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Regents OK assault policies

Sex-assault policies for Iowa's public universities garner approval, but some regents express need for one state policy.

By **AMANDA MCCLURE**
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CEDAR FALLS — Iowa's state universities will implement new sexual-misconduct policies after receiving unanimous approval from the state Board of Regents on Thursday.

Iowa State, the University of Northern Iowa, and the UI spent the past three months revising their policies to make them specific and centered on victims' needs. "It's very important that we now have a formal process," Regent President David Miles said. "Even if we have institu-

tions full of well-meaning people, there are many areas that can go wrong. I'm very happy with what [the universities] have come up with." All of the policies define sexual misconduct, tell victims whom to contact and where to go for help, and ensure victims' rights

to confidentiality and advocacy support programs. All three schools removed the victim's option to informally report a case and are now requiring they have a trained advocate during the investigation. Policies also encourage people to report assaults to both the police and university.



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Iowa lacking in OB/GYNs

Only 30 of Iowa's 99 counties have OB/GYN providers.

By **TESSA MCLEAN**
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Women in many rural Iowa areas are forced to travel to neighboring counties to for their obstetric and gynecological care.

It's one of many problems stemming from a lack of OB/GYNs across the state, according to a recent report.

Karen Kubby, the executive director of the Emma Goldman Clinic, 227 N. Dubuque St., said rural counties in Iowa have difficulty attracting OB/GYNs because they must commit themselves to a community.

But officials said there are viable solutions.

"There need to be more incentive programs," Kubby said. "We need to ensure there are expanded options for families in Iowa. There are ways that public policy could relieve that lack of access to resources in certain counties."

UI Student Health Service gynecologist Ann Laros also sees the lack of OB/GYNs as a problem in Iowa. She said she'd like to see more, but there may be other more important issues.

"In terms of what we need, we still probably need more family providers than gynecologists," she said. "Since I have been a doctor in Iowa, there has been an increasing number [of gynecologists], but it is hard to move to these rural areas because you need partners. You can't be on-call all the time."

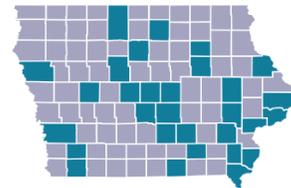
According to a report released in this year on obstetricians and gynecological care in Iowa, only 30 of the 99 counties in Iowa have OB/GYN providers. All other counties are cared for by family-practice providers, except for Tay-

Statewide practice

Only 30 Iowa counties have both OB/GYN providers and family-practice providers.

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Source: UI Office of Statewide Clinical Education Programs

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TAs step in after prof's death

Students and teachers adjust to classroom changes after professor's death.

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Nearly four months after political-science Professor Arthur Miller's death, officials said his classes are running smoothly thanks to two graduate students hired to take his place.

"We were very careful who we selected to teach these students," said Tom Rice, the political-science department head. "We were fortunate to have graduate students who were doing advanced work in these two areas."

Despite the unfortunate circumstances, graduate students Ben Knoll and Daniel Bowen were excited about taking over the classes.

"They had the most course work, they were advanced in their work, and they were far along in the program," Rice said. "We had strong reason to believe they'd be effective teachers and had great confidence in their classroom ability."

But being thrown into a new situation under odd circumstances caused concern for Bowen, who taught Miller's public-opinion course. He wasn't worried that his new students would have a lot of questions about what happened, but he was anxious about their having a graduate student teach the class.

"A lot of these students had registered for this course from a well-respected professor, and

instead of getting what they signed up for, they were getting a grad student," Bowen said.

Though students were surprised by the switch, the new instructors weren't a disappointment, said Kevin Quilty, a junior taking political psychology from Knoll.

"I thought that if they were going to pick a grad student to teach the class, they'd only pick the most qualified," Quilty had said.

Despite the lack of disappointment, Quilty carried some reservations, fearing the class would be chaotic and unsystematic.

"When I first heard that I'd be getting a new teacher, I thought the class would be disorganized and hurriedly put together," he



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Daniel Bowen, who replaced Arthur Miller this semester as a public-opinion teacher in the political-science department, sits in his Schaeffer Hall office on Thursday. Bowen began with Miller's syllabus, then revised it by looking at public-opinion courses around the country, he said.

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County buys 3 city houses

Despite reservations, county officials decide to purchase property at the site chosen for a proposed justice center.

By BRIANA BYRD

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The Johnson County Board of Supervisors on Thursday approved the purchase of three Iowa City houses to make room for a proposed a county justice center.

The properties are 504 S. Capitol St., 510 S. Capitol St., and 7 E. Harrison St. The supervisors had an appraisal conducted before Thursday's meeting to determine the purchase price — \$484,000.

In November, the supervisors chose the area adjacent to the Johnson County Courthouse on Clinton Street for the jus-

tice center, ending their one-year search.

Using that area, the county will save \$190,250 per year more than the other three sites considered.

But for the justice center to be built on the chosen property, in addition to buying the city-owned houses, the county must purchase a federally owned parking lot.

The only problem: The supervisors have not yet received approval from the Government Services Agency, which manages the property.

"Until that's sure, nothing can happen," Supervisor Rod Sullivan said.

Rather than waiting until after the county acquires the parking lot, the supervisors voted to approve the purchase agreement for the three houses now because they're for sale, Sullivan said.

"It's in our best interest to purchase them right now," Supervisor Pat Harney said. "I wish it was a little further down the road, because they haven't made a full agreement with GSA."

Despite the supervisors' reservations, purchasing the houses isn't irreversible. The agreement guarantees the city of Iowa City the right to buy the properties back if the



Sullivan supervisor



Harney supervisor

supervisors decide to put them up for sale. "Worst case, it's pretty reasonable that we can sell this property back to Iowa City and not lose any money," Sullivan said.

Supervisors Terrence Neuzil and Harney will attend a meeting with Government Services Agency officials next week to discuss the purchase of the parking lot.

Promos aid IMU comeback

A month-long buy one get one free deal on all Coca Cola products is the latest in a series of incentives to bring students back to the IMU.

By CAITLIN DICKSON

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Special promotions and advertising have drawn students back to the IMU, bringing in twice the predicted revenue in the first week since its reopening, university officials said.

The current month-long deal — buy one, get one free — on all Coca-Cola products is one of the many incentives designed to lure students back to the building, which was closed for several months after being flooded. Even though the promotion was created by Coca Cola and IMU Food Services as a continuation of the IMU's welcome-back events, the extra beverages are being distributed at all the IMU's satellite locations.

"We figured it wouldn't be fair to just do it at the IMU; we had to do it across campus," said Richard Geer, general manager of IMU Food Services.

And the beverages are selling well at these locations, requiring Coca Cola to deliver and restock the products five days a week just to keep up with



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Bottles of Diet Coke sit on display inside the Hillcrest convenience store. The university is offering a deal on all Coca-Cola products — buy one, get one free — as part of a month-long promotion.

demand, said David Grady, the UI associate vice president for University Life Centers.

UI senior Josh Smith said he has been frequenting the Main Library's Food For Thought Café since the promotion started.

"That's actually the only reason why I come here," he said as he waited in line for two Cherry Cokes Thursday afternoon.

And that's just the response IMU officials are looking for.

"We don't expect the Coke products to make a ton of money," Geer said. "The promotion is just to bring people in the doors."

In addition to the promotions and special events, advertising for the IMU's reopening is being used to draw a crowd.

"We have posters all around the IMU, Cambus fliers, resident-hall notices, and Facebook and radio ads," said Nancy Abram, an IMU marketing administrative associate. "I'd say it's the sum total of our efforts that are bringing people back."

Abram said student organizations, including the UI Student Government, have returned to the IMU for meet-

ings and events, "which is really great."

To keep traffic flowing during finals week — which Abram said is typically a slow time for the IMU — the building will be open until 1 a.m. Students in the IMU next week can enjoy free coffee and massage chairs sponsored by the Campus Activities Board.

"People get into habits every semester, and we're just trying to get them into new habits by letting them know we're here," Geer said. "It's been working very well so far."

METRO

Regents approve purchase of club

The state Board of Regents on Thursday unanimously approved the purchase of the University Athletics Club by the UI Facilities Corp., noting the UI's heavy reliance on and easy access to the club.

The university has leased the club for \$50,000 a month since August because of flood damage to various parts of campus. The \$200,000 already paid in rent will go toward the final \$6.5 million payment.

"This is part of a strategic property purchase," said Doug True, the UI senior vice president for Finance. "We desperately need to do a number of things at this location."

The lease would enable the UI services to use the club's 33,000 square feet. The club sits near Finkbine Golf Course.

When the June flood damaged event rooms and equipment in the IMU, some events relocated to the club.

The UI will use the club for meetings, events, banquets, catering, and conferences.

Though the facility is primarily used for banquets, its recreation facilities include a swimming pool, three tennis courts, and a basketball court.

The 20-year lease agreement requires the UI uphold member access

and activities at the club through August 2009, but True is unsure whether the UI will be able to provide the same benefits after that.

— by Amanda McClure

Regents OK UIHC bond move

The UI Hospitals and Clinics will sell nearly \$34 million in bonds to fund construction and move forward with other developments.

The state Board of Regents approved the move on Thursday.

Money from bond sales will fund an emergency trauma center renovation and expansion project and the ambulatory surgery center.

The regents were hesitant about the 5.8 percent interest rate on the sale, but university officials expected worse based on the current market where interest markets have been volatile.

"The rates compared to other institutions who are selling bonds," hospital officials said. "Overall, the sale will provide a favorable outcome for the whole program."

The \$2.7 million of debt accrued on the bonds will be repaid over the next 20 years. The UIHC will use hospital-operations income to cover that sum.

The bonds are the fourth and final issuance of Hospital Revenue Bonds authorized in 2002. Legislators

authorized the sale of the bonds with \$100 million in project proceeds used over the past seven years.

— by Amanda McClure

UI: Student involvement in security necessary

Student involvement with campus security and emergency communications are essential elements in the UI's campus-security improvements, officials said Thursday.

The state Board of Regents requires Iowa's three public universities to periodically update communications capabilities, threat management, physical-security capabilities, and training of institutional personnel.

"Our goal is to be effective without being alarming," said Charles Green, the assistant vice president for the UI police.

Though Hawk Alerts are distributed faster than e-mail warning — which take two to three hours to send — Green said timing remains an issue when alerted situations turn out to be non-emergencies. He worries about inducing harm if messages were sent more frequently, he said.

In addition to the text alerts, physical communication efforts come from the 126 cameras located in labs, facul-

ty center, and blue phone centers on campus. Parklawn, Rienow, Mayflower, and Hillcrest also have cameras.

Green also noted on Thursday the university's efforts to institute the smoking ban. Since the ban went into action on July 1, UI police have responded to 84 smoking calls, 27 of which were complaints. To date, they have not issued any citations.

— by Amanda McClure

Nite Ride to extend hours for finals

Nite Ride will extend its hours from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. during finals week.

The free, women-only shuttle service provides rides home from any campus location and its downtown location at the bus stop on the north side of the Old Capitol Town Center. Normal operating hours are from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.

The service expanded its route to all university buildings in March because of student, parent, and faculty requests. A map of the ride's service area can be found at the Nite Ride website.

Women can summon the van by calling 319-384-1111. Drivers reserve the right to refuse service to students who are too intoxicated to stand or walk on their own, according to the Nite Ride website.

— by Kelli Shaffner

POLICE BLOTTER

Ahkienea Cox, 29, 2548 Indigo Drive, was charged Nov. 9 with assault while participating in a felony, carrying a concealed dangerous weapon, and going armed with intent.

Aric Engel, 19, 1418 Sycamore St., was charged Oct. 1 with OWI.

Lino Hernandez, 47, 2128 Riverside Drive Lot 118, was charged Tuesday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Dominick Marcott, 34, 2240 Davis St., was charged Wednesday with OWI and driving while revoked.

Timothy Peter, 51, 836 Clark St., was charged June 15 with conspiracy to manufacture crack cocaine, possession of cocaine, and possession of prescription drugs.

Thomas Preyear, 42, 2131 Davis St., was charged July 28 with fourth-

degree theft.

Michael Rhiner, address unknown, was charged Wednesday with attempting to disarm a peace officer.

Jessica Sims, 21, West Branch, was charged Tuesday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

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Several regents said they would like to see the policies more in-synch.

Along with officials from the U.S. Department of Defense, the Ohio-based consulting firm Schuster & Clifford worked with the schools to develop proper policies.

"Having policies in identical language would be best in my opinion," said Regent Michael Gartner. "I think uniformity is desirable in issues this important."

Sandra Schuster, a managing partner of Schuster and Clifford, said revised procedures are similar across the board, but because issues vary from campus to campus, a uniform policy is difficult to follow.

"Quite frankly, each of these policies are the same," she said. "But they are articulated some-

what differently based on how policies are conveyed on individual campuses."

Members of the consulting firm said an audit team will visit the universities within the next year to determine whether the policies need adjustments.

"We wanted a policy that was legally compliant and took into account the considerations of the Stolar report," Schuster said. "We wanted to eliminate any response and investigation problems that have caused problems in the past."

In addition to outlining ways for victims to get help, each policy includes a "hot box" of information at the beginning of the draft to make it easier for victims to find appropriate resources.

One of the goals for the group when renovating the policies was to make sure victims had all of the information necessary for proper exit strategies.

Miles accepted the policies but questioned each university's victim resources. Each policy lists the school, the police department, and public resources as contacts. Miles said having one department to call might be less confusing for someone reporting a sexual assault.

"It seems odd to me that we get numerous contacts for one crisis," Miles said. "Single numbers inject confidence, and victims don't have anything to be confused about."

The regents mandated that the schools revise their policies after an investigation of UI officials' handling of an alleged sexual-assault case in 2007 found faults in their policies. This is the second sexual misconduct policy the UI has created or revised in a decade.

'We're exploring our options and may need to create a credit facility that meets cash-flow needs.'

- Sally Mason, UI President

Flood relief may be hit

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purchases and standard renovations, Mason said.

FEMA funds cover 90 percent of the flood projects on campus, leaving it up to the university to meet the other 10 percent.

Pricing is estimated on a project-by-project basis, meaning the final amount that the UI will owe is still unknown.

"Our FEMA match is the only available money we have right now," Mason said. "That

\$2.8 [million] makes it difficult, not impossible, but very difficult."

The university will look for other available sources, she said, including private donations.

"We're exploring our options and may need to create a credit facility that meets cash-flow needs," she said.

Doug True, the UI senior vice president for Finance, said the UI has received \$45 million in funds toward flood recovery.

FEMA recently gave \$14 million for projects in addition to a

previous \$2.7 million. True estimated the UI currently has roughly \$100 million in flood-recovery contracts.

Regent President David Miles said the board will work with the UI to make sure that flood recovery stays on track.

"Any slowing is obviously concerning," Mason said. "If that problem arises, we'll look at options for funding such as possible interim funding."

UI sustained an estimated \$232 million in damages during the summer flood.

OB/GYN numbers down

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lor County in southern Iowa, which has no providers at all.

The report, released by the Iowa Department of Health, also shows 7 percent of U.S. women in need of publicly funded family-planning services live in counties with clinics but no private OB/GYNs. Iowa is one of eight states where this percentage is much higher. Twenty to 30 percent of all women in need of publicly funded family-planning care lived in counties with at least one clinic but no private OB/GYNs.

In Iowa, the ratio of women of child-bearing age — 15 to 44 —

to OB/GYN providers in 2007 was 3,246:1.

UI women-studies graduate student Monica Brasile said that because of the lack of care in rural areas, Iowa should begin to license midwives to give women another recognized health-care option.

"A lot of women don't realize the other options for birth and prenatal care," said Brasile, who is part of the organization Friends of Iowa Midwives. "When you are in a rural area with no proximity to a hospital, midwifery is a good option to provide care for these women at home."

Three counties bordering Johnson County — Louisa, Iowa, and Cedar — have no

OB/GYN providers.

Kubby said it's common for women living outside the county to visit Emma Goldman.

"Twenty-five percent of our gynecology clients are from out of the county," she said.

UI student Holly Coppins said the lack of OB/GYNs in Iowa concerns her.

"It is important for people to get a yearly exam from a gynecologist, and if people can't get those, they could be at higher risk for health issues related to the reproductive organs," the nursing major said. "There are also a lot of STDs that, undetected, could cause infertility."

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said. "But I was very wrong. [Knoll] did a really good job and was very organized."

Both Bowen and Knoll each have a supervisor — Rice and UI political-science Associate Professor David Redlawsk — who acts as a mentor. In addition to the supervisors, they meet with a three-person committee monthly to examine their effectiveness in the classroom, Rice said.

"If I ever had a question, I knew where I could take it," Bowen said.

The classes have been positive for the teachers as well.

"It's been a fantastic experience," Bowen said. "The students have treated me with

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- Daniel Bowen, UI Graduate Student

respect and seem to enjoy themselves during class. They've made teaching the course very easy."

And though the class began on a sobering note, the atmosphere reflected a healthy adjustment, he said.

"To be honest, we never brought up what happened in class," he said. "It was more of a non-issue. They knew what happened, I knew what happened, and we never had to discuss it."

Now, one semester into teaching his own class, Bowen

sees experiences such as his as an opportunity for other graduate students to gain more experience.

Despite the factors that influenced his position, he said, in the end, everyone profited.

"This situation was a strange one to come into, obviously, because of the circumstances, but I think that it's a model of what can be really beneficial for both undergraduate students and graduate students."

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Pressure to quit builds on Gov. Blagojevich

By DEANNA BELLANDI and CHRISTOPHER WILLS
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich kissed his wife, rode in his state SUV to the office and sat down at his desk Thursday in front of a bust of Lincoln and an American flag to portray "a return to normalcy." It was anything but.

An extraordinary drama built through the day in Chicago as the political establishment of Illinois and the nation lined up against him.

Blagojevich's approval rating dropped to an all-time low of 8 percent, and friends and foes alike feared if they don't act swiftly to get rid of him, he might commit some kind of political mischief.

"The governor is in office, and he needs to be removed from office," Lt. Gov. Pat Quinn said. "It is an urgent matter. Illinois is in crisis."

The governor showed no signs of buckling to growing demands that he quit or be removed after his arrest Tuesday on corruption charges alleging that he tried to sell President-elect Barack Obama's Senate seat to the highest bidder.

While the governor was working — his spokesman would not say on exactly what — President-elect Obama told reporters at a news conference just a couple of blocks away that Blagojevich should go.

At the same time, Illinois lawmakers were organizing impeachment efforts, and the state attorney general said that if the governor were not impeached, she would seek a court order finding him unfit to serve.

Obama, speaking directly for the first time on the scandal that has distracted from his otherwise smooth transition, said he was "appalled" by the allegations.

"What I'm absolutely certain about is that our office had no involvement in any dealmaking around my Senate seat. That I'm absolutely certain of," he said. "That would be a violation of everything that this campaign has been about. And that's not how we do business."

The governor spent the day at his wooden desk, reviewing budget issues and talking to his closest aides.

Blagojevich spokesman Lucio



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Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich leaves his home in Chicago on Thursday and heads for his office.

Guerrero described the governor's mood as "upbeat" and "positive" and said "there's a sense of trying to return to normalcy." He said he knew of no decision about Blagojevich's political future or what the governor might do with the Obama seat.

Blagojevich's next move was the subject of great speculation in Illinois and around the country. Some observers wondered whether he might be seeking a deal with prosecutors to use the governor's office as a bargaining chip, possibly agreeing to step down in exchange for leniency.

But there was also worry that the governor might still pick a senator.

His refusal to step down has struck some as odd given the fact that wiretaps portrayed him as bored with his job, saying he was "struggling financially" and did "not want to be governor for the next two years."

But staying in office provides a financial benefit amid the turmoil: He continues to draw a \$177,000-a-year salary.

Also Thursday, the criminal complaint that outlined the charges against Blagojevich yielded new details. The Associated Press learned that Senate

Candidate 4 in the complaint is Illinois Deputy Gov. Louanner Peters. The source was not authorized to speak publicly about the complaint and spoke on the condition of anonymity.

In the complaint, Blagojevich said he would put the deputy governor in the Senate before he gives the seat to another candidate and "don't get anything."

The decision to launch impeachment proceedings largely rests with House Speaker Michael Madigan, who, according to several House Democrats, faces a strong desire among his members for quick action. They said voters are demanding it, and lawmakers are transmitting that message to Madigan.

A poll taken since Blagojevich's arrest shows 73 percent of those surveyed support impeachment, and 70 percent think he should resign.

Chicago-based Glengriff Group surveyed 600 Illinois residents by phone Tuesday and Wednesday, and the results showed Blagojevich's approval rating at 8 percent. The margin of error was plus or minus 4 percent.

AP writers Adam Goldman and Christopher Wills contributed to this report.

UI disputes claims in Weiger case

An attorney for the UI requests that the court dismiss a harassment suit against a former professor.

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The UI filed a response to a federal sexual-harassment lawsuit against the university and the late Professor Mark Weiger on Thursday, denying that Weiger acted inappropriately with a student in 2006 and 2007.

Former UI graduate student Melissa Milligan filed the suit in early November with the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Iowa, accusing Weiger — a then-oboe professor — of verbally sexually harassing her on a daily basis during one academic year. Weiger committed suicide less than a week after she filed the suit.

In the UI's response, Iowa Assistant Attorney General George Carroll acknowledged the complaint against Weiger but wrote Milligan is not entitled to damages because she

failed to take advantage of the university's efforts to prevent such behavior.

A spokesman for the Attorney General's Office said on Thursday he could not comment on the lawsuit or reach someone who could but said officials typically can't comment on pending litigation.

Milligan's attorney, Alison Werner Smith of Iowa City, also said she couldn't comment on the filing but said the recent death of Weiger does not affect the suit.

"I don't believe there are any plans to dismiss the lawsuit at this time," she said.

The university denied numerous allegations in the suit, contending Weiger was not sexually involved with one of his students and that an internal investigation that year never affirmed Milligan's accusations, among other things.

Patrick Bauer, a UI law profes-

sor who specializes in civil procedure, said that although he can't

discuss specifics of the case, the university's denial of Milligan's claims begins a process called discovery, which could take months of sifting through depositions and filing paperwork.



Weiger former professor

"At the close of discovery, if you have a 'he-said, she-said,' you have a trial," Bauer said. "You might even have a trial to a jury."

Weiger's death doesn't necessarily mean Milligan will dismiss the suit, Bauer said. The former graduate student could sue his estate, for example.

Milligan is seeking relief for actual damages, emotional suffering, loss of wages, nominal damages, and punitive damages. Carroll wrote in the UI's response that Milligan failed to mitigate her damages and "fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted."



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More than kimchee

The large number of UI alumni in South Korea leads UI President Sally Mason to travel abroad.

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It certainly wasn't UI President Sally Mason's first lucrative meeting with alumni, but the journey there may have racked up the most frequent-flier miles.

The reason for the weeklong trip: to visit alumni and connect with friends abroad. The \$20,000 donation was a bonus.

UI officials selected South Korea for Mason's first international trip as president. Her visit lasted from Nov. 30 to Dec. 6.

While abroad, two members of the UI Korean Alumni Association, Ja-Kyum Koo and Kwam Rim, each presented Mason with \$10,000 donations to the UI Foundation.

"Many [alumni] are well-placed in Korea, and they look back on their time at the UI as the start of their career," said Downing Thomas, the dean of International Programs, who accompanied Mason on the trip. "We are grateful for their support."

Rim directed his money to the biomedical-engineering department, and Koo chose to send his to the UI Flood Relief Fund.

"In particular Dr. Koo ... was deeply touched by the devasta-

ON THE WEB

Watch Daily Iowan TV at dailyiowan.com to see more on UI President Sally Mason's trip to South Korea to meet with alumni.

tion of the flood, and so he specifically wanted to help the university recover physically from the flood damage," said Lynette Marshall, president of the UI Foundation. "We were of course thrilled and gratified to think that people who lived so far away still cared so much about the UI."

Marshall, who also traveled to South Korea, said a little more than \$1 million has been donated to the flood-relief fund, and Koo's donation is one of the larger ones.

Visiting alumni in South Korea was no random choice — the country has one of the largest populations of UI graduates among foreign countries. UI officials were eager to travel there, Thomas said.

"The purpose was to connect with our alumni and to also connect with friends abroad," he said.

The group met with eight Korean institutions last week to build stronger relationships, he said.

More than 300 students from South Korea are enrolled at the university, the third largest seg-

'We want to make sure that the UI students are exposed to different viewpoints and that they have the opportunity to have a global education.'

Downing Thomas, dean of International Programs

ment of international students — China and India are first and second — said Scott King, the director of the Office of International Students and Scholars.

"It is good to have the students; they add to the campus," he said. "I think it is good for our U.S. students, too ... the typical Iowa student may not be familiar with Korea. It isn't [a country] that everyone thinks about a lot."

King noted that 13 UI students studied in South Korea during the 2006-07 school year.

"We want to make sure that the UI students are exposed to different viewpoints and that they have the opportunity to have a global education," Thomas said.

He said Mason's next trip location and time has not been specified.



Mason president

Boomers' Cafe in Des Moines, said Thursday that since word got out that the Obama family enjoyed snacking on cookies at the restaurant adjacent to their former Iowa campaign headquarters, sales have soared from 300 cookies a week to around 3,000 cookies. The cafe now is shipping cookies throughout the world from London to Mexico.

And if a publicist is successful, the cookies will be set out at inaugural week parties and galas next month in Washington, D.C.

Maxfield said his business has grown so much he is working with a bakery to help meet demand, hired an employee to help with packaging, and teamed up with Fed Ex for shipping.

"We just got a call from a woman from New Orleans who volunteered to

help," Maxfield said. "Everyone is coming together on this cookie. It's crazy."

He said he also is getting lots of orders for holiday parties locally and from restaurants in the region.

"There are a lot of local parties where we're getting orders for 500 to 1,000 cookies, and there's two restaurants in Nebraska, one in Omaha and another in Lincoln, that picked up their cookies," Maxfield said.

STATE

Whirlpool announces more layoffs at Iowa plant

MIDDLE AMANA, Iowa (AP) — Officials with Whirlpool Corp. have announced that they are seeking voluntary layoffs at its refrigeration plant in Middle Amana.

The company told KCRG-TV in Cedar Rapids that employees were told this week that the company is looking for 150 voluntary layoffs by Jan. 5.

The cuts are in addition to 440 workers who lost their jobs earlier this year.

Whirlpool says unprecedented challenges and volatility in the marketplace are prompting the cuts.

Maker of Obama cookie plans batch for inauguration

DES MOINES (AP) — The bakers of chocolate chunk cookies beloved by the Obama family have hired a publicist and are angling to sell the goodies to organizers of inaugural parties.

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Victims in Ames slaying died of stab wounds

AMES (AP) — Autopsy results show that the victims of a double slaying in Ames were stabbed to death.

Police say autopsies show that 34-year-old Shakena Varnell and 32-year-old Michael Odikro died of stab wounds to the head and neck.

Police say they have not confirmed a motive for the killings.

The victims' bodies were found early on Dec. 6. Odikro was found along a street in western Ames. Police followed a trail of bloody footprints into his apartment, where they found Varnell's body.

Thirty-three-year-old Atiba Spellman, an Iowa State University sophomore, was arrested Monday in Pikeville, N.C., and charged with two counts of first-degree murder.

He remains in custody in North Carolina awaiting extradition to Iowa.

Principal earnings slide after '09 forecast

DES MOINES (AP) — Principal Financial Group Inc. shares tumbled Thursday despite the company's efforts to reassure analysts and investors of its capital strength and

confidence in its business strategy at a presentation in New York on Wednesday.

At least two analysts lowered their earnings expectations for the company next year, sending its shares down \$1.89, or nearly 10 percent, to \$17.26. Thursday afternoon. Its shares have lost 72 percent of their value so far this year, in an economy that has slid into a recession.

Keefe, Bruyette, & Woods analyst Jeffrey Schuman lowered his 2009 earnings estimate for Principal Financial to \$3.05 per share from \$3.30 in an investor note on Thursday. Schuman said the revision accounts for lower earnings from the company's guaranteed investment contract business, which Principal said it will reduce by 30 percent over the next year to 18 months, and higher pension costs of its in-house defined benefit plan.

It's the second downward revision

in two weeks that Schuman has made on the company. On Nov. 28, Schuman reduced his profit estimate to \$3.30 from \$3.65, citing further stock market weakness and sharp depreciation of the Chilean Peso versus the U.S. dollar, which has an impact on Principal Financial's international segment.

The Des Moines insurance, banking, retirement, and asset-management company Wednesday issued guidance of \$2.75 to \$3.25 per share for next year. Analysts surveyed by Thomson Reuters, on average, forecast much higher profit of \$3.67 per share. Their estimates typically exclude one-time items.

The New York presentation on Wednesday came a day after the company said it plans to cut 550 jobs, or 3.5 percent of its work force, by year's end. It cited continued deterioration of U.S. and global markets for the job eliminations.

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Editorial

Working green to save green

Two of the most daunting challenges the United States faces over the next year are beginning the energy transition from fossil fuels to renewable power and getting the economy back on track. Though these tasks will be difficult to accomplish, President-elect Barack Obama has indicated that he will pursue a course of action aimed at tackling both issues simultaneously.

"We'll put people back to work rebuilding our crumbling roads and bridges, modernizing schools that are failing our children, and building wind farms and solar panels, fuel-efficient cars and the alternative-energy technologies that can free us from our dependence on foreign oil and keep our economy competitive in the years ahead," Obama said in a radio address in November.

Since then, the president-elect has shown how seriously he takes the need for cleaner energy through his choices for key governmental positions. It has been widely reported that Obama has chosen physicist and alternative-energy guru Steven Chu for secretary of Energy and former EPA chief Carol Browner as a top climate adviser. However, the new administration's planned course of action likely has yet to be fully formulated.

"The details and cost of the so-called green-jobs program are still unclear," the *New York Times* has reported. "But a senior Obama aide, speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss a work in progress, said it would probably include the weatherizing of hundreds of thousands of homes, the installation of 'smart meters' to monitor and reduce home energy use, and billions of dollars in grants to state and local governments for mass transit and infrastructure projects."

We have expressed intense skepticism in the past regarding the wisdom of government bailouts for private businesses and will continue to do so as the next administration takes over control of the White House. But not all government involvement in the economy is the same. There are some changes that need to be made which the government is well-positioned to facilitate. Getting the country on track developing a new green energy infrastructure is just such a worthy cause.

One of the most outspoken advocates of thoroughly revamping the way in which the United States generates, transmits, and uses power is former Vice President Al Gore. His ambitious Repower America initiative, which he announced in July of this year, seeks to get the United States running on 100 percent clean electricity within 10 years. That goal may not end up being possible to meet, but the steps advocated in this plan

are worth pursuing regardless of whether they can all be implemented in such a short period of time.

The Repower America initiative has four basic components: improving energy efficiency, increasing renewable power generation, building a unified national smart electrical grid, and transitioning to plug-in vehicles. Pursuing these projects will require a substantial investment of resources, but doing so will pay off in the long term as it mitigates climate change as well as serving in the short term to stimulate the economy.

Improving energy efficiency is necessary because enormous amounts of energy and money are currently being wasted as a result of inefficient usage. According to the Repower America website, existing technologies can be used to increase efficiency in commercial buildings and households by 30 percent. Such an improvement can be accomplished with the installation of better insulation and equipment. These upgrades will not be cheap, but they will eventually pay for themselves as they lower energy bills.

Increasing renewable power generation is essential for protecting the environment. Electricity derived from burning coal not only pumps dangerous quantities of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere, it also relies on destructive mining techniques. Solar, wind, and geothermal power provide superior alternatives.

Building a unified national smart electrical grid would solve many of the problems associated with the current distribution system, which, according to the Repower America website, costs Americans as much as \$188 billion per year as a result of power outages and other related problems. Updating the grid would eliminate that waste as well as allowing for more sophisticated monitoring and billing of power use that could help push more conservation.

Transitioning to plug-in vehicles would not only decrease greenhouse-gas emissions but also the need for imported oil. Even as range and charge-time issues continue to be obstacles to fully electric cars, plug-in hybrids are also an option. These vehicles can recharge their batteries from the electric grid or from an internal-combustion engine running on either gasoline or biofuels.

In addition to their environmental benefits, investing in all of these programs will provide Americans with much-needed jobs. There's no question that investing in renewable energy is a far better use of resources than propping up failing corporations. Thus, green energy projects should make up a substantial portion of any future economic-stimulus package.

Bible story time



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Christmastime is almost here. But, of course, everyone already knows that. Remaining unaware of this holiday's impending arrival would require extreme measures in our society.

All the signs of the season are out in force: nausea-inducing "music" pollutes the air in numerous public places, it's cold as hell outside, and blowhard self-appointed spokespeople for what is by far the country's largest and most powerful religion are once again decrying their alleged persecution through the fictional struggle they have named the war on Christmas.

The most horrifying atrocity the stalwart defenders of all things Christmas are able to point to is the selective removal of various religious aspects of the holiday.

Thus, signs reading "X-mas" rather than "Christmas" or corporate employees greeting customers with a friendly "Happy Holidays" as opposed to "Merry Christmas" are highly offensive to such people. Of course, I think this whole controversy is merely a tempest in a tea cup, but people are free to get upset about whatever they want. After all, it's primarily their own blood pressure that suffers.

I would like to point out, however, that most Christians are perfectly happy to engage in selective omission when it suits them. Most people in our society are relatively familiar with particular passages from the Bible, but many others get far less attention. Especially during the Christmas season, everyone seems to focus on the warm and fuzzy Bible stories. This just doesn't seem right to me. There are plenty of fascinating stories being left out. So I've decided to step up and combat this terrible war on the unpopular parts of the Bible.

I'll start with what is by far my favorite Bible verse, Ezekiel 23:20, which reads as follows: "There she lusted after her lovers, whose genitals were like those of donkeys and whose emission was like that of horses."

Now that's a verse I'd like

to see referenced on more signs at sporting events.

Continuing on with my little project, I will now retell the little-known tale of Dinah and the Shechemites, which can be found in Genesis 34.

Dinah was a daughter of the Hebrew patriarch Jacob. One day, she was out in the fields when a man named Shechem, who was the son of a local ruler named Hamor the Hivite, raped her. Of course, Dinah's brothers were quite upset about what had happened, but Hamor tried to smooth things over with Jacob's family by suggesting that Dinah and Shechem get married.

Because, apparently, that would make everything OK.

Dinah's brothers acted as though they found this proposal to be acceptable. However, they informed Shechem and Hamor that their entire town would have to get circumcised before it would be acceptable for their two families to intermarry. Because Shechem was so smitten with the woman he had raped, he agreed and persuaded all the other men in the town to get circumcised. Three days later, when the men were still recovering from the procedure, two of Dinah's brothers entered the town and killed all of them. They then proceeded to make off with loot consisting of the town's flocks, herds, and women.

Now, some may insist that such horrid things are all in the Old Testament. But that really isn't the case. The New Testament isn't as kind and gentle as it's generally made out to be.

For example, in Matthew 10:34, Jesus says, "Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword."

Though that passage doesn't mention what exactly Jesus plans to do with the sword, he does make use of such an implement in a later book.

Revelation 19 describes Jesus' return to Earth at some point in the future. As he is coming down out of the sky, a sharp sword comes out of his mouth. The sword then strikes down all of the armies standing against him. The passage goes on to describe how birds arrive to gorge on the flesh of those who have been killed.

So have a merry Christmas everyone. And enjoy baby Jesus while you can. It's not until he grows up that he's likely to slice anybody up into bird feed. ■

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Commentary

A brand-new bridge to nowhere



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A liquidity bridge. That is what automakers are calling the stopgap \$14 billion bailout being considered on Capitol Hill this week. But lips are tight on where exactly the bridge will take American taxpayers and the Big Three. Economists believe the \$14 billion is just the beginning of the money the automakers will request over the next 12 months. I'll be honest: It's been too long since I took Macro and Micro; all I remember is that where supply and demand meet is the best place to be. However, I do understand my

money is being used to bail out an industry that has been heading for collapse long before the current economic crisis.

The most significant reason the Big Three are struggling to pay the bills? Americans. We've been making and buying cars longer than Japan, Korea, or Germany; longevity and success also breeds a substantial number of pensioners demanding that the Big Three take care of them after they have left the assembly line. The unions may have secured a sweet retirement package for millions of Americans after years of hard work out on the floor of the plant, but they've also doubled the amount of money Ford, Chrysler, and General Motors are paying. Meanwhile, the new guy out on the line is making less the guy standing next to him, and they're both making less than their fathers did years

ago so the accounting department can pay the union-negotiated "Thank You" to their grandfathers.

I'm with the Republican senators who are threatening to filibuster. I'm not interested in devaluing the dollar to save the poor business models of the Big Three. Capitalism already has an option for the automakers. They can sell their company, or they can declare bankruptcy. Equity holders take a hit. Debtors get paid back at a fraction of what they are owed. So goes the ups and downs of the market and the risks of investing. The current government bailout plan is going to cost the American taxpayers more than all of the previous American wars combined. Casey Research reports that you can throw in — adjusted for cost in 2008 dollars — the New Deal, the Marshall Plan, the Louisiana Purchase,

and the space program on top of all of our previous war costs, and the \$8.5 trillion bailout to Wall Street and the Big Three is still more expensive. Some of the biggest opponents to the historic pay out are Republican senators from Southern states that are courting foreign automakers to build plants in their communities. Honda, Hyundai, and Mercedes-Benz are all being lured to the South by taxpayer subsidies. It's hard to tell who in the Senate the principled fiscal conservative is and who is opposing the bailout because foreign investors are wary of building plants in a country where their competitors are about to become nationalized.

Before we make the American automakers subject to the demands of a Washington "car czar," why don't we just let them auction themselves off to

the highest bidder? No one was running to Capitol Hill begging for a government bailout for the American beer industry when InBev acquired America's "King of Beer" for \$52 billion. Does the American auto industry hold a place in our collective heart so dear that we can't tolerate a foreign investor buying them? If it means more jobs for my fellow Americans, I have no problem with the Chevrolet being purchased by Honda or Toyota. Welcome to globalization, ladies and gentlemen. If AIG — well, now the American government — can own Manchester United, it's not unrealistic for Chevy pickups to be made by Honda.

If the government really wants to help out Main Street America, it can hand out a bailout plan to us Echo Boomers who are drowning in student-loan debt. As the Board of Regents hikes tuition

costs another 4.2 percent, America's students, and their parents, continue to struggle to pay for post-high-school education. How about this, Uncle Sam? You give me back the money I gave you for taxes. I'll pay off my government loans sooner. You can then use that money to fund your wars and your nationalization of the auto industry and Wall Street. It's a win-win situation. I'll have more money to spend in the U.S. economy, and you'll have less debt on the books and won't have to sell your soul to China every two months. Look, I can't compete for a job without an education, but I can't afford an education because you keep raising the costs. After incurring \$100,000 in student loan debt, I get out of school, and you tell me there aren't any jobs. When are you going to bail me out?

Just havin' a (in the family) night

Your family looks like huge dweebs compared with Iowa City's premier punk-kin Mannix. The band will celebrate the completion of its latest album tonight at the Mill.

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Punk rock has never been devoid of families, but band bonds don't always run blood deep. Sure, every member of the Ramones adopted the Ramones surname — though Joey's real name was Jeffry Ross Hyman, and Dee Dee was Douglas Colvin. Iowa City is home to a legit first family of punk in Mannix — local veterans who just finished their new record, *Just Havin' A Night* — which will perform at 9 p.m. today at the Mill, 120 E. Burlington St., for the album's release party. Admission is \$6.

Mannix is composed of guitarist Jeff Mannix, his bass-toting younger sister, Sarah Mannix, and his unprecedented-amount-of-sass-emitting wife, Karlee Mannix, on vocals.

The Mannix clan toiled around on musical projects together but finally clicked when the members adopted drummer Alfred "Mannix"

Edgar in 2007. He was a big fan of the previous Mannix incarnation before he joined, and he was even grounded by his parents for attending a show.

"He was about 16 or 17 then, so he was a young'un," Karlee Mannix said. "I guess his parents found out he went to our show and grounded him as a result. He used to dance in the front row when we were on stage. I was like, 'Who is this guy?'"

With the lanky drummer on board, the group was able to hone its teetering balance between Stooges-style looseness and taut Sleater-Kinney execution. The true Mannix experience has always been the live show; Karlee Mannix patrolling the stage like a platinum-blonde Karen O while the Mannix siblings hold down the churning power-chord foundation.

Jeff Mannix said he sees *Just Havin' A Night*, recorded at the Institute of Production and Recording in Minneapolis, as a kind of validation for all the hard work put in on stage.



Local band Mannix!, comprised of Jeff, Sarah, and Karlee Mannix and Alfred "Mannix" Edgar, will play at the Mill, 120 E. Burlington, tonight for an album release show for the group's latest record *Just Havin' A Night*.

"When you're growing up listening to music, you want to someday be able to write songs you really like and record them," he said. "If other people like them, too, that's even better."

But bands made up of friends aren't always filled with cama-

raderie — sometimes besties get downright catty when it comes to songwriting. And the members say that though they're a band with spouses involved, an aspect that could up the ante of irritability, Mannix is built on mutual respect.

CONCERT
UI Jazz Combo Festival
When: 6:30 p.m. today
Where: Trinity Episcopal Church, 320 E. College
Admission: Free

"It may sound like I am just being nice, but being in the band with my husband is pretty cool," Karlee Mannix said. "He always makes sure to take any of my opinions seriously."

"He is so talented with the guitar, and I love to share the stage with him. It's really neat how it all works out so smoothly."



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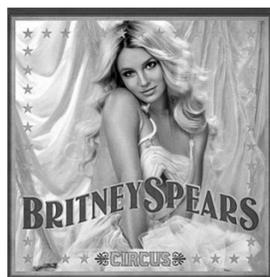
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TRENDSPOTTER



BRITNEY SPEARS

Each week, the *DI* serves its mission of being Iowa City's hot spot for culture (which includes fashion) by bringing our fabulous readers *DI* Trendspotter. This week, we're echoing Amy Poehler's Hillary Rodham Clinton on last week's "Saturday Night Live" opener: "Like the South, vampires, and Britney Spears, we will rise again."

She's baaaaaack. In case you missed *DI* reporter Jake Jensen's review of "It's Britney, bitch" Spears' newest album, the pop star is in the midst of a full-fledged comeback, and everyone from tweens to my grandma is falling for the hype.

Circus (released on Spears' 27th birthday) had no trouble garnering national attention — its title track has more than 4.5 million hits on YouTube and the single "Womanizer" has been played nearly 31.5 million times on the site.

The diva also has an upcoming tour in the works which, a source tells the *Sun*, will mirror Britney's downfall over the past two years, including "falling in love with a circus freak" (Kevin Federline, anyone?).

But the Princess of Pop certainly doesn't come without controversy — only this time, it's surrounding a *different* hairless creature. The scene of Spears' "Circus" video features cameos by a few lions and elephants, leaving PETA pinning claims of "exploiting animals" and painful circus training methods on the star's production team.

To steal a line from the performer: "I'm like the ringleader, I call the shots." Well, we're calling this one for you, Britney: Welcome back.

— by Brian Stewart

Jazz finds two sanctuaries

Hot jazz is one way to keep the winter blues away, and there is no shortage of it in Iowa City tonight with the UI Jazz Combo Festival.

By **JARRETT HOTHAN**
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The looming specter of finals week has given all an ice monkey on their backs, churlish glares, and disheartened frowns replacing their normally sunny dispositions. But one great way to melt the stress away is with the heaping helping of jazz about to be scooped out like piping hot groove gravy.

The UI Jazz Combo Festival will take over the Trinity Episcopal Church, 320 E. College St., today at 6:30 p.m. The free concert will be followed by a post-performance at the Sanctuary Restaurant & Pub, 405 S. Gilbert St., at 10 p.m., featuring special-guest saxophonist Mike Lee.

The Trinity Episcopal Church became the UI jazz program's home for the fall semester, a perfect place to have a musical religious experience.

Jazz combos from seven eastern Iowa high schools will participate in the first half of the evening's festivities, including City High. The professional jazz saxophonist Lee is the festival's honored guest, and he is set to perform with UI jazz students.

Lee said he is champing at the mouthpiece to work with the UI student musicians.

"Kids have their eyes open and are discovering this music for the first time," he said. "It drives me right back into the practice room and reconnects me to the brilliance and newness of jazz."

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— Mike Lee, jazz saxophonist

"It forces me to push aside any cynicism that can seep into my consciousness after years of dealing with harsh business realities."

Lee's career has taken him around the world — most recently touring with jazz great Eliot Zigmund's quartet in Italy earlier this year. The saxophonist also performed with fellow

sax great Joe Lovano's "Celebrating Sinatra" ensemble in 1997, a group that put a sometimes wild and creative take on

Sinatra's classic songs.

A native of northern New Jersey, Lee is no stranger to the Midwest. For the past 11 summers, he has taught high-school campers at the Birch Creek Music Center in Door County, Wis.

"It's the perfect meshing of teaching and performing and interacting with great friends," Lee said. "It's hard to describe the beauty of the experience."

The after-party jazz jam at the Sanctuary will keep things sweaty, when Lee teams with UI music faculty members and accomplished jazz players Steve Grismore and John Rapson, who will keep school in session late into the night.

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Coach Todd Lickliter makes a plea for Hawkeye fans to pack Carver-Hawkeye Arena. **2B**



SCOREBOARD

NFL
Chicago 27, New Orleans 24, OT
NHL
Tampa Bay 3, Montreal 1
Columbus 2, Nashville 1, SO
Philadelphia 6, Carolina 5, SO

Pittsburgh 9, N.Y. Islanders 2
Florida 2, Edmonton 0
Phoenix 3, Minnesota 1
San Jose 2, Anaheim 0
Los Angeles 6, St. Louis 2

IOWA 72, UNI 46

Hoopsters bury Northern Iowa



ROBIN SVEC/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa senior Megan Skouby reaches for a rebound as Iowa takes on Northern Iowa in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Thursday. Skouby led the Hawkeyes, shooting 7-of-16 from the field, and Iowa won, 72-46.

Iowa moves to 2-0 against the state and 6-4 overall in a 72-46 trouncing of Northern Iowa.

By **MIKE BROWNEE**
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For the second-straight game, the Iowa women's basketball team had little trouble against an in-state rival.

After drubbing Iowa State 66-46 on Sunday, the Hawkeyes (6-4) took care of Northern Iowa, 72-46, Thursday night at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

Both teams struggled to hit shots in the first half, but they found their touch during the second half.

The biggest discovery was by Iowa center Megan Skouby, who bounced back from a poor outing against the Cyclones.

Skouby went scoreless

ON THE WEB

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against Iowa State after getting into foul trouble, but she scored 13 second-half points on an array of hook shots, up-and-under moves, and other post plays on the way to a game-high 20 points.

"I think our guards did a great job working the ball inside in the second half," she said. "The shots ended up falling. It was a quiet 20 points."

Northern Iowa trailed by 12 at the half after shooting an abysmal 7-for-36 in the first half.

A Lizzie Boeck lay-up brought the Panthers to within nine points with 11:51 left in the second frame, but what looked like a comeback turned out to be a last gasp.

Iowa answered with a 3-pointer by freshman point guard Kamille Wahlin to get back the double-digit cushion and didn't relinquish it again.

The Panthers trailed by 12 with 5:30 left in the game, when Hawkeye Kristi Smith provided the dagger.

Iowa sophomore guard Kachine Alexander grabbed a rebound with a throng of Panthers around her and kicked it out to Smith. The senior point guard buried a 3 and with it, the Panthers.

The game was disjointed throughout, especially in the second half, thanks in large part to the referees' whistles.

Iowa took advantage of the trips to the line, going 27-for-30 from the charity stripe.

"This game was hard to get into a flow — there were so many fouls," Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder said. "Neither team could get into a flow offensively. That's usually good for us; we're an excellent free-throw shooting team, and again tonight, we proved it."

The Panthers, in contrast, got to the line 25 times but only connected on 14.

SEE **WOMEN'S HOOPS**, 3B

Hawks feature big 'D'

The Hawkeye women's basketball team will play for the unofficial state championship.

By **JEFF PAWOLA**
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If Thursday's game was an indication of anything, the Iowa women's hoops team is well on its way to becoming the unofficial state champion for the first time since 2004.

Iowa had its second-consecutive 20-plus point victory against Northern Iowa, outscoring the Panthers by 26.

The Hawkeyes' victory against Iowa State on Dec. 7 in the unofficial quarterfinals was a result of their defense, which they mirrored against the Panthers in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

Iowa gave up only 46 points, the same number they gave up against the Cyclones. The 46 points also matched the Hawkeyes' second lowest point total allowed, holding their neighbors to the north to only 24.6 percent shooting.

"We have to be able to hit shots," Northern Iowa head coach Tanya Warren said. "If we can hit shots, this is a much closer ball game."

Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder was more than pleased with the effort she has gotten from her team defensively.

"I'm happy with the defense, especially the first half holding them to 18 points," Bluder said.

SEE **CHAMPIONSHIP**, 3B



Danieal Manning

NFL

Gould lifts Bears to win over Saints

CHICAGO (AP) — Robbie Gould and the Chicago Bears handed Drew Brees and the New Orleans Saints another devastating loss at Soldier Field.

Gould kicked the tying field goal at the end of regulation and booted a 35-yarder in overtime to lift the Chicago Bears to a 27-24 victory on Thursday night, giving their playoff hopes a boost.

After leaving Chicago with season-ending losses the past two years, the Saints looked as if they were ready to end that trend. Instead, their slim playoff hopes took another blow.

Brees hit Marques Colston for an 11-yard touchdown pass with slightly more than three minutes left in regulation to give New Orleans its first lead at 24-21, but Gould's 28-yard field goal as time expired sent the game into overtime.

FOOTBALL

Greene wins Doak Walker

Iowa running back Shonn Greene made history on Thursday, becoming the first Hawkeye to win the Doak Walker Award, presented annually to the top running back in college football.

Greene won the award over Georgia's Knowshon Moreno and Michigan State's Javon Ringer

after compiling 1,729 yards on the ground this season for Iowa. In each of the Hawkeyes' 12 contests, the Sicklerville, N.J., native rushed for more than 100 yards. Greene was the only running back in the Football Bowl Subdivision to do that all season.

Just as after each game, the Iowa junior was quick to praise his blockers up front after accepting the honor from former Heisman Trophy winner Tony Dorsett.

"I owe a lot of credit to my offensive line," Greene told ESPN's Chris Fowler Thursday during the Home Depot ESPNU College Football Awards Show.

"Hats off to them; they got me where I am now." Greene has at least one more chance to display his talents on the field when the Hawkeyes play South Carolina in the 2009 Outback Bowl on New Year's Day in Tampa, Fla.

— by **Brendan Stiles**

TV TODAY

NCAA BASKETBALL

• Iowa State at Iowa, 7 p.m., Big Ten Network

NBA

• Chicago at Memphis, 7 p.m., CSN
• New Orleans at Boston, 7 p.m., ESPN
• Houston at Golden State, 9:30 p.m., ESPN

NHL

• Chicago at Colorado, 8 p.m., CSN+

NCAA

• Championship Subdivision Semifinal, Montana at James Madison, 7 p.m., ESPN2

IOWA 30, UNI 12

Hawkeyes pummel Northern Iowa

Iowa scored bonus points in all six of its wins in a 30-12 victory over the Panthers.

ON THE WEB

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By **ZACH SMITH**
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CEDAR FALLS — It may not have been exactly what Iowa head coach Tom Brands had in mind, but the top-ranked Hawkeyes dominated a majority of the contested matches en route to a 30-12 win over Northern Iowa on Thursday evening. The Hawkeyes controlled most of the action throughout the nine bouts — Northern Iowa forfeited to Phil Keddy at 184 — scoring a pair of pins, two major decisions, and a technical fall.

National champion Brent Metcalf said the Hawkeyes were not happy with their win over Iowa State on Dec. 6, but this victory is something they can build on.

"I think we've got some pretty stingy guys who won't really



JULIE KOEHN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa head wrestling coach Tom Brands is animated during a close match between 165-pounder Ryan Morningstar and Northern Iowa's Moza Fay at the McLeod Center in Cedar Falls on Thursday.

satisfied with a whole lot more than 10 pins," he said. "I'm not a coach, so I don't know the plans, but they will have us prepared for Midlands."

Iowa 125-pounder Charlie Falck got things rolling for the Hawkeyes, pinning Caleb Flores on his back twice, igniting the predominantly Iowa crowd and building a 12-2 advantage.

In the second period, Falck used constant pressure to set up a leg sweep that put Flores on his back for the pin and pushed Iowa ahead, 6-3. The Hawks did not relinquish the lead.

showing silenced the crowd. He controlled the match through the first period, scoring a trio of takedowns and putting Flores on his back twice, igniting the predominantly Iowa crowd and building a 12-2 advantage.

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But Falck's dominant

SEE **WRESTLING**, 3B

COMMENTARY

The whirlwind at Hawks' 133

With or without Joe Slaton, the Hawkeyes are still sound at 133.



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CEDAR FALLS — It must have been hard for Tom Brands six days ago against Iowa State.

With Cyclone 133-pounder Nick Fanthorpe waiting mat side, choosing between Joe Slaton and Daniel Dennis must have made his head spin faster than a windmill in a whirlwind.

He tilted toward experience, expecting last year's

All-American to overcome his struggles with weight management and win — just as he had all last season en route to the NCAA finals.

But the ensuing seven minutes didn't pan out like that at all for the third-year Iowa coach, and a physically drained Slaton dropped a 12-2 major decision.

Irate with himself, Brands sat before a mob of media moments after the meet and manned up to his decision, calling it a coaching error. It was his first publicly announced second-guessing of the season.

SEE **COMMENTARY**, 3B



SPORTS 'N' STUFF

WOMEN'S BIG TEN BASKETBALL

	Conference		All Games	
	W	L Pct.	W	L Pct.
Wisconsin	0	0 .000	9	1 .900
Minnesota	0	0 .000	8	2 .800
Ohio State	0	0 .000	7	2 .778
Indiana	0	0 .000	6	2 .750
Michigan State	0	0 .000	6	3 .667
Iowa	0	0 .000	6	4 .600
Michigan	0	0 .000	6	4 .600
Penn State	0	0 .000	5	4 .556
Purdue	0	0 .000	5	4 .556
Illinois	0	0 .000	4	6 .400
Northwestern	0	0 .000	2	6 .250

Thursday's Game
Iowa 72, Northern Iowa 46

Saturday's Games
Indiana at West Virginia
Marquette at Wisconsin
Iona at Purdue

Sunday's Games
Michigan State at Xavier
Penn State vs. Connecticut (Madison Square Garden)
Northwestern at DePaul

MEN'S BIG TEN BASKETBALL

	Conference		All Games	
	W	L PCT	W	L PCT
Minnesota	0	0 .000	9	0 1.000
Ohio St.	0	0 .000	5	0 1.000
Illinois	0	0 .000	5	1 .900
Northwestern	0	0 .000	6	1 .857
Iowa	0	0 .000	8	2 .800
Penn St.	0	0 .000	8	2 .800
Purdue	0	0 .000	7	2 .778
Wisconsin	0	0 .000	7	2 .778
Michigan	0	0 .000	6	2 .750
Michigan St.	0	0 .000	5	2 .714
Indiana	0	0 .000	5	4 .556

Thursday's Game
Iowa State at Iowa, 7:05 p.m. BTN

Saturday's Games
Mount St. Mary at Penn State
Butler at Ohio State
Indiana State at Purdue
Eastern Michigan at Michigan
Alcorn State at Michigan State
Wisconsin-Green Bay at Wisconsin

COLLEGE FOOTBALL AWARD WINNERS

Maxwell Award (Best all-around player)
Tim Tebow, Florida, QB

Doak Walker Award (Best running back)
Shonn Greene, Iowa

Chuck Bednarik Trophy (Best defensive player)
Rey Maualuga, Southern California

Outland Trophy (Best interior lineman)
Andre Smith, Alabama, OT

Davey O'Brien National Quarterback Award (Best Quarterback)
Sam Bradford, Oklahoma

Fred Biletnikoff Award (Best wide receiver)
Michael Crabtree, Texas Tech

Jim Thorpe Award (Best defensive back)
Malcolm Jenkins, Ohio State

Lou Groza Colleague (Place-kicker award)
Graham Gano, Florida State

Ray Guy Award (Best punter)
Matt Fodge, Oklahoma State

The Home Depot Coach of the Year Award
Nick Saban, Alabama

Disney's Wide World of Sports Spirit Award
Tim Tebow, Florida

NCFAA Contribution to College Football Award
Bobby Bowden, Florida State, coach

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic	21	2	.913	—
Boston	11	9	.550	8½
New York	10	12	.455	10½
Toronto	9	12	.429	11
Philadelphia	9	13	.409	11½
Southeast				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	17	5	.773	—
Atlanta	12	9	.571	4½
Miami	12	9	.571	4½
Charlotte	7	16	.304	10½
Washington	4	16	.200	12
Central				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	19	3	.864	—
Detroit	11	9	.550	7
Chicago	10	11	.476	8½
Milwaukee	9	15	.375	11
Indiana	7	14	.333	11½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Southwest	12	6	.667	—
New Orleans	14	8	.636	—
Houston	13	8	.619	½
San Antonio				

	Conference		All Games	
	W	L Pct	W	L Pct
Dallas	12	9 .571	17	7 .706
Memphis	7	15 .318	7	7 .500
Northwest				
	W	L Pct	W	L Pct
Denver	15	7 .682	—	—
Portland	15	9 .625	—	—
Utah	15	9 .625	—	—
Minnesota	4	17 .190	10	11 .476
Oklahoma City	2	21 .087	13	15 .464
Pacific				
	W	L Pct	W	L Pct
L.A. Lakers	18	3 .857	—	—
Phoenix	13	10 .565	6	11 .348
Golden State	7	15 .318	11	15 .423
Sacramento	6	16 .273	12	18 .400
L.A. Clippers	4	17 .190	14	20 .410

Thursday's Games
Boston 122, Washington 88
Dallas 95, Charlotte 90
Utah 97, Portland 88

Today's Games
Toronto at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Detroit, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at Boston, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Portland, 9 p.m.
Houston at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE										
East			West			South			NFC	
W	L	T	W	L	T	W	L	T	Pct	PF
N.Y. Jets	8	5	0	6	15	301	276			
New England	8	5	0	6	15	269	260			
Miami	8	5	0	6	15	269	260			
Buffalo	6	7	0	4	6	279	275			
South			West			NFC			PF	
x-Tennessee	12	1	0	9	23	332	184			
Indianapolis	9	4	0	6	9	292	253			
Houston	8	7	0	4	6	296	331			
Jacksonville	4	9	0	3	8	251	293			
North			West			NFC			PF	
Pittsburgh	10	3	0	7	6	289	183			
Baltimore	9	4	0	6	9	222	205			
Cleveland	4	9	0	3	8	222	275			
Cincinnati	11	1	0	11	15	154	345			
West			NFC			PF			PF	
Denver	8	5	0	6	15	316	336			
San Diego	5	8	0	3	8	324	281			
Oakland	3	10	0	2	3	179	289			
Kansas City	2	11	0	1	4	154	364			

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East			West			NFC			PF	
W	L	T	W	L	T	W	L	T	Pct	PF
x-N.Y. Giants	8	5	0	6	15	366	226			
Dallas	8	5	0	6	15	312	280			
Philadelphia	7	5	1	5	7	339	263			
Washington	7	6	0	5	8	218	246			
South			West			NFC			PF	
Carolina	10	3	0	7	6	323	254			
Tampa Bay	9	4	0	6	9	303	238			
Atlanta	8	5	0	6	15	345	345			
New Orleans	7	7	0	5	9	390	353			
North			West			NFC			PF	
Minnesota	8	5	0	6	15	307	276			
Chicago	8	6	0	5	7	331	302			
Green Bay	5	8	0	3	8	355	319			
Detroit	0	13	0	0	6	219	413			
West			NFC			PF			PF	
x-Arizona	8	5	0	6	15	372	323			
San Francisco	5	8	0	3	8	286	287			
Seattle	2	11	0	1	4	154	335			
St. Louis	2	11	0	1	4	169	394			

x-clinched division
Thursday, Dec. 11
Chicago 27, New Orleans 24, OT

Sunday's Games
Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, 12 p.m.
Tennessee at Houston, 12 p.m.
Seattle at St. Louis, 12 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 12 p.m.
San Francisco at Miami, 12 p.m.
Detroit at Indianapolis, 12 p.m.
San Diego at Kansas City, 12 p.m.
Washington at Cincinnati, 12 p.m.
Green Bay at Jacksonville, 12 p.m.
Minnesota at Arizona, 3:05 p.m.
Denver at Carolina, 3:15 p.m.
New England at Oakland, 3:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 3:15 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 7:15 p.m.

Monday's Game
Cleveland at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX—Selected RHP Miguel Gonzalez from Salt Lake (PCL); RHP Jason Rice from Birmingham (SL) and RHP Miguel Marquez from West Tennessee (SL) in the Rule 5 Draft.
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AquaHawks want revenge

The Iowa women swimmers and divers remember tough loss to Iowa State last year.

By MATT LEITZKE
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The Iowa women's swimming and diving team will be out for revenge as well as some Hy-Vee Cy-Hawk Series points tonight in a dual meet against Iowa State. The meet will start at 6 p.m. in the Field House pool and is free to the public.

The Cyclones narrowly defeated the Hawkeyes in Ames last season, 152-148.

"We are going to be really ready to go," senior Christine Kuczek said. "Everyone is really fired up, especially after losing to them by a small margin last year."

The Hawkeyes' biggest problem last year was underestimating their rivals, she said.

"We let our guard down last year," she said. "We had beaten them by a large amount two years ago, and we just figured we could fly by last year, and we kind of let the meet slip out of our hands."

Freshman Daniela Cubelic, who has been a key member of the Hawkeyes relays this year, had similar feelings on the Cyclones, despite this being her first year at Iowa.

"Well, last year was a very close meet, and I know the year before that, we killed them," she said. "So hopefully, this year will be like two years ago. We are really expecting to step it up more than last year so we can put them in their place a little bit."

Iowa will be coming off of a very tough three days of competition at the Missouri Invitational last weekend. The Hawkeyes took second place at the meet, and coach Marc Long admitted it has been difficult to get his team prepared for this meet.

"We not only have a tough competition, but we are heading into finals week," he said.

Iowa vs. Iowa State
When: 6 P.M. TODAY
Where: FIELD HOUSE POOL

"We just got back Sunday night, so mentally, it is a challenge to get everybody focused."

Long gave the women Monday off to rest up and get ready for this weekend.

"Really, the focus is just rechanneling our energy and getting back on the dual meet track," Long said. "It is definitely nicer to be at home than to go on the road, and we do have some seniors who now have a loss to Iowa State, so they will be motivated to get ready."

The Hawkeyes should continue to be led by the success of their relay teams. The Hawkeye relays claimed three out of five relay events at the nine-team Missouri Invitational.

"[Our success] has a lot to do with how team-orientated we really are, just pushing each other to do the best we can, and I think it really shows with the relays," Cubelic said. "We have had very strong relays so far, and hopefully, that will continue."

This meet will be the last for the Hawkeyes until their four-team meet against Florida International, Florida Atlantic, and New York University in Miami on Jan. 10.

"After the Iowa State meet, we shift focus to training-camp mode," Kuczek said. "Really intense training, intense dry land and weightlifting, and really just getting ready to do some good work in February and March."

Even with a trip to Florida looming, the Hawkeyes are not looking past Iowa State.

"The people who have been around a little bit know this Iowa State meet is important," Long said. "We have a lot of respect for their program and coaching staff. For the people who have been around, it won't be a problem to get them motivated. It is really fun to have intrastate rivals, and we are really excited about this weekend."

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Lickliter wants sellout vs. ISU

By SCOTT MILLER
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Saying that he feels almost hurt at the lack of attendance at Iowa basketball games this year, head men's basketball coach Todd Lickliter called for a sellout tonight at Carver-Hawkeye Arena when his Hawkeyes battle in-state rival Iowa State at 7 p.m.

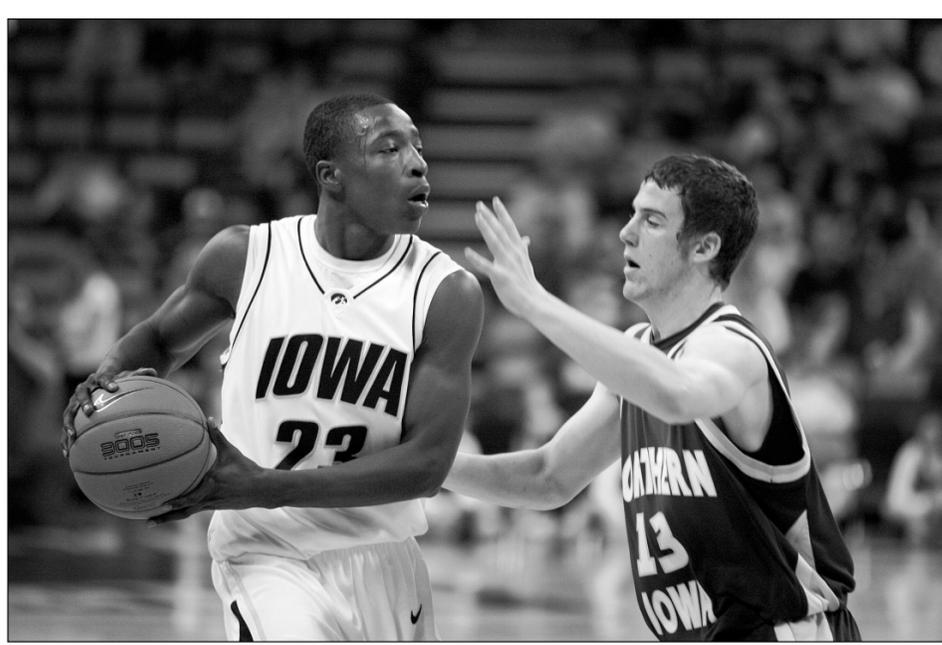
"I think every game would be great if we could fill Carver," the second-year head coach said during a teleconference. "I understand it has been done before. It hurts me because ... I know it has been done before. ... I think our guys are trying to play the right way, play good basketball, and they take pride in representing the University of Iowa."

After a 19-point win over UNI on Dec. 9, the Hawkeyes proved they could play without suspended guard Anthony Tucker, who, Lickliter said, will likely miss tonight's game. "I don't rule out anything, but we have some steps to go through for sure," the coach said.

Iowa, which holds a 40-21 advantage in the series, will look to continue its hot shooting against the Cyclones. Lickliter's squad shot a blazing 60 percent from the field in the second half against the Panthers on Tuesday, with sophomores Jake Kelly and Jeff Peterson leading the way.

"Our guys had to make plays and be poised, and I thought that we did that. I thought that we made decent adjustments in the second half as far as defending in the post, which was necessary because we struggled early," Lickliter said. "I think the challenge of Northern Iowa was a good thing for us if the lessons that we learned will continue."

Tonight, Iowa will face one of the toughest inside-out games it will see all year. Iowa State features 6-10 sophomore forward



Northern Iowa's Johnny Moran attempts to defend Hawkeye Jermain Davis on Tuesday in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. The Hawkeyes will continue their in-state schedule against Iowa State tonight in Carver-Hawkeye.

Craig Brackins (17 points per game and seven rebounds per game) in the post and sophomore guard Diante Garrett (11 points per game and five rebounds per game) on the perimeter.

This is a similar attack the Hawkeyes had to defend against UNI. Iowa State head coach Greg McDermott spent five years with the Panthers before leaving for Ames. One of his former assistants, Ben Jacobson, is now the head coach in Cedar Falls and employs a similar system to that of his former boss.

"There are similarities, no question, but last year we went to UNI, and they defended us one way, and then two or three days later we went to Iowa State, and they completely altered the way they defended,"

Lickliter said. "So, I don't think that you could say there is ever going to be a complete duplication. I am sure there are similar philosophies because they are both very sound."

As a team, the Cyclones shoot nearly 39 percent from long distance, while holding their opponents to only 29 percent 3-point shooting — something that could cause problems for the 3-happy Hawkeyes, who chuck up nearly 23 triples per game.

"Defensively, they are very sound," Lickliter said. "It is a test for our guys as far as making great decisions and if you don't help appropriately they really put you in a great spot. They are really shooting it, and they have three or four guys shooting better than 45 percent from the 3."

Iowa (8-2) vs. Iowa State (6-2)

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Iowa (8-2)			
Player	Pos	Points	Reb
F Jermain Davis	F	6-4	200 Jr.
F Cyrus Tate	F	6-8	255 Sr.
G Matt Gatens	G	6-5	215 Fr.
G Jeff Peterson	G		

Wrestlers roll on, 30-12

WRESTLING
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Junior Daniel Dennis followed with a dominant performance of his own after being held out of the lineup in favor of Joe Slaton in the Iowa State dual on Dec. 6. Dennis cashed in on five takedowns, scoring a 17-7 win over Northern Iowa's Trent Washington, extending Iowa's lead to 7 at 10-3.

In the night's marquee matchup, Northern Iowa's Moza Fay and Ryan Morningstar gave the crowd plenty to get excited about.

Morningstar, ranked fourth nationally following his 2-0 upset of Iowa State's Jonathan Reader, was the aggressor in the opening stanza. Morningstar drove second-ranked Fay off the mat on a handful of occasions, and the Hawkeye faithful lobbied for a stall warning against the Panther. Morningstar's aggressiveness paid off at the end of the first period when he caught Fay napping and swooped in for a flawlessly executed double leg takedown that would have made Mitch King proud.

But Fay's elusiveness kept Morningstar at bay, and the Pan-

ther used the Lisbon native's attacking style to his advantage, picking up a takedown with only five seconds left in the second period to take a 3-2 lead. Morningstar was then unable to score a takedown in the third period as Fay staved off a barrage of attacks to hold onto the 3-2 win.

After the meet, Brands pointed out a possible error in communication between him and the Hawkeye 165-pounder.

"I'm not quite sure if he wanted to go down. I don't know if he misunderstood my hands or not," Brands said of Morningstar's decision to start the third period in the neutral position. "I'm not necessarily convinced he had to go both up, but that was his call."

Nonetheless, the Hawkeyes' 24-match winning streak is still safe, but Brands still wants more from his wrestlers.

"It comes down to not technique, it comes down to not even skills because we are very skilled. We've got guys who can do the job," Brands said. "Really, it comes down to toughness. That's probably the biggest ingredient that we need to go to work on. It's a concern."

Dennis steps up for Hawkeyes

COMMENTARY
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I didn't blame him, though. I would have selected Slaton, too.

I gave him the benefit of the doubt because his résumé demanded it.

But after seeing Dennis on Thursday night in the McLeod Center, I know why both Brands and I were regretfully wrong.

Dennis has skill. Dennis has swagger. Dennis has more potential than his No. 11 ranking suggests.

Most importantly, Dennis is healthy, and it shows.

Against Northern Iowa senior Josh Baldrige, he looked like a man possessed. He wanted to go straight for the jugular and leave Baldrige helpless on the mat.

He settled for a 17-3 major decision, tallying five takedowns and a pair of reversals.

Practically his only fault was letting Baldrige escape nearly 30 seconds into the third period. The Panther veteran maneuvered in for an immediate takedown afterwards, the only offensive points Dennis surrendered.

Not bad for a prep standout out of Illinois, who followed up a 13-2 redshirt season in 2006 with a broken jaw that got him just one match unattached and co-ownership of the coaches' appreciation award.

It may be a while before Slaton walks out in a

Hawkeye singlet to face another opponent this season, as disheartening as it may prove to be.

I like the kid. It broke my heart to see him sprinting off the championship mat in tears at the national tournament eight months ago.

He made history for the entirely wrong reason — pinned by now-graduated Oklahoma State Cowboy Coleman Scott in 49 seconds, the fastest fall ever recorded.

Slaton and Dennis round out four dominating weight classes — Charlie Falck at 125, Alex Tsirtsis at 141, and Brent Metcalf at 149.

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WOMEN'S HOOPS
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"We did a good job of getting to the free-throw line," Northern Iowa head coach Tanya Warren said. "[But] right now we're hoping the ball goes in, instead of knowing it's going in."

Two Panthers fouled out, and Iowa's JoAnn Hamlin also hit the bench early.

The Hawkeyes had a balanced scoring attack, with

seven players scoring at least six points.

Smith scored 11 points in the first half and finished with 16 points, to go with four assists. Alexander was a monster on the glass, grabbing 12 rebounds and also scoring seven.

Junior forward Kim Wypiszynski led the Panthers with 14 points and eight boards. Sophomore center Lizzie Boeck added 10 points and seven rebounds.

"I thought we competed

tonight, I liked the way my kids competed and defended tonight," Warren said.

The first half was sluggish early, with neither team getting a bucket in the first 3½ minutes.

With the offense struggling at times, the defense picked up the slack for Iowa.

The Hawkeyes held a block party in the first half that was only missing a grill and a drunken neighbor, rejecting nine shots. Skouby tied a

career-high by swatting five.

"They kept driving it in, and I was in the right spot at the right time," Skouby said. "I want to be able to make a stand in the post."

Panther freshman point guard K.K. Armstrong had a bucket with 8:22 to make it to pull Northern Iowa to within one at 12-11. Iowa responded with a 9-0 run that would give it a cushion it would maintain throughout the half and took a 30-18 lead into the locker room.

46 the magic Hawk number

CHAMPIONSHIP
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"Neither team could really get into a flow offensively. That's usually good for us, though."

The unofficial semifinal match looked like a 3A team — Northern Iowa, holding on as long as it could — against the more talented 4A Hawkeyes before falling, 72-46. The Panthers cut the lead to nine at one point in the second half, but the Hawkeyes fought their way through, following the senior leadership of Kristi Smith, Megan Skouby, and Wendy Ausdemore, who combined for 42 points.

The unofficial championship game, at least for the Hawks' purposes, will take place at the Knapp Center in Des Moines against Drake on Dec. 20. It will be the final nonconference game for the Hawkeyes before they open Big Ten play two days later at Wisconsin.

Of the four schools involved in the unofficial round-robin tournament, Iowa is 2-0, Iowa State finished at 2-1 after its victory Thursday against

Drake, 65-52, making the Bulldogs 0-1, and Northern Iowa, which is 0-2.

The unofficial championship game will have a Super Bowl-like layoff — with nine days between last night's "semifinal" and the Dec. 20 finale. It's the most down time for the Hawkeyes this season, but for Bluder, it does not pose a problem.

"It will be nice to have a little time to rest ... Next week, Tuesday, we have to get focused on the Drake game," she said. "This is our only road game of the series. We know it's going to be difficult going on the road. The Knapp Center is a tough place to play."

Drake holds the all-time series lead 26-14; however, Iowa has won the last six contests by an average of 14 points.

"Our goal is to be the state champs," sophomore Kachine Alexander said after practice on Tuesday.

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Florida quarterback Tim Tebow signs autographs for fans before entering the Home Depot ESPNU College Football Awards ceremony in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., on Thursday.

Tebow shows less is more

By MARK LONG
Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Tim Tebow did less, and Florida accomplished more.

Tebow didn't come close to matching the gaudy numbers he had last year when he became the first sophomore to win the Heisman Trophy, but he's been maybe even more valuable to the top-ranked Gators this season. Whether it was in the huddle, on the practice field, in the locker room, in meeting rooms, in the weight room, before and after games, Tebow led the way.

He picked up his teammates after the early season loss to Mississippi, motivated everyone to play at a higher level, and was at his best when Florida needed him most.

"There's just no way for anyone to know how important he is to us," receiver Louis Murphy said. "He does it all."

Tebow's trophy collection might offer a clue. The two-time Southeastern Conference Player of the Year took home the Davey O'Brien, Maxwell, and Sullivan Awards last season. He already picked up the Wuerffel Award this year, and he was a finalist for the Maxwell.

He could join a most exclusive club when the Heisman is handed out Saturday night — Archie Griffin is the only two-time winner of college football's most prestigious individual award.

"I'm just enjoying it, the opportunity," Tebow said. "I'm more focused on trying to win the national championship. It's a great honor to go up there again. Winning it changed people's perspective of me. All your life, you're known as the Heisman winner."

Tebow became the first college football player with at least

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— Tim Tebow, Florida quarterback

20 touchdown passes and 20 rushing touchdowns in 2007, carrying a team that finished 9-4 and out of the SEC race.

His stats were down this season, but his play never dipped. He ranks fifth in the nation in passer rating (176.7) with 28 touchdown passes and only two interceptions. He hasn't been asked to run nearly as much but still has 564 yards rushing and 12 touchdowns.

Most importantly, he has the Gators one win away from their second national title in three seasons.

"It's something you dream about, something that's very exciting and something I'm having a great time with," he said.

He acknowledged that winning the Heisman brought added pressure and extra attention from fans, media and opponents. It may have even affected him early on, too. Tebow rarely looked in sync during the first four games. He overthrew receivers, stood in the pocket too long, and looked tentative when he did scramble.

"I was trying to be too perfect," he said. "I wanted it to be a perfect season. I wanted to complete every pass. I was just not relaxing and playing."

It cost Florida against Ole Miss. Tebow was sacked three times, had a crucial fumble, and was surprisingly stopped on a fourth-down run — all of which helped the Rebels stun the

Gators, 31-30. Tebow's best play of the season — call it his Heisman moment — came a few minutes after the loss.

He stood behind a podium, choked back tears, and promised something good would come from the setback. He put the loss squarely on his shoulders and vowed the Gators would play harder than anyone in the country the rest of the season.

Florida has won nine in a row since, outscoring opponents an average of 49-13 along the way.

"We knew, even after the loss, that we could bounce back," Tebow said. "We knew we could win all our games. We knew we could beat Georgia and still go to the SEC title game, and if other teams lost, we'd have a chance [to play for the national title]. We got some momentum and kept riding it, and things worked out perfect for us."

Tebow was stellar during the streak. He completed 67 percent of his passes for 1,707 yards and 22 touchdown passes and added 439 yards rushing and 10 scores. And his two fourth-quarter touchdown drives against Alabama in the SEC title game put him right back in the middle of the Heisman race.

"[The Heisman] does matter [to him]," coach Urban Meyer said. "If you had to say either the crystal ball or the Heisman Trophy, it's not even close. Tim is a winner. He wants to win.

He's motivated like all of us are. But he's a team-first guy. ... If he could have either/or, he's going to take 12 wins and the chance to hold that crystal ball."

Tebow grew up idolizing 1996 Heisman winner Danny Wuerffel and followed the annual presentation as close as anyone could. Having won the Heisman last year and tracked the race as a voter this time around, Tebow believes he knows what makes someone deserving of the award. He even has a checklist. It includes leadership skills, athletic ability, being able to win games, and setting yourself apart from everyone else.

Tebow certainly fits the criteria — again.

Tebow declined to reveal whom he voted for, but he did say he narrowed it down to himself and Oklahoma quarterback Sam Bradford.

Tebow doesn't plan to do everything he did during last year's trip to New York City. He hopes to minimize the sightseeing and extracurricular activities that can turn a busy weekend into a whirlwind event.

"We're just going to do the bare necessities," he said. "That was really cool, but it took a lot of time and was very busy. It's also nice to rest, too. I don't get to do too much of that. It's a lot of fun, but last year I wasn't getting ready for as big a game as I am this year."

No one can blame Tebow. After all, he has learned that doing less can allow him to accomplish more.

"We did that this season," he said. "There are some games that you think we can go out there and throw the ball 60 times and put up a lot of yards. Yeah, we could do that. But we're more dangerous this way.

Chicago cost for Olympics: \$4.7 billion

By NANCY ARMOUR
Associated Press

CHICAGO — It would cost nearly \$4.7 billion to stage the 2016 Olympics and Paralympics in Chicago, bid organizers estimate, making it a bargain when compared with the ballooning budget for the London Games.

The games also would generate \$22.5 billion in new economic activity for Chicago and the state of Illinois from 2011 to 2021, according to a study released Thursday. The city of Chicago alone would see an economic impact of \$13.7 billion.

"This is not at all geared toward saying, 'Look at us; this should make it more attractive to win,'" Chicago 2016 Chairman Patrick Ryan said. "The people of our community had questions ... and we got them answers for it."

Though Chicago's costs likely would rise somewhat because of inflation, Ryan said he is confident that, unlike London, the budget won't change significantly. London now estimates the overall cost for the 2012 Games will be about \$16.5 billion, three times the original estimate.

"We have to look at bids individually for what [cities] already have and what they need. We're fortunate in that we have so much of our infrastructure already in place and modernized," Ryan said.

"We don't have the land costs because we have our park space, for example, and the financing on our [Olympic] village land. It's really quite different."

London is transforming a run-down section of the East End into its Olympic Park, and it has a \$13.9 billion budget for venue construction and regeneration alone. The Russian city of Sochi has a budget of \$12 billion to build nearly all venues from scratch for the 2014 Winter Games.

Chicago's bid relies heavily on existing and temporary venues, and organizers estimates construction and operation costs at \$994 million. The Olympic village will cost another \$1.2 billion, mostly paid for with private financing. Chicago 2016 organizers plan to sell the land to a real-estate developer, who can convert the village to mixed-use housing after the games.

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Central Florida hires attorney to review program

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The hiring of Kansas City-based Michael Glazier, who once worked for the NCAA, comes in the wake of an internal investigation following the recent collapse and hospitalization of a player during an off-season conditioning workout Dec. 3.

Freshman Brandon Davis was released from Florida Hospital East Wednesday night with a clean bill of health. Nine months ago, Central Florida wide receiver Ereck Plancher collapsed and died during an off-season workout.

Plancher's family has informed Central Florida that it intends to file a wrongful death lawsuit against the university, claiming negligence by coach George O'Leary and his staff.



KAY AMERT

November 11, 1947 – September 5, 2008

A memorial service for Kay Amert, emeritus professor of journalism and mass communication, who died on September 5, 2008, will be held at the University of Iowa on Saturday, December 13 at 2:00 p.m. in room 101 of the Becker Communication Studies Building. A reception will follow in the rotunda of the Adler Journalism and Mass Communication Building.



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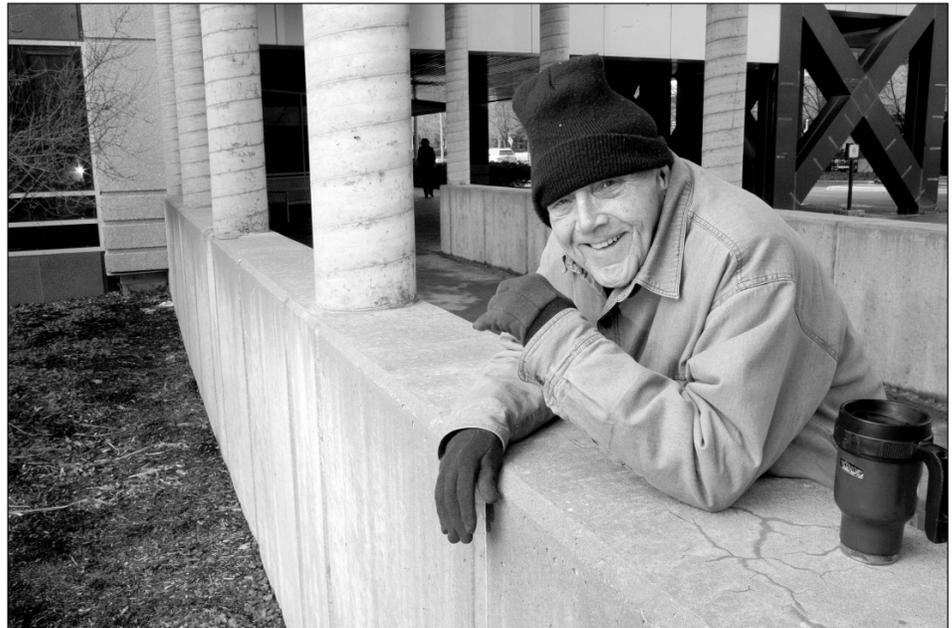
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- **shunpike** (a side road used to avoid superhighway traffic): a long, metal rob used to jab others not in your social circle.
- **crambo** (a turn-based rhyming game): the nickname you give someone who goes crazy from studying too hard and leaves to fight a one-man war in the forests of Washington state.
- **postlude** (a closing piece of music): the best mental state in which to watch a Cheech & Chong movie.
- **tyrannies** (oppressive acts of power exerted by a government): jyust oyne oyf myy myny fyetishes.
- **winsome** (attractive): what happens directly before you losesome.
- **pertinacity** (unyielding adherence): a measure of boob sagginess.
 - **semicivilized** (preindustrial): a society based around classic rock songs, Patrick Swayze movies, and mesh hats.
- **chawbacon** (a bumpkin or hick): I don't know, but I'd probably eat it.
- **submarine** (existing beneath the surface of the sea): a National Guardsman.
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- 12:30 p.m.** News from China-Beijing (in Chinese)
1 "Prairie Lights" Archives, Thomas Cahill
2 News from Germany (in German)
3 "Know the Score," Dec. 5
5 Piano Sundays at the Old Capitol, Nov. 2
6:30 Iowa Brass Quintet Performance at the Old Capitol
8 "Java Blend" Encore, Paleo
8:30 "Know the Score," Joan Kjaer hosts
10:30 Iowa Brass Quintet Performance at the Old Capitol

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- **16th-annual East Side Artists Holiday Sale**, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Masonic Building, 312 E. College
- **Story Time**, 10 a.m., Barnes & Noble, Coral Ridge Mall
- **Excerpts from *The Snow Queen*, UI Youth Ballet**, noon, UIHC Colloton Pavilion
- **"Java Blend," 56 Hope Road**, noon, Java House, 211½ E. Washington
- **National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers meeting**, noon, IMU River Room 1
- **Noon Knit**, noon, Hardin Library
- **"Holiday Tubas," 12:30 p.m.**, Old Capitol front steps
- **Knitting Nurse**, 2 p.m., Home Ec. Workshop, 207 N. Linn
- **Nun crackers**, 3 and 7:30 p.m., Old Creamery Theatre, 39 38th St., Amana
- **Waneta Dawn Book Signing**, 5 p.m., Waldenbooks, Sycamore Mall
- **Family Fun Night**, 6-8 p.m., Mercer Park Aquatic Center
- **High Five, From Citizen to Soldier, Upon Death's Arrival, and By These Hands**, 6 p.m., Picador
- **Jazz Combo Festival**, 6:30 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church, 320 E. College
- **Mr. Moriani's All Female Circus and**

- **Great Western Train Robbery Singing Cowboy Roundup Extravaganza**, 6:30 p.m., City High, 1900 Morningside Drive
- **"Evening of Decadence," Kahraman Near East Dance Ensemble**, 7 p.m., Kahraman Dance Studio, 330 E. Second
- **Momma's Man**, 7 and 9 p.m., Bijou
- **Ballroom Dance**, 7:30 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E. Market
- **A December to Remember**, 8 p.m., Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington
- **Collaborative Performance: Image-Story-Form**, 8 p.m., North Hall Space/Place, 8 p.m., Space/Place
- **Mannix, Humanos, the Slats, and Caw Caw**, 8 p.m., Mill
- **M.F.A. Directors One-Act Play Festival, The Congresswoman**, 8 p.m., Brewery Square
- **Friday Night Karaoke, with Gemini Karaoke**, 9 p.m., American Legion Post No. 17, 3016 Muscatine Ave.
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- **The Gglitch and Datagun**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S Linn
- **Jazz Night at the Motley Cow with the White Tornado**, 10 p.m., Motley Cow Café, 160 N. Linn
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AS LACEY'S DEMENTIA PROGRESSED, SHE BE-FRIENDED ALICE, A HOMELESS WOMAN SHE THOUGHT WAS HER LONG-DEAD SISTER PEARL...

"THEY GOT TOGETHER FOR HOLIDAYS IN THE PARK."

HAPPY NEW YEAR, DUCKS!

AND TO YOU, TOO, PEARL! AND GOOD RIDDANCE, 1929!

1929?

I JUST HOPE MR. HOOVER KNOWS WHAT HE'S DOING.

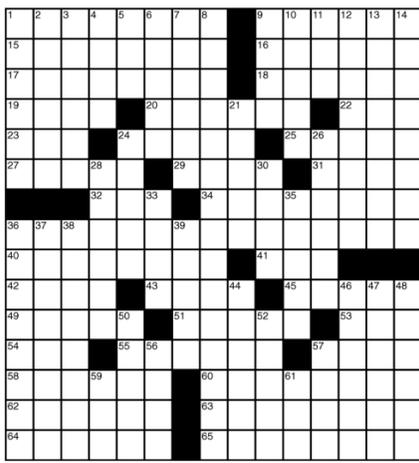
WOW... SHE EXPERIENCED THE DEPRESSION TWICE?

IT'S A ROUGH DISEASE.

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- Across**
- Big name in bikes
 - Sits beside a fireplace, perhaps
 - Happen (upon)
 - Medal of Honor recipient, say
 - Doctrine developer of 1823
 - Hotel waiters?
 - Be a catalyst for
 - Accessories whose colors may indicate rank
 - Flavoring in a Tom and Jerry
 - Put down on the street
 - Part of a philosophical dichotomy
 - Port on Osaka Bay
 - Temper, informally
 - "Contact" author, 1985
 - Research venue: Abbr.
 - About
 - Cabos, Mexico
 - Sits beside a fireplace, perhaps
 - Self-contained music equipment
 - Half a pair for pairs
 - Burns into film
 - Clammy
 - Former news gatherer
 - Space traveler of 1957
 - Grass unit
 - "Wicked Game" singer, 1991
 - Pilothouse dir.
 - Cry from a litter
 - Untimely comment?
 - Anatomical part named after the Latin for "grape"
 - Go by
 - It's heard at a slumber party
 - In it together
- Down**
- Retail chain popular with kids
 - Coffee source
 - Not yet full
 - Warren of the car rental business
 - Mo
 - Dryer maker
 - Drama in which male actors play both male and female parts
 - E-mail alternatives
 - Chérie
 - Piece of pi?
 - Yellow pages abbr.
 - Where guards are stationed
 - Highly sought shares
 - Drives
 - Bear cub mascot of the 1980 Moscow Olympics
 - Thumbing-the-nose gesture
 - Almaviva serenades her in "The Barber of Seville"
 - Its motto is "North to the future"
 - Strategy
 - Activity in which people are not playing with a full deck
 - Depilatory equipment
 - Like some watermelons
 - Snail variety
 - Smaller fare, usually
 - Like many doo-wop groups: Var.
 - Big part of magazine income
 - What PayPal facilitates
 - "The Colbert Report" and such
 - Like many doo-wop groups: Var.
 - Sounds ominously
 - See 50-Down
 - One who 48-Down
 - Thing to soar to and from
 - Some are covered by insurance, informally
 - Monopoly buy: Abbr.
 - Kind of filling
 - Laptop feature, for short



Puzzle by Kevin G. Der

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

SUIT GLEAM CA9
 ANNO RATIO MOST
 MP3 PLAYERS OLIO
 LCD ASS BEST OF 5
 UNPOPULAR
 8 MAN VAS LIDS
 6 SHOOTER VENEER
 IDO WORK 247 REO
 TOYING SYSTEMIC
 SSNS SURFA AREA
 SCRAPER REV ORG
 WHEN LATOYAJ SON
 AIDE EMILE USTA
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