1st snow means crashes, bangs and winter reminders from city officials.

By MIKE WRIGHT

Tuesday’s light snowfall was enough to cause 31 reported car crashes on the morning commute in Iowa City.

Iowa City police Sgt. Denise Brotherton said such an influx of accidents is common with the first snow of the winter.

“The biggest thing to remember is to slow down,” she said.

The majority of Tuesday’s snowfall made all the city’s roads mud during the day, allowing for easier driving in the evening hours. But it still reminded many Iowa City residents of the snow-plow shutdowns following the heavy snowfall in February when the University of Iowa campus was blanketed in feet of snow.

Carol Sweeting, the information coordinator for Iowa Public Radio, said it’s important to plan in advance for snow emergencies. She said the Feb. 2 blizzard was the first time in Iowa City history that the city declared an extended snow emergency.

“It was just overwhelming for everyone,” she said. “So we had to extend the snow emergency.”

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John Miller has worked in the real estate market for the past 40 years.

By ASHA ELEUTHERS

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Researchers John Miller, a real estate expert, found that Iowa City has the potential to appeal to national real estate experts.

According to the report, Iowa City’s economic growth and potential for industrial development have attracted national attention.

“Many experts believe Iowa City has the potential to become a regional hub for innovation and technology,” Miller said. “The city’s strategic location and proximity to major transportation corridors make it an attractive location for businesses.”

Miller cautions that while Iowa City has potential, there are still challenges to overcome.

“While the city has a lot to offer, it is important to address the cost of living and access to affordable housing,” Miller said. “We also need to focus on developing a diverse and inclusive workforce.”

Despite these challenges, Miller remains optimistic about Iowa City’s future.

“With the right investments and planning, Iowa City has the potential to become a thriving community,” Miller said.
Eight UI students attended UISG’s U-Bill focus groups and said they preferred the current billing system.

** UISG narrows U-Bill plan **

District may use reserve $$

The School Board previously discussed using the reserve fund in April.
Editorial

GPA requirement for teachers laudable, but needs amending

The mandatory grade-point average required for prospective teachers to enter Iowa's 32 preparation programs is a step in the right direction. A one-semester exception will help to correct the disparity of requirements that would have left disadvantaged students without the ability to enter Iowa's teaching force in the state of Iowa.

Some would argue that 3.0 is too high of a GPA requirement. The University of Iowa, Wisconsin, and Minnesota all require a 3.0 GPA or higher before entering their teacher-preparation schools. If Iowa's teachers were as experienced and better prepared as those of neighboring states, Iowa would have a higher caliber of teachers.

If this is passed, it is estimated one in five professors who have graduated from a college with a 3.0 GPA or higher will not be able to join Iowa's state universities. While it is honorable and necessary to make sure that Iowa's teachers are the best and the most well-suited, this requirement will adversely affect Iowa's educational requirements.

GPA is a test of knowledge; it is used to make decisions about students. This requirement is used to make decisions about teachers. This is not to say that GPA should be disregarded when making decisions about professors. A student with a GPA of 2.0 or below is less likely to be accepted into a graduate program in the United States. Some students may be more limited by the coursework they take, while others may simply have a higher GPA based on factors such as socioeconomic status.

There are many ways to measure if a candidate for a teaching position is well-suited. A one-semester exception will help to correct the disparity of requirements that would have left disadvantaged students without the ability to enter Iowa's teaching force in the state of Iowa.

Letter

Bad and good: observed at UI

It's already been four months since the Daily Iowan began publication. I write this as a new transfer student from Korea, and the time to be here has been long and uphill. I think that everyone has experienced here has been new and unfamiliar to us, and that experience has been good and bad.

All the other professors and students are friendly and helpful, which is great. The classes are also much more interesting than what I've experienced here have been new and unknown to us, and that experience has been good and bad.

Guest opinion

UI Student Government: Our mid-year update

More than halfway through our term in office, there is no denying that our campaign promises were not fully met. In our 2011 campaign, we outlined goals for our term that included increasing transparency, holding departments accountable, and ensuring that students were represented on the student body.

In some instances, we have encountered challenges, the UI Student Government, the Action Party, the administration, and student activists. We have been working diligently to accomplish our goals in these general areas.

In light of this information, we would like to share our strategy for advancing these initiatives. Our main goal is to create a more transparent student government.

While we have faced roadblocks to some of our initiatives, we believe students have made great progress. Further, other UI Student Government offices have also made great progress. Our campaign platform was one of the first initiatives that we have worked to make a reality.

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Al Jazeera

"Eight non-businessmen are flush with cash, and they are afraid to commit it because they don’t think the investment environment is stable enough," said Mike France, vice president of government studies at the Hainey Foundation.

Republican candidates have gone to great lengths to say a variety of measures they expect will pay off in the business environment. Former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman proposed a reduction in corporate income tax from 35 percent to 25 percent. Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas, proposed lowering corporate tax rates to 15 percent to improve competition in the global market. Paul and former U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., have both proposed extending the income tax cuts signed by President Bush, which are set to expire in 2013.

Candidates say government regulation will give more economic freedom for small businesses. “The entrepreneur in America, the small businessman and woman, is looking for a government that will say, ‘We are going to lower the tax burden on you and lower the regulation impacts on you,’” said Steve Bartlett.

The Public Works Department published a release explaining the importance of following the snow-emergency parking regulations on the city streets in order to allow snowfalls to be cleared from the streets as quickly as possible.

When Public Works declares a snow emergency, motorists are required to park at least four hours in order to remove all vehicles off of free-streets routes — though Sweeting said the department tries to announce the snow emergency days before the snowfall.

If residents do not move their cars, they risk paying a $50 ticket as well as paying a towing fee. The grand total for not moving one’s car...
UI faculty unsure about online CV

BY JOYDEN KELLOG

Despite University of Iowa officials optimism about a new online curriculum vitae database, faculty members remain skeptical about the program's value.

UI Associate Provost Tom Rice told a Faculty Senate meeting Tuesday the electronic database will make accessing information faster.

"We currently don't have it at one place," he said. "[Therefore] we are unable to quickly pull together information."

The electronic curriculum vitae database will serve as a central database for information on faculty and staff research. Officials said they hope to use the database when presenting information on the university.

But many Faculty Senate members expressed concerns.

"[Digital Measures] is aiming to solve a problem," Jane Pendegent said and was concerned that the information would not be specific enough describing the varied fields of study among faculty. If the information isn't specific enough, she said, some faculty might create separate CVs.

"If you really feel they need to do it at a dual level, one is going to be up-to-date, and it not going to be the one that meets," she said.

Other members said they worried about the security of the information.

However, Rice said he discussed the contract and database with Digital Measures, which will provide the CV suite, and UI Information Technology Services officials.

"It's really exciting that we get to do this," he said. "We're on the cutting edge." Rice also said the database will provide the CV suite, and UI Information Technology Services officials.

"We're on the cutting edge," Rice said. "We're going to be the one that needs to be," he said. "The fact that we're not using it university-wide," Rice said. "We're on the cutting edge." Rice also said he does not want to grow that and spread that.

Despite the concerns, Rice told the Senate meeting Tuesday that "we are still going to work on the [CV's] advantages, rather than historians, but based on the [CV's] advantages, "We're going to do it." Rice also said the "CV system would help Iowa City in a way that it's really convincing," said.

"I really want to highlight the advantage," Rice said. "I think centra is you can get information to legisla- tion [because business owners] do not have," Rice said. "The biggest hurdles are letting people know and the 98 other counties what a great system we have." Rice also said the "CV will be helpful, but its success will depend on how we present it, "he said. "Staff have to update their resume every year and use the online version."
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County’s jail alternatives extensive

Officials plan to continue programs if a new justice center is approved in order to save the county money.

By AUDREY ROEN

Some Iowa counties have similar jail-alternative programs to Johnson County; however, they tend to pay less for their programs than Johnson County does.

County officials say the current number of inmates is the main cause of the higher cost, which the county hopes to solve with a new justice center. County residents will vote on a bond referendum in November 2012.

Johnson County Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek and other county officials agree current programs are necessary to save money.

“We have jail-alternative programs in place to save money,” Johnson County Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek said. “Jail alternates are just programs created for inmates, but they don’t take up a large portion of the budget.”

“Our county has jail programs, mental-health court and we partner with the Department of Corrections. Let Judicial District on a monthly basis. Of these programs, some of these would constitute a majority of our budget,” Thompson said, noting that the programs cost approximately $50,000 annually.

Pottawattamie County programs are similar to Johnson County’s, but they cost the county essentially nothing, Thompson said. All are run by volunteers.

Deanna Axland, the head of Pottawattamie County inmate programs, said, in addition to Alcoholics Anonymous, religious programs sponsored by local churches, and the ability for inmates to complete GED in jail programs, all are run by volunteers, keeping costs low.

All of our programs are volunteer, with the exception of public health, which is a public entity,” Axland said.

Pottawattamie Volunteer Labor Program also provides an income for the jail of roughly $1,200 a month from inmates paying $25 to $50 per night to stay in the jail while working for their job prior to jail or doing work for the community.

“We figure if we had to pay someone minimum wage to do what they are doing, it would cost us that much, so that’s how we pay the monetary value,” Axland said.

With a new justice cen- ter, Pulkrabek plans to continue those programs and possibly create additional programs involving volun- teers to save the county money.

“They many programs I would like to implement in a new center,” he said. “The one thing we have to have negligible costs. One way would be a program bringing in volunteers to teach life skills to inmates such as maintaining bank accounts and things like that.”

Romney might change above-the-fray slant

By CHARLES BARTON

WASHINGTON — Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney responded Tuesday to complaints that he is shying himself from media scrutiny, agreeing to more in-depth interviews and holding his third news conference available in four years.

The former Massachu- setts governor continues to favor the conservative- friendly Fox News. But his campaign seemed eager to take on the former Gingrich aide who has frequent dugs of reporters and tough question- ing.

Romney agreed to appear on “Fox News Sun- day” on Dec. 16, his first national Sunday talk show in nearly two years. In Arizo- na, he fielded a few ques- tions from national reporters, as he did on two occasions Dec. 4 in New Hampshire.

“I’ll be on Fox a lot, because you guys matter when it comes to Republi- can voters,” Romney told Fox News’ Neil Cavuto on Tuesday. His campaign let other reporters listen to the exchange without jumping in.

The change in tone from Romney’s earlier responses in a Nov. 29 tele- vised interview, when he was wider agreement that he needs to show he can han- dle tough questions from political reporters.

“The lack-of-engagement strategy has served Rom- ney pretty well,” Rick Golder, a GOP strategist who has worked for Mitt Romney, said in an inter- view with The Daily Iowan/Fox Foto.

“Now, I think he needs to show he can handle tough questions from political reporters.”

Romney signaled his more open posture. “Now, I think we’ve got to alter course and get him out there more.”

Numerous Romney sup- porters had expressed con- cerns over reports of him dodging reporters.

“It remains a mystery why Mitt Romney has done relatively few interviews,” Jennifer Rubin, a conserva- tive blogger for the Wash- ington Post who often praises Romney, wrote on Monday. The much-dis- cussed Nov. 29 Fox inter- view, she said, might have gone better “had it been one of dozens of TV inter- views held during the campaign.”

In that 15-minute exchange with Fox News’ Bret Baier, Romney brus- ked at questions about his changed views on abortion, climate change, immigra- tion, and gay rights, all of which are widely discussed in political circles.

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Hoopsters head for Hilton ‘hell’

The last time Iowa played in Iowa State Coliseum, it lost by 20.

By BEN WOLFSON

The outcomes of the past several matchups between the Iowans and the Hawkeyes have been pretty easy to predict. One has just had to look at where the game was played.

Each of the last three games between the Hawkeyes and Cyclones have been 20-point victories for the home team.

Iowa won, 62-40, at Carver-Hawkeye Arena last season, two years ago Iowa State won, 66-46, in Ames.

The last time a visiting team won in the women’s basketball contest of the Cy-Hawk Series was in 2005, when the Cyclones beat the Hawkeyes, 68-74.

This isn’t the best omen for Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder’s team (0-3), which has to travel to Hilton Coliseum for today’s game with Iowa State. The Cyclones aren’t famous for drawing huge crowds, but the Cyclones (4-2) have been averaging more than 17,000 fans per home game this season.

“I’ve already seen Iowa State, a place where we haven’t been successful in the past,” Bluder said. “It’s kind of been a situation where the home court has held in recent years.”

“Iowa State is coming off a loss to Michigan — somebody in the Big Ten, somebody that we know pretty well. I think that will give our players a little bit of confidence.”

Junior guard Jaime Printy, one of 10 transfers from Division I basketball programs, admitted she wasn’t too eager to remember her first Iowa game.

“I don’t remember it being very pretty.”

Iowa’s Paul Gordon prepares for the game from the blocks of the start of the men’s 100 butterfly during the Hawkeye Invitational on Dec. 4, 2010, in the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center. Gordon, now a senior, is an All-American and holds several school records. (The Daily Iowan/Photo)

Paul Gordon continues to excel in the pool, and he has improved his times nearly every time he gets in the water.

By BEN ROSS

Iowa Wolfpack seeks rematch

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By SAM LOUWAGIE

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contend for the title. One,” Gordon said. “I don’t remem- ber what I said on Tuesday, but the situation is that that’s what he felt was right for him.”

Evans responded to that by saying, “That means he beat me worse of me.”

“I love the man. He’s a great coach. He’s a great guy and one of the best people I’ve ever met,” Gordon said.

“Bluder’s team’s are different. But he got the better of me.”

“Coach McCaffery does that sometimes,” Evans said. “But he uses that to energize us.” Marble said. “I think it helped, but that’s not something you’d do technically. I’m not mad at coach. I just understand- ing that’s what he felt he had to do.”