Michael in a polar plunge on Jan. 28 in Riverside. The coaches braved 34-degree weather to raise money for the Hawkeye Wrestling Club. (The Daily Iowan/Jacklyn Couppee)

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By ANNA THEODOSIS
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IN A SLUGGED ECONOMY and rising poverty rates are leaving more Iowans hungry. Jordan Vernoy, the state director of the Iowa Food Bank Association, wants to buck the trend.

“I’m just hoping that people learn what hunger looks like in Iowa, and they can take action against it,” said Vernoy, noting that food banks throughout the state have seen a 30 percent increase in the number of clients over the last year.

He spoke to Johnson County residents at the Congregational United Church of Christ,
Spotlight Iowa City

A gift for the words

University of Iowa freshman Leaha Lechur uses her writing skills to serve others.

BY HANNAH KRAMER

Leaha Lechur easily earns her dorm room without the job she got from her parents. The blue-jeans-and-sneakers-with-jeans- design on her clothes holds the thoughts that inform her writing. She does it every day.

Lechur said she chose the UIS for its well-rounded writing program, and she will follow the creative-writing track for her graduate studies.

Lechur already has published work in her senior, "The yard," a piece about student loans, and on her other hand I'm one of the children," in which she "love it, because it's very humbling." "

METRO

Plummer trial moved to Tama County

The attempted murder trial of a man who is accused of shooting his estranged wife outside of an Albia convenience store will be held in Tama County, according to online court documents.

Plummer, who also charged him with a related federal offense, is accused of shooting the woman in April 2016.

The case was moved to Tama County after a judge ordered the case to be sealed.

Plummer’s father, who is also charged with the same offense, is accused of shooting the woman.

The case is set to continue.

BLOTTER

Khalil Redwood, 19, Chicago, was charged on Jan. 26 with disorderly conduct in connection with an incident at the Iowa City Center.

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When Lechur was a freshman in high school, she spent hours working on a writing project that became her novel, "Dr. War." She was inspired by her English teacher to pursue the coming-of-age story about a girl who realizes the true color of her costume after taking an 8th grade class.

"The first draft was row and clumsy and uh, high school drama," Lechur said. "I kind of wasn't the version that was submitted." "Very early on," she added, "I knew I wanted to be a writer." Writing was "a good way to kind of see what I knew and what I didn't," she said. "I wanted to publish it at an independent publisher in Denver." Lechur won the contest with "Dreamer." She began to meet with editors and worked on the publication process. "The biggest struggle for me at first was that it like they didn't want any of what I had written," Lechur said. "People would say, 'It's like, this is how you should do it. These are your notes, these were my notes, and this is how it's going to be next, and that's hard because it was something that was so close to my heart.'" "The book is a part of a series and is expected to be released in March after editorial work is done. She will publish the next four novels with a different publishing house." In addition to her current position, Lechur is a member of the Paris Youth Advisory Board, a nonprofit organization that supports literary and music programs. "It’s the idea of everyone," she added. "We teach skills, and then participants can teach those to others." Lechur and colleague Rashal Washington will host the organization’s first event this spring in Indiana. "It’s a very important student," said Lechur. "The woman had a dream," she added. "Matthew Gilchrist. She doesn’t write books, but she loves books and the idea and contribution was very highly valued." Kate Aragon was praised for her "diverse" and "exciting" work. Aragon said, "It’s a very exciting place to write, and it’s a gift that she is definitely preserving."
Bryce was diagnosed with stage four follicle non-Hodgkin lymphoblastic lymphoma at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in May 2008, roughly a week after he turned 11. The cancer affected the whole body. A few weeks beforehand, Bryce had experienced severe swelling that first began in the neck. His head, he said, was "three times the size it should have been."

The family grappled with the symptoms, not knowing whether the situation was serious. Despite local doctors' hesitancy, Tonya Campbell demanded to take her child to Children's Hospital in Chicago. The 11-year-old said the initial uncertainty about his condition turned into fear upon hearing his diagnosis.

"You just want to scream, because you don't know if your kid is going to make it to all of this," she said.

For the next two years, Bryce went through impant- tant and outpatient treatment. Chemotherapy, he said, "works like a bomb," because it destroys both the good and the bad in the body.

"You have to think, this will all be over eventually," Bryce said. "Keep on pushing through. That's how you can get through it."

Sometimes, he lost his positive attitude. Once, he said, there didn't seem to be a point to trying, and Bryce said he soon learned nothing would go perfectly.

Yet meeting with other families in the same situation helps, he said. And groups such as Dance Marathon try to cheer up children missing their everyday activities.

By day 17 after the procedure, negative side effects of the chemotherapy struck his liver. He was forced to stay in the UIHC pediatric unit for two weeks. And the hardtimes continued. He later faced a respiratory issue. His gastrostomy tract was affected. His kidneys threatened to shut down, and he was on dialysis for eight weeks.

The Christian family relied on their faith during the ordeals. Believe, their one word motto, is derived from the Bible's Mark 14:11-12, "Who will you have me get for you to pray, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours?"

"It was the family vows which give them hope," Tonya Campbell said.

"We cling to those, in those moments when you are scared and filled with fear, and your child is sick," she said. "And we just trust that everything is in God's hands. And you have to have something to believe in."

Bryce and his mother stayed at the hospital for nearly 11 days after his transplant. On Nov. 5, they went home.

Though Tonya Campbell admits the family is still experiencing a few setbacks following his discharge, she said many prayers have been answered. His doctors threatened to shut down, and he was on dialysis for eight weeks.

"We were just choosing to believe that he would be okay," she said. "And he's healing, so we thank him."

A three and a half years later, Bryan is on his way to recovery.

By the time of his 15th birthday in May — almost four years after his diagnosis — Bryce said he should be back in the outdoors. The teenager said with excitement, it is the perfect time of year as everything is "bubbling up but not burn- ing hot."

And Bryce knows his first plan of action.

"I can't wait to go canoe- ing again."

Food CONTINUED FROM 1

30 N. Clinton St., on Sun- day before current poverty and hunger rates at the local and statewide level. The struggling economy lies at the heart of the growing food bank clien- tele, Vernoy said. And local schools a simi- lar belief. "I believe the primary reason that there has been an increase in hunger in Iowa and in the United States is the downturn in the economy, with people losing their jobs and not being able to find jobs that pay good wages," said Donna Hirst, the chair- woman at Vernoy's presen- tation.

Vernoy said, approximately 40 percent of Iowa families at or below the poverty level are not receiving help because their income is con- sidered too high by govern- ment standards.

According to his presen- tation, child hunger rates have also increased, with nearly 21 percent of Iowa's children living in families that can't afford enough food for proper nutrition. Vernoy said this malnutri- tion can hinder other parts of their lives, such as educ- ation.

Locally, Johnson County Crisis Center officials said they've seen an increase in those seeking food and assistance.

Elizabeth Haas, the single-mom on the adminis- trator in the center, previ- ously told The Daily Iowan her division has seen a 75 percent increase of families seeking help over the past year.

Audience members and program directors said those numbers reflect the need for more education on poverty.

"Tough hunger persists despite national and local efforts to do more," Ryan Downing, a Masson Board member said at the Congressional Church, wrote in an email. "Regular people, non- governmental organizations, and many others work hard to find ways to get food into the gyms and allow the hungry to have it."

He said fighting poverty- based hunger can extend outside the local level as well.

"Whether it is interna- tionally based Unintended Consequences, peo- ple coming together on the local level to give direct assistance, or grass-roots campaigns to address inequality changes, hope can be found in both the holocaust cam- paigns and the most hum- ble of actions."

Even with the attempts to raise awareness of the issue, Vernoy said some locals and most people are not fully aware of the circum- stances.

"I think people would be appalled if they knew how many people were food insecure," said Marilyn Vanderbyl, a member at Vernoy's presentation.
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Mike Welte vacuums the heat unit (HI) breezeway on Jan. 28. Welte has worked at Dance Marathon for the 18 years he has worked at the IMU, vacuums the breezeway, and many of the workers keep their energies up.

“Mikey has always been a supporter of Dance Marathon,” said Courtney Bond, the coordinator for Dance Marathon. Welte is the only custodian for Dance Marathon, and she knows Welte even when she student on the Dance Marathon team, still remembers his reputation. Mike’s always been a supporter of Dance Marathon and supportive of all the students, so even on a normal workday, the big event can be a cleaning challenge, working around the participants and a great staff help him clean. Usually toward the end, those few kids, they’ve been out there dancing and giving all they can, they don’t know what they’re tough as nails, Welte said.

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Guest opinion

Ocupy Iowa City or the world’s worst homeless shelter?

Dressed like Lord Jim Jong Il and carrying a box of Pizza Hut, I poked my way through a stonewalled encampment of a small group of friends and residents.

People are still doing it.

I was asked, sounding amid a largishly abandoned village of tents to: “How’s the weather?”

“I heard it’s basically just homeless people,” another said. I said “Occupy Shame.”

Yes, if you haven’t noticed. Ocupy Iowa City is a testament to the lack of original ideas. Original ideas have failed to brood their homes. Their four-month permit is set to expire Feb. 29 and the city is expecting a new batch of shelter applicants.

But should the Occupation be extended at the local level? If making an afternoon trip up to the camp and interviewing every member present (one person) I say: you — though it can’t go on as it is already. The current state of that park is detrimental to the participants’ cause.

Ocupy Iowa City’s example represents the general trend toward political polarization. Whether it’s police raids, snore, or apathy, Ocupy Movement seems to move in and move out of their homes and off the front pages. We will certainly hear more about it as we-we-so-we-not-getting-a-jx-exchanges as much as we are.

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Houghton falls ill, Diercks rolls

Iowa men’s tennis coach Ross Houghton was hospitalized in Virginia on Jan. 25, following a test for the team’s tournament in Virginia on Jan. 28.

Houghton was on the road to the event when he started experiencing what was characterized as a “systemic infection” forcing him to seek medical assistance. Iowa resident sport-information staffer Brady Johnson told The Daily Iowan that Houghton is resting at home. He could not be reached for comment.

Despite being disappointed by the loss, freshman Jordan Huff impressed with some gymnastics, but it wasn’t enough, she said. “We had the opportunity to score extremely well. We still need to be reached for an award, and his status for next weekend is unknown.”

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**Sports**

**At last! Hawkeyes sing**

The Hawkeyes snap a near yearlong skid against the top 25 with a win over No. 13 Purdue.

By TOKY MASON

The Hawkeyes have overcome a lot of obstacles to get this victory. One of the biggest was being able to defeat an opponent that was ranked in the top 25.

In a game that was never in doubt, the Hawkeyes defeated the Boilermakers with a score of 78-63.

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The Hawkeyes allow No. 16 Indiana forw ard Cody Zeller scored a game-high 21 points in 11-of-12 field-goal attempts and 20 offensive rebounds.

Bench sparks victory

Iowa’s women’s bas ketball team used a 20-7 run in the final period to post a 76-61 win over Purdue. Iowa outscored Purdue 25-10 in the fourth quarter.

Little knowns spark grapplers

Iowa redshirt freshman Mike Evans plus Minnesota’s Cody Zeller during the 103-point beat on Sunday in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Evans pinned Zeller in 6:02.

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On Sunday, following a 1- win over Minnesota’s Zach Sanders, McDonough unscapped his head, shook the hand of head coach Tom Brands, and jumped into the locker room.

“We probably could have scored some points on top,” he said.

“I was mainly focused on getting a first half and a second half,” he said. The Hawkeyes would take the first three matches — McDonough at 125 pounds, Ramos at 141 pounds and Moore at 144. And he said he knew the Hawkeyes would win at 141, Dylan Alton was going to win at 149, and Minnesota’s loss at the four轻 classes)

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evans,” McDonough said. “The dual was decided by 2 matches — those guys went out there and beat the heavyweights.

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nously a first half and a second half,” he said. “I was going to do my best and work.”

Sanders chose to start the final period on the bench. And McDonough proceeded to in his

Iowa’s bench plays a key role in upsetting No. 13 Purdue.

Iowa center Morgan Johnson led all Hawkeyes with 12 points. She was second and he was first just based on hearsay. But you know who’s tough. Really, every guy’s tough.

The Marion native scored the match’s first points with a first-period takedown. He chose to begin the second period on the bottom, and earned a reversal just 11 seconds into the period. Then McDonough tacked one of Sanders’ 14 for another takedown and a 6-lead entering the third period.

“I was mainly focused on getting our last game, when I was just standing out there and calling everything up for all the players,” the red-shirt september said. “So I know coming into this game that I was going to try at least open it up by putting the ball on the hand and try to get some players-open.”

The momentous created by Johnson and Taylor earned the two a combined 20 points — 11 of those coming on 3-of-3 shooting.

The Hawkeyes have no reason to fear the next shot is always going to be there.

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