowa, 28-9. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

With the NFL combine quickly approaching, *The Daily Iowan* looks at the Iowa football players invited to participate to workout for NFL teams in Indianapolis.

By **BEN ROSS**
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Conor Boffeli certainly wasn't Iowa's best lineman in 2013, but his versatility to play both guard positions got him on the field and kept him there. He was no Brandon Scherff, but Boffeli did enough to become a regular member of arguably Iowa's best position group. The Hawkeyes are known to pump out offensive linemen, so it's to Boffeli's credit

that he was able to earn a regular spot with the unit.

It's even a little strange that Boffeli earned an invitation to the combine, while right tackle Brett Van Sloten did not. Van Sloten has a bigger frame and was an unsung hero on Iowa's offensive line, but that's not the point. Iowa has a history of sending offensive linemen to the league (there are currently

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2014 NFL Combine

The Daily Iowan will feature five athletes in the runup to the 2014 NFL combine.

Today: Conor Boffeli
Tuesday: Christian Kirksey
Wednesday: C.J. Fiedorowicz
Thursday: Anthony Hitchens
Friday: James Morris

Rough second half sinks Hawkeyes

Two late Purdue free throws gave Iowa its fifth Big Ten loss.

By **JACOB SHEYKO**
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The Iowa women's basketball team seemed prime to add another impressive Big Ten road win to its résumé. But following a dominant first half performance, it all fell apart.

In a true tale of two halves, the Hawkeyes gave up a 16-point halftime lead to No. 23 Purdue, dropping their seventh game of the season, 74-73.

"I'm going to look at our lack of defensive intensity in the second half," head coach Lisa Bluder said after the game. "And the first half was so good. In the second half, we relaxed too much."

The Hawkeyes sprinted out of the gate, mainly because of the performance of Iowa's lone senior, Theairra Taylor, who posted 17 of her 19 total points in the first half.

Iowa went into halftime with a 44-28 lead, but that quickly disintegrated when Purdue reeled off a



Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder reacts to a play in Mackey Arena on Sunday. Purdue defeated Iowa in the final seconds, 74-73. (Contributed/Purdue Exponent)

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