

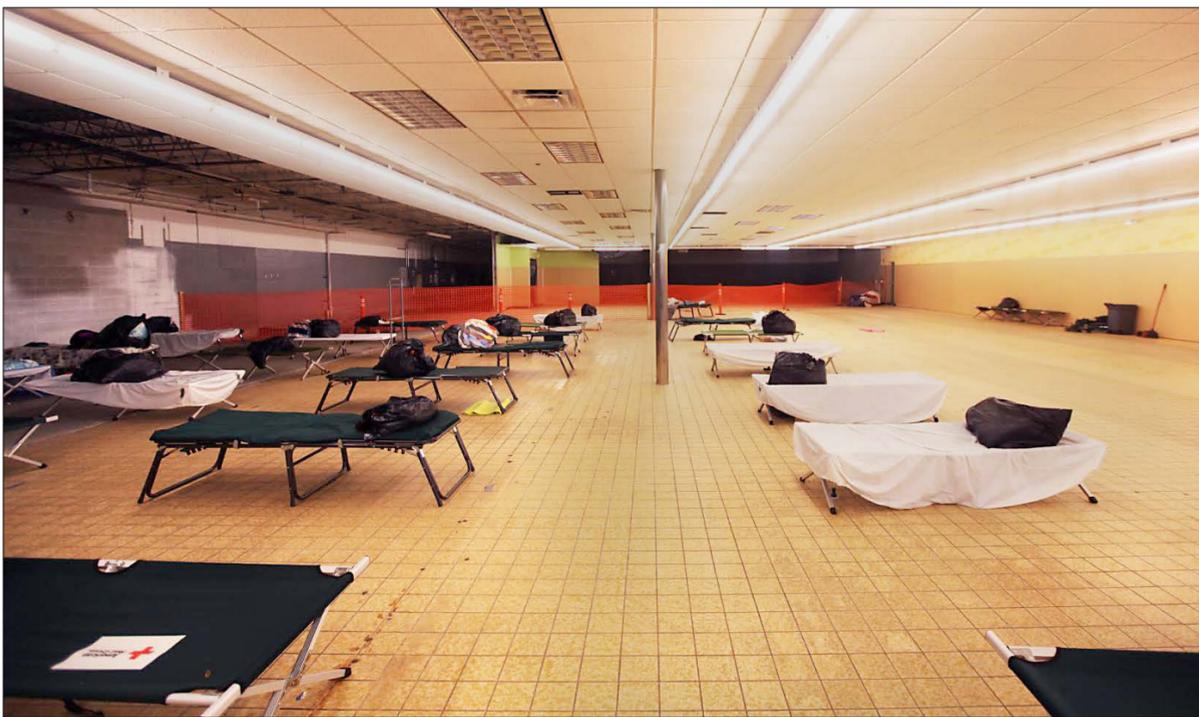
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## Temporary shelter a hit



The temporary city homeless shelter is seen on Tuesday. The shelter opens in the evening and provides donated bedding and cots. (The Daily Iowan/Rachael Westergard)

Three weeks after opening, the temporary winter shelter is doing well, community members and experts say.

### TEMPORARY SHELTER LOCATION



The temporary location has been opened for almost a month. It will be open until the end of February.

By **BEN MARKS**  
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Officials say the Iowa City winter emergency shelter has largely been a success so far since opening three and a half weeks ago. "It's been pretty quiet and uneventful," said Crissy Canganelli, the executive director of the Shelter House. "There has not been, from my understanding, any negative impact on the neighboring properties." The temporary location, 1534 S. Gilbert St., is near several businesses, including Carlos O'Kelly's, 1411 Waterfront Drive. Carlos O'Kelly's general manager Ricky Wetmore said they've had no major issues from the shelter's occupants.

SEE SHELTER, 3



## Comedian highlights Big Event

By **AARON WALKER**  
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Former "Saturday Night Live" star and standup comic Brooks Wheelan, a University of Iowa alumnus, will share the stage with dance-pop performer Kevin Valentine to headline this year's Dance Marathon's Big Event.

Valentine, who has a sister attending the UI and lives and performs in the Nashville area, said he's really thrilled to support such a "fantastic cause."



**Wheelan**  
comedian

"I like to describe my music as ... kind of minimal hip-hop, R&B with an electronic-pop sound," Valentine said. "It's a lot of fun."

He said heading north to perform is a bit of a change for him, but he's excited about the opportunity.

"I haven't played a lot of college gigs," Valentine said. "They've all been around Nashville and more in the middle of country. I'm looking forward to playing with people my age and really just having fun."

UI junior Emily Eytalis, who grew up with Valentine in Bloomington, Illinois, said not many people in their relatively small town pursued their passions and aspired to fame,

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### RETURNING TO CONGRESS

## As regular as the sunrise

By **JORDYN REILAND**  
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WASHINGTON — Sen. Chuck Grassley is most comfortable conducting business at a large round table in his spacious Hart Senate Office Building suite. Despite all the mementos gracing his grandiose wooden desk, Grassley seldom makes use of it. In fact, he rarely sits there at all, and it makes sense, given the responsibilities Iowa's senior senator faces these days.

Grassley was named the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee just a week before the start of the 114th Congress, and he is the first non-lawyer to head the panel, something he says he enjoys joking about with his colleagues.

He will preside over today's attorney-general confirmation hearings. President Obama has nominated Loretta Lynch, a North Carolina native and former New York attorney.

"It's not meant to [send a message] just kind of be unique," he told *The Daily Iowan* earlier in January. "But I always make a joke out of it because I always remind my colleagues ... They probably get tired of me saying that."

Grassley is currently a six-term senator, and he has served on the Judiciary, Finance, Budget, Agriculture, and Joint Tax Committees, as well as the Senate caucus on international



Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, speaks with *The Daily Iowan* in his Hart Senate Office Building office in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 12. Grassley was recently named the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, becoming the first non-lawyer to hold that position. (The Daily Iowan/Kristen East)

narcotics control and the Senate caucus on foster youth.

The last time Grassley missed a vote was July 1993, due to the Iowa flood.

Grassley has spent six terms as a senator in Washington, D.C., but says he makes sure that he spends

SEE GRASSLEY, 3

### Returning to Congress

The *Daily Iowan* Ethics and Politics Initiative visited Washington, D.C., earlier this month to meet with Iowa's congressional delegation. Profiles of those representatives will appear in print and online at [dailyiowanepi.com](http://dailyiowanepi.com) over the next two weeks.

Today: Sen. Chuck Grassley  
Thursday: Rep. Steve King  
Friday: Rep. Dave Loebsack

## UI eyes dorm crunch

By **CARLY MATTHEW**  
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University of Iowa students stuck in expanded housing have found an early exit this year, but university housing isn't in the clear yet.

Officials are unsure what effects larger freshman classes, the opening of Petersen Hall in the fall, and the closing of Quadrangle the following academic year will have on the number of students who spend time in expanded housing. When it opens this fall, Petersen Hall — the first new dorm since 1968 — will add around 500 more beds.

"Petersen will be very helpful for us," said Virginia Olin, assistant director of University Housing's contracts and assignments. "We'll have more spaces and more opportunities for people to live in the halls."

However, Quadrangle currently holds around 350 students and is due for closure in 2016 as part of plan to demolish it to use the space for a new pharmacy building.

"That year, I imagine expanded housing will be pretty darn full,"

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RE-RECYCLING



A recycling bin sits behind the main trash bin behind Mayflower on Tuesday. Recycling bins have returned to Mayflower after they had been temporarily removed because of construction work. (The Daily Iowan/Lexi Brunk)



DANCE MARATHON 21

# Dancing redux for Marathon vets

By ALEKSANDRA VUJICIC  
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Next week, the IMU Main Ballroom will be covered in lime green, filled with dancers eager to stay energized for 24 hours straight.

At the same time, another group of people will experience this journey along with them, but they will have the luxury of sitting down.

Christin Meyer, the vice president of the Dance Marathon Alumni Group leadership board and a 2012 UI graduate, said alumni get to relive their dancing days, just in different ways, as they watch students create memories and experience the feelings she once did. "Once you do one Dance Marathon, it changes your life forever," she said. "[We're] just seeing it from another perspective."

Adam Blind, a 2006 UI graduate and former member of the Dance Marathon Executive Council, started the alumni board with his wife after they saw a need to keep recent graduates involved with the program.

The board facilitates communication with former Dance Marathon participants all across the country in order to help coordinate fundraising events and keep the ever-expanding group up to date.

For Dance Marathon 21, the group saw some fresh faces with new board President Nic Rusher. He was involved with Dance Marathon for six years during his undergraduate and graduate studies at the UI and continues to host fundraising events in Kansas City, where he now resides.

"Dance Marathon played a huge role through my college career and my life as well," he said. "The kids and families deserve all the support that they can get."

There are 13,300 UI Dance Marathon alumni in the country, and they are represented in all 50 states, Rusher said.

In addition to his efforts in Kansas City, he helps coordinate fundraisers with other alumni from Minneapolis to Chicago.

Last year, the group

raised more than \$109,000 for the record-breaking fundraising approximately \$1.8 million for Dance Marathon 20. Roughly 200 alumni came back to Iowa City for the big event.

This year, Rusher said, he expects a figure close to last year's check total, if not higher.

For Dance Marathon 21, the group has an opening ceremony planned in the Levitt Center in which the members will watch this year's dancers on the big screen, followed by a luncheon, and, as in past years, they will present their annual checks to the organization.

Alumni will also get a spirit-dancing option. Adam Blind, who met his wife through Dance Marathon, said alumni may take the time to reconnect with families they were once tied to and catch up with old friends.

"You meet a lot of people in the organization, families, people in the hospital, whom you just become friends with, and you want

to find a way to have an excuse, I guess you could say, to keep a relationship going," he said.

One of the people who will be present for the big day's events include 2012 UI graduate Catie Malooly, who spent a day in Chicago last week raising funds.

She said another popular way alumni stay involved is by donating directly to dancers who are close to reaching their fundraiser goals.

Her support for Dance Marathon is a result of the effect the organization has made on her life during her years as a UI student, she said.

"We just want to keep giving back to an organization that gave so much to us," she said. "Once you're in it, you're hooked, and you're always going to be a supporter."

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**Regents to consider new admissions policy**

The state Board of Regents will look at a new way to accommodate a growing section of applicants.

Last year, the regents began looking at a way to revise their data-driven Regent Admission Index — used to determine student admission — after more and more high schools stopped calculating class rankings.

Under the proposal, all three universities would calculate score by weighting ACT results and high-school GPA higher in place of class rankings.

Currently, each of the three state universities uses different methods to calculate admission scores. The University of Iowa looks at students without a rank individually without using a score, while Iowa State University uses a statistical formula.

The regents will consider the proposal at their meeting in Cedar Falls on Feb. 5.

**Regents to look at UI early retirement**

The UI has proposed an early retirement plan for its older employees.

Employees who are at least 57 years old with at least 10 years of regular benefit eligible employment as of Jan. 31 will be eligible to apply.

Proposed incentives include

payment of accrued vacation, accrued sick leave up to \$2,000, continued health-insurance payments, and continued retirement benefits.

UI Health Care and/or employees under the SEIU collective bargaining agreement will not be eligible.

The regents will consider the plan at their meeting in Cedar Falls Feb. 5.

— by Chris Higgins

**Regents to discuss capital improvements**

Next week, the regents will decide on UI capital improvements.

The UI has requested action on renovation of Student Health and Wellness Space, the relocation of the Pediatrics and Psychiatry Departments, and the Riverside Drive and Grand Avenue steam-distribution system.

The scope of the pediatrics and psychiatric relocation project would include reorganization of patient and examination-room space, upgrading to meet standards and codes, and creating a more efficient patient-care workflow, according to documents released by the regents.

The projects' projected budget is \$10.7 million and would affect 24,795 square feet.

The steam system for Riverside Drive and Grand Avenue would cost \$8.6 million for construction, \$1.2 million for design and supervision, and around \$870,000 for contingency for a total of

\$10.7 million.

Details related to the Student Health project would be available in February, according to the release.

**UI proposes property purchase**

The University of Iowa has submitted a request to purchase a parcel of land at 815 First Ave., Coralville, according to regent documents released Tuesday.

The proposal details a \$1.5 million purchase price for 1.09 acres of land.

The land is located close to the UIHC Iowa River Landing facility, and the purchase would be contingent on a few other contracts.

Funds for this property would be provided by UIHC capital funds.

Drury Development Corp., which owns the property, is willing to sell it, according to the release.

The release states that the land is "important to UIHC as master planning for the area moves forward."

— by Nick Moffitt

**Man faces theft, burglary charges**

Authorities have accused a Coralville man of stealing a car from his grandparents.

Ryan Meadows, 24, was charged with first-degree theft and third-degree burglary on Jan. 24.

According to online court documents, Meadows broke into his grandparents' home and stole their 2011 Honda Fit from the garage.

The vehicle had a value of more than \$10,000.

Meadows reportedly admitted under Miranda that he took the vehicle without permission.

First-degree theft is a Class-C felony, and third-degree burglary is a Class-D felony.

— by Alyssa Guzman

**Man charged with domestic-abuse assault**

Authorities have accused an Iowa City man of choking a woman and threatening to kill her.

Marcio Alberto Reyes-Marquez, 23, was charged with domestic-abuse assault impeding air/blood flow on Nov. 29, 2014.

According to online court documents, the woman reported that Reyes-Marquez pinned her to the bed, choked her, and told her he was going to kill her.

Reyes-Marquez allegedly performed this act several times before leaving the scene before police arrived.

The woman had bruising and swelling on her neck.

Domestic abuse assault impeding air/blood flow is a Class-D felony.

— by Alyssa Guzman

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BLOTTER

**Latoshia Good**, 25, 7 Apollo Pl., was charged Tuesday with OWI.

**Andrew Jauron**, 20, Central City, was charged Tuesday with possession of a

controlled substance. **Ryan Meadows**, 25, Coralville, was charged Monday with criminal trespass.

**John Rankins**, 21, 2401 Muscatine Ave No. 1, was

charged Monday with criminal trespass and fifth-degree theft.

**Gabrielle Trabucco**, 19, 3410 Turge, was charged Jan. 25 with public intoxica-

tion and presence in a bar after hours.

**Karminique Zehnder**, 20, 526 S. Johnson St. Apt. 3, was charged Jan. 25 with assault causing injury.

**SHELTER**

CONTINUED FROM FRONT

Iowa City police downtown liaison Officer David Schwindt confirmed their belief at a recent Johnson County Board of Supervisors meeting.

He said service calls for “vagrant,” a police computer-assigned term, were down almost 95 percent since the shelter opened compared with last year at this time.

Schwindt attributes the drop directly to the shelter providing a space for residents to sleep, not to any

fluctuation in the weather. “Regardless of the weather,” Schwindt said, “They’re still sleeping this year like they were last year. We’re just not getting those calls, in any locations ... citizens are feeling safer now that they aren’t finding people sleeping in the hallways of their apartment building.”

Nancy Bird, the executive director of the Iowa City Downtown District, said downtown is experiencing a “very healthy climate,” and she believes that is due in part to the opening of the winter shelter.

“It’s given people a place to go that they

know they can depend on to stay warm in these months,” she said.

The shelter has had some problems, and Schwindt said out of the six calls for service, one was medical, one resulted in an arrest, and the other four were handled on scene.

Two staff members monitor the shelter and receive regular police visits.

Although the shelter has 25 beds, Phoebe Trepp, program development director at the Shelter House, reported the facility reached capacity in the first weekend.

“We are allowing extra people to stay above

25,” she said. “They just might not get a cot.”

Canganelli said she believes the drop in service calls and the high shelter use show exactly how important and useful the shelter is to the community.

“I think this is a very substantial indicator that this is a non-intrusive way of addressing an issue that was problematic across a broad area,” she said. “Simply by providing a space and reducing the barriers for people to be able to come, in you’re not seeing the impact of people trying to sleep in or be in areas not intended for that use.”

The low barrier she referenced refers to no entry

requirements for overnight residents.

Unlike Housing First, however, the winter shelter is only a temporary solution and one that isn’t ideal, Canganelli stressed.

She said a long-term solution would be much more cost-effective than continuing a temporary shelter yearly.

Despite a petition signed by 29 local businesses — filed in December 2014 requesting that the shelter be denied funding — Trepp said the shelter has had a positive community response.

Many business owners later retracted their signatures or said employees signed it without their knowledge.

“We had a lot of people come forward who said, ‘We can’t do this forever, but we can do this for two months,’” she said.

In addition to volunteers, Trepp also said the shelter has received support and funding from Johnson County, Iowa City, Coralville, United Way, and the Community Foundation.

Hodge Construction covered the entire cost of renting the Aldi’s building, which allowed the winter shelter to come in under budget Canganelli said.

The shelter will be open until the end of February.

**GRASSLEY**

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time in Iowa with his constituents whenever he can.

Every year — for the last 35 years — he hosts town meetings in all 99 counties, a “full Grassley.”

Grassley will serve the state with newly elected Republican Sen. Joni Ernst. Ernst replaced former Sen. Tom Harkin, who had served for more than 30 years. This is the first time in 30 years that there are two Republican senators in the state.

As 2016 approaches, Grassley has announced his intention to run for a sev-

enth term, and he says he has plenty of energy to do so.

“I don’t know that I have a lack of energy, but I suppose when you’re 81, you do slow down to some extent,” he said.

Grassley runs three miles four times a week, and once a year, come Sept. 17, he runs from his house to the U.S. Capitol — 6.2 miles.

“Although I have to confess to you this morning, it was only two miles because last week was so cold and I didn’t run outside so I think a couple of days I’ll run two miles before I start the three-mile thing,” he told the *DI* on Jan. 12.

With Grassley serving as long as he has, many of his staff members have

stayed on for a long period of time as well.

Kristine Ahlfield, deputy press secretary for Grassley and an Iowa native, said she was an intern before becoming a full-time staff member.

“Sen. Grassley has a reputation for having staff members who stay with him a long time.

It’s a testament to how much people enjoying working with him to serve Iowa and the rest of the country,” she said in a prepared statement. “As a former intern, now full-time staff, I can attest to that fact. His dedication to Iowans and to representative government is inspiring.”

**EVENT**

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but Valentine did.

“Not only is [Valentine] a great singer, but he is a humble person with the world’s best intentions in his mind,” Eytalis said.

Although Valentine

was never a UI student, Wheelan was, graduating from the UI in 2009. Since his graduation, he’s spent his time recording a comedy album and performing stand-up, along with a stint on “Saturday Night Live” from 2013 to 2014.

Entertainment head and UI senior Josh Van

Genderen said booking a comedian to headline the show was something different for the Dance Marathon organizers.

“This will be the first time a comedian has headlined the Big Event and is something we are all looking forward to,” Van Genderen said.

By having Wheelan as

their most well-known act, event director Madison Triviss said comic relief would be a wonderful addition to the Dance Marathon tradition.

“A lot of people will be delirious and up for a good laugh,” Triviss said. “It’s a great way to see if having a comedian is something we want to

continue in the future.”

Miss Iowa will also make an appearance along with returning acts that include UI Breakers, Intersection, Grandma Skip, and Take note.

New performers to the event will include Andhi, the Cedar Rapids Spirit Squad, and Diamond Cut.

Triviss said she thinks

along with everything else, Wheelan’s presence will be nice change of pace for everyone who’s dancing into the “wee hours of the morning.”

“We decided that should be something we pursue because it could be really valuable to our event as a refresher to our 24 hours,” she said.

**DORM**

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Olin said. “If our student population continues to grow and we lose some of the spaces we have in Quadrangle, it may mean we have students in expanded housing longer than we typically do.”

The number of students placed in expanded housing varies from year to year depending on the number of first-

year students admitted and how many students return to live on campus after their first year.

Other factors include the sex of the students in need of housing and the type of housing they indicated in their applications.

“All of the men were out of expanded housing in the first six weeks,” said Von Stange, the assistant vice president for University Housing and Dining.

Most students are out of expanded hous-

ing within the first two months of the fall.

“That will probably be a problem depending on how much the university grows that year,” Stange said.

Olin also said keeping the halls full keeps costs down for all students because vacancies are nonexistent.

During the fall semester, students lived in expanded housing in Daum, Rienow, Slater, and Stanley.

“We didn’t get our lounge back until the beginning of this semes-

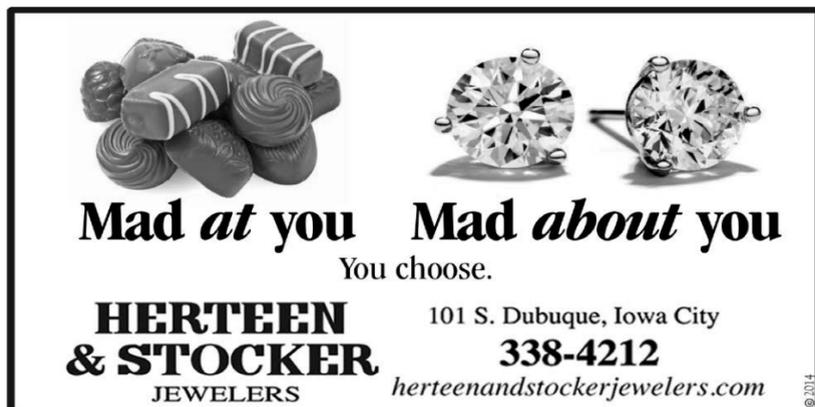
ter,” said Daum resident and UI freshman Bella Larson. “I wish we had a lounge last semester, but I understand expanded housing students don’t really want to be in there, either.”

Students placed into

expanded housing at the UI typically live in lounges with eight to 10 students sharing bunk beds and dressers. Expanded housing residents typically share tables in place of desks and lack closet space.

Students are charged a reduced \$10 a day rate.

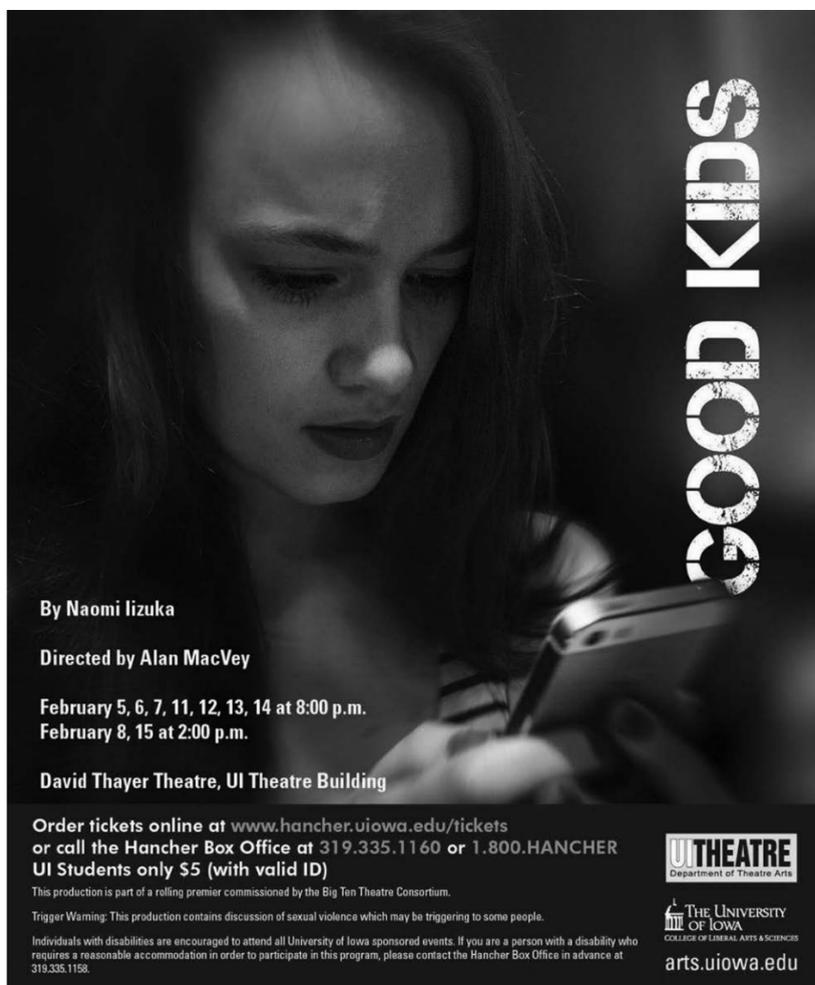
“It didn’t really bother me that we didn’t have a lounge,” said UI Daum resident Alex Bess. “I don’t really know what to do with one now that we have one.”



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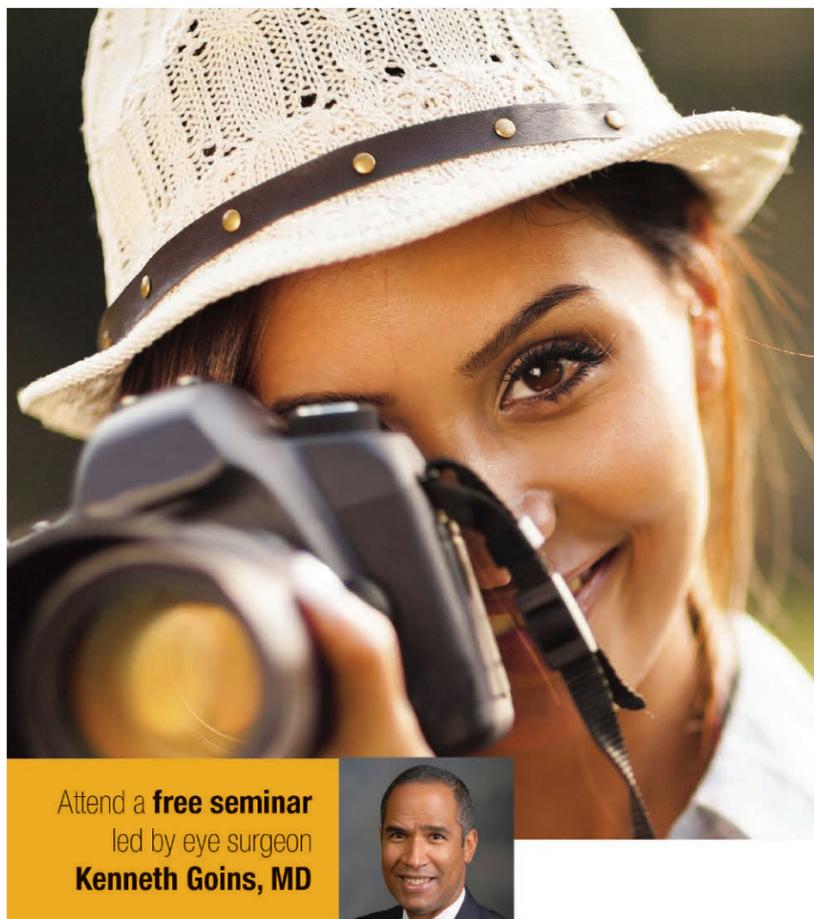
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### Overblown or under-inflated?



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Never in my life would I ever expect to see Bill Nye at the top of a discussion on NFL footballs; but alas, the famed science wiz did just that last week in wake of the DeflateGate controversy. As most NFL fans know, 11 of 12 Patriot game balls were determined to be under-inflated in last week's AFC championship game against the Indianapolis Colts.

In what seems to be the dumbest sports controversy ever, this "scandal" has been unavoidable by any sports fan out there. Every time I turn on ESPN, DeflateGate is still one of the top stories on "SportsCenter." You'd think that the incident would have run its course by now or that the media would realize that the public couldn't care less any more (did they ever care?).

When Patriot head coach Bill Belichick held a press conference to discuss the incident, he guessed the under-inflated balls were due to a mixture of climatic reasons and rubbing the footballs before the game. Anyone could tell you that Belichick isn't a scientist and has absolutely no idea what he's talking about in terms of the balls, but, of course, because of his comments, or "dissertation" as it was later mocked, the sports world started comparing Belichick with Bill Nye the Science Guy. Nye took to "Good Morning America" to disprove his new "competition," contending that Belichick's explanation simply didn't make any sense.

Before I get too in depth on this topic, I just have to ask: Why is this being treated like the biggest sports scandal the nation has ever seen? Honestly,

if the Patriots purposefully underinflated the balls for easier grips and passing, so what? In the long run, I don't think slightly under-inflated game balls would make or break a win that turned out to be 45-7. If we're really going to consider this a "scandal," we, as a society, need to re-evaluate some things.

In the past few years, the NFL has faced domestic-abuse charges, the Saints' "Bountygate," and even dog fighting. This week, former Patriot tight end, Aaron Hernandez will go to trial, charged with murder. I feel like the potential murder of numerous human beings is a little more newsworthy than a few under-inflated footballs.

I get it, the Patriots have a long history of cheating accusations, and the NFL "prides" itself on integrity, but to make this one so prominent seems almost comical. Even "Saturday Night Live" picked up a sketch about it last week, mocking the entire press conference Belichick held over DeflateGate. They even made a poke at the media for focusing on such a small issue when Hernandez allegedly killed three people — again, a much more newsworthy topic.

In the end, I'm not quite sure if changing the final score from 45-7, to 44-7 really qualifies as "punishment" for a supposedly cheating team. If the NFL was really concerned about the cheating, and not just a huge publicity hype conveniently unfolding right before the Super Bowl, there would have been a different outcome in terms of consequences.

As a final thought on this over-blown "controversy," instead of having each home team supply the balls, why doesn't the league just supply them? If this were the case, Americans everywhere would have never had to be subjected to the horrifying publicity ploy that is now, annoyingly, widely known as DeflateGate.

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## EDITORIAL

### AIB merger welcome, but ...

With a campus as seamlessly integrated with the surrounding metropolitan area as the University of Iowa is with Iowa City, the two are almost synonymous. But in a surprising move, UI President Sally Mason announced Monday that the university would look westward for a merger with the AIB College of Business in Des Moines. The college will become the UI's Des Moines campus.

As Mason tries to establish her legacy as the outgoing UI president, an expansion seems like a logical choice. The UI would follow in the footsteps of other Big Ten universities, such as the University of Wisconsin, that have established campuses across their states to further spread their reach.

The college would continue its business programs, and Mason hopes to see more UI programs find their way to the campus. In a Q&A with *The Daily Iowan*, she said the college is ready for expansion of perhaps more than 1,000 students, or around double the current enrollment of AIB.

At a time when the new state Board of Regents' funding model (which bases 60 percent of state funding distribution on the basis of in-state enrollment) projects a \$50 million loss for the UI, finding opportunities to increase the number of in-state students is critical. Nearly half of the current enrollment at the UI consists of nonresidents, and while securing funding for the university is important, we do not believe the UI should discourage these students who have chosen to leave their home state or country to come to Iowa City.

## COLUMN

### Guns, cars race to be the No. 1 killer in the United States



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Cars and guns are neck and neck for the No. 1 cause of death among those 25 years and younger.

Writers at the *Economist* and researchers for the Center for American Progress were the first to bring attention to the strange statistic. In 2013, 32,719 people between the ages of 0 and 25 died in car accidents, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

In 2011 (the most recent set of data), 32,351 people in the same age range died from bullets, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This includes suicides, accidents, and domestic violence. Let's break this down.

Before properly digesting this data, one might jump to ill-formed conclusions.

Car deaths are down 25 percent from 2004. Thank the popularity of seat-belt laws, the effectiveness of anti-OWI initiatives, and the technology of modern motor vehicles for the decline. The number is expected to decrease further as cars get smarter. By that logic, it is safe to assume guns will surpass cars as the No. 1 killer of young adults.

The auto industry has experienced years of regulation. The introduction of seat belts, airbags, and crumple zones cut down vehicular deaths significantly. The same cannot be said for the weapons industry.

This isn't about the Second Amendment. It is merely curious that traffic laws such as mandatory seat-belt and zero-texting policies garner wide spread support; curious because gun regulatory laws are so vehemently opposed.

Yet this merger means the university will attract these coveted in-state students without the tradeoff of admitting fewer out of state students. As a smaller, family-run college, AIB doesn't have quite the same profile as the UI. The majority of the students who will attend the UI-Des Moines will be central Iowans.

The *Daily Iowan* Editorial Board applauds this merger. That Mason was able to accomplish this before the end of her term is a good sign that she is serious about using her last months as president to create lasting change.

However, there are several questions that must still be answered. AIB, which offers two- and four-year programs to earn associate or bachelor's degrees and only offers classes in the mornings, is quite different from the UI. If the merger is indeed intended as an extension of the UI's campus, the college should be held to the same standards as the university.

There is also the daunting task of getting the regents to approve the merger. As a body overseeing all three state universities, they may hesitate to act in a way that would prove beneficial to one at the expense of another, and there will need to be no overlap between the curricula offered at UI-Des Moines and the other two state universities. We have yet to hear details about the UI programs that would be part of this expansion, which is what the regents and the public should be aware of in order to make a proper judgment on the merger.

Cars and guns are two very different things, but both are directly responsible for around the same number of deaths every year. A death is a death, whether it comes from behind the wheel or in front of the barrel.

The statistic itself isn't necessarily significant. It confirms a noticeable trend in our society toward safer transportation and increased gun usage. It may be a significant symbol, however.

Lawmakers should consider new legislation regulating firearms. The NRA still fights for the right to bear arms even if you're a felon, convicted of domestic violence, or mentally distressed. Most of America does not support this rhetoric. Increased scrutiny in the auto industry didn't lead to cars disappearing, it led to smarter design and innovation.

New technology is surfacing that could be the seat belt and crumple zone for the firearm. One promising inno-

vation is a trigger that only activates when the owner's finger presses it. This sort of user recognition is not a new idea. The NRA continues to put its weight against such technologies. That puzzles me.

If we are to live in a society that is OK with firearms outside of a hunting context, new technology is essential. Many feel uncomfortable and threatened when open-carry policies are embraced, and for good reason. More than 32,000 young people die from firearms. The fear is not unfounded.

Additional scrutiny from the ground up could make guns a lot safer and save lives in the process. This in turn might just ease the tension non-gun wielders experience when confronted with peers wearing their weapons "loud and proud." The only way this optimistic viewpoint has a chance of existence is if the NRA steps aside.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Reimburse graduate-student fees

As President of COGS, I represent a group of graduate students who are advocating for a better future for the next generations of graduate students. We are deeply concerned about the sustainability of excellence in teaching and research here at the University of Iowa. In order to maintain high standards, we are committed to sustaining a diverse graduate student body where scholars from all racial, ethnic and economic backgrounds can excel. This is why we have worked so hard for 100 percent tuition waivers and 100 percent fee reimbursement. We should not pay to work. We should not be driven into a pit of debt and poverty that will plague us for the rest of our lives. We urge Iowa City and the entire state of Iowa to recognize how hard we work for this institution and to help us gain respect for our contributions. Please stand with us in demanding 100 percent fee reimbursement.

Jeannette Gabriel

Here at the University of Iowa, many undergraduates sit on the knife's edge, because (unlike most colleges) there is only one rhetoric class required, not two. As a graduate student and rhetoric instructor, I have graded papers of upperclassmen and found that many students graduate from here without basic composition skills. This lack jeopardizes their ability to succeed in other classes, graduate on time, and find jobs after college — which for many students is their one ticket out of poverty. I am keenly aware that if we graduate students don't teach our students how to write well, then likely no one will.

Yet even as my colleagues and I shoulder the heavy responsibility of preparing our bewildered undergrads for four years of successful college writing, we are also expected to take a full graduate course load, research, publish, attend conferences on tiny budgets, pay rent in the most expensive city in Iowa — and in many cases, due to graduate fees that cut into our sub-poverty stipends, either work second jobs or garner further student debt. I myself let someone

stick a needle in my arm to sell my plasma every week. In such circumstances, even grad students with the best of intentions can find themselves demoralized, distracted, and treating their students as afterthoughts. Our students deserve better.

Simply put, charging fees of grad students shortchanges undergraduates of a quality education, which defeats the purpose of the university and contributes to the alarming larger trend of students graduating unprepared for the job market. Eliminating graduate fees altogether would go a long way toward helping graduate students do our jobs and help our students. Please encourage the Board of Regents to reimburse graduate-student fees completely.

Jacob Bender

I am a graduate student in the Communication Studies Department at the UI. While I personally am lucky enough to be on fellowship from the university and thus face less pressing concern with finances than many of my peers, I see how much the almost \$1,000 in

fees affects my colleagues' mental health and financial well-being. It is absurd for a university that often does not even offer its employees sufficient training in teaching to expect to pay back some of the money they earn, especially when we only earn about \$15,000 a year. An institution of education especially should not be taking advantage of those who have less power in the academy.

Audrey Scranton

As an international graduate student, I find myself without fail being unable to pay my university fees every semester. I cannot take student loans, and even though I work well over 20 hours every semester with my authorization, I still barely make enough money to pay my bills and eat healthily. Then every month comes the 25\$ late-fee pummeling. Need a tooth crown? Need glasses? Forget about eating anything but instant ramen for six months. I tell my students I have "brain-fuzz" sometimes, but it's actually anemia.

Full fees reimbursement now.

Laura Iancu

# POLITICS

## TAKING ON BULLYING

Iowa lawmakers are hopeful that the Bully-Free Iowa Act of 2015 will pass with bipartisan support after years of failed attempts to address bullying in schools.

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**Alan Heisterkamp**

Piloted the Mentors in Violence Prevention program in Sioux City Community School District

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Karter Jones walks the halls of West High in Sioux City knowing he's being watched. But he's also on the lookout.

After becoming a peer mentor, this senior high-school student has been a part of an anti-bullying program that is starting to pick up traction across the state.

"Being a mentor means that you're on watch 24/7," Jones said. "There is constantly someone there who is looking up to you."

The program, called Mentors in Violence Prevention, was kick-started in the Sioux City School District roughly 15 years ago. Since then, other districts throughout the state have implemented this peer-to-peer program independently to combat bullying.

Gov. Terry Branstad and Iowa officials hope Sioux City's program could serve as a model for districts in the state that have not yet adopted such anti-bullying programs. This year's anti-bullying legislation, the Bully-Free Iowa Act of 2015, would require several schools throughout the state to test-drive a peer-mentoring program with the assistance of state funding. Lawmakers believe that with bipartisan support, this legislation could finally provide educators a starting point to tackle bullying.

### The Bullying Debate

Currently, Iowa school districts aren't required to take the same route toward anti-bullying as the Sioux City School District because Iowa law doesn't require them to — how school districts tackle bullying is left up to local officials.

Rep. Linda Miller, R-Bettendorf, a member of the Education Committee, said anti-bullying legislation has repeatedly been introduced in the House, but in the past, it "hasn't had any teeth," meaning they lacked incentives.

"When you're doing policy, you have to have something that people want to go to, you have to put something there, and if you don't and it's just hollow words, it's not a policy that people are going to implement," she said.

Rep. Chris Hall, D-Sioux City, said legislation to address bullying in schools was prioritized among legislators toward the end of the 2013 legislative session. This prompted Branstad to introduce the Bully-Free Iowa Act of 2014 in the Iowa House, while the Senate created its own version.

Hall said the two bills had more similarities than differences, but a few sticking points prevented the bill from reaching the governor's desk.

Some initiatives were concerned that notifying parents of a bullying incident could also put the student at risk at home, potentially leading to abuse or neglect.

The Senate proposed to allocate \$1 million for training on conducting investigations of bullying instances, while the House only proposed \$25,000.

### A Renewed Effort

After failed attempts to reach a decision, the governor introduced the Bully-Free Iowa Act of

2015 in his Condition of the State address earlier this month, saying, "This is the year that we stand up to the bully. We can't wait any longer."

The bill includes a fine-tuned parental notification clause that clearly lays out exceptions to informing parents. The bill also appropriates \$150,000 from the state Department of Education to go toward investigation training for at least one person in each school district throughout the state.

New this year, the bill would have the Education Department provide \$50,000 for a bullying and violence-prevention student mentoring pilot program, the funding for which would be distributed in at least two middle schools and two high schools in the state.

This may ring a bell for Sioux City students.

Branstad visited the student mentors in Sioux City last fall, and Superintendent Paul Gausman said he believes the governor included this pilot program, in part, from what he learned from that trip.

"We know that students must feel safe in order to learn, and we recognize and are willing to admit that we aren't unique because we have bullying in our schools, because all schools have bullying," Gausman said. "But we want to become unique by being a district that makes a difference in this arena."

The Mentors in Violence Prevention program, piloted in Sioux City by Alan Heisterkamp, is straightforward: High-school seniors receive training to engage with incoming freshmen. The seniors are then paired with freshmen to provide guidance and advice when it comes to understanding encounters in the hallways, how to resolve conflicts nonviolently, and how to deal with relationships.

Heisterkamp, now the interim director for the Center for Educational Transformation and the co-director of the Center for Violence Prevention at the University of Northern Iowa, said he believes bullying will persist in Iowa as long as good prevention programs fail to be implemented.

Some initiatives the governor has addressed this year, Heisterkamp said, are more prescriptive in nature, which may make legislators flinch.

"We're Iowa politics, and we're not going to be wanting to tell parents and school districts what they should do and how they should deal with it," he said. "Local control is huge."

His solution: Educate teachers. Educate school boards. Educate the community. Educate the parents.

Heisterkamp said that during the seven-year period after the Mentors in Violence Prevention was introduced at West High, incidences of physical acts decreased by 83 percent.

"I think we know more from research, we know more from practice, we know what works," he said. "We need leadership, we need someone to say this is important and to challenge the status quo and say let's get some stuff done."

Hall said anti-bullying could be a signature issue of the 2015 session, as long as there is bipartisan support.

"I'm very optimistic that both chambers can pass this bill or a very similar version of it, that we'll be able to work our differences out and get a bill to the governor this year," he said.

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### O'Malley testing Iowa's political waters

Former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley is beefing up his ties to Iowa as he mulls his political future and looks to address that pressing question: whether he will make a run for the Democratic presidential nomination in 2016, sources close to such discussions told *The Daily Iowan* Tuesday afternoon.

Jake Oeth — well-known in the first-in-the-nation caucus state as the 2014 political director for former Rep. Bruce Braley's failed U.S. Senate campaign — was tapped to help charge O'Malley's O'Say Can You See political-action committee, PAC spokeswoman Lis Smith told the *DI*. Whether O'Malley, 52, takes another



**O'Malley**  
former governor

toe-dip in Iowa's presidential waters remains to be seen.

"There's nothing on the books yet but stay tuned," Smith said.

Since taking the job after Braley's bid against now-U.S. Sen. Joni Ernst during the 2014 campaign, Oeth has been conducting political outreach for O'Malley, Smith said.

Between April 2013 and November 2014, Oeth served as Braley's political director. In January 2013, he was tapped as Braley's district director for his U.S. House of Representatives slot, where he continued until March of that year. Prior to that role, he was Braley's political director under the former congressman's bid for Congress operation. Oeth began his political career in May 2009 as a legislative correspondent for former Sen. Tom Harkin's Washington office.

Requests for comment fielded to Oeth were immediately directed to Megan Adams, a former employee of the Center for American Progress and a one-time intern at the Clinton Foundation.

The PAC brought Adams on in November 2014 to aid communications work.

In interviews with the *DI*, several Democratic activists in the state said talk of O'Malley's influence is dwarfed by that of Hillary Rodham Clinton, the Democratic Party's presumptive front-runner for 2016.

"There's been little chatter," said one Iowa Democratic activist, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because of ties to top Democrats, on O'Malley's political presence in the state and potential campaign operations.

The liberal-leaning O'Malley, who left office Jan. 21 faced a plethora of home-state criticism in the closing few months of his second term as governor, including the issue of raising taxes.

But O'Malley, born in Washington, D.C., has also been praised with reversing the economic decline in Baltimore as the city's mayor. According to documents obtained by the *DI* from his PAC, O'Malley did 22 events in Iowa between June 20 and October

2014. Among that list included six fundraisers for 2014 Democratic gubernatorial candidate Jack Hatch, an appearance at the Iowa Democratic Party's state convention, and a fundraiser for Iowa's now-lone-Democratic Rep. Dave Loebsack.

The PAC shelled out \$10,000 for Hatch's losing campaign along with three staffers, the records show. He also contributed \$7,500 to Braley's campaign.

In an interview with the *DI* during stops during an October 2013 visit to Iowa City, O'Malley skirted questions about the 2016 race while dining on pizza at the Mill, 120 E. Burlington St., surrounded by Iowa College Democrats.

"I haven't been coy about saying that I'm seriously considering running in 2016, but the great thing about the future is it comes one day at a time," O'Malley said.

The Iowa caucuses have been tentatively set for Feb. 1, 2016.

— by Quentin Misiag

# DAILY BREAK

## the ledge

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### Know your Ledge author:

- According to my daily horoscope, I've got time to waste each morning and no better way to spend it.
- The latest thinkpiece on my blog is about how people need to be less pretentious. You'll need to register a username and password to read it.
- My wife calls me "The Closer" because of my willingness to eat leftovers or the last few pieces of food on anybody's plate.
- I will never reach my full potential because why would I want to? It's all downhill from there.
- My greatest fantasy is to live in a world with no phones and no Internet, where people are required to travel to and meet each other in person if they actually want to have a conversation, which isn't so bad because this fantasy world is also peopled entirely by toppers Olivia Wildes.
- I am terrified of voodoo doctors; that's why I prefer voodoo nurse practitioners.
- If I am exiting a hotel elevator, there is a better than 80 percent chance that I will turn the wrong way.
- If I am alone in a hotel room, there is a better than 95 percent chance that I am naked.
  - If I am staying in a hotel, there is a better than 99 percent chance that they didn't check my name against their blacklist when I booked the reservation.

Andrew R. Juhl wants you to know this is all true, and if you don't believe it, just ask him and he'll back him up.

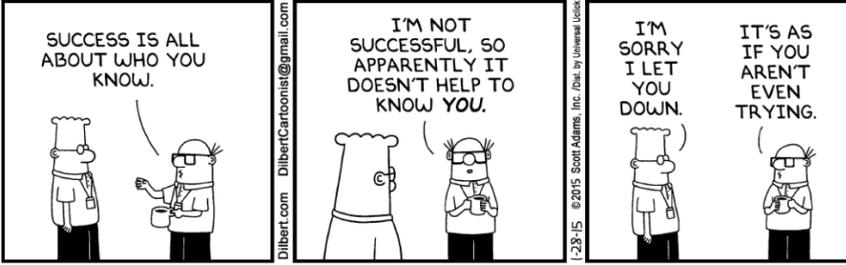
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- **Spring Fair Day**, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., IMU Main Lounge and Second-Floor Ballroom
- **Leadership Development Lunch & Learn**, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., 335 IMU
- **Global Perspectives Annual Group Photo**, 1:15 p.m., Pappajohn Business Building Howe Galleria
- **Study Abroad 101**, 1:30 p.m., 5401 Pappajohn Business Building
- **Foxcatcher**, 4 & 7 p.m., FilmScene 118 E. College
- **Stanley Awards Final Essay Workshop**, 4 p.m., 1117

- University Capitol Center
- **Graduate Workshop**, Micro-Teaching, 5 p.m., 212 Phillips
- **Opera Studies Forum**, *Iolanta* and *Duke Bluebeard's Castle*, Anna Barker, 5:30 p.m., 2520D University Capitol Center
- **"Live from Prairie Lights," Ink Lit Mag No. 7** launch reading, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque

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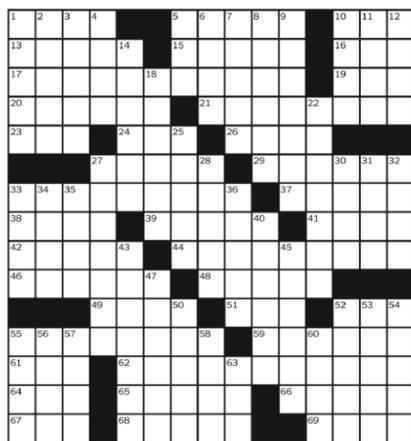
## OBJECTS OF ART

### The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 1224

- ACROSS**
- 1 A majority of
  - 5 They show which way the wind blows
  - 10 Figs. on a bell curve
  - 13 Weakish poker holding
  - 15 Origami bird
  - 16 Once called
  - 17 1955 Julie London hit
  - 19 Org. in "Argo"
  - 20 For mature audiences
  - 21 Glide, in a way
  - 23 "Well, what have we here?!"
  - 24 Round trips, of a sort: Abbr.
  - 26 Easy gait
  - 27 Pays, as the bill
  - 29 Charred
  - 33 Intermediary
  - 37 Listerine alternative
  - 38 Othello, for one
  - 39 Squelch
  - 41 More than
  - 42 Eye-opener?
  - 44 11- or 12-year-old Mongolian desert dweller?
  - 46 13th-century invaders
  - 48 Some sneaks
  - 49 Pickable
  - 51 It may be original
  - 52 Not keep up
  - 55 Left Bank quaff?
  - 59 Elvis's Mississippi birthplace
  - 61 Upstate N.Y. campus
  - 62 Certain waterway to the Black Sea?
  - 64 Albany is on it: Abbr.
  - 65 Subject of elementary education?
  - 66 French pupil
  - 67 Candy in a dispenser
  - 68 Kind of chart

- DOWN**
- 1 Large in scale
  - 2 What "O" on a newsstand stands for
  - 3 Tell
  - 4 Cons do it
  - 5 Device with a programmable clock, for short
  - 6 Not give (be indifferent)
  - 7 N.C.I.S. part
  - 8 Summer months in Santiago
  - 9 Gauchos' wear
  - 10 Conquistador's foe
  - 11 Royal who's notably crossword fan, for short
  - 12 Christmas
  - 14 In high demand
  - 18 Four computer keyboard symbols
  - 22 Manatees
  - 25 Old New Yorker cartoonist William
  - 27 Maserati competitor
  - 28 Big East's Hall
  - 30 Go here, there and everywhere
  - 31 Abbé de l'... pioneer in sign language
  - 32 "Nebraska" star, 2013
  - 33 M.B.A. hopeful's exam
  - 34 "Return of the Jedi" dancing girl
  - 35 Gravy holder
  - 69 Some jeans



- PUZZLE BY ADAM G. PERL**
- 36 Ora pro
  - 40 Premier Khrushchev
  - 43 Scary experience for a claustrophobe
  - 45 track
  - 47 Athens rival
  - 50 "Silas Marner" author
  - 52 Bank security feature?
  - 53 "All Day Strong. All Day Long" brand
  - 54 Horns in on?
  - 55 Peeling potatoes or shucking corn, for short
  - 56 Church section
  - 57 Classic theater name
  - 58 Watson who played Hermione Granger
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## horoscopes

Wednesday, January 28, 2015 by Eugenia Last

- ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Open up conversations with people you believe have something to contribute. Stretch your imagination, and diversify your goals until you find common ground with the people you want to include in your plans. Don't make or give in to demands.
- TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Concentrate on your responsibilities before someone complains. Don't be afraid to take a different approach when faced with a challenge. The solutions you come up with will far exceed those of anyone competing with you.
- GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** You can make changes, but don't expect everyone to follow your lead. Expanding your living quarters or indulging in something that will make your personal life more fulfilling should be your goal. Don't give in to someone using emotional blackmail.
- CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Do things differently. If you are unique, the more attention you will get. A partnership will undergo change based on what you implement into your lifestyle and how you want to move forward. Do what you want, not what others demand.
- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Opportunities to travel, learn, and interact with people you find interesting are apparent. Do your best to avoid an emotional situation that is geared to disrupt your plans for success. Follow your heart, and don't look back.
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- LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** You can make a difference at home and to someone you are in a partnership with if you are willing to compromise and look for an amicable solution. A creative or entertaining event will spark an interesting alternative.
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- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Keep your wits about you. Not everyone will understand or sympathize with your arguments. Take a defensive approach to any changes being brought about by outside influences. A disciplined strategy and strong willpower will help you come out on top.
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** The past can reveal important information that will help you get through a trying time now. Don't let the changes others make throw you off your game. Keep in mind that it's OK to go it alone. Love is in the stars.
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Keep a close watch over your possessions, important relationships, and how others treat you. Don't be fooled by any insincere gestures. Be careful not to let your emotions take over. Having reservations will save you from making a mistake.
- PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Wait and watch. Keep experiences in mind, and you will avoid making a mistake that can affect your reputation or reveal personal information that you wish to keep a secret. Self-improvement is your best course of action.

A people without the knowledge of their history, origin, and culture is like a tree without roots.

— Marcus Garvey

# WORLD

## Obama defends Saudi ties

By JULIE PACE  
Associated Press

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — President Obama defended the U.S. government's willingness to cooperate closely with Saudi Arabia on national security despite deep concerns over human rights abuses, as he joined an array of current and former American statesmen Tuesday in paying respects following the death of King Abdullah.

Saudi Arabia's status as one of Washington's most important Arab allies has at times appeared to trump U.S. concerns about the terrorist funding that flows from the kingdom and about human rights abuses. But in his meeting with Saudi Arabia's new king, Obama brought up human rights only in broad terms, without citing specific cases, a senior Obama administration official said.

Obama, in a CNN interview in advance of his arrival, said he has found it most effective to apply steady pressure over human rights "even as we are getting business done that needs to get done."

"Sometimes we need to balance our need to speak to them about human rights issues with immediate concerns we have in terms of counterterrorism or dealing with regional stability," Obama said.

During his brief stop in Riyadh, Obama held his first formal meeting with King Salman bin Abdul-Aziz Al Saud Salman, newly installed on the throne following the death of the 90-year-old



President Obama meets with the new Saudi Arabian King Salman bin Abdul Aziz in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, on Tuesday. The president and first lady came to express their condolences on the death of the late Saudi Arabian King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz al-Saud. (Associated Press/Carolyn Kaster)

Abdullah on Friday. The roughly hour-long meeting focused on a bevy of Mideast security issues — sectarian divisions in Iraq, the U.S.-led campaign against the Islamic State group, the precarious situation in Yemen and support for Syrian opposition fighting President Bashar Assad, said the U.S. official who briefed reporters traveling with Obama on condition of anonymity, citing the private nature of the talks.

Obama invoked human rights during the sit-down to make the point that tolerance and free speech are necessary to undercut the extremist ideology that fuels terrorist groups. The official said Obama told the king that it's important to ensure citizens have an outlet to express themselves.

But the president did not bring up U.S. concerns about Saudi Arabia's flogging of blogger Raif Badawi, who was convicted of insulting Islam and sentenced to 10 years in prison and

1,000 lashes. His first flogging took place in early January in front of dozens of people in the Red Sea city of Jiddah, though a second round has been postponed after a doctor said his wounds from the first lashes had not yet healed.

"On this visit, obviously a lot of this is just paying respects to King Abdullah, who in his own fashion presented some modest reform efforts within the kingdom," Obama said before the visit.

Stepping off the plane earlier in Riyadh, the president and first lady Michelle Obama were greeted by Salman and a military band playing both countries' national anthems. Some of the all-male Saudi delegation shook hands with Ms. Obama while others gave her a nod as they passed by. Ms. Obama wore full-length clothing but no headscarf, as is typical for many Western women in Saudi Arabia, despite the strict dress code for Saudi women appearing in public.

## Gunmen storm Libya hotel, killing 10

By ESAM MOHAMED  
Associated Press

TRIPOLI, Libya — In the latest sign of Libya's descent into chaos, gunmen stormed a luxury hotel used by diplomats and businessmen in the capital on Tuesday, killing 10 people, including an American, a French citizen, and three people from Asia.

Two attackers were killed following an hours-long standoff that included a car bomb that exploded in the parking lot of the seaside Corinthia Hotel. It was unclear if other gunmen were involved in the attack, which also killed five Libyan guards.

In Twitter posts and a statement on social media, a Tripoli affiliate of the ISIS was said to be behind the attack, but there was little evidence to back up the claims in a country that has been awash in armed extremist groups who would be equally suspect.

The SITE intelligence group reported that the two dead gunmen were identified online as sympathizers of ISIS and said the militants said the hotel was targeted because it houses diplomatic missions and "crusader" security companies. However, The Associated Press was unable to independently confirm the claims, which didn't conform with the group's earlier postings from Libya.

Militants claiming the attack on behalf of a group called the Islamic State of the Tripoli Province posted

a brief video showing the hotel's parking lot and said it was to avenge the 2013 abduction by American commandos of a Libyan Qaeda operative, Nazih Abdul-Hamed al-Ruqai, also known as Abu Anas al-Libi. Al-Ruqai died earlier this month in a New York hospital of complications from liver surgery while awaiting trial for the 1998 bombings of the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania.

The assault highlights the growing threat from militant groups that operate with near impunity in a country torn between rival governments since the 2011 toppling and killing of dictator Muammar Gaddafi.

Since Gaddafi's ouster, the country has been torn among competing militias and tribes vying for power. Libya's post-Gaddafi transition has collapsed, with two rival governments and parliaments — each backed by different militias — ruling in the country's eastern and western regions.

Amid the bloody political rivalry, numerous armed groups have emerged, including radical Islamist militias who have pledged allegiance to ISIS, including one based in the eastern city of Derina, a stronghold of radical groups, as well as regional militias and groups loyal to the former regime.

Tripoli, which has been controlled by Islamist militiamen

mostly from the western city of Misrata since the summer, has been hit with a series of car bombs and shootings. The internationally recognized government has been forced to relocate to the country's east, where a former general has waged an offensive against Islamist militias, including Ansar al-Shariah, blamed for the 2012 attack on the U.S. diplomatic mission in Benghazi that left the U.S. ambassador and three other Americans dead.

A senior U.S. State Department official confirmed that a U.S. citizen was among those killed in Tuesday's attack but did not provide further details. Cliff Taylor, the CEO of a Virginia security company, Crucible LLC, identified the slain American as David Berry, a contractor with his company.

A French national and three citizens of a former Soviet republic were also among the dead, according to a spokesman for a Tripoli security agency, Essam al-Naas.

The Malta-owned Corinthia hotel, among the most luxurious in Tripoli, is frequented by diplomats and foreign businessmen visiting Libya and is also where the U.N. support mission in Libya usually holds its meetings. The mission is hosting political talks with rival Libyan groups in Geneva, trying to resolve the country's political and security crisis.

## Event commemorates liberating Auschwitz

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Seventy years ago, the Soviet Red Army followed train tracks to the brick gates of Auschwitz-Birkenau, where an estimated 1.1 million Jews, Romanis, and other people deemed to be "undesirables" by Nazi Germany were systematically executed by the German SS over a period of six years.

Jan. 27 marked the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, one of the most infamous concentration camps used by the Nazis.

In remembrance of the tragedy, the Louis Shulman Hillel Foundation hosted a panel to educate students and citizens about the events surrounding the Holocaust.

Hillel Director Gerald Sorokin invited a panel of four educators from around the Midwest to speak at the event. After months of planning, Stephen Gaies, Elke Heckner, Daniel Reynolds, and Terri Toppler convened in Iowa City to speak to the audience at Hillel.

In the auditorium of the Hillel House, 122 E. Market St., students and others poured in at 7 p.m. Hillel staff had to bring in more chairs from the cafeteria area

after the initial number of seats were filled.

"The turnout is very encouraging," Sorokin said. "We were very glad to see that people are taking notice of this event and wish to learn more about what happened all those years ago."

Gaies, a professor at the University of Northern Iowa and director of the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Education, began the event by quoting camp survivor Roman Kent.

"We do not want our past to become our children's future," he said.

Following brief statements from the other three panelists, the Hillel staff screened Steven Spielberg's documentary *The Last Days* (1998), which follows five Holocaust survivors on a quest for closure following their experiences behind the wire fences of the concentration camps.

The emotional impact was seen throughout the audience as the images of malnourished and dying human beings were met with mournful groans from the audience.

After the 80-minute running time passed, the panelists began an open forum with the audience members.

Participants expressed excitement like the panel spark the idea of

hope for the future.

Elke Heckner, visiting assistant professor at the UI's Department of German said, "It's easy to become cynical about our world today, with all its negative issues."

According to Heckner, the liberation of Auschwitz is the "liberation of mankind," in that today, societies can learn from yesterday's mistakes and contrast a dark past with an even brighter future.

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# Young trackster shakes off trouble

Iowa trackster shows up in Ames after having some trouble in her first meet of the season.

By MARIO WILLIAMS  
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Jahisha Thomas' first college meet didn't go as planned.

At the Border Battle in Iowa City on Jan. 10, the London native finished in second-place with a time of 8.90 in the women's 60-meter hurdles. In addition, she took sixth in the women's 60, crossing the line at 8.01.

"The last time [Border Battle] was such a disastrous event. It was rusty, it was disgusting, and it was raggedy," she said. "I felt like I needed to reinvent myself and show my coaches why they actually recruited me. I wanted them to know they didn't bring me all the way here from London for no reason."

Last weekend in Ames, however, the athlete had no trouble improving her marks.

The freshman clocked a personal best of 8.60 in the women's 60-meter hurdles to snatch the title. Her time is now the seventh fastest in school history. Thomas also placed third in the women's 200, crossing the line at 25.65 to earn third.

The London native thought it was a lot of pressure on her to perform well in Ames after her performance in Iowa City.

Director of track and field Joey Woody understood this situation very well.

"Sometimes that first race as a freshman is just kind of shaking the rust off, knowing where you're at, and just kind of looking at some things," he said.

During the meet Thomas said she felt anxious, but those feelings weren't equivalent to the feelings she had at the Big Four Duals. Her own motivation was something she believes was a result of her performance.

"My foot was shaking in the blocks last time [Border Battle] and I was just nervous," she said. "This time [Big Four Duals] I had to tell myself just run, let's go, let's do this. In a way, that made my run more powerful in the end."

Iowa assistant coach Jason Wakenight was certainly pleased on his athlete's performance in Ames. In fact, the freshman's results were something he was expecting. "I thought it was really



Iowa sprinter Jahisha Thomas comes off the blocks at the start of the 200 meters during the Big Four Duels at the Lied Recreation Athletics Facility in Ames on Jan. 24. Thomas finished third in the event with a time of 25.65. (The Daily Iowan/John Theulen)

nice to see her get another big improvement and take a step forward," he said. "It's only a matter of time before everything clicks. Everything in practice has been looking really, really good."

After an impressive performance in Ames, the freshman said she felt delightful, but noted she's far from content — especially early on in the season.

"There's definitely more work to do," she said. "I'm happy with what I did, but I'm not comfortable for where I

am at the moment.

Aside from hurdles and sprints, Thomas also competes in the long jump. On Feb. 6, the freshman will make her debut at the Frank Sevigne Husker Invitational in Lincoln, Nebraska. Her coaches are looking forward to seeing her continue to break through.

"She's a girl we brought in knowing she could do both events at a real high level," Woody said. "She's somebody that we're counting on for the long jump."

## NOTEBOOK

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match," Clark said. "Control the match from start to finish."

### Battle of the titans

When the Hawkeyes head to Minneapolis on Friday, they'll be in for a test.

A passionate program, No. 2 Minnesota has a strong wrestling tradition and with the team

having such a strong season, its taking things very, very seriously.

"The other day you get the 'probables' from them, and it wasn't probable, it was a fight card — actually I think they called it a match card," Brands said. "It was

full-color, good looking. You know they had their guys with their rankings and an 'M' by each guy, and they had our guys with a ranking a Tigerhawk by each.

"They bill it for what it is, two titans going at it."

## BOX SCORE

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Michigan State are sure to inflate those stats.

Second, Iowa made a personnel decision following its loss to Northern Iowa. Head coach Fran McCaffery put in guard Peter Jok for Anthony Clemmons in the starting lineup.

The hope was that it would provide a spark on offense, and it has for the most part. But while Jok has certainly improved on the defensive side of the ball, he's no Clemmons, who basically built his identity around defense.

### Conference free-throw

percentage — 69.9 percent (eighth in the conference)

No one in Iowa's program is going to press the panic button over the Hawkeyes hitting a rough patch at the charity stripe in the beginning of conference play. However, if this trend continues, it could be troubling.

So much of Iowa's offense — and its success — revolves around getting to the free-throw line and racking up free points. In the Hawkeyes' 13 wins this season, they got to the line an average of 24.5 times per game. In the losses, they stood there only 19.8 times.

Likewise, when Iowa wins, it makes an average of

18.9 free throws per game. And when it loses, it makes 13.5 free throws per game. That 5-point difference can play a big factor, especially against Big Ten teams.

**Mike Gesell's conference stat line — 7.9 points, 3 assists, and 2.3 rebounds per game, 47.8 field-goal percentage**

Perhaps no one on Iowa's roster fits the role of the X-factor more than junior guard Mike Gesell.

When he's offensively productive, Iowa's offense looks as efficient as can be. When he's not, it can look stale and stagnant.

The good news for the Hawkeyes is that recently, Gesell has played well. Ba-

sically, every part of Gesell's game has improved since his shaky nonconference play. He's averaging more points per game, and more importantly, he does so in a much more efficient manner.

Gesell's not alone. Basically, every Iowa guard who sees significant playing time has begun to shoot the ball better from the field. Some at a higher rate than others, though.

Gesell doesn't have to be a sharpshooter from the 3-point line to be help Iowa's offense. But being a threat is simply a huge contribution, be it on a drive and kick or as the ball-handler on a pick-and-roll.

Bottom line: When Gesell plays well, typically, Iowa does.

## BASKETBALL

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downward, if only briefly. With Dixon's impact somewhat reduced, however, it becomes more glaring the amount of attention she receives from a defense.

"Everybody is so concerned about Dixon and the 3s," Logic said. "So

there are going to be a lot of driving lanes open."

Dixon's reputation throughout her career, paired with her ascension to nationally elite status, now mandates that the opposition keep her marked, even if she's not hitting. As a result, the defense is more spaced and players such as Logic, Doolittle, and Disterhoft have little resistance when operating in the paint.

Dixon is leading Iowa, which is shooting 38 percent from distance, good for eighth in the country. The spacing created from that attack has the Hawks ranked 17th at 45 percent from the floor. The Hawkeyes score 78 points per game, 14th in the country.

Dixon has the offense clicking better than even the Hawkeyes could have

imagined, and they are alone in second place in the Big Ten as a result. As Dixon and the offense goes, so will the Hawks.

## SWIM

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mer said he isn't sure of the source of the success.

"It's kind of weird," Halsmer said. "Because none of us practice together."

Halsmer is a sprint freestyler, while Betulius swims the 100 and 200 backstroke, Trussov swims those breaststroke distances, and Twarowski swims those lengths in the butterfly, meaning they do not train together at practice.

Halsmer said they take it a step further.

"We're the quietest guys on the team," he said. "Before the medley relays we don't even

say anything to each other,"

And recently, they haven't needed to. The group hit the wall first in the 400-medley relay at the Hawkeye Invitational in what would've been a school record time, but a false start of .01 seconds disqualified the relay. The same relay combination, despite what the team characterized as a rusty performance, scored a win after a Northwestern disqualification in the 200-medley relay on Jan. 25.

Malone, Betulius, and Halsmer credited the atmosphere around the team to the ongoing success.

"The atmosphere around the team has been different," said Betulius, who is the No. 2 ranked 100 backstroker in the country this season according

to USA swimming. "It's been really positive, and it's been really easy to feed off that."

Even though they have had both individual and relay success, Betulius, who has broken two records, was quick to point credit to the rest of the team.

"It is a team sport, even though we're individually competing," Betulius said. "I don't think any of us could do it on our own."

Still, however, with an NCAA "A" cut and five school records between the quartet, their success both individually and as a group can't be denied.

"They're talented and it shows in the water," Malone said.

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NOTEBOOK

# Wrestler shrugs off honor



Iowa 149-pounder Brandon Sorensen wrestles Virginia Tech's Sal Mastriani during the second day of the Midlands in Evanston, Illinois on, Dec. 30, 2014. Sorensen has been named Big Ten Wrestler of the Week. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

Iowa's 149-pounder captured the weekly award as his team looks toward the matchup with Minnesota.

By **JORDAN HANSEN**  
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For the second time this season, Iowa's 149-pounder Brandon Sorensen was awarded Big Ten Wrestler of the Week honors.

However, the award isn't exactly the highest goal Sorensen has set for himself this season.

"These awards mean something, sure, but the thing I'm after is a national title," Sorensen said. "That's what I want."

Wanting a national title is anyone's dream, but Sorensen is making a strong case that come March, he'll be a force to be reckoned with.

In fact, his award came after Sorensen downed defending NCAA champion Jason Tsirtsis 3-2 in overtime during Iowa's dual

win over Northwestern on Jan. 23.

Oh and his other 'Wrestler of the Week Award'? It came against the other NCAA finalist — Josh Kindig.

"He is handling the success well, obviously, and he still has more to give, and I think that he knows that, and he'll even say that," head coach Tom Brands said. "He's doing a good job, and he has to keep doing a good job and believe in the things that he does well even more."

### Clark ready for Dardanes

Iowa's dual with Minnesota will produce a number of top-ranked matchups, but fourth-ranked Cory Clark against No. 1 Chris Dardanes will be one of the biggest.

However, that's not exactly how Clark is looking at the match.

"It's the same as anyone else, preparation-wise, you got to get ready to wrestle hard," Clark said. "I've been giving up first-period takedowns and stuff, and that's been hurting me — I have to work on that and come out really, really ready to go and getting the first takedown of the match."

The two wrestlers have not met at a college level and with it possibly being one of the bigger swing matches in the meet, the pressure is increased.

It could also be a chance for him to grab a statement win — something he does not have this season.

"This is pretty big, No. 1 guy, you could really make a statement there by getting a win and going out not only to win by one, but going out to opening it up, wrestle my

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BOX SCORE

# Hawks live by the numbers

The Box Score: A statistical dive into Iowa's play during conference action.

By **JACOB SHEYKO**  
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Time will tell whether Iowa's recent two-game losing streak is a sign of what's to come from the 13-7 Hawkeyes or merely an aberration.

What is known is through the first seven games of the Big Ten season, Iowa's style of play has vastly differed from the beginning of the season.

It's nothing drastic, but when facing competition such as No. 5 Wisconsin — as Iowa will do Saturday — or anyone in the Big Ten for that matter, the difference between a few points can be the difference between winning and losing a game.

And as Iowa nears closer to the end of the season, those games are beginning to hold more and more weight.

**Conference points allowed per game — 70 points per game (13th in the Big Ten)**

In the nonconference season, Iowa hung its hat on its defense. It gave up just 58.8 points per game, allowing its offense to find its footing while not doing too much damage to Iowa's win-loss column.



Gesell  
guard

It's been a different story in conference play. The Hawkeyes are allowing the second-worst points per game in the Big Ten, with the only team allowing more being Indiana. The Hawkeyes let teams shoot 45.5 percent from the field, 35 percent from 3-point range.

There could be several explanations for this spike. First, the obvious one: Conference play typically yields tougher competition, and in Iowa's case, teams such as Wisconsin, Ohio State, and

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# Dixon takes the long view

Melissa Dixon's outside shooting, second nationally in 3s made, pushes the Hawkeyes into Big Ten contention.

By **KYLE MANN**  
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Entering the 2014-15 campaign, the Iowa women's basketball team knew it had a perfect storm brewing.

There was Sam Logic, the do-it-all All-American point guard. Ally Disterhoft was coming off as impressive of a freshman season as Hawkeye fans have seen in recent memory. Bethany Doolittle was a record-setting shot blocker and leading scorer. And there was Melissa Dixon, certified sniper.

Before even settling on a fifth starter, it appeared that the Hawkeyes, particularly on offense, had all filled the roles filled requisite for a successful unit. Logic would pass, Disterhoft would be the glue player in the middle, Dixon would shoot, and Doolittle would score down low.

And then Dixon became the most lethal 3-point shooter in the country. As well-positioned as the team was expected to be, Dixon is having a season for the ages that has the high-flying Iowa offense functioning more dangerously than observers had anticipated.

Dixon has never taken much of a role as a ball-handler, but she is active moving off the ball for either a back cut to the hoop or more frequently, an open look from distance. Thus far, Dixon has literally maxed out in terms of production from a spot-up shooter.

"I'm just embracing my role," she said. "I'm doing what I know I can do and just playing hard."



Iowa guard Melissa Dixon shoots in Carver-Hawkeye on Dec. 11, 2014. The Hawkeyes defeated Iowa State, 76-67. (The Daily Iowan/Alyssa Hitchcock)

The guard's confidence in her shot would have been justified before this season — her 97 3s in 2013-14 was an Iowa single-season record — and she was top-five all-time entering her senior season. Now, however, she'll be remembered as one of the most skilled shooters to ever don the black and gold.

"I think she has the quickest shot I've coached," Hawkeye coach Lisa Bluder said earlier this season.

Dixon this quick work of capturing the Iowa career 3-point record, now sit-

ting at 280 with a half season to go. She ranks second nationally with 3.68 made 3s per game, as well as ninth with a clip of 45.2-percent.

For comparison, the only player to make more 3s per game — Ohio State's Kelsey Mitchell — is shooting 38.5-percent.

Roughly a week ago, Dixon did rank in front of Mitchell, but two less-than-spectacular games against Nebraska and Michigan have her numbers trending

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# Swimmers have fab four

By **IAN MURPHY**  
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A gambling man knows there's no such thing as a sure win. He can get close, but there's never a guarantee.

If that man wanted as close of a sure bet as possible, he wouldn't need to look further than the quartet of senior Grant Betulius, junior Roman Trussov, freshman Jerzy Twarowski, and sophomore Jackson Halsmer.

That quartet has not only made up the Hawkeyes 200- and 400-medley relays for most of the season, they get it done in their individual events as well.

Betulius, Trussov, and Twarowski have all broken school records in their respective strokes, and Halsmer became the first Hawkeye swimmer under 20 seconds in the open 50 freestyle since the 2011-12 season.



Halsmer  
sophomore

"They have a real relaxed approach to things," associate head coach Frannie Malone said. "They trust each other ... and that feeds into the rest of the team."

For as good as they have been, Hals-

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