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Bedell nurtures budding businesses



UI student Elise Froh speaks to a reporter in her office at the Bedell Entrepreneurship Learning Laboratory on Dec. 5. Froh started the business Mobile Bra Shoppe, which offers professional measuring and fitting services to customers at home. (The Daily Iowan/Rachael Westergard)

The Bedell Entrepreneurship Learning Laboratory turned 10 years old.

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When it first opened its doors in 2004 as a space for entrepreneurs to meet and share ideas, the University of Iowa's Bedell Entrepreneurship Learning Laboratory was among the first one of its kind nationwide.

However, now celebrating its 10th anniversary, Bedell is one of hundreds of similar programs across the nation, Bedell Director Lynn Allendorf said.

The Bedell, she said, was opened to help students in a way the business school couldn't — providing them a physical space to meet and work.

"Students are often living in dorms or shared apartments where they don't really have physical space to work on their businesses," she said. "And it's often difficult to work in teams. Where are you going to meet, in your bedroom?"

Converted from an old fraternity house, Bedell

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Council nixes cottage hearing

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The Iowa City City Council in a special session on Tuesday did not delay demolition of three 150-year-old cottages on South Dubuque Street.

The council did not set a public hearing on the cottages on a 4-3 vote, with Mayor Matt Hayek and Councilors Susan Mims, Terry Dickens, and Michelle Payne voting no.

Ted Pacha, the owner of the cottages, was satisfied that the City Council affirmed his property rights.

During the meeting, Pacha said he was simply trying to preserve his family's financial future in light of his battle with cancer.

"My intention was to go and do a simple thing — rezone my property — that I have owned for 30 years," he said.

Pacha will now be eligible to be issued a demolition permit starting Wednesday. Had a public hearing been approved, it would have put a 60-day moratorium on the issuance of that permit.

The cottages house the Book Shop, 608 S. Dubuque St., Suzy's Antiques & Gifts, 610 S. Dubuque St., and Moy Yat Ving Tsun Kung Fu Academy, 614 S. Dubuque St.

Dickens was the last to speak during the council's deliberation, during which the council seemed split 3-3.

"I actually took a tour of the buildings," Dickens told *The Daily Iowan*. "I could pull bricks out of the building with my bare hands."

The structural disrepair was the main reason Dickens said he voted no.

Councilor Jim Throgmorton, who voted yes for the public hearing, said voting no was shortsighted.

"Every older building in Iowa City has features not unlike those shown," he said.

Throgmorton said the owner's responsibility for the condition of the buildings is something that should

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Local students doing well

By **GRACE PATERAS**
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Students across the board in Iowa City continue to excel, ranking comparably high in the state, according to a report introduced to the School Board on Tuesday.

The 2013-14 annual progress report was presented to the board members at the meeting, showing growth in students from elementary, junior high, and high school levels.

"Our achievement is increasing," Assistant Superintendent Becky Furlong said. "You can see

this many ways by looking at data over time."

One way to point out how students in the district excel is to look at ACT scores and National Merit scholars in the high schools, according to the report.

A reported 85 percent of students in the district who took the ACT assessment received composite scores of more than 20, according to the report.



Furlong
assistant superintendent

The district ranks high compared with average Iowa ratings, which is 68 percent. The national rating is even lower, 57 percent.

Additionally, 29 students in the district were named National Merit scholars.

Students are offered rigorous classes and opportunities to take college courses along with great teachers and community support, Furlong said. She said she thinks those are the factors that directly correlate with student success.

"Sometimes, we don't realize how well our stu-

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EPA delays fuel standard

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The EPA recently announced that the 2014 renewable-fuel standard won't be finalized until 2015, which some say is a sign the pressure against lowering the standard is working.

Since the Energy Independence and Security Act created the current standard in 2007, the annual standard has steadily increased in line with the timetable laid out in the law. But in 2013, the EPA proposed reversing the schedule by lowering the standard from

16.55 billion gallons in 2013 to 15.21 billion gallons for 2014.

The renewable-fuel standard mandates how much renewable fuel has to be produced and blended each year.

Since the proposal was first released, it has set off a strong negative response from stakeholders and political representatives from states such as Iowa, in opposition to

the oil industry pressuring the EPA to lower the standard. The agency has received comments and delayed a final decision for more than a year.

"The EPA said that because of the volume of comments and strong feelings about the proposal, it was time to take a step back," Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, said in a statement. "You could say the process of our system of government worked well here. Members of the public weighed in, and the

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LIVE AT THE UNION



DJ Pei performs at the Union Bar on Tuesday. DJ Pei and Lindsay Lowend were the opening acts for Keys 'N' Krates. (The Daily Iowan/Lexi Brunk)

Challenge sparks winter biking

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Come winter, the trip from the front door to the car is too frigid and grueling for many, but for participants of the Winter Warrior Challenge, it's just another day for cycling.

The University of Iowa Office of Sustainability and UI Bicycle Advisory Committee will hold the second Winter Warrior Challenge, and they hope to see more participants sign up throughout the month.

The event challenges cyclists to continue riding through the winter, from Dec. 1 to Dec. 20, and then to log their miles, and pictures, on the Sustainability Office's website.

"We wanted to do something to highlight that biking is something you can do all year round; it doesn't have to be some-

thing you put away once it gets cold," said graduate student Andrew Lynch, the head of the Bicycle Advisory Committee.

George McCrory, a communications specialist for the Sustainability Office, said the event was created last year to give people an incentive to commute by bike during the winter months.

Last year's 189 participants logged more than 3,167 trips and 8,294 miles.

So far, McCrory said, only 120 people have signed up, but he said he is not too concerned because it is still early in the challenge, and it takes a bit of dedication to bike in the winter.

Ingrid Anderson, a member of the Bicycle Advisory Committee, said cycling during the winter isn't such a frightening proposition as long as people dress appropriately.

"Part of it is having

the right equipment, like the saying, 'There's no bad weather, there's just bad gear,' so if you have the right gear, it's not too bad," she said.

When participants log their miles, they become eligible for prizes from bike shops around Iowa City, including the Broken Spoke, 30th Century Bicycle, and World of Bikes, among others.

The bike shops were happy to be a part of the challenge, said UI sophomore Willy Tan, an intern at the Sustainability Office who helped organize this year's event.

"They definitely support the university with all of our biking on campus," Tan said.

Anderson also credited Iowa City for recognizing and sharing the road with the cycling community.

"Yeah there's a really strong cycling community and I feel pretty

safe riding right on the roads; I think most motorists are pretty attentive, even in the winter," Anderson said.

Participants also have the option of uploading pictures of themselves, or their bikes, for the challenge, and last year's results were a plethora of cycling pride, from cyclists with icicles on their beards to bikes covered in Christmas lights.

Lynch said the event is a nice way to recognize, and perhaps encourage, this dedicated cycling community of Iowa City.

"We had a lot of success with it last year, it was really a lot of fun, and it's a good way to allow people to have a little fun with something maybe they do every day or have an incentive to try something new," he said.

Football-ticket program to continue

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As the University of Iowa football season winds down, with only a bowl game left on the schedule, officials seek to continue improving ticket sales.

The Athletics Department is in the preliminary stages of discussions over programs to further increase football-ticket sales in 2015.

To help encourage students to attend football games this past season, the department used incentives for student-tickets sales.

The Athletics Department introduced an incentive program aimed at boosting lagging football-ticket sales in July, but that was suspended after the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals posed questions of its legality and logistics to university officials.

"I believe our efforts

were worthwhile," Associate Athletics Director Rick Klatt said. "And we will continue to work to reach sellout status for all home games of the football team next and in the years to follow."

He said the average student attendance at football games increased slightly this season despite having several visiting teams selling a meager number of their allotted 3,000 tickets.

Among other Big Ten schools, the University of Illinois-Urbana/Champaign is also considering an incentive program to drive up student ticket sales.

Brad Wurthman, the Illinois associate athletics director for marketing and fan developments, said that historically, the department has stressed the importance of student turnout for athletics, and especially its football team.

"We want to make

sure that students understand how important it is to buy tickets and support their athletics teams," Wurthman said. "And we want to reward them for doing so."

He said Fighting Illini officials will establish a robust incentive program, but the department is not sure what will work best yet.

"[The department] is going through and benchmarking other programs across the country and seeing what works and for whom to help us decide what will be most effective," Wurthman said.

Northwestern does not have to consider a ticket-sales incentive program.

"We have not incentivized ticket sales for the students," said Paul Kennedy, the director of communications for Northwestern athletics. "The students do not pay for tickets at Northwestern athletics events."

The University of Wis-

consin-Madison also does not have a ticket incentive program and does not plan to in the future.

Justin Doherty, an associate athletics director at Wisconsin, said the department is satisfied and appreciative of the student interest it receives in buying football tickets and does not feel an incentive program is necessary.

Doherty said it was a typical year for student turnout and a highly successful one.

"Student football tickets usually completely sell out in less than two hours," he said.

For the UI, the Athletics Department is going to continue to strive for sellout status for football games through strategies such as the incentive program this year.

"Our expectation every year is improvement," Klatt said. "So my answer today is yes: I expect a higher turnout next year."

METRO

Iowa City Brown Bottle closes

Dave Landau, the owner of both Iowa City's and North Liberty's Brown Bottles, confirmed that the Iowa City location, 115 E. Washington St., has closed.

Sunday was its last day of operation. From this point on, the North Liberty location, 125 E. Zeller St., will remain open.

"It's not just financial reasons," Landau said. "Our business has been dropping in Iowa City, and North Liberty has been growing and needing a lot more attention."

He noted that much of the reconstruction of businesses on Washington Street played into the decision to close as well.

"We just had conversations with our landlord, MidWestOne Bank, and they needed space to speed up remodeling," Landau said. "I needed to be out to take care of North Liberty, so it worked out for both of us."

The Iowa City restaurant had been open for 40 years. The North Liberty location opened in 1994.

"We're just going to focus on North Liberty and moving forward," Landau said.

— by Aaron Walker

Coralville police probe motel deaths

Coralville police are investigating the death of two individuals that were found at the Suburban Inn in Coralville.

According to a press release, Coralville police were called by hotel staff at about 6:38 p.m. to the Suburban Inn, 2491 Holiday Road. The staff had discovered the deceased bodies of two individuals in one of the rooms.

Officers verified the individuals were deceased after arriving on the scene and then proceeded to secure the premises.

Authorities have not confirmed the identity of the individuals. The Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation Crime Scene Unit has been requested to assist with the investigation.

Authorities have yet to determine whether foul play was involved.

The bodies will undergo an autopsy to determine the cause of death and confirm the identity of the individuals.

"We do not believe that members of the community are in any danger as a result of this incident," Coralville Police Chief Barry Bedford said in the press release.

— by Rebecca Morin

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New law degree sparks interest

University of Iowa officials are excited about a new master's degree in the College of Law.

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An impending degree program from the University of Iowa College of Law, alternatively described by officials as "exciting" and "the wave of the future," has drawn considerable interest.

The state Board of Regents approved the UI's proposed Master of Studies in Law degree at last week's telephonic meeting. Generally, the regents expressed enthusiasm.

"I'm going to sign up for this," Regent Ruth Harkin said during the Education and Student Affairs Committee discussion.

The new 30-semester-hour degree would be geared toward students who do not want to practice law but would still like knowledge of legal issues for their professions. It still needs to be reviewed and approved by the American Bar Association.

However, the regents did have some concerns, and they requested a follow-up from law Dean Gail Agrawal in February as well as regular communication before signing off on the program.

They discussed whether there could be confusion over admissions standards between different law programs and how the

new program will affect resources at the college.

"It sounds like it could be a very exciting program," said Regent Katie Mulholland last week. "A couple of concerns:

concerns on the resources of the law school because, as described to my colleague regents, it could become very popular, and that would add to staffing needs at the law school."

Agrawal is not fazed by the regents' questions.

"We're not anticipating any problems," she told *The Daily Iowan*. "Part of what we have to establish for our accrediting agency is that this won't have an adverse effect on our J.D. program."

As for admissions confusion, Agrawal said the application process will be completely distinct, particularly as it will not occur through the Law School Admission Council.

Officials have described the program as

"slow-growth" and "revenue-neutral."

"It is difficult to assess what the demand for this new program might be," Agrawal wrote in an email. "We would be pleased to matriculate an inaugural class of at least five students and eventually to have a class of 20 students."

Several universities across the country have implemented similar programs in recent years.

Chris Meazell, a Wake Forest professor of legal studies and director of law graduate programs, said enrollment in its similar program is in the mid-teens with a "slow growth" since the degree's inception three years ago.

"It has grown a bit and we expect that to continue," he said.

The University of Arizona implemented a similar program last fall, albeit for undergraduates.

Najwa Nabti, the Arizona College of Law director of undergraduate programs, said enrollment for the spring will be 25 students, including full-time and part-time students.

"It's grown slowly as we watch the program," she said.



Harkin
Regent

Lawmakers agree on spending bill

By **DAVID ESPO and ANDREW TAYLOR**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With time running short, Republicans and Democrats agreed Tuesday on a \$1.1 trillion spending bill to avoid a government shutdown and delay a politically charged struggle over President Obama's new immigration policy until the new year.

In an unexpected move, lawmakers also agreed on legislation expected to be incorporated into the spending measure that will permit a reduction in benefits to current retirees at economically distressed multiemployer pension plans. Supporters said it was part of an effort to prevent a slow-motion collapse of a system that provides retirement income to millions, but critics objected vehemently.

Officials said final details of the sweeping bill to fund the government would be available later Tuesday, after it was posted online.

"The federal government's going to run out of money in two days.

... We've been trying to work with Republican leaders to avoid a shutdown," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada said at mid-afternoon as final negotiations dragged on.

Speaker John Boehner said he hoped for a vote on the measure on Thursday, and officials expressed confidence they could overcome opposition from tea-party-backed Republicans and avoid a government shutdown.

'The federal government's going to run out of money in two days. ...We've been trying to work with Republicans to avoid a shutdown.'

— Harry Reid, Senate Majority House Leader

Senate approval would then be required to send it to Obama — one of the final acts of a two-year Congress far better known for gridlock than for accomplishment.

Not only a two-year Congress, but also a political era was drawing to a close as the lights burned late inside the Capitol on a December night.

For the first time in eight years, Republicans will have a Senate majority in January after a hugely successful

midterm election, and newly elected GOP senators-elect participated in closed-door strategy sessions during the day.

Before time runs out on his majority, Reid said he wanted to ensure confirmation of nine more of Obama's judicial nominees and approve the appointment of Vivek Murthy as surgeon general.

Also on Congress' must-do list is legislation to renew a series of expiring tax breaks, and a bill to authorize the Pentagon to train and equip Syrian rebels to fight ISIS forces in the Middle East.

The compromise spending bill will permit virtually the entire government to operate normally through the Sept. 30 end of the fiscal year, with the exception of the Department of Homeland Security.

Funds for that one agency will run out again in late winter. That will give Republicans an opportunity to try to use the expiration as leverage to force Obama to roll back a decision that will suspend the threat of deportation for an estimated 4 million immigrants living in the country illegally.

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The sit-down

Dear Readers:

Please answer the following multiple-choice question:

How much access do you think *The Daily Iowan* — the campus newspaper serving the University of Iowa and Iowa City community — has with university President Sally Mason?

- A. Unlimited**
- B. More than others**
- C. Little or nothing**



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If you answered “C,” then you circled the same letter I did. And as the Editor-in-Chief of the *DI*, I believe it’s time our readership become aware of how the access we formerly had with President Mason has suddenly come to a screeching halt. Let’s put it this way: our monthly one-on-one Q&As are a thing of the past. The only independent student newspaper at the University of Iowa now possesses virtually zero personal access to the No. 1 newsmaker on this campus.

It is the *DI*’s tradition to conduct sit-down one-on-one interviews with the president of the university.

During my tenure at *The Daily Iowan* for the last four years, a reporter had a standing date with Mason’s office every month. The story ran on page one, and the Q&A — often a nearly 6,000-word transcribed interview — would run in the paper, often in its entirety.

I can speak personally about this experience.

Previously, as a *DI* metro reporter, I was once assigned to the administration beat. The beat required a monthly sit-down interview with the president of the university. This opportunity provided the reporter and university administration a chance to discuss issues from that month and what might be of interest to the student, faculty, and staff, as well as the greater Iowa City community.

I treated this experience as nothing less than a privilege. Getting the chance to speak with a high-ranking university official was exciting. Let’s be frank: I was proud to have a more personal relationship with Mason than most of my other peers would ever have.

That said, these sessions were not what one might expect from a journalist/source interview. Each month, we’d sit in her office at a small round table. The group included Mason, me, and UI spokesman Tom Moore, as well as the occasional Daily Iowan TV reporter, to discuss a list of topics that had been *previously approved by the universi-*

ty. If the reporter were to ask a question that had not been approved, Mason would often either refer to someone else for the answer or decide not to comment on such topic. To the best of my knowledge, Mason is the only source we deal with — including national politicians — who has required prior approval of interview material.

Admittedly, Mason was always very pleasant. She asked where I was from, how I was doing. By the time Dance Marathon arrived in 2012 she greeted me by name at the Big Event and was happy to discuss what philanthropy meant to the UI. In other words, we had as close to a professional journalist/source relationship as can likely happen at a big university. And I’m one of a long line of *DI* editors and reporters who had a similar connection with past UI presidents.

Neil Brown, current vice president and editor of the *Tampa Bay Times* and former *DI* Editor in 1979-80, recalled a very “open relationship” with then-President Willard “Sandy” Boyd. He said members of the staff were able to pick up the phone and call Boyd for an interview if not once a week, then every other week.

“The university administration, including President Mason, have an obligation to provide access for the *DI* and by extension the students of the University of Iowa,” Brown told me.

“The *DI* is a great way to provide that openness and honesty and transparency that I’m sure Mason seeks in her administration. To try to control the communication to me seems to kind of counter the values associated with the UI and the state [of Iowa].”

In 2001, the *DI* conducted monthly Q&As with then-President Mary Sue Coleman. Former *Daily Iowan* Editor and current senior adviser for open government at the White House Cori Zarek recalls Coleman’s “congenial working relationship” with the newspaper.

“[Coleman] participated in a monthly Q&A, which had a long tradition over the years, and I’m sorry to see it has been eliminated,” Zarek told me. “It is important for journalists and the institutions they cover to have a productive working relationship despite the inherent tension that exists.”

“It may be even more important for institutions to foster positive relationships with student journalists as they learn their craft through practice. Everyone has a job to do, and there is always an opportunity to learn from one another.”

And former *DI* Editor and now freelance writer Laura Heinauer expressed similar sentiments about Coleman.

“I think that she respected the paper and that overall, it was a very positive relationship,” she said.

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A little more recently, Jason Brummond, current analyst at Frank N. Magid Associates and former *DI* editor in 2007-08, worked with former UI President David Skorton — a leader who Brummond said had a very “open and student-friendly” personality.

“... The thing I would underline is how valuable the exchange between the *DI* and president is for UI students,” Brummond said. “That’s the only source of campus and local news for many students.”

Further, he said, these sit-down verbatim interviews, published in the *DI*, is the only forum on campus in which students ask questions of a campus leader. And that’s relevant to the student readership, noted Brummond, because it’s important to hear what the president has to say to someone who understands her or his viewpoint.

In fact, for the first six years of Mason’s tenure, the *DI* did have access. But remember the sexual-assault kerfuffle in February? When one of Mason’s verbatim quotes made it into the paper? If you haven’t noticed — that event alone appears to be what marked the end of a long and proud tradition of granting student-journalists the one-on-one access they have had with the University of Iowa’s chief newsmaker.

I come to this conclusion because after that Q&A ran, two subsequent months of scheduled Q&A interviews with Mason were canceled with little or no notice. And Joe Brennan — the UI vice president for Strategic Communications — told me and Kristen East, then the *DI*’s editor-in-chief, in May of this year that the cancellations were due to the bad press Mason got after the interview appeared.

To be more specific: on Feb. 18, a *DI* reporter conducted a typical monthly sit-down interview with Mason. The first question was about the sixth sexual assault reported in the 2013-14 school year. The reporter asked Mason if the increased awareness and education has been beneficial for students because of the increased number of reported cases.

Mason responded by saying that more assaults being reported was a positive development. Eventually, she went on to say this:

“The goal would be to end that, to never have another sexual assault. That’s probably not a realistic goal just given human nature, and that’s unfortunate, but the more we understand about it, the better we are at trying to handle it and help people get through these difficult situations ...”

This statement created an uproar among many of our readers.

Mason spoke at the 31st-annual Presidential Lecture a few days later, held at the Levitt Center. Several protesters were in attendance, interrupting her speech and demanding she change her position regarding sexual assault based on the comments that appeared in the *DI*.

A subsequent demonstration took place on Feb. 24 on the Pentacrest, in which students called for change in how administrators handle sexual assaults.

The Associated Press covered the protests, and an AP reporter interviewed then-*DI* Editor-in-Chief East, who was quoted as saying she and her editors never expected the uproar that would follow from that one

verbatim interview with Mason.

But students were upset and wanted to see change. Mason quickly introduced several new university responses to sexual assault, including new sanctions, a six point plan, and an advisory committee.

And then the powers that be took care of one other little loose end: they canceled the *Daily Iowan*’s March and April Q&As with Mason.

In May, the top editors at the *DI* received an email from VP Brennan. He

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JORDYN REILAND, editor-in-chief of *The Daily Iowan*

asked for a meeting. We held it at *DI* offices, and Brennan suggested to East and me — then the paper’s managing editor — that future Q&As with Mason should not be published in their entirety. He contended that doing so did not appropriately denote all the context of a situation. Rather, he encouraged us to run a single story from those interviews — not a transcribed, verbatim Q&A.

(Keep in mind the *DI* is an independent, student-run organization set up as a non-profit. Journalism professors are not our advisers, and sources such as Brennan possess no editorial direction of our paper.)

And then a very surprising development: Brennan handed each of us a stapled packet of information that included tips and tricks to being better reporters and conducting better in-person interviews.

I am a proud leader of the *DI*, but I know there’s always room for improvement. I’m fully aware that on some days we succeed with our mission of training student journalists and informing the public, and other days we undeniably struggle. We are a college newspaper, and we strive to be the best we can be. But as a woman, and as a senior journalism major, who, according to awards provided by the Associated Collegiate Press this year and last, has been at the helm of one of the top-10 campus newspapers in the country, I was insulted.

Interviewing Mason was not my first rodeo. By the time we are seniors, we know how to conduct a verbatim interview. You just hit record. And transcribe it.

We were provided only one more Q&A that May — and then that was the end of our access.

From that point onward, our access to Mason has been something entirely different. The administration decided instead to schedule a collective “media availability” meeting once a month to any and all media organizations that wanted to attend. They name the time and the date. And all of us are expected to show up and share the access.

So here’s the new reality: On Nov. 18, the date of the last “availability,” we sent Metro reporter Aaron Walker to a boardroom in Jessup Hall. He said a group of five or so local

reporters gathered, including writers from the *Gazette* and the *Press-Citizen*. Mason was there, of course, along with her “strategic communications” team. She also brought along two UI photographer/videographers.

Keep in mind that the local media are forbidden to bring their own videographers OR photographers, because we are told that the cameras take up too much space in the room. But the truth is the room holds 18 to

site.

Walker told me that in November, Mason began with an opening statement that lasted roughly 17.5 minutes. She touched on the UI’s relationship with veterans as well as successful start-ups from UI students and community members. She then left roughly 12.5 minutes for questions regarding the tuition freeze, graduate-education costs, and a few other topics. But because major eastern Iowa news organizations were in attendance, asking specific questions about an exclusive story was less than practical, given the fact that a member of each of the three competing dailies would hear it. The obvious result is that all of us walked away with generally the same story lines and the same quotes.

If we do have a question for Mason at any other time, we are asked to send an email or call Brennan or Moore with the request. We receive an emailed response — again from Brennan or Moore, with a statement. There’s never an opportunity for direct communication with Mason — rather, everything is filtered through a strategic-communications team.

So President Mason, I think it is time we have a sit-down.

I’m asking the readers, the state Board of Regents, and the University of Iowa administration to consider reaching out to Mason and encouraging her to reinstate the Q&As with *The Daily Iowan*.

RELATIONS WITH PAST PRESIDENTS

It is *The Daily Iowan*’s tradition to conduct sit-down interviews with the president of the university, having done so with past Presidents Mary Sue Coleman, David Skorton, and Willard “Sandy” Boyd.

‘It may be even more important for institutions to foster positive relationships with student journalists as they learn their craft through practice. Everyone has a job to do, and there is always an opportunity to learn from one another.’

CORI ZAREK, former *Daily Iowan* editor (2000-01) and current senior advisor for open government at the White House



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JASON BRUMMOND, former *Daily Iowan* editor (2007-2008) and current analyst at Frank N. Magid Associates



‘The *DI* is a great way to provide that openness and honesty and transparency that I’m sure Mason seeks in her administration. To try and control the communication to me seems to kind of counter the values associated with the UI and the state.’

NEIL BROWN, former *Daily Iowan* editor (1979-80) and current editor and vice president of the *Tampa Bay Times*



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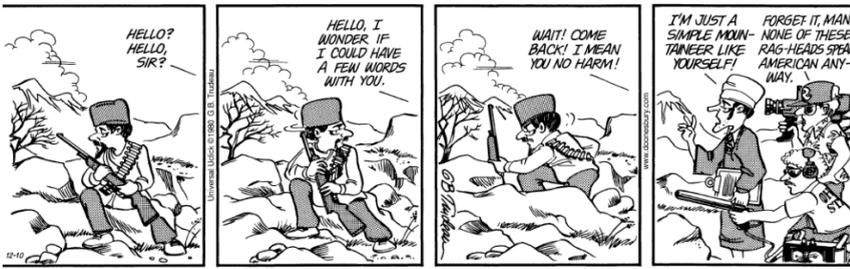
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- If it doesn't hurt to ask, you're doing it wrong. It should always hurt — even if just a little — to ask.
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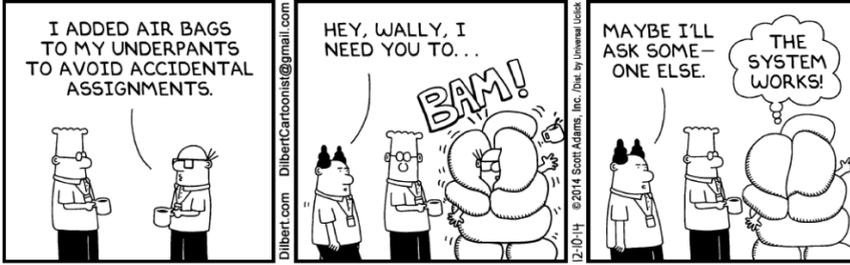
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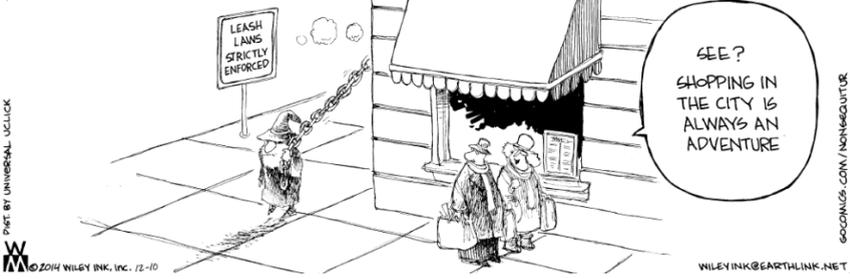
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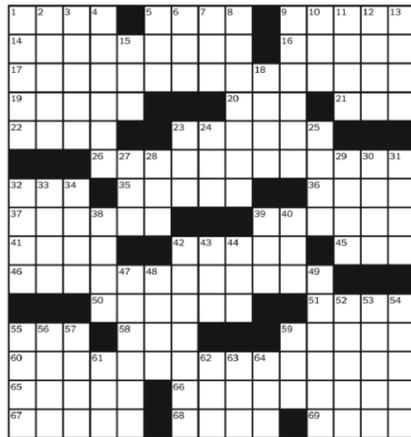
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 - "Song of the South" appellation
 - Pair on a yawl
 - Take the edge off
 - Many a Greenlander
 - 1964 hit for Manfred Mann
 - Is the first act
 - Perpendicular to vert.
 - It sells, it's said
 - Home in the sticks?
 - Viagra rival
 - 1968 song from the Beatles' "White Album"
 - ID thief's target
 - Flick with a duel, maybe
 - Small wonder?
 - 1965 hit for the Dixie Cups
 - 1954 hit for the Chords
 - What snobs put on
 - Place for high living?
 - Golf club V.I.P.
 - 1994 hit for the Crash Test Dummies
 - Introduce to the mix
 - Like a legal deposition
 - "They're Delicious!" (Alpha-Bits slogan)
 - Ex-president Tyler sided with it: Abbr.
 - Super
 - 1973 song by the Rolling Stones subtitled "Heartbreaker"
 - "Beats me"
 - Hollywood's Hollywood and Vine do it
 - Dish sometimes served au poivre
 - Swimmer Kristin ____, the first woman to win six gold medals at a single Olympics

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- Cause of some poisoning
- Pursue "I do's" when the parents say "don't"?
- Cary who played Robin Hood
- Makeshift shelter
- eBay action
- Bollywood star Aishwarya __
- Flight board abbr.
- Feature of one nicknamed "Ginger"
- Leaf's central vein
- Singer DiFranco
- Beer, slangily
- Sand castle's undoing
- River ferried by Charon
- Pre-DVD format
- Modern acronym meaning "carpe diem"
- "Cool" guy
- Chemical suffix
- Hearty slice
- choy (Chinese cabbage)
- Vientiane native
- Surmounting
- Symbol of opportunity
- Armory supply, informally
- Pre-1939 atlas name
- Milk option
- Standard
- Ideologies
- Alastair of "A Christmas Carol"
- Tailor's edge



PUZZLE BY GARETH BAIN

- Medium for much political talk
- U.K. record label
- Watergate inits.
- Highest peak in N.Z.
- Soup served at a sushi bar
- Down in the dumps
- Equestrian, e.g.
- BP merger partner of 1998
- Pillages
- Introduces to the mix
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- Baskin-Robbins order
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In our country we have those three unspeakably precious things: freedom of speech, freedom of conscience, and the prudence never to practice either of them.
— Mark Twain

BEDELL

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has 17 offices. For its first five years, Allendorf said, it remained at half capacity.

Although only 17 carefully selected businesses are given offices, last year, the lab supported 53 businesses.

Josh Krakauer, the cofounder and CEO of Sculpt, a social-media marketing company that utilized Bedell in 2012, said in addition

to a work space, another important but often overlooked service the center provided students was an address.

"If you're a company trying to acquire clients, it means you can put it on your website," he said. "It means you can have mail delivered to you when clients send checks. It means you're somewhat established."

Elise Froh, the founder of Mobile Bra Shoppe LLC, a professional bra-fitting company that carries full range cups from A to N and

current occupant of Bedell, said that for her, the space was vital.

"You're expected to have some type of location outside of your house," she said. "And if you don't, then most people don't want to work with you. They want to have someone that has some type of space that makes it an official business."

Froh said, in addition to space, the biggest benefit for her so far has been the Bedell's commitment to community.

In addition to week-

ly Friday "roundtable lunches," in which each business gets a chance to network, Allendorf said, each semester, the lab also hosts a showcase of each business' progress.

Froh said that at this showcase, she met a dean at the business school who became her mentor.

As one of the few female business owners in the Bedell, Froh said, it was even more daunting running a store that's mainly female-centric, and although her business was not very sim-

ilar to the ones around her, the community experience of being surrounded by entrepreneurs was beneficial.

AJ Nelson, a cofounder of clusterFlunk, who also held an office in Bedell in 2012, also agreed that while physical space was important, the people mattered more.

"What it comes down to is the people you're around," he said. "If I had a question about anything marketing, I could walk down the hall and talk to [Krakauer]. We got ingrained into

all the other people trying to make businesses in Iowa City."

Ultimately, however, Nelson said, it wasn't the space, the mentors, or the address that helped his business to become a success.

"They gave us the mentors, they gave us the space where we could go 24/7/365," Nelson said. "They gave us all the tools to be successful, but they only supplement you with the tools and resources you need. It's down to you to actually do it."

COUNCIL

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have further been looked at.

"It is the owner's responsibility, especially if there are tenants, to keep [the cottages] in good repair," he said.

Mims said the City Council is very much in support

of historic preservation if it is done correctly.

"There is no doubt that we have in the past been sensitive to and been open to preserve this community," she said. "Those came through in an appropriate and timely process."

Those in favor of the public hearing drew from the Riverview Crossings Plan and

its mention of the cottages. Hayek said he read through those documents and came to a different conclusion.

"It is clear from the language in that plan that the decision is up to the property owner," he said.

Hayek contended that call for historic preservation was rushed and wasn't the right way to go about things.

"I would say it's the 11th and a half hour," he said during the meeting. "I think the right way is through incentives and orderly process, but not this process."

Alicia Trimble, the executive director of the Friends of Historic Preservation, said the process isn't complete yet, and there is still the potential

to make the buildings historic landmarks.

She said now the petition will come in front of the Historic Preservation Commission, which will meet Thursday. If the members approve the application, it would then move to the Planning and Zoning Commission, who would then possibly pass it back in front of City Council.

Pacha said it is not his intention to demolish the buildings soon, while Trimble said tenants of the cottages have retained legal counsel because they have leases.

Trimble said the process was misunderstood by the City Council.

"There is a lot of education about the subject to be done," she said.

SCHOOL

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dents do," Furlong said. "It's just outstanding how many National Merit scholars we have. Many districts are thrilled they have one or two every few years, while we consistently have 25 to 30 students every year. We forget that sometimes."

However, younger stu-

dents in the district, on average, have fallen behind on reading, math, and science proficiencies.

"Our percentages tend to be falling behind state's averages," board member Patti Fields said. "It surprised me because if you look at our data, we are falling behind in the state."

The report showed support system statistics from a program that aims to help students and families over-

come barriers to learning.

The Youth and Family Development Department provides programs for students such as guidance counselors, instructional coaches, reading support, and tutoring programs.

"The first thing I thought is just 'awesome,'" board member Marla Swesey said. "That's just a great number. I'm amazed at how we can serve those families and the number of students

that we could serve."

These programs aided a total of 4,983 students.

For younger students in the future, Furlong said, additional preschool-age students can be served by the Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program funds.

Combined with Statewide Voluntary program funds and other funding, 384 students were served, which is 44 more than the previous years report.

"My goal is to have every 4-year-old whose parents want them to go to preschool, either with pri-

vate providers or through the district," Furlong said. "We're working on it, but we're not there yet."

FUEL

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agency seemed to get the message."

Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey said he is optimistic.

"I'm hopeful [the delay] may mean they will consider going back to what the original plan was," he said.

The primary argument for lowering the standard mentioned in the EPA's proposal is that the country's consumption of gasoline is not as high as anticipated. Therefore, if the oil refiners continue to increase

the amount of renewable fuel they blend while the amount of oil sold is stagnant or goes down, they'll be forced to blend ethanol at a higher level than 10 percent per gallon.

Currently, the infrastructure to pump higher blends of ethanol, such as E15, does not exist at many gas stations around the country. However, Monte Shaw, executive director of the Iowa Renewable Fuels Association, said this is because the industry has resisted investing in it, and the fuel standard is intended to force such investment.

He said oil companies resist offering E15 blends or

higher because they make money by selling petroleum, not ethanol, and lowering the fuel standard will only mean a continued lack of investment, stifling the renewable-fuels industry.

Northey said that without a standard in place this year, it is likely the EPA will set the 2014 standard at whatever is produced by the industry and then the debate becomes what the 2015 standard will be.

"I don't think you can overstate the role of political pressure on the [fuel standard]," said Bruce Babcock, a professor of economics at Iowa State

University. "It plays a central role in determining what have been indeterminate delays."

Babcock said the EPA is likely to come to some kind of compromise that may lead to both the oil and renewable-fuels industries suing the agency. The American Fuel and Petroleum Manufacturers have already filed a notice of intent to sue over this current delay, which creates uncertainty for both industries.

"Neither side is going to have an outright win," he said. "I bet anything you're going to see legislation by lawsuit."

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Hawkeyes gear up for Iowa State Cyclones

Head coach Lisa Bluder spoke to the media Tuesday in the runup to the Iowa State game.

By RYAN RODRIGUEZ
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Iowa head women's basketball coach Lisa Bluder met with the media on Tuesday heading in to her team's clash Thursday against Iowa State in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

The Hawks are coming off a home win against Colorado that saw the Black and Gold bounce back after falling to Louisville three days before. Iowa heads into the Cy-Hawk game with a 7-2 record, including a perfect 6-0 record at home.

Dixon gets green light

Senior Melissa Dixon had herself a game from beyond the arc against Colorado, going 5-of-10 and finishing with a season-high 23 points.

For Bluder, Dixon's performance was just another reminder of how much trust she places on the Illinois native.

"Unless we've got a 10-point lead with four minutes left, I'm pretty much going to let her shoot whenever she wants," Bluder said. "In all my years I don't think I've coached a player here with a quicker release than

Melissa's."

And for Dixon, a vote of confidence from her coach is all she could want.

"If your coach has so much confidence in you, how can you not have it in yourself?" Dixon said. "And that really comes from preparing. You know that if you've been in the gym and getting those shots in that the next one is going to go in, too."

Home-court advantage

Home-court advantage has historically been very important in the Cy-Hawk series, with the road team loos-

ing every matchup since the 2006-2007 season.

And with this year's matchup slated to take place in Iowa City, the Hawkeyes have earned a major advantage before the game starts.

Center Bethany Doolittle is no stranger to the crowd affecting a game.

"It's definitely a nice factor to have," she said. "Last year, going into their place was kind of tough for us. We had a good first half but kind of let it go in the second, so I think we'll use the crowd to our advantage this time around."

Still, the experienced players up and down the

Hawkeye lineup know that they have to show up ready to play, regardless of where.

"It's a big rivalry game, but I don't think that's where our attention is," sophomore Ally Disterhoft said. "We're not trying to read into that too much; we just want to play our game."

Trial by fire for freshmen

Most of the players on the Iowa roster know everything there is to know about the Iowa State rivalry and what it means to both schools as well as the state.

And while Iowa's four freshmen have yet to gain firsthand experience in the Cy-Hawk series, Bluder and the rest of her team are making sure they prepare the underclassmen as best as they can before Thursday night rolls around.

"We just have to remind them of this rivalry and what it means," Doolittle said. "It's a huge event every year, especially for the Iowa natives on our team, but everyone here knows what the tradition is like for us."

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Hawk track finds valuable athletes

Iowa track and field coaches discuss what they look for in athletes during the recruiting process and their athletes' progress thus far going into the indoor season.

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Iowa director of track and field Joey Woody has five characteristics in describing what he looks for in athletes during the recruiting process.

"They have to be the right fit, they have to have good character, good focus on their academics, athletic ability, and they have to want to be a Hawkeye," Woody said.

The director has surely established that spark in the athletes that are now a part of the program. This year's recruiting class has a combination of distance runners, sprinters, throwers, jumpers, and pole vaulters that

come from all over the country.

"There's a reason we brought every one of our freshmen into the program," Woody said. "We feel like they can help us in some fashion."

"We want people that make our entire program better from the inside out."

While recruiting, the director and his assistant coaches like to focus their attention on what events need to be addressed. Woody ultimately makes the final decision on who they will bring into the program.

As a recruiting coordinator, Jason Wakenight likes to take a more competitive approach. Wakenight charts out a plan

and a direction on where the coaches want to go in each event group for the season. The recruiting coordinator enjoys assessing which events are weak and strong in the Big Ten, and how the team contests against some of those oppositions.

Wakenight believes the coaches have no borders when it comes to the type of athletes they recruit.

"We've signed kids from all over the country," he said. "For us, it's more of looking for the right person who is going to come in and be tough and be a part of a team championship."

Searching outside the country has also brought some talent to the pro-

gram. Jahisha Thomas, a native of London, didn't have an official visit but was sold based on what the coaches told her.

"I heard about the program and how I would be able to balance long jump and hurdles," she said. "That was the biggest part for me, because back home, I didn't feel like I got the same balance."

Last weekend, the freshmen, including Thomas, got their first experience to compete on the track at the Black and Gold intrasquad meet. The coaches found their performance level to be quite imposing, while competing against fierce competition — their teammates.

Thomas caught the coaches' eyes.

"She was fantastic, and she's been a great addition to our team," Wakenight said. "Not just from an athletic standpoint but as a person."

She won the 60-meter dash, crossing the line at 7.93 — and that isn't her signature event. By trade, Thomas is a hurdler who also competes in the long jump.

"Every time she steps on the track, she's getting better with her speed," Woody said. "Anytime she runs the open 60, it's going to help her in the 60 hurdles."

Her coaches believe strictly sprinting is going to help her hurdling this

year, so they challenged her to become a sprinter for this indoor season.

"Challenging her to become a good sprinter and not just a hurdler has been really helpful for her," Wakenight said.

Thomas has found being a part of the Hawkeye family rewarding, but difficult when it comes to training.

"I'm not used to running against fast people every day," she said. "But training with these girls at a high level helps me raise my game."

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FOOTBALL

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Joshua Dobbs total offense — 249 yards per game

Since taking over as the starter, Dobbs led the team to a 3-2 record, compiling 1,077 passing yards and an additional 393 rushing yards — the latter of which ranks second on the team.

The sophomore is first on the team in total offense, and it's no secret

Iowa has struggled with dual-threat quarterbacks this season. Among others, Maryland's C.J. Brown rushed for 99 and threw for 120 against Iowa. Wisconsin's Joel Stave and Tanner McEvoy combined for 139 in the air and 74 on the ground against the Hawkeyes.

Even more, Minnesota's Mitch Leidner did damage both ways against Iowa, totaling 215 yards, 77 of which came on the ground.

If this trend keeps up for Iowa, the Hawkeyes could be in for a long day against Dobbs.

Tennessee opponents' fourth-down conversion rate — 42.86 percent

In a season of not knowing what to expect from head coach Kirk Ferentz's squad on a weekly basis, there's been a fairly regular theme: going for it on fourth down.

The Hawkeyes went for it 22 times this season, converting at a 63.64-percent clip. Both of those numbers are good for third in the Big Ten.

So the Hawkeyes have an advantage there. However, Iowa allowed a

72.73 percent conversion rate to its opponents in the regular season, while the Volunteers converted 63.64 percent of their fourth-down tries this year.

Not too big of a disparity here, but if it does come to it, don't be surprised to see Mark Weisman display some smash-mouth running on fourth down with a decent chance of success.

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BASKETBALL

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"He's got an incredible ability to get there in a variety of different ways," Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery said. "We can post him up. We can get it to him in transition. We can get it to him out of the motion game. He just has a knack for getting open and creating angles and getting to the free-throw line."

"The way he shoots it, too." Like McCaffery said, the clip at which White shoots it is high, but is it sustainable? Because of the way he practices, Iowa's Gabe Olaseni thinks so.

His fellow senior and roommate Olaseni said

after spending virtually the entire past three-and-a-half years together and playing against each other daily, he still falls for his shot fakes on occasion.

'I mean, free points, man. I missed one [tonight], but I just have a knack for getting there and fortunately knocking them down.'

— Aaron White, Iowa forward

"It's very difficult," Olaseni said. "He does a great job of extending it, making it look lifelike and real."

That's the kicker. As competition gets tougher — as it will very soon against Iowa State Friday — if White is able to get to the line at as high of a clip as he has been so far this year, Iowa's

chances of winning will go up exponentially.

Take a look at Iowa's biggest win of the season at North Carolina in the Big Ten/ACC Challenge. White took 10 shots from

last summer — will occupy a lot of real estate around the basket.

The Cyclones will surely pose a challenge, but if he can get to the hole and draw fouls as he did Tuesday, White's confident in his ability to put those shots through the hoop.

"I mean, free points, man," he said. "I missed one [tonight], but I just have a knack for getting there and fortunately knocking them down."

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RECAP

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Iowa eventually found its groove, to the tune of a 10-0 run that gave the Hawkeyes their first double-digit lead of the game and a 15-point lead at halftime.

Iowa's sloppy play early in the first half carried over in the early portions of the second half, but the Hawkeyes quickly turned it around, utilizing a 25-8 run over around 13 minutes to build a comfortable lead that held for the remainder of the game.

"I think we played with a greater sense of urgency in that next segment," McCaffery said about the run. "Next thing, you look up, [the lead's] 25, and the game is in hand. And now you just want to make sure you're solid after that."

Most of Iowa's damage came from the free-throw line, particularly in the first half, where the Hawks knocked down 12-of-14 attempts.

Despite the success from the free-throw line, Iowa continued its strug-

gles from beyond the 3-point arc, hitting just 15.8 percent of its 3-point attempts, including a 0-for-10 shooting performance in the second half.

This isn't a small sample size. Instead, it's a trend that's occurred throughout Iowa's first 10 games. The Hawkeyes are shooting just 29.9 percent from beyond the arc on the season, 26.2 percent after the Hawkeyes' first two games.

"They are wide open," McCaffery said. "I only get upset if they start hunting them and start shooting uncontested 3s or ill-advised."

Four Hawkeyes finished in double-digits — Aaron White, Jarrod Uthoff, Gabe Olaseni, and Dom Uhl.

White and Uthoff carried the load in the first half, combining for 28 points on just 16 shots from the field. Olaseni and Uhl took over in the second half.

Uhl posted a career-high with 11 points, and Olaseni finished with his second double-double of the season — 12 points and 10 re-

bounds.

"I think it's a culmination," Olaseni said about the factors that have sparked his strong play recently. "Obviously, the recent events, people look toward that, like I'm playing toward something. I feel as that I'm always playing for my family."

Iowa now starts the portion of its schedule where every game is a battle. It starts with No. 14 Iowa State, then No. 23 Northern Iowa, and soon after that the Big Ten season will arrive.

There's rarely a night off, if any. But at this point, meaningful games are what the team is ready for.

"I'm pleased with the development of some of the guys," McCaffery said. "Our guys are playing well together, very unselfish team, sharing the ball, rebounding the ball, not turning it over. Do that, you've got a chance to win."

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Uthoff	20	6-11	1-3	0-0	4	1	0	13
White	23	3-5	0-1	9-10	5	0	2	15
Woodbury	18	1-6	0-0	0-0	4	0	2	2
Olaseni	18	5-7	2-2	2-2	10	1	1	12
Oglesby	21	0-5	0-0	0-0	6	3	0	0
Jak	16	2-8	0-0	0-0	4	1	0	5
Dickerson	12	0-4	0-1	0-1	1	0	2	0
Denning	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
Ulah	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
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Pittman	17	2-5	0-0	1-2	5	1	0	5
Vance	34	2-10	0-1	3-4	8	2	2	7
Thomas	19	0-3	0-2	0-0	8	2	0	0
Wilson	16	2-3	0-0	0-1	2	1	2	4
Henderson	9	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	1	0
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**Hawkeye wrestlers
No. 1**

Iowa is now back at the top of the heap — at least in the eyes of Flowrestling.

The Hawkeyes climbed to the top-ranked spot after Flowrestling had them ranked second behind Minnesota since the start of the 2014-15 season.

Individually, nine out of a possible 10 Hawkeye wrestlers are ranked at their respective weight classes. Of those nine, eight are ranked among the top eight.

125 pounds — Thomas Gilman, 5 (5)
133 pounds — Cory Clark, 4 (4)
141 pounds — Josh Dziewa, 6 (6)
149 pounds — Brandon Sorensen, 10 (12)
157 pounds — none
165 pounds — Nick Moore, 6 (5)
174 pounds — Mike Evans, 3 (4)
184 pounds — Sammy Brooks, 8 (6)
197 pounds — Nathan Burak, 6 (6)
Heavyweight — Bobby Telford, 3 (3)

Telford also remains the only Hawkeye ranked in Flowrestling's pound-for-pound rankings, and he moved up to No. 18 after being ranked 20th last week.

Behind Iowa in the team rankings are Minnesota at No. 2, Ohio State in third, followed by Cornell, Edinboro, Penn State, and Missouri.

— by **Cody Goodwin**

**Big Ten Tournament
headed to NYC**

The Big Ten announced an extensive agreement on Tuesday with Madison Square Garden to feature the Big Ten Men's Basketball Tournament in New York City in 2018. There will also be men's basketball and hockey double-headers there from 2016 to 2019 and a significant branding presence inside and outside the building.

"We are thrilled to establish this long-term partnership with Madison Square Garden, one of the most-revered brands and buildings in all of sports," Big Ten Commissioner James Delany said in a release. "This pairing is a natural fit for us as we continue to extend our brand and live in two regions of the country. The Garden has been the site of countless iconic moments throughout history, and we look forward to showcasing some of the best basketball and hockey programs in the country through this partnership."

The 2018 Big Ten Men's Basketball Tournament will be held from Feb. 28 to March 4. This selection of dates means that the event will end one week earlier than previous tournaments. The tournament will conclude seven days before the NCAA Tournament Selection Sunday.

"We are proud and honored to collaborate with the Big Ten on this unprecedented partnership," Joel Fisher, the executive vice president of MSG Sports, said in a release. "Teaming up with the Big Ten for the men's basketball tournament and the basketball and hockey double-headers will be a win for college sports fans and the nearly 100,000 conference alumni that live in the New York metropolitan area."

The Big Ten Men's Basketball Tournament has been held in either Chicago or Indianapolis for the first 17 years of its existence. The event will be held in the United Center in 2015, returning to Bankers Field House in 2016, then will move to the East Coast for the first time in the conference's history, taking place at the Verizon Center in Washington, D.C., in 2017.

The tournament will return to Chicago in 2019 and 2021, then Indianapolis in 2020 and 2022.

— by **Jacob Sheyko**

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White rides on 'free' points



Iowa forward Aaron White shoots in Carver-Hawkeye on Tuesday. The Hawkeyes defeated Alcorn State, 67-44. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

After handily defeating Alcorn State, Iowa turns to the portion of its schedule that offers no nights off.

By **JACOB SHEYKO**
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It's not that there haven't been meaningful games; it's just the meaningful ones have been outnumbered by blowouts and games that were over before halftime.

That was the case Tuesday night when Iowa defeated Alcorn State, 67-44, to improve to 8-2 on the season after six-straight wins.

Iowa let Alcorn State hang around for brief periods, but the Braves never posed a threat to the Hawkeyes. And despite a matchup with No. 14 Iowa State looming on Friday, Iowa never looked past the Braves.

"There have been so many teams losing games that they shouldn't have," guard Mike Gesell said. "So we were really focused in on Alcorn State, and now we get to move on to Iowa State."

Despite focusing was solely on Alcorn State, Iowa came out of the gates slowly.

The Hawkeyes failed to find an offensive rhythm, mainly because the Braves insisted on slowing the pace down, often opting to pull the ball out and set up the offense rather than force the issue.

"They really wanted to slow the ball down tonight," Gesell said. "It's just one of those games where we had to try to keep our tempo, play our game. I think at the beginning of the game, we were kind of playing at their tempo."

SEE RECAP, 12

Aaron White went 9-of-10 from the free throw line in Tuesday's win over Alcorn State.

By **DANNY PAYNE**
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The way it started wasn't anything new for Aaron White. Jarrod Uthoff got the offensive board, passed to White, who was fouled. Two shots, 2 points.

The senior grabbed a defensive rebound roughly 30 seconds later and on the ensuing possession took a pass in the paint, and again, was fouled. Two shots, 2 points.

"They bit on a couple shot fakes, and it's just how I play," White said following Iowa's 67-44 win over vastly over-matched Alcorn State on Tuesday in Carver-Hawkeye. "I seemed like it did happen awfully quick, but it gets you in a rhythm when you get to the free-throw line twice in the first couple minutes."

It didn't stop there. Marquis Vance fouled White once more in the second half, while Tamaricio Wilson and Thomas George fouled him, too. His only missed freebee of the night came on his seventh attempt, and the Strongsville, Ohio, native finished the night 9-of-10 from the charity stripe, bringing his season total to 87.7 percent.

That high number of shots at the line is nothing new. Coming into Tuesday's game, White had attempted the second-most free throws in the Big Ten with 63 attempts, 7 behind Maryland's Melo Trimble, who was idle Tuesday evening.

For comparison, Trimble is averaging 30.3 minutes per contest, while White has tallied 26.9 through 10 games.

SEE BASKETBALL, 12

2015 TAXSLAYER BOWL

Hawks, Vols fairly even in stats

Iowa and Tennessee will meet in the TaxSlayer Bowl on Jan. 2, 2015.

By **DANNY PAYNE**
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Following a disappointing 7-5 regular season, the Iowa football team will close its season with the chance to match its win total from a year ago in the TaxSlayer Bowl on Jan. 2, 2015.

The Hawkeyes will meet 6-6 Tennessee in Jacksonville, Florida. The Volunteers will play in their first postseason game since the 2010 season, when they lost, 30-27, to North Carolina in the Music City Bowl.

This edition of "The Box Score" centers on the matchup between Iowa and Tennessee.

Iowa rushing offense — 156.33 yards per game

Iowa finished ninth in the Big Ten in rushing offense in 2014. Tennessee, on the other hand, allowed 162.08 yards per contest, which ranked ninth in the SEC. Even more similar, the Hawkeyes rushed for 20 touchdowns, while head coach Butch Jones' squad allowed 21.

Now, flip the script: Iowa allowed 158.75 yards on the ground and 15 touchdowns. Tennessee went for 135 yards per game, which was second-to-last in the SEC, and scored 16 rushing touchdowns.

For context, it's good to note that Iowa played in a conference with better rushing attacks, in terms of scoring. In conference play, Big Ten teams scored 222 rushing



Iowa running back Mark Weisman jumps over a pile of players in Kinnick Stadium on Nov. 28. Iowa lost to Nebraska in overtime, 37-34. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

touchdowns, and SEC teams scored 182 when playing each other.

Considering Iowa finished against five of the nation's top-13 backs, four of whom were in league play, it's hard not to give the Hawkeyes credit in this category.

SEE FOOTBALL, 12