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Law dean biased, lawsuit alleges

A university employee contends that she was denied a law-school position because of her politics.

By **OLIVIA MORAN**

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A UI College of Law employee filed a federal lawsuit against the dean of the school this week, asserting she was rejected for a position because of her political affiliation. Teresa Wagner, a Republican who works part-time at the law school writing center, names UI College of Law Dean Carolyn Jones in the suit, filed in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Iowa.

"Based on what we know from reporters, we believe it is without merit, and we will vigorously defend ourselves," UI spokesman Steve Parrott said.

Jones was unavailable for comment on Thursday evening.

According to the suit, Wagner began interviewing for a full-time writing-instructor position in the fall

of 2006, with her conservative views openly available on her résumé. After a first interview, Wagner alleges she attended a second interview two months later, receiving numerous compliments on her presentation from law-school faculty. The lawsuit



Jones

dean

SEE **LAWSUIT**, 3A

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A coal and ash-mass storage silo (middle tower) works together with a coal-powered boiler to heat the campus on Thursday. There has been raised concern about the negative effects of burning coal, a nonrenewable resource, and the detrimental health effects from the residue, coal ash.

UI, activists disagree over coal ash

Officials at the UI's Power Plant say their energy resources are more eco-friendly than some environmental groups think.

By **MEGAN DIAL**

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Environmental groups in Iowa and the UI are at odds over the health effects of energy resources used by the university's Power Plant.

Two weeks ago, the environmental group Plains Justice asked the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to rethink the process for coal-ash regulation after the agency halted its work on adjusting the method. Coal ash is the substance left over after coal is burned in power plants.

UI officials sent a letter to the Natural Resources in September 2008 asking it to reconsider adjusting the process, and the agency voted to push the date for altering

the procedure back for three years.

The Power Plant has a five-year contract with a quarry near Waterloo to take care of the coal ash, said Michael Valde, the UI environmental compliance manager. The contract outlines the procedure it must follow when the coal ash is deposited.

The Power Plant uses two coal boilers, one biomass boiler, and natural gas to provide heat for the campus.

Power Plant manager Ben Fish said in one boiler, coal is combined with the biomass — oat hulls from the Cedar Rapids-based Quaker Oats plant.

"This provides about 15 to 20 percent of the fuel used to heat the campus," he said.

UI spokesman Steve Parrott said the university is a pioneer in biomass use.

Biomass helps reduce both the carbon emissions from the Power Plant and costs for the university, he said.

Fish said biomass is renewable and essentially green energy. The Power Plant is set to continue increasing the amount of biomass used as fuel, he said.

But Plains Justice President Carrie La Seur thinks the UI is missing the point.

No matter what alternative forms of energy are also being used, she said, coal is still a nonrenewable resource with detrimental health affects.

Coal ash has highly concentrated levels of heavy metals such as lead, mercury, and arsenic, which can leach into groundwater and contaminate drinking

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Vets ply the Capitol

During 'Veterans Day on the Hill' at the State Capitol, four UI student-veterans push their legislative agenda.

By **SHAWN GUDE**

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In their dark suits and with their looks of determination, the four UI student-veterans striding up to the State Capitol early Thursday morning could've been mistaken for a cadre of young lawyers looking to win a big case.

And, in a sense, they were.

The four UI Veterans Association members — UI students Chad Running, Drew Hjelm, Aaron Schlumbohm, and recent graduate Scott Lyon — were looking to persuade legislators to back pro-veteran initiatives, a difficult task in a year of budget shortfalls.

Chief among the proposals were allowing out-of-state veterans to pay in-state tuition and bolstering student-loan reimbursement for veterans saddled with debt. The so-called "brain drain," the group argued, could be stymied.

Reactions to the proposals varied.

Fellow veteran and Rep. Dick Taylor, D-Cedar Rapids, was enthusiastic about the proposals, cost be damned.

Others, such as Rep. Mary Mascher, D-Iowa City, and Dwayne Alons, R-Hull, were less receptive to the proposals



Mascher

D-Iowa City

SEE **LOBBYING**, 3A

New Iowa City medical clinic stirs controversy

As an anti-abortion medical clinic prepares to open in Iowa City, some question the group's true agenda.

By **JENNIFER DELGADO**

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After having an abortion two years ago, Rebekah Trotter said she feels more than regret — it has taken her a long time to heal from the decision.

"A lot of information wasn't really available or well-presented to me," the 27-year-old said.

As a volunteer at Choices Medical Clinic, 817 S. Gilbert St., she said, she hopes she can help women facing a similar plight make the right decision.

On Thursday — the 36th anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* ruling — Trotter participated in a prayer vigil at the clinic. The anti-abortion center will open

in the spring and provide free health care to all women — though notably excluding contraceptives and abortions.

Instead, the center will offer counseling, medical exams, STD testing, and prenatal care.

"[Women] are making a decision out of not understanding everything," said Rachel Owen, the executive director of the clinic. "They are walking in fear instead of being fully informed of everything that's happening."

But the anti-abortion mission of the clinic and its parent company, Informed Choice of Iowa Corporation, has some people skeptical.

"It doesn't seem fair to use

the emotions and the vulnerability that can be associated with an unintended pregnancy and mix those with a medical environment that has an anti-abortion agenda," said Francine Thompson, a co-director of the Emma Goldman Clinic, 227 N. Dubuque.

Emma Goldman serves 6,000 women yearly, Thompson said. Approximately 1,600 of those are abortion clients.

Owen said her organization's purpose isn't to bully women into not terminating their pregnancy but to present them with all the facts.



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Members of the community gather to attend a prayer vigil to celebrate the future opening of Choices Medical Clinic on Thursday. The clinic, which will provide free health care to all women, is funded by private donors.

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Keeping the Hawks clothed



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Hawkeye athletics equipment manager Peggy Jenn (left) and Sarah Droessler (right) lay out sets of towels and jerseys for the Iowa volleyball team in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Thursday. Jenn opens the door at 9 a.m. to give clean jerseys to Hawkeye sports teams, but she does not allow players inside the room because of the close quarters.

Peggy Jenn takes care of around 25 loads of Hawkeye athletics laundry every day.

By MARY HARRINGTON
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The shadow of a colossal washing machine falls on Peggy Jenn as she cradles a golden mound of sportswear on the ground floor of Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

Since 1983, when she first took the job as a student, Jenn has served as seamstress and caretaker — officially called the athletics equipment manager — for hundreds of athletes' jerseys, sweats, socks and more.

Tending to the athletes of 15 Iowa sports, washing around 25 loads of black-and-gold laundry every day, Jenn has become somewhat of a mother figure in the Hawkeye sports community. "At times I feel like I'm the mom away from home here," she said with a lighthearted laugh. "Not many people really know this kind of work goes on behind the scenes of sporting events."

The 45-year-old picked up sewing techniques early in life from her mother, and now the skill keeps her busy.

She is an institution on the arena's ground floor, working in the building as long as the grand washing machines she fills daily. Her workspace is her home away from home, where her children once napped in laundry baskets or in the arms

Peggy Jenn

- 45-year-old North Liberty native
- Iowa athletics equipment manager since 1983
- Responsible for uniforms of 15 Hawkeye sports teams

Faces of the UI

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Learn more about Peggy Jenn, the athletics equipment manager, with a video feature on dailyiowan.com.



of basketball players. It's a Hawkeye haven with walls of black-and-gold jerseys in floor to ceiling cubby holes, orange cardboard barriers of NCAA-approved Nike shoes still stiff in their boxes, and hallways full of Big Ten athletes traversing just outside the door.

The athletes stop by Jenn's office to drop off or pick up their sporting gear before and after events and practices. Because the collegiate duds belong to the athletics department and not the individual wearing them,



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa athletics equipment manager Peggy Jenn prepares volleyball uniforms in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Thursday. Jenn works in a room which fits uniforms, shoes, and towels for 15 Hawkeye teams.

Jenn maintains a strict inventory of everything from numbered jerseys to plain white socks — a process the North Liberty native said gets stressful if the athletes act childish.

She recalls a basketball player, desperate for low-cut socks, cut the "official" socks himself whenever issued a pair. One player, she said, crawled hands and knees on the ground to avoid a Jenn spotting when he forgot to turn in some gym shorts.

"Sometimes, it's like I'm playing teacher with these guys," she said. "They pull out their own version of 'the dog ate my homework excuse,' and I have to be a little harsh sometimes."

But laughter seems always to reign over scolds here. And the

athletes, Jenn admits, make the job a labor of love.

"This is where I come to get my daily entertainment," said Iowa basketball forward Cyrus Tate as he stopped by Jenn's workroom to chat and laugh with the workers. "It's a great group of guys and gals working here."

Seven others work for Jenn, helping out with home events and daily practices. But even with the added help, she still works long hours, sometimes caring for visiting teams' uniforms as well until 2 a.m.

"She's a hard worker, a great person. She'd do anything for you," said Larry Cookman, who has worked in the building with Jenn since she was a student. "If I had to pick someone to work for or work with, it would be Peggy."

Ice, snow hit UI's budget hard

Salting, sanding, and removing snow from campus may result in another costly winter, UI officials say.

By KASSIE FRIEDRICHS
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While the UI is keeping campus streets and sidewalks safe and clear of precipitation this winter, officials say the university could be stuck with a hefty price tag for doing it.

The average cost of salting, sanding, and removing snow from the majority of campus runs around \$250,000 to \$300,000, said Bob Brooks, an associate director of building and landscape services in UI Facilities Management — but last year, clearing the ice and snow cost the university \$500,000 to \$600,000.

"As far as expenditures and time spent go, this year has been comparable with last year," Brooks said.

He and his team have already spent \$287,320 this fiscal year — \$220,220 on labor and \$67,100 on material and equipment — to sand, salt, and

remove snow from much of the campus.

Building and landscape services is responsible for clearing 28 miles of sidewalks — the distance from the Pentacrest to Cedar Rapids — and 31 miles of roadway — or the distance from the Pentacrest to Williamsburg, Brooks said.

Salt costs will be back in the normal range this year, he said, because Iowa City has seen more snow and less ice than last winter — so far. Ice storms require more salt than does snowfall, he said.

And because the university is experiencing budget cuts, Brooks is worried about the possibility of another costly winter.

"Snow removal is one of those areas we can't cut back on" he said. "Mother Nature kind of dictates our budget."

Even if building and landscape services' budget is cut, he said, the department wouldn't cut back on snow removal because of safety concerns.

UI Winter Costs - by the numbers:

- \$250,000 to \$300,000 — the average winter cost for UI building and landscape services
- \$287,320 — the amount the building and landscape services has already spent this year
- \$430,000 — this year's winter budget for UI parking facilities

Source: Bob Brooks and Jeff Rahn

"With budget cuts, we could cut back on areas that don't have that association [with safety]," he said, which could include mowing or planting flowers in the spring.

Jeff Rahn, the UI parking facilities' operations manager, is also planning for winter expenses to be above average this year for the university's parking facilities.

"We are definitely spending a lot of money because of snow and ice that has come through," he said.

The average winter budget over the past three years for Rahn's department was \$297,667 — more than \$100,000 less than this winter's budget of \$430,000.

"We upped the budget to \$430,000 because we added sites with our contractor," he said. "Last year, we had three parking lots and now we have seven. A lot of that is because of the flooding."

The budget increase is also due to the severity of last year's winter, he said.

Brooks' and Rahn's departments are responsible for an estimated 80 percent of winter expenditures at the UI, Brooks said. Athletics and Residence Services also have sand, salt, and snow costs.

Rahn is apprehensive about the budget cuts.

"We keep a real close tag on [our budget]," he said, but snow removal is important. "The lots need to be clean and safe."

Emily Torricelli, a UI graduate student in film studies, says although she feels safe on campus, the slush and sand is annoying. Along corners of sidewalks there is snow piled up, she said, and although its kind of cleared, people still have to walk through slush.

"It's more gross than anything else," she said. "The sand gets on your shoes, and you track it in. Then, there's mud on the floors that you have to put your bag in."

METRO

Christian trial now set for May 18

An Iowa City man accused of killing his neighbor is now set to attend trial on May 18, records show.

The trial for 30-year-old David Christian was originally set for next week.

Police arrested Christian in October and charged him with second-degree murder for allegedly choking his neighbor to death over a game of chess.

Officials contend that Christian was intoxicated that day and killed 39-year-old Michael Steward.

Investigators seized drug paraphernalia, an antidepressant prescription bottle, and other things from

Christian's apartment.

Second-degree murder is a Class B felony, punishable by 50 years in prison. Christian's bail at the Johnson County Jail is set at \$500,000. He pleaded not guilty in November.

— by Olivia Moran

POLICE BLOTTER

Moutaz Abo-Sheasha, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Thursday with driving with a suspended/canceled license and obstructing an officer.

Kyle Anderson, 23, 537 S. Van Buren St. Apt. A, was charged Jan. 15 with

assault causing injury.

Angel Bowlin, 33, 117 Shrader Road, was charged Wednesday with driving in a suspended/canceled license and interfering with official acts.

Travis Dewitt, 20, 504 S. Johnson St.

Apt. 5, was charged Thursday with public intoxication.

Muriel Gordon, 24, 1926 Broadway Apt. C, was charged Wednesday with interfering with official acts and fifth-degree theft.

Nicholas Karczewski, 19, 538 Rienow, was charged Thursday with public intoxication.

Tanisha Rutherford, 26, 1926 Broadway Apt. C, was charged Wednesday with interfering with official acts and fifth-degree theft.

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U.S. approves 1st stem cell study for spinal injury

NEW YORK (AP) — A U.S. biotech company says it plans to start this summer the world's first study of a treatment based on human embryonic stem cells — a long-awaited project aimed at spinal cord injury.

The company gained federal permission this week to inject eight to 10 patients with cells derived from embryonic cells, said Dr. Thomas Okarma, president and CEO of Geron Corp. of Menlo Park, Calif.

The patients will be paraplegics, who can use their arms but can't walk. They will receive a single injection within two weeks of their injury.

The study is aimed at testing the safety of the procedure, but doctors will also look for signs of improvement like return of sensation or movement in the legs, Okarma said.

Whatever its outcome, the study will mark a new chapter in the contentious history of embryonic stem cell research in the United States — a field where debate spilled out of the laboratory long ago and into national politics.

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Woman sues law dean, alleging bias

LAWSUIT

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also contends that then-law-school Associate Dean Jonathan Carlson advised her before the interview to conceal her affiliation with Ave Maria School of Law — a conservative law school in Michigan — where she declined a law professor position in 2002. Carlson said he did not tell Wagner to conceal anything and that those allegations in the lawsuit are “misstatements or distortions.”

The UI position was offered to another candidate — a former research assistant of UI law-school Professor Randall Bezanson — three days after Wagner's second interview.

Wagner contends in the lawsuit that Carlson informed her Bezanson had spoken against her hiring during a faculty appointments meeting.

“I have never and would never vote in favor or against anyone based on their personal views or political views,” Bezanson said.

The lawsuit does not specify why Bezanson allegedly spoke against Wagner's appointment.

“A number of faculty, including Bezanson, opposed her appointment on the merits,” Carlson said. “They thought the answers she gave in her presentation about how she would perform the job weren't good and suggested that she wouldn't perform the job well and that her academic record was consistent with that conclusion.”

Carlson said faculty appointments usually require more

than a simple majority vote.

“One person doesn't stop someone from being hired — that's absurd,” he said. “The faculty who opposed her, in my judgment, did not oppose her because of her political beliefs but because they didn't think she'd do a good job delivering to law students the traits we wanted them to have.”

In the 1970s, Bezanson worked for former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun, the author of Supreme Court decision *Roe v. Wade*, which was

decided 36 years ago Thursday. The case legalized abortion, and Wagner has fought against *Roe*, the lawsuit stated.

“An egregious political imbalance exists among the hiring decision-makers at the Iowa College of Law,” the lawsuit states.

At the UI's law school, 46 of the 50 faculty members are registered Democrats; only one is a registered Republican, according to the suit.

Wagner is a 1993 UI College of Law graduate. She practiced

as an associate litigation attorney in Iowa City for two years, once worked for two conservative organizations in Washington, D.C., lectured at two schools, and edited numerous pieces of work from law professors across the country, according to the lawsuit.

Wagner is demanding a jury trial. The lawsuit suggests she should be compensated by Jones for her loss of income, loss of benefits, emotional damages, and that Jones hire her for the instructor position.

UI spars over coal ash

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water, La Seur said.

The quarry the UI uses is not lined, but there is no evidence of leaching, Parrott said. The coal ash from the UI's plant is dry, so there is no chance of it flooding out of the quarry.

However, La Seur said, the ash is only dry until it rains, when water pools form at the quarry.

Parrott said the UI is currently in compliance with all Natural Resources rules, but if the rules change, university offi-

cial will also make the necessary changes to their procedure.

La Seur said Iowa has relatively loose regulations for the handling of coal ash, so there is no way of knowing whether there is any contamination from the quarries.

Andrew Hug of Environment Iowa agrees with La Seur, and he said the university should do everything it can to get away from using coal.

Jeri Thornsberry of the environmental group Community Energy Solutions also stressed the importance of caring for

Iowa's water supply.

“Water is such a precious commodity,” she said. “I think Iowans take their water for granted, and that is a huge mistake.”

But Valde contended that the plant's coal ash is actually classified as “beneficial” by the Natural Resources, because once it is deposited, it can be reused.

Hug and La Seur agreed the UI needs to begin practicing energy efficiency by using alternate sources for electricity such as wind power, concentrated solar power, and photovoltaic solar cells.

Vets lobby lawmakers

LOBBYING

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and somewhat evasive, the vets said. Mascher has a way of “talking circles around you,” Schlumbohm said.

Rep. McKinley Bailey, D-Webster City, told the four that budgetary constraints would hurt the bills' chances.

“Right now, I'm just worried about protecting the things that have already been passed,” the veteran said, noting that support from the state Board of Regents for the in-state tuition proposal would help as well.

Garnering support for the proposals wasn't the exclusive aim of the trip to Des Moines.

“In the grand scheme of things, we didn't go there just to get the bills passed,” Hjelm, who served in Iraq and Afghanistan, said. “We went there to get them to acknowledge the younger veterans around.”

But effectively increasing that visibility is an “uphill battle,” Schlumbohm said.

Out of Iowa's approximately 250,000 veterans, approximately 30,000 — 12 percent — are between the ages of 18

“There's not a lot they have for 20-somethings just out of the military.”

— Chad Running, UI student-veteran

and 39. Around 4 percent are in their 20s.

Additionally, older veterans have a greater national presence, with numerous organizations representing their interests.

“The older veterans have the different groups working for them — Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Vietnam Veterans of America, the American Legion,” Running said. “When we're in school, we don't have a lot [of people] to represent us.”

Thursday's “Veterans Day on the Hill” reflected that relative lack of youth representation. While hundreds of senior-citizen, VFW hat-adorned veterans flooded the floors of the Capitol, the four UI student-veterans were the only youthful-looking veterans in sight.

The lack of representation is also coupled with a divergent set of priorities, Hjelm said. While recently returned veterans are looking to start

careers, older veterans typically advocate for merely sustaining current funding, he said.

“The things that they're passing out [today] are far different than what we're looking for,” Hjelm said.

Schlumbohm echoed that. “There's not a lot they have for 20-somethings just out of the military,” said Schlumbohm, who was deployed to Iraq three times.

Above all, it was a day of waiting — in legislative offices, on the steps outside of the two chambers, and everywhere in between. The four filled out slips requesting to speak with their desired legislator, then wait for 10 or 20 minutes — or longer.

But after an eight-hour day on his feet, Running remained sanguine about the group's results.

“We got to talk to a lot of people, and a lot of them were really receptive,” he said.

New clinic coming to IC

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“Abortion is a really intense thing, and it can destroy a self-worth in a woman overnight,” she said.

Still, some argue that excluding abortion as an option is misleading and doesn't give women all the information. Nationally, many crisis pregnancy centers have been

accused of using deceptive tactics that prevent women from having abortions.

“The tactics that [crisis pregnancy centers] used to do that, unfortunately, are sometimes getting women in under the guise of its being a medical clinic,” Thompson said.

But Owen said Choices Medical Clinic is not a crisis pregnancy center.

“I know some people would put us in the category of a

women's crisis center,” she said. “But we're different — we are a full-on medical clinic.”

There are more than 4,000 crisis pregnancy centers in the U.S., according to the National Abortion Federation.

“The thing is that there's a black and white portrait out there — pro-life or pro-choice,” Owen said. “Really, we are here to administer to these women.”



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UI staff members recently received an email asking for applications to serve on University Charter Committees. The UI Operations Manual states, “Charter committees are established in an effort to assure that University-wide services and activities will be carried out in the best interests of education and society. The membership of University charter committees is generally composed of faculty, staff members, and students in varying proportions according to the committee's primary interest... Their general responsibility is twofold: 1) to recommend and to advise on the formulation of University policy, and 2) to assist in the interpretation of University policies to their respective constituencies.” From insurance and retirement benefits to recruiting top talent for the UI Lecture Series, the Charter Committees perform important functions that affect the entire UI community. Review the charges of each Charter Committee here and apply to serve here: <http://survey.uiowa.edu/wsb.dll/staff/0910cocapp.htm>

UI Staff also received a call for nominations to serve on UI Staff Council. UI Staff Councilors have a substantial impact on the teaching, research, and service goals and outcomes of The University of Iowa. As a university-wide representative body, Staff Council members promote communication among staff, central administration, Faculty Senate and Student Government. Strategic initiatives, sustainable development, compensation and classification redesign, flood mitigation, insurance and retirement benefits, federal grant funding... will any of these issues affect your work environment or your own professional development? Particularly if your college or organizational unit is not yet represented on Staff Council, consider nominating yourself or a colleague. For more information about UI Staff Council and to review the current membership roster go to: <http://www.uiowa.edu/~staff/> and to nominate yourself or a colleague go to: <http://survey.uiowa.edu/wsb.dll/staff/2009scnominations.htm> Nominations are accepted through January 30, 2009.

Staff Council Committee of the Month

Elections:
Amber Seaton, Chair
Robert Manders, Vice-Chair

Members:
Kathy Klein
Theresa Lent
Sandy Joynt

Mission:
The Elections Committee is charged with maintaining a full Staff Council roster and managing the process of electing the new councilors and officers in each new “Staff Council year” (April - March). Our intent is to encourage participation in both Staff Council nomination as well as the voting process. This year, we are using a new “VoteNet” system which is a more streamlined electronic system than what has been used in the past.

Meet Your Councilors

Amber has been at the University since 2001, and have recently transitioned as Administrative Assistant II in the Department of Chemistry to the Administrative Specialist in the College of Pharmacy, Division of Clinical & Administrative Pharmacy. While at the University of Iowa, she has served on Staff Council for 2 years and participated in many of the Learning & Development Staff Development Series & Courses, and is currently participating in the UI Lead program and the Strategic HR Series. Amber hails from a tiny town in Northeast Iowa (Ridgeway, near Decorah) and now lives in Iowa City with her husband Brad, and two sons, Carter (5) and Cale (3). In her “spare” time, she enjoys reading, making jewelry, making digital scrapbooks of the kids, traveling, and spending time with family and friends.



Amber Seaton

Eddie Etsey currently works as the IT Customer Service supervisor at the HCIS Help Desk at UIHC. He has a BSc in Computer Science and Mathematics from the University of Iowa, and is currently working on his Master's degree in Health Informatics. Gandhi's sayings “Be the difference you want to see in the world” and “The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others” inspire Eddie to actively engage in social justice and community activities. In his spare time Eddie enjoys coaching youth community soccer, and is also a keen musician. Eddie is a founding member of a West African drumming group called Beats from the Gold Coast. This group performs at local religious and cultural events, and raises awareness about Ghanaian and West African cultures via music, dance, and storytelling. Eddie is also very active in the international student community and helps to orient new international students to the area by showing them around the community, or inviting them over for a home cooked meal (Yes, he is an avid cook).



Eddie Etsey

Message from the UISC President

Dear UI Staff Members,
History was made this week as the United States inaugurated its 44th President. During a time when the country faces economic, social and international challenges, we, at the University of Iowa, find ourselves in a similar position. The University of Iowa campus faced historic floods which continue to challenge us on a daily basis. Not only did our campus infrastructure take a hit financially, but the local and state economy was slowed as well. How does this affect you? I encourage you to become involved, to be one of many working collaboratively with colleagues, faculty, staff and student organizations, and the UI administration as we work towards positive solutions to the difficulties we face. Staff Council has put out a call for nominations to our 5700 constituents. There are 21 openings on Council and I encourage you to self-nominate or nominate a colleague to serve during a time that might well be faced with making some tough decisions. If you prefer a more focused approach, consider applying for one of the openings on the UI Charter Committees. The Charter Committees provide input to central administration on issues ranging from employee benefits to diversity initiatives. Whether through one of these avenues or another, UI Staff Council encourages all community members to get involved!

Sincerely, Martha Greer, UISC President, 2008/09

Did You Know...?

In response to the incredible efforts of UI faculty and staff to the challenges of the flood, the IOWA Committee encourages you to nominate staff (individuals and teams) who have used, and continue to use initiative and innovation to get results that sustain the services of the University. Nominations will be accepted until March 15. Visit <http://www.uiowa.edu/hr/iowa/index.html>

- Compensation and Classification Redesign Project—Information about this ongoing project, which will affect all P&S staff members, is available at: <http://www.uiowa.edu/hr/classcomp/redesign/intro.html> UI Staff Council encourages all P&S staff to keep informed about this project and provide feedback through the website.
- We have many ways to acknowledge the exemplary work of our colleagues. For more information see: <http://www.uiowa.edu/hr/recognition/>
- Free confidential financial counseling is available to UI Staff. To begin the process, contact Faculty and Staff Services at 335-2085 to schedule an appointment.
- UI staff have a wide range of resources available. Your definitive reference is here: <http://www.staffresources.uiowa.edu/>

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Get Involved!
It takes each one of us to build a strong campus community. UI Staff Council encourages staff to find ways to engage on campus.
Some possibilities include:

- Apply to serve on a Charter Committee
- Nominate a colleague for a staff award
- Take a class from Learning and Development
- Run for Council!

Bankruptcies rising

Iowa lags behind national bankruptcy percentages, but interest in filing has almost doubled, said one local attorney.

'There's this American sense that we can all pull ourselves out by our bootstraps, but the reality is that we can't. Illnesses and medical bills, or divorce - there's just no quick fix for these things.'

- **Katie Porter**, UI law associate professor

BY **AMANDA MCCLURE**
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UI law Associate Professor Katie Porter has some advice: If you're in danger of going bankrupt, file — and do it early.

Porter, who was recently interviewed in a *Newsweek* article on bankruptcy, said filing sooner rather than later will prevent a total loss.

"Before people drain their 401(k)s, sell their houses, or pull their kids out of college, filing early can make a big difference," she said. "If you're going to wind up doing it anyway, why wait?"

She is conducting a national consumer survey, and initial findings show 40 percent of people who eventually filed for bankruptcy had been in debt for more than two years before.

The law professor attributes the waiting period to the embarrassment that may occur when individuals are left with no other options than to file.

"There's this American sense that we can all pull ourselves out by our bootstraps, but the reality is that we can't," Porter said. "Illnesses and medical

bills, or divorce — there's just no quick fix for these things."

She stressed that filing for bankruptcy is never a long-term solution but instead a way to move forward faster.

"Bankruptcy is in no sense a quick-fix or a free ride," she said. "Afterwards, people still need to find a way to make ends meet."

In 2008, nearly 8,000 Iowans filed for bankruptcy — an increase of approximately 14 percent over the previous year, according to the United States Bankruptcy Court. Nationally, 1.1 million people filed in 2008, a 32 percent increase from the previous year, according to Automated Access to Court Electronic Records.

In Johnson County, 70 people filed in 2008, compared with 43 in 2007, the United States Bankruptcy Court reported.

Iowa City bankruptcy attorney Steve Klesner said he's feeling an increased workload locally.

"Based on new business, the rate of people interested in filing for bankruptcy seems to

have doubled over the past year," he said.

And with a higher demand for bankruptcy attorneys, they can charge more, Porter said.

Klesner said Iowa follows slowly behind the national level each year. He wouldn't be surprised if 2009 showed a 30 percent increase in the number of filings over 2008, he said.

"This state is on a slower economic pace compared with the national level, but eventually, those numbers will catch up," he said.

Iowans tend to suffer less from filing for bankruptcy than other states, Klesner said. For instance, Iowa employs a home stay law that prevents creditors from taking a person's home because of debt.

"That's one of the biggest disparities between the states," Porter said. "It's completely uneven across the board."

While filing early would have greater benefits for those in debt, banks and lending companies would probably see negative effects — particularly national ones, Klesner said.

"Smaller institutions are generally more responsible with lending and tend to run more checks on clients," Klesner said. "Local banks tend to be insulated from those issues, but there's no doubt whether any filing has negative consequences for banks and mortgage companies."

Porter stressed that filing early isn't necessarily the easy way out.

"Bankruptcy helps solve your past, but it's not a key to the future," she said.

16 in area FEMA-eligible

The federal government may foot the bill for some county flood victims.

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The Federal Emergency Management Agency determined 16 local properties damaged by the June flood are eligible for government assistance.

The homes — totaling \$1.8 million in value — that can receive FEMA funds are located on Driftwood Lane, southeast of the Johnson County Fairgrounds, and in River Front Estates, south of the Coralville Dam. One property off White Oak Avenue on the Cedar River in the northeast corner of the county is also eligible.

Hilary Copeland, a planner for the East Central Iowa Council of Governments, informed the Johnson County Board of Supervisors that these properties met FEMA

FEMA's criteria for flood relief:

- At least 50 percent of the residence must have been damaged in the flood.
- The residence must sit in a 100-year floodplain.

guidelines during an informal meeting Thursday.

With the government now offering to buy the residences, relocation is an option for the owners. Because the offer is voluntary, proprietors can back out up until closure.

Once the homes are in government hands, no residences will be built on the areas again, Supervisor Chairman Terrence Neuzil said.

"The idea is to revert the areas back to waterways," he said.

With FEMA's standards more stringent since Hurricane Katrina, Copeland spent the summer and fall working on the project.

"There was a long wait to see what was going to happen concerning FEMA standards," Copeland said.

FEMA's strict guidelines stem from consideration of neighboring homes.

"If one of the areas was getting work done, and a dump truck drove through someone's yard, then the owner of that residence could ask for property damages," Copeland said.

There are two criteria for qualifying for the flood relief. First, the property must have been substantially damaged in the flood, meaning 50 percent of the property was affected. Alternately, the home must be on the 100-year floodplain, in which the property has a 1 in 100 chance of flooding any given year, Neuzil said.

The federal and state government would pay the homeowners 110 percent of the residences' assessed value before the flood.

The supervisors will vote on approving the buyout applications next week. FEMA has one year to respond if the motion moves forward. At this point all 16 applicants are interested, Copeland said.

"I'm glad we're this far along, and we need to keep plugging away," said Supervisor Sally Stutsman.

NATION

Indiana financial adviser ripped in hearing

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — An Indiana financial adviser accused of trying to fake his death in a plane crash improperly moved money from accounts, forged signatures on invest-

ment documents, and charged exorbitant fees for years, investors testified at a hearing Thursday.

An administrative law judge in Indiana heard from investors and their relatives who claim Marcus Schrenker bilked them out of hundreds of thousands of dollars before last week's plane crash in Florida.

While that hearing was going on, Schrenker was in federal court in Pensacola, Fla., where he pleaded not guilty to charges of deliberately crashing his airplane and making a false distress call. Judge Roger Vinson ordered the 38-year-old amateur pilot sent for a psychiatric evaluation after Schrenker's attorney claimed he is not mentally competent for trial.

NATION

Caroline Kennedy withdraws bid

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Caroline Kennedy withdrew her Senate bid because of a personal matter unrelated to her ill uncle, rejecting the governor's attempt to get her to reconsider, a person who worked closely with her said Thursday.

Kennedy discussed withdrawing from the race with Gov. David Paterson on Wednesday, and Paterson asked her to reconsider for 24 hours, the person said.

But by 11 p.m. Wednesday, the associate said, Kennedy decided she couldn't take the job if appointed, and she issued a statement shortly after midnight saying she was withdrawing.

Kennedy did not decide to bow out because her uncle, Sen. Edward M.

Kennedy, suffered a seizure during an inaugural luncheon Tuesday, the person said. The 76-year-old Massachusetts senator was diagnosed in May with an aggressive type of brain tumor.

The person wasn't authorized to disclose the conversation between Kennedy and the governor and spoke on condition of anonymity. The person would give no other details about the personal matter.

Kennedy's one-sentence statement ended hours of uncertainty as she appeared to waver.

Geithner clears panel

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Finance Committee has cleared the nomination of Timothy Geithner as treasury secretary despite unhappiness over his mistakes in paying his taxes.

The committee approved the nomination on an 18-5 vote, sending it to the full Senate. President Obama is hoping for quick approval so that the point man for the administration's economic rescue effort can begin work.

The committee vote came a day after Geithner appeared before the panel to apologize for what he called "careless mistakes" in failing to pay \$34,000 in taxes earlier in the decade, when he worked at the International Monetary Fund.

Geithner paid the back taxes plus interest for the years 2003 and 2004 after being audited by the Internal Revenue Service. But he did not pay taxes he owed for 2001 and 2002, even though he had made the same mistakes for those years, until shortly before he was nominated by Obama last November to be treasury secretary.

WORLD

Gaza tunnels back in business

RAFAH, Gaza Strip (AP) — After shoveling sand from their tunnel Thursday, the smugglers hoisted the prized cargo out of the narrow shaft: bags of potato chips — a minor luxury for Gazans tired of bland U.N. humanitarian rations.

All around them, other smuggling crews were getting merchandise flowing again through dozens of similar tunnels only days after a cease-fire in Israel's devastating offensive in the Gaza Strip.

The tunnels linking Gaza and Egypt are back in business, despite the hundreds of tons of bombs and missiles that Israeli troops rained down on them.

The air reeked from spills of newly smuggled fuel being poured into plastic barrels as winches powered by noisy generators hauled more goods out of the wood-lined openings in the ground.

At other shafts, workers were still raising only dirt as their colleagues labored underground to dig out caves caused by the Israeli bombardment. Egyptian border guards manned watchtowers barely 100 yards away.

Their fast recovery underlines the difficulty of stopping the smuggling and reinforces Israel's fears that Gaza's Hamas rulers will use the tunnel network to bring in weapons to rearm after the offensive.

"I fixed the damage in three days. We're functional since this morning," said Abu Wahda, who like others involved in the trade refused to be identified by anything but his nickname because of his smuggling activity.

By noon, the winch had pulled out 12 refrigerator-sized sacks of goods. Abu Wahda said the 1-yard-high passage under Gaza's soft sands was not fully reinforced yet and was dangerous for his eight workers currently underground shuttling the cargo from the Egyptian side.

"But the worst danger comes from the sky, if they bomb again," he said. A youth was posted nearby to watch for Israeli planes.

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STATE

UI Health Care to implement new policies

IOWA CITY (AP) — UI physicians would be prohibited from giving free drug samples to patients under a new set of restrictions.

The new policy, according to a copy-right story in the *Des Moines Register*, would end a long-standing practice that hospital leaders and consumer advocates say contributes to the rising cost of health care.

UI Health Care employees would also be prohibited from accepting gifts and meals from private companies. The policy would also require all doctors who do industry consulting to report who they work for and how much they are paid.

The restrictions are set to be implemented in June.

They come after a university-requested audit that showed UI Health Care needed more specific conflict-of-interest policies and better ways of monitoring potential conflicts.

911 service restored in several towns

ROCKWELL CITY, Iowa (AP) — Calhoun County officials say that 911 emergency telephone service has been restored in their county and in many surrounding towns.

They say a phone switching problem knocked the service out to the county and neighboring towns earlier in the day.

Towns that were affected by the outage in Calhoun County were Pomeroy, Manson, Lake City, and Lohrville. Lanesboro in Carroll County also was affected. In Pocahontas County, Fonda was without 911 service, and in Sac County, Lake View and Litton were affected.

Globe Gazette in Mason City cuts jobs

MASON CITY (AP) — The *Globe Gazette* in Mason City has laid off nine full-time employees and will leave six open full- and part-time positions unfilled.

Globe Gazette Publisher Howard Query blamed the layoffs on the struggling local and national economy. He says readership of the newspaper and its website remains stable.

The job cuts were announced Wednesday.

The *Globe Gazette* is one of 54 daily newspapers owned by Davenport-based Lee Enterprises, which on Tuesday reported a 69 percent drop in first-quarter earnings.

Most newspaper publishers are fac-

ing similar problems, with some such as Chicago-based Tribune Co. opting to seek bankruptcy protection because of falling advertising.

GOP suggests selling Iowa Lottery to pension fund

DES MOINES (AP) — Republican legislative leaders proposed Thursday that lawmakers consider selling the state's lottery to the giant fund that pays for state worker pensions.

The GOP leaders said such a sale would offer the Iowa Public Employee Retirement System a better investment than the stock market and provide money to help cover a budget shortfall that could top \$700 million.

The proposal came after Gov. Chet Culver and Democrats who control the Legislature said a looming budget gap had left them willing to consider leasing the lottery to a private group to raise money. Republicans have generally opposed such a step but said that if the plan moves forward, the state should consider selling to the retirement fund.

"This is probably much safer than trading in the stock market and in addition it has a much greater rate of return," said Senate Minority Leader Paul McKinley, R-Chariton.

An 11-member board runs the retirement system, which pays benefits to approximately 300,000 retired state workers, police, firefighters, teachers, and other public employees. Contributions from those workers and their employers have created a \$22.4 billion fund that pays pensions.

McKinley said sale of the lottery to the fund would generate a 17.5 percent return over the next 49 years.

"That is a much better rate of return than is currently being seen in the retirement for over 300,000 Iowans," McKinley said.

Costs for low-income criminal defendants rising

DES MOINES (AP) — A state budget report says the costs for low-income criminal defendants' court representation has risen 80 percent from 1998 to 2008.

The report says a growing caseload pushed the price tag for Iowa taxpayers to \$52.5 million in fiscal 2008.

The report cites new crimes, stiffer penalties, more enforcement, and a larger number of defendants who couldn't afford attorneys for pushing costs upward.

Recalling civil-rights fight

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Mary Gravitt grew up in Philadelphia, continually reminded about the color of her skin. When the now 66-year-old came to Iowa City in 1989, the move was nothing less than a culture shock.

"It's like being dead; nobody bothers you," she said on Thursday at a discussion highlighting the civil-rights movement at the Senior Center, 28 S. Linn St.

Approximately a dozen people joined Gravitt to recall memories of the tumultuous time in American history.

She recounted growing up black in Philadelphia at a time when Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X gave speeches in the city.

Gravitt's move to Iowa City was a huge change for her, she said, describing the town as a place where nobody cares about one's ethnicity or one's sex.



PATRICK LARKIN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Mary Gravitt (left) and Rose Hanson chat during a memory-sharing session about the American civil-rights movement at the Senior Center on Thursday.

"There is no tension here; you come here, and you can exhale," she said.

Among the discussion's attendees who chose to share their past was South Carolina-native Marian Coleman. The 65-year-old described what it was like to grow up black in a

time before King's message was heard.

"Elementary school was total segregation," she said, and she was imprisoned for civil-rights activism before she had even attended college.

In comparison with that time in her life, she describes her 40

years living in Iowa City as a "utopia."

And after working in the Iowa City School District for 40 years, Coleman — formally a teacher — has come to believe Iowa City is a great environment to work in and raise a family.

"There is no way I could manage the job I had in this community in another community," she said.

Despite their varying experiences, everyone at the discussion seemed to believe that not only is Iowa City an ideal place to live, but it was a place well ahead of its time during the civil-rights movement. Coleman and Gravitt agreed that the transition to Iowa City was a shock.

Gravitt said she believes Iowa City has fulfilled King's dream.

"This is what Martin Luther King wanted in America," she said. "He wanted us all to live in peace."

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Editorial

Another disappointment
in federal security

A few months ago, U.S. Navy and Coast Guard officials began enforcing international waters under a new bill. Introduced by then-Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., in late July 2008, the S. 3598: Drug Trafficking Vessel Interdiction Act of 2008 places submersible and semisubmersible vessels transporting illegal substances in an interesting category. Before, the "semisubs" were scuttled by the crew upon detection, erasing evidence, usually cocaine, and usually the crew got away without prosecution. But the act doesn't target the presence of drugs or evidence of intention to sell; instead, it allows conviction based the possession and operation of the vessels themselves. If there is proof of a nationality and the semisubs are outside the national water-borders, everyone aboard gets a 15- to 20-year sentence on top of up to a \$1 million fine. Biden even tied it back to national security, saying, "If drug smugglers can pack tons of illegal drugs into these stealthy vessels, it's pretty clear that terrorists could carry weapons of mass destruction or other threats into our country this way. This bill will help shut down this new mode of trafficking." Just another manipulative, expensive, legally irresponsible chapter in the shared histories of the farcical wars on drugs and terror.

The Coast Guard commandant, Adm. Thad Allen, has noted the sizable cost of building one of these "drug subs" — in the neighborhood of millions — and the extreme pains the drug industry has taken for secrecy during construction — under cover of Colombia's tropical foliage, continually moved, assembled in several pieces. The semisubmersible vessels first began to appear in 1993, a new advance in the ongoing conflict between the Coast Guard and various drug cartels. There is some debate about who actually orchestrates the semisub trade, but the U.S. Navy's hypothesis rests on the connection between cocaine mobsters and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia. It might even be true, and then we'd have no choice but to intervene and take yet a stronger rein in South American political structures. Pretty clever, really, our Navy.

But these newer vessels are faster and harder to detect, evading sonar, radar, and infrared sweeps by the Coast Guard. If it's crippling expensive and inefficient to search for the construction sites of a 70-foot marine vessel, has anyone planned how to pay for the hunt on open water, where there are plenty more places to hide and remain invisible to our highest surveillance technology? Granted, certain ethical complications in financing a foreign warring faction in whose actions we have no part, while several tons of cocaine creep across the border, call for some amount of national responsibility.

But while it is important to monitor and regulate the kinds of substances coming into and out of our country, by way of this relatively new incarnation of the Silk Road, it's still A) a huge sinkhole in whatever budgets have been allocated to enforcing it, and B) evident that enforcing these new measures has taken such an absurd, overreactive turn, because C) of the amount of cocaine that bleeds into the United States, only a minuscule fraction is smuggled by semisub. If the cartels have this much invested for relatively low-yield shipments at the risk of such disproportionate consequences, they're going to find a way to trickle into the country no matter what's done to stem them. Even if cartel movements on the high seas halt completely, they have contingency plans. They're wily like that — they have to be.

Illegal substances will always be among us, edged in quietly under the door or slapped on the table, because people will want them and people will pay for them. There are more productive, less punitive, less politically invasive, inexpensive, and generally better thought-out directions to take in this matter. It can be handled without further investing ourselves in the endless money pit that is the "war on drugs." Vice President Biden, we have much more urgently pressing matters to address than spending time on passing outrageous bills in response to minor avenues of running narcotics, especially under the tactic of bomb scares and appeals to American security.

Libertarian
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Traditionally, libertarians have tended to vote for Republican candidates. But the GOP has abandoned its small-government roots. Thus, for those who place individual freedom at the top of their list of political priorities, Democrats such as recently inaugurated President Obama now represent the lesser of the evils.

By no means do I endorse Obama's plan to engage in unprecedented government spending in an extremely risky attempt to stimulate the faltering American economy. Parts of the stimulus package, particularly those initiatives aimed at increasing energy efficiency and substantially boosting renewable electricity generation, will indeed have positive long-term effects. However, these programs do not constitute the bulk of the proposed stimulus package. And regardless of whether federal spending is aimed at worthy causes, the nature of governmental bureaucracy guarantees that there will be substantial waste alongside any actual accomplishments.

Unfortunately, a Republican president would likely be proposing a spending spree of similar scope. Remember, under George W. Bush's reckless management, the federal budget deficit ballooned to record levels, and the national debt became crippling enough to make the global market take a second look at whether our country is even a good credit risk anymore. And although Sen. John McCain campaigned largely on his record of opposing pork-barrel spending, he joined Bush and Obama in supporting the unprecedented bank bailout that Congress approved in the weeks before the election.

So, given that those of us who believe in conservative fiscal policy know we're going to be left out in the cold regardless of which major party controls the federal government, we are left to make our decision on the grounds of who is better for civil liberties.

Bush and his team have only been out of the White House for a couple of days, but new accusations about the extent of their domestic-surveillance program are emerging. Even without the information that is likely to come out over the coming weeks and months, there is

already an overwhelming pile of evidence that the Bush administration engaged in breathtakingly wanton law-breaking not only in terms of spying illegally on American citizens but also with regard to the sickeningly cruel treatment of terrorism suspects, against many of whom there's barely a shred of incriminating evidence.

One of the most appalling aspects of Bush's warrant-less wiretapping program is that he could have almost certainly gotten Congress to sign off on any even remotely reasonable course of action after the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Members of Congress showed the president immense deference in the realm of national security throughout the rest of his term after that horrifying series of events. But rather than making his case to Congress and getting any necessary changes to surveillance law included in post-9/11 legislation, Bush simply asserted his right to act outside of any legislative framework.

Though important, the need for legislative oversight of the executive branch's domestic-surveillance activities pales in comparison with the need for judicial oversight of the executive's policies regarding detention and treatment of terrorism suspects. The Bush administration's tragic failings in this area hit this point home with terrible force. That administration's position had always been that the detainees kept in Guantánamo Bay, Cuba are all among the most dangerous of terrorists. Yet, the number of people being held there against whom the government has any case at all continues to shrink.

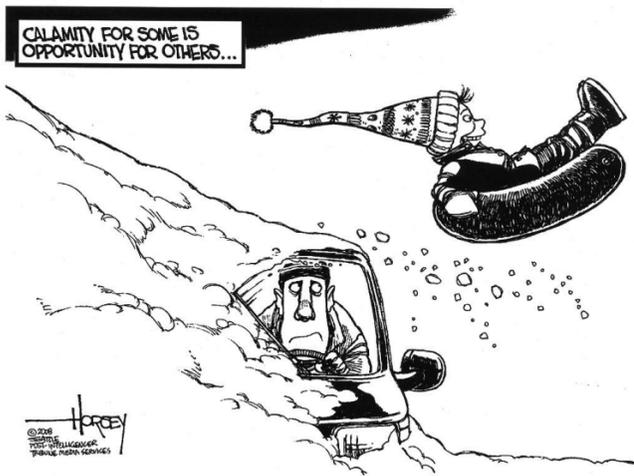
In his first days as president, Obama has taken major steps in the direction of correcting Bush's worst mistakes. His nominees for top Justice Department officials are all on the record as believing that the president is obligated to act within the law and not able to do whatever he wants merely by asserting that his authority as commander in chief of the military allows him to do so. Furthermore, Obama has restored uniform standards to suspect interrogation policies that will immediately end all officially sanctioned torture.

If Obama lives up to his early promise on these key issues, a libertarian realignment will be in order. If neither party is getting economic policy correct, then it only makes sense for those who hold their civil liberties dear to vote for the party that actually respects those fundamental rights. ■

Letters

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Guest Opinion

Iowa's hog confinements: A double-edged sword

LAURA KLAIRMONT
Part three in a series

A majority of university research funding comes from different interest groups.

In fiscal 2008 alone, Iowa State University received almost \$1.3 million from the National Pork Board and almost \$3,700 from the Iowa Pork Producer's Association in research grants. Researchers Allan Schinkel at Purdue University and Steven Wing at the University of North Carolina have come across industry pressure to suppress negative research on current livestock practices.

The ability of industry intimidation to cause self-censorship of research greatly concerns Wing, who has noticed that universities have become increasingly dependent on research funding from interest groups. Wing realized the problem when University of North

Carolina administrators gave North Carolina Pork Council's records of people involved in his study on health concerns of those living near hog confinements. He felt it was important to keep that information secret to protect vulnerable people involved.

"I have found outright suppression to be a problem, but subtle pressure has become hard to avoid," Wing said.

Schinkle says he has been shunned and threatened by administrators and coworkers in his department for speaking out about industry pressure.

"People treat me like a leper," he said.

Even though tenure secures his job, he says, the National Pork Board has threatened to end his career for criticizing its practices.

It seems as though politics has become more important than integrity or whether data are correct.

"Nobody has the courage to

do what is right, and anyone who questions the Pork Board is automatically seen as an enemy," Schinkle said.

Fred Kirschenmann, a researcher at Iowa State University who helped with a two-year study on industrial-farm animal production, said he knew his decision to take part in the work would be controversial. While he did not personally receive backlash, other researchers were criticized for their involvement, he said.

Researchers who probe into a controversial issue are exposed to what Kirschenmann describes as "a lot of heartache."

"Universally, academics complained to us privately that the livestock industry dangles research dollars at them, warning that if they do anything to hurt the industry, they won't get any more research money," said Executive Director Robert Martin of the

Pew Research Commission.

What is clear is, academic freedom may be suppressed by accepting some research dollars.

But pro-pork interest groups deny accusations that they intimidate and threaten researchers. They say they do everything in their power to make sure the studies they fund remain objective.

Paul Sundberg, the vice president of science and technology at the National Pork Board, doesn't see research funding as a conflict of interest.

The board gives researchers study priorities on which they base a proposal that is then reviewed by other researchers for scientific soundness. Once a research proposal is funded, the board has no oversight on the study, Sundberg said.

"We don't in any manner try to affect the outcome of any research project," he said.

But the National Pork Board's 2006 Strategic Plan and Budget highlights the need

to provide science-based pork-safety information in order to maintain customer confidence in the products. Plans to generate science-based information state "calls for proposals will be issued using the targeted priorities, and appropriate research projects will be funded or designed if necessary."

Most researchers agree that conflicts of interest — such as the National Pork Board funding a study on its own industry — should be made public. But benefactors are rarely cited in published livestock-related research studies.

"There is no transparency on where the money is coming from. [Normally, in science] it is routinely disclosed," Pew's Martin said. "It looks as though [the industry is] hiding something."

While some may view Iowa's hog industry to be manipulative, the large amount of money at stake for Iowa's swine industry must be considered.

When a business invests an enormous amount of money in its infrastructure, it will do anything to protect its industry. The hog industry is no different.

But it is an evident conflict of interest for the pork industry to fund scientific research that focuses on potential health and environmental threats potentially caused by industry practices.

The lack of public funding for research in industrial farm-animal production should be of concern to Iowans, especially because the percentage of research funded by the hog industry continues to grow. More public funding is needed in order to produce unbiased research. As the Pew Commission stated in its report, "A more diversely funded, well-coordinated, and transparent national research program is needed to address the many problems and challenges facing industrial farm-animal production."

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— Phil Rabalais, band member

Madness music



PUBLICITY PHOTO

Brothers Phil and Dom Rabalais make up the electronica duo Porno Galactica, which will perform at the Mill tonight as part of an electronica-heavy lineup, featuring School of Flyentology, Cuticle, and Single Indian Tear.

Definition of action-packed entertainment: Porno Galactica.

By REBECCA KOONS
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In the past several years, electronic music has progressed in popularity, and today, a more mainstream audience listens to it, and it has a great influence on much of current popular music. If electronica can be defined as the fusion of several musical styles, then two brothers from Fairfield, Iowa, have it down.

Made up of brothers Phil and Dom Rabalais, Porno Galactica is part of an evening of electronica-centered festivities taking place at the Mill today starting at 9 p.m., along with School of Flyentology, Cuticle, and Single Indian Tear.

Porno Galactica takes its inspiration from every avenue imaginable, putting its own twist on a diverse genre of music. Phil Rabalais likes to think he and his brother "aspire to make music that is both weird and accessible." Porno Galactica tends to draw more influence from other styles of music, despite its own music falling under the "electronica" category, he said.

In lieu of using the typical guitar-bass-drums setup of most bands, Porno Galactica produces its unique sounds via laptop. Using a computer as means for a creative outlet is nothing new — Phil Rabalais has been making computer music since his early teens.

Dom Rabalais soon picked up the technique as well.

"We came to perform in this musical style kind of out of convenience," Phil Rabalais said. "When you make music on a laptop, it's like a self-contained unit. Which is fun, but has its drawbacks, too, sound-wise."

Energetic performances have become a staple for Porno Galactica, which has partially stemmed from its use of computers on stage. This is the brothers' method of making the shows more interactive and fun, both for them and the group's audience.

"It sounds super cliché, but hearing your songs super loud and with an audience gets you crazy," Phil Rabalais said. "Plus, I guess we enjoy making fools of ourselves."

While siblings often tend to argue, the brothers of Porno

'Exposure takes time in most cases. But I'm not too worried about it. They just need to keep making music that interests them.'

— Andre Perry, Mission Freak Records

Galactica were in agreement about the group's stage show.

"It's pretty awesome that music can make people do the kinds of things that we do and the kinds of things the crowd ends up doing," Dom Rabalais said. "It's pretty nice."

Andre Perry of Mission Freak Records said the band was signed to the label because of the belief that it will "develop into something amazing over several albums." Regardless of the brothers' youth, he said, they make "awesome" music, which "is very difficult to do."

This week marks the launch of the *Porno Galactica Mixtape, Vol. 1*, with a new full-length album set for release this spring. While the duo has a substantial fan base locally; the challenge has been to bring its music to a larger audience.

"Exposure takes time in most cases," Perry said. "But I'm not too worried about it. They just need to keep making music that interests them."

Armed with passion, power, and a PC, Porno Galactica hopes for an enjoyable evening of "total madness."



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PUBLICITY PHOTO

The Cedar Rapids Symphony with conductor Timothy Hankewich will continue its Masterworks series this weekend with a concert featuring the French horn, played by Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra principal horn William Caballero.

French horn fronts concert

Principal horn of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra William Caballero will join the Cedar Rapids Symphony for its Jan. 25 performance of *Masterworks IV: A Clarion Call* at West High.

By RACHAEL LANDER
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Often relegated to the back seat behind its stringed counterparts, the French horn gets a chance to shine this weekend courtesy of an upcoming concert by the Cedar Rapids Symphony.

Masterworks IV: A Clarion Call includes pieces from various eras, each featuring a prominent role for the French horn. At the center of the event is Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra principal horn player William Caballero. Conducting the concert will be Timothy Hankewich, who has been with the Cedar Rapids Symphony Orchestra for three years. *Masterworks IV: A Clarion Call* will showcase works from composers Benjamin Britten, Richard Strauss, and Johannes Brahms.

"We started with the concept, and the music followed," Hankewich said.

The pieces for a masterworks concert are selected according to which instrument is highlighted, in this case the French horn. This will be the first time Hankewich has worked with

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— Jeffrey Agrell, a UI associate professor of music

Caballero, who has played with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra since 1989.

But as anyone can imagine, something with the word "master" in it doesn't just appear. Planning the concert began a year and a half ago.

"A masterworks series generally is the main core repertoire written for the symphony orchestra," Hankewich said. The masterworks concept involves "everything from Brahms and Beethoven to contemporary composers who are writing specifically for the acoustical instrument that we call the orchestra."

In addition to stealing the spotlight at the performance,

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Cedar Rapids Symphony
When: West High, 2901 Melrose Ave.
Where: 2 p.m. Jan. 25
Admission: \$21-\$54

Caballero will also teach a master class at Coe College in Cedar Rapids on Saturday morning. The class is open to both college and high-school students who study the horn.

"When we do have a guest artist, it is a great opportunity for the students of the orchestra to benefit from their abilities and their experience," Hankewich said.

Instrumentalists aren't the only ones set to benefit from Caballero's visit.

"It's a great chance for everyone, horn player or not, to hear the horn player at his best," said Jeffrey Agrell, a UI associate professor of music. "It's a delight for the eye and the ear."

TRENDSPOTTER

WINTER FASHION



It's about 0 degrees outside. The car won't start, and the water has to drip so that the pipes don't freeze. For many people this would mean tonight is the night to finally bust out that "Happy Days" Season Four DVD. That's what most people would choose to do. Most people are weak.

"Tonight, we are gonna go out and get schwasted," says the valiant party girl. But knowing there is a chance of severe weather and because she always listens to grandma's advice, she knows she needs to bundle up. That brings us to our

trend, which is party girls finally wearing coats outside. To follow this trend, one should keep the following in mind: This coat should be a fall coat, preferably one made out of denim. It should be worn short, without a hood or a hood that isn't put on, and has to be unzipped in the cleavage area. Goes best with a mini-skirt and high-heeled shoes.

And that is how the party girl beats the winter blues. Thankfully, at least the vodka in her flask won't freeze.

— by Jed Miller

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Taking a STAND

Students from West High are raising awareness about the genocide in Darfur.

By CLARK CAHILL
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When students at Iowa City West High decided to start a branch of the STAND: A Student Anti-Genocide Coalition at their school, they had one goal in mind — raise money and do whatever they could to heighten awareness about genocide.

To continue their mission, the students in the group will have their most important event of the year Saturday with their second benefit dinner for refugee relief in Darfur, Sudan, at local restaurant Ali Baba, 335 S. Gilbert St.

One of the coordinators of the event is West High senior Claire Perlman, an original member of the local chapter, which has around 10 members. She's involved in the group because she wants to make a difference, she said.

And last year's benefit dinner did that. Students raised almost \$2,000, which they donated to Doctors Without Borders, a group that provides aid in nearly 60 countries to people whose survival is threatened by violence, according to its website.

"Last year's dinner went really well, and we were able to raise a lot of money, so I expect another good turnout this year," Perlman said.

UI geography and international studies Professor Rex Honey will speak at this year's dinner. Members of the student group said they were happy to get Honey, who is one of the founders of the UI Center for Human Rights.

"I am familiar with violations of human rights, and the inadequacies from the Sudanese government are a major problem in the world," Honey said, noting that many people are unconcerned about the problem because it doesn't directly affect them.

Organizers of the event are also planning on providing postcards for attendees to sign, dec-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO BY CLAIRE PERLMAN
Members of the West High group STAND: A Student Anti-Genocide Coalition visited Washington, D.C., in November 2008 to participate in the Gathering of the Tents, an event sponsored by the national group Tents of Hope. The West High club will hold a benefit dinner for refugee relief in Darfur, Sudan, at 5 p.m. Saturday at Ali Baba.

Dinner at Ali Baba

Students at West High are organizing an event to help fund refugee relief in Darfur.

- Ali Baba, 335 S. Gilbert St
- Saturday from 5-9 p.m.
- Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for students, and free for children 5 and under
- Around 100-200 expected to attend

Source: Ali Baba owner Hadi Sharairi

orate, and send to President Obama.

"We just want to send the postcards to President Obama to iterate to him that people care about this and want to keep this issue on his agenda," Perlman said.

Ali Baba owner Hadi Sharairi said these kinds of events are beneficial to the community.

"We like to support local schools and charities, and of course, any fundraising is great," Sharairi said.

The local events are not the only activism the students in the anti-genocide group participate in.

In November 2008, some group members, including Perlman, traveled to Washington, D.C., to participate in Tents of Hope's Gathering of the Tents. The event was a national

community-based project in which groups bought refugee tents, painted them in a unique way, and then displayed them on the National Mall to draw attention and encourage donations for Darfur, Perlman said.

STAND was started by a group of Georgetown students in 2004 after President Bush labeled the situation in Darfur "genocide," according to the group's website. Since its founding, students all over the country have started branches with the goal of ending genocide.

STATE

Flood relief temporarily on hold

DES MOINES (AP) — Legislative leaders agreed Thursday to briefly delay approval of a \$56 million flood-relief package so state agencies can review the plan and ensure it doesn't put federal money at risk. Lawmakers had hoped to complete

work on the package this week and have it on Gov. Chet Culver's desk by Jan. 26, but the governor asked for a day or two to let the state agencies involved study the package.

"The important part is that we don't do any harm to the state or any assistance [people] can get from the federal government," said House Speaker Pat Murphy, D-Dubuque.

The measure includes \$24 million in housing assistance, \$22 million in grants to communities, and \$10 million for individual assistance other than housing, such as mental-health counseling.

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Obama's prison decision reverberates in Europe

By SHAWN POGATCHNIK and FRANK JORDANS
Associated Press

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) — U.S. President Barack Obama's decision Thursday to shut secret CIA-run prisons abroad brought renewed calls for their locations to be disclosed as well as a fresh denial from Poland, one of two eastern European countries most closely linked to the practice.

Across Europe, governments uneasy that CIA flights had been carrying terrorism suspects through their airports and air space for years said they were relieved to be heading into a new rendition-free era.

Dick Marty, the Swiss lawmaker who spearheaded the Council of Europe investigations that sought to expose the existence of clandestine interrogation centers in Eastern Europe and Africa, said he expected the truth would come trickling out once the centers were closed.

"For some countries, things are going to become very embarrassing," Marty said in an interview with the Associated Press. "I think European countries would do well now to tell the truth."

Marty said he "would be very surprised" if any CIA-run facilities were still operating in Europe, but "in East Africa, or Morocco, I might assume there is something." Obama's order granting Red Cross officials access to all secret facilities might prove critical in revealing their locations, both past and present, he said.

"I have deep respect for what's happening in the United States now," Marty said. "That's America as we love and respect and admire it."

Poland and Romania are the NATO newcomers that welcomed U.S. military deployments and strongly backed former President George W. Bush's "war on terror." One country offered a strong new denial of involvement, while the other kept silent.

"There are no American prisons in Poland," said Polish Foreign Ministry spokesman Piotr Paszkowski. "We've said that many times in recent years, and our position and statements haven't changed, and we have nothing new to say."

But Zbigniew Siemiatkowski, who directed Poland's foreign intelligence agency until 2004, expressed doubts whether Obama's moves would make the West more secure from terror.

"It won't make things easier ... one will have to devise new methods, different methods," Siemiatkowski said, declining to elaborate.

Romanian government officials issued no statement on Obama's move and did not respond to numerous calls for comment. Romania has repeatedly denied that it allowed CIA secret prisons or permitted the agency to make flights across Romania carrying terrorism suspects.

But a Romanian intelligence official, speaking on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the situation, said Thursday that Obama's move had made Romanian authorities "worried."

"They are not going to say anything because it will make Romania look guilty," he said.

In Ireland, government and opposition leaders united in praise for Obama's move.

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WOMEN'S TRACK

Women's track and field travels to Minnesota and Arkansas

This weekend, the Iowa women's track and field team will split up, with some of the sprinters and jumpers heading to Fayetteville, Ark., for the Arkansas Invitational and the rest of the team going to the Jack Johnson Invitational at Minnesota.

Head coach Layne Anderson is looking for teamwide contributions.

"Last year, we had our five All-Americans who scored the majority of our points," he said. "But this year, we will need more people to score points to do well."

What drew the Hawkeye sprinters and jumpers to Arkansas was its banked track — something not available in Iowa or Minnesota.

Progression from week one to this meet is something the coach will look for at the meets. With last year's Big Ten champion Minnesota hosting the Minneapolis meet, the Hawkeyes will need to be at their best to win.

— by Jake Krzeczowski

MEN'S TRACK

Men's track splits for weekend

The Iowa men's track and field squad will send split squads to two meets this weekend.

One squad will have travel to Minneapolis for the Jack Johnson Classic. The two-day competition will kick off at 3 p.m. today and 9 a.m. on Saturday at the Minnesota Field House.

The other Hawkeye competitors — mostly sprinters and field-event athletes — will venture to the Arkansas Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark.

Also a two-day competition, the Arkansas Invitational will kick off at noon today and 11 a.m. on Saturday at the Arkansas Randal Tyson Track Center.

Iowa senior All-American John Hickey's throw of 59-8½ in the shot put at the Iowa Open on Jan. 17 is tops in the Big Ten and second in the nation to date. Junior Adam Hairston and freshman D'Juan Richardson have also started strongly, each contributing two wins.

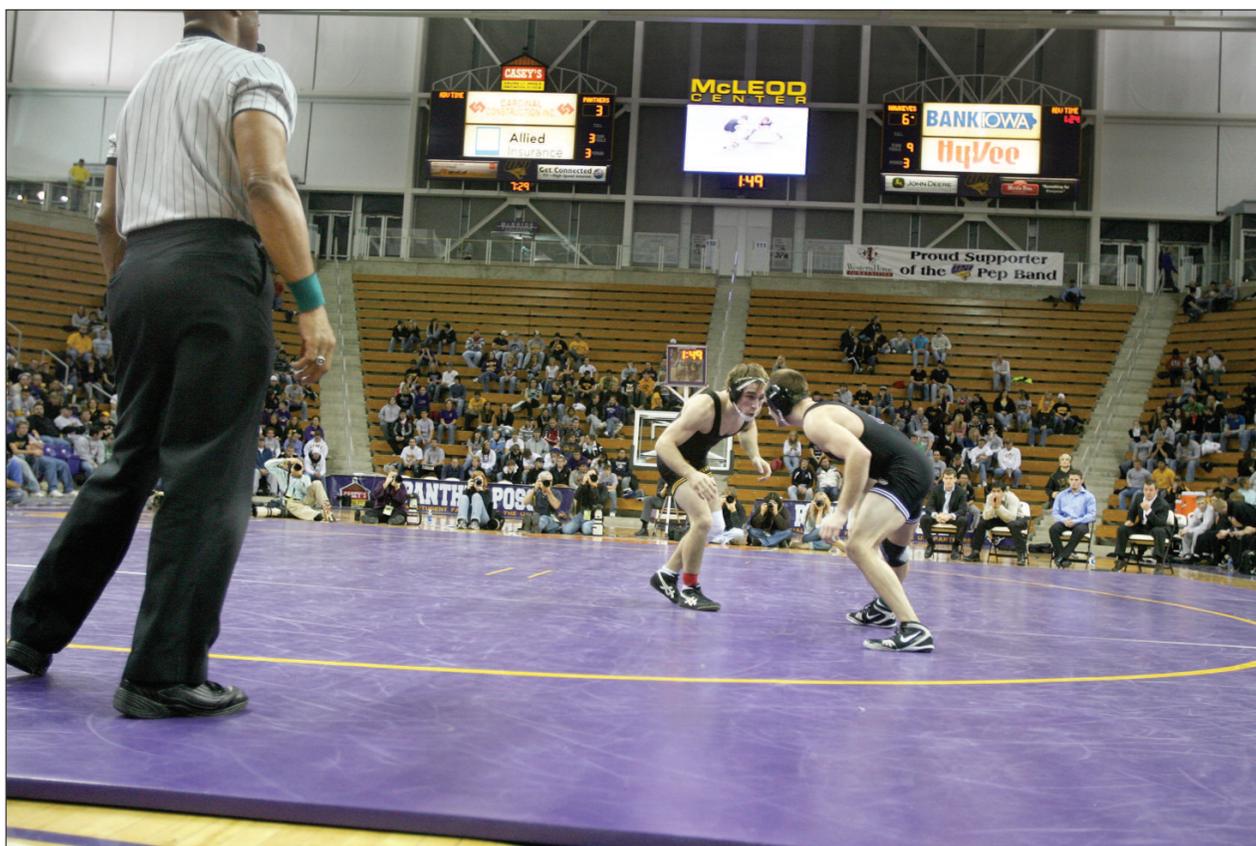
— by Zach Smith

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Iowa 133-pounder Daniel Dennis grapples with Northern Iowa's Josh Baldrige during a match at the McLeod Center in Cedar Falls on Dec. 11, 2008. Dennis won by major decision, 17-7.

Wrestlers open Big Ten

Iowa will begin the Big Ten season against a pair of familiar foes.

By ZACH SMITH
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There is an old Iowa wrestling phrase that goes, "Winning is business. Business is good."

The Hawkeye wrestlers have been anything but poor when it comes to winning.

When head coach Tom Brands and his top-ranked Hawkeyes this weekend open up their defense of their Big Ten title — Iowa was 8-0 in conference duals last year — they will face a pair of border rivals, No. 15 Wisconsin and No. 7 Illinois in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

The Badgers come in riding the momentum of an appearance in the NWCA/Cliff Keen National Duals earlier this

month. Wisconsin also notched fourth place at the Midlands Championships in December, where the Badgers had three finalists, including a pair of champions.

One of the Badgers to claim gold, 141-pounder Zach Tanelli, did so by upsetting Iowa's Alex Tsirtsis, 10-3.

Tsirtsis — the top seed at 141 for Midlands — led throughout the first five and a half minutes of the match, scoring the initial two points in the first period, using his quickness to swoop in and finish off a single-leg shot.

But in a 3-2 hole with riding time against him and just over one minute remaining in the third period, Tanelli scored a takedown and managed to

No. 1 Iowa (15-0) vs. No. 15 Wisconsin (6-3)

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125 — No. 5 Charlie Falck or J.J. Krutsinger vs. Drew Hammen
133 — No. 5 Daniel Dennis vs. Tom Kelliher
141 — No. 1 Alex Tsirtsis vs. No. 5 Zach Tanelli
149 — No. 1 Brent Metcalf vs. No. 5 Kyle Ruschell
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197 — No. 19 Chad Beatty vs. No. 3 Dallas Herbst
Hwt. — No. 11 Dan Erekson vs. No. 7 Kyle Massey

catch Tsirtsis out of position just enough to tilt the top-ranked Hawkeye onto his back for a majority of the final 30 seconds, all the while erasing Tsirtsis' riding-time advantage.

No. 1 Iowa (15-0) vs. No. 7 Illinois (7-0)

When: 5 P.M. JAN. 25
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PROBABLE MATCHUPS

125 — No. 5 Charlie Falck or J.J. Krutsinger vs. BJ Futrell
133 — No. 5 Daniel Dennis vs. No. 3 Jimmy Kennedy
141 — No. 1 Alex Tsirtsis vs. Ryan Prater
149 — No. 1 Brent Metcalf vs. Eric Terrazas
157 — Matt Ballweg vs. No. 2 Mike Poeta
165 — No. 3 Ryan Morningstar vs. No. 18 Roger Smith-Bergsrud
174 — No. 4 Jay Borschel vs. John Dergo
184 — No. 3 Phil Keddy vs. No. 11 Jordan Blanton
197 — No. 19 Chad Beatty vs. Patrick Bond
Hwt. — No. 11 Dan Erekson vs. No. 9 John Wise

Tsirtsis said revenge is certainly on the mind of any wrestler in a rematch, but it won't be his key motivation.

SEE WRESTLING, 3B

Men face water 'Cats

The Iowa men's swimming and diving team will return to the Field House on Saturday to host Big Ten power Northwestern.

By JON LINDER
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A pool is a pool, but there's something special about the one in the Field House. Just ask the Iowa men's swimming and diving team.

"We feel like the Field House gives us a definite advantage when teams come in here," sophomore Max Dittmer said. "It's our home pool."

Although the Hawkeyes had what they deem a "special" trip to Miami over winter break for their annual midseason training regimen, they insist there's something about the Field House that brings out the best in them. So it comes as no surprise to see a little burst in their collective stroke as they prepare for Saturday's home meet with Northwestern, which may very well hold the key to either team break-



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Perfect timing for Palmer's breakout

Iowa junior David Palmer's scoring surge has come at a perfect time for the ninth-place Hawkeyes.

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All things considered, junior forward David Palmer picked a pretty big news week to make his rise from obscurity to the Carver-Hawkeye Arena hardwood.

Starting on Sunday, Cedar Rapids native and PGA professional Zach Johnson won the Sony Open, Arizona Cardinals quarterback Kurt Warner advanced to the Super Bowl, and Doak Walker Award winner Shonn Greene was declared eligible for the 2009 NFL draft.

Palmer, who earned his first two career starts and scored a combined 38 points, including 21 in Wednesday's overtime win over Wisconsin, is used to being an afterthought.

As a senior in high school in 2004-05, Palmer was a part-time starter on a loaded prep school roster at Oak Hill Academy that spent a portion of the year ranked No. 1 in the nation. Later, he joined Iowa in the same recruiting class that featured Hawkeye super-frosh,

and this year's preseason SEC Player of the Year, Tyler Smith.

But perhaps only in Iowa, a state with no professional sporting franchises, can a connection between such athletics figures be made. If recent years have shown anything about the state's sporting culture, it's that such a vault into the spotlight can take 15 minutes or 15 seconds or 15 birdies at Augusta National Golf Club.

Such stories are not memorable for their silver-spoon beginnings but rather their unique starts in grocery stores and moving companies and for Palmer, a Seton Hall jersey and a year as a spectator at Iowa following his transfer.

Unfortunately, Palmer's first starting chances came because of an injury to senior forward Cyrus Tate, who suffered an ankle sprain against Minnesota on Jan. 8. But as a junior who has spent two years proving his worth to head coach Todd Lickliter and his staff, Palmer believes his breakout week has vindicated what he's known about his ability to play



ROBIN SVEC/THE DAILY IOWAN

Then-Iowa sophomore David Palmer reaches to block a shot during an exhibition game against Simpson College at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Nov. 1, 2007. The Hawkeyes dominated the Storm, 56-30.

an important role for Iowa.

"I always felt like that, but you've got to persuade a lot of other people to feel like that, too," Palmer said. "I think finally I have, but that doesn't mean anything. You just want to go out and keep winning games. That's what I'm really excited about."

With Tate again listed as questionable for Saturday's

contest at Penn State, you can expect Palmer's role — and his newfound fan base — to expand rapidly in the next 48 hours. Through six Big Ten games, the 6-9 power forward leads all Hawkeyes in averaging 14.3 points and 5.3 rebounds per game, and he has helped replace the production of freshman guard Anthony Tucker. Tucker, the team's

Iowa (11-7, 2-4) at Penn State (15-5, 4-3)

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Iowa (11-7, 2-4)			
F David Palmer	6-9	240	Jr.
F Aaron Fuller	6-6	210	Fr.
G Matt Gatens	6-5	215	So.
G Jeff Peterson	6-0	192	Sr.
G Jake Kelly	6-6	185	So.

Penn State (15-5, 4-3)			
F Jamelle Cornley	6-5	240	Sr.
F Andrew Jones	6-9	245	Fr.
G Jeff Brooks	6-8	200	So.
G Stanley Pringle	6-1	180	Sr.
G Talor Battle	5-11	165	So.

second-leading scorer, was declared academically ineligible for the remainder of the season on Tuesday.

"You haven't really seen David a lot, but I really think the difference in what David has done is that he has accepted his strengths and he is playing to them," Lickliter said. "He knows how to fit into the team, and he is satisfied with that."

"To David's credit, he never stopped trying to do what we asked him. It is a great lesson

SEE BASKETBALL, 3B

SPORTS 'N' STUFF

WOMEN'S BIG TEN BASKETBALL

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Indiana	7	1	.875	14	5	.737
Ohio State	6	1	.857	15	3	.833
Michigan State	6	2	.750	13	6	.684
Purdue	6	2	.750	13	6	.684
Minnesota	5	3	.625	13	6	.684
Iowa	4	3	.571	11	7	.611
Wisconsin	5	4	.556	15	5	.750
Michigan	2	6	.250	9	10	.474
Penn State	2	6	.250	7	11	.389
Northwestern	1	6	.143	5	13	.278
Illinois	0	9	.000	4	16	.200

Thursday's Games

Ohio State 68, Illinois 51
Indiana 60, Michigan 50
Purdue 56, Minnesota 43
Wisconsin 58, Penn State 56, OT
Michigan State 74, Northwestern 54

Sunday's Games

Wisconsin at Michigan State
Northwestern at Minnesota
Indiana at Illinois
Ohio State at Purdue

Monday's Game

Michigan at Iowa, 7:05 p.m. BTN

MEN'S BIG TEN BASKETBALL

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Michigan St.	5	1	.833	15	3	.833
Illinois	4	2	.667	16	3	.842
Purdue	4	2	.667	15	4	.789
Minnesota	4	3	.667	16	3	.842
Penn St.	4	3	.571	15	5	.750
Ohio St.	3	3	.500	13	4	.765
Wisconsin	3	3	.500	12	6	.667
Michigan	3	4	.429	13	6	.684
Iowa	2	4	.333	12	7	.632
Northwestern	2	4	.333	10	6	.625
Indiana	0	5	.000	5	12	.294

Thursday's Game

Purdue 70, Minnesota 62

Saturday's Games

Iowa at Penn State, 5 p.m. BTN
Wisconsin at Illinois
Northwestern at Michigan

Sunday's Games

Minnesota at Indiana
Michigan State at Ohio State

TOP 25 COLLEGE BASKETBALL

West Virginia 75, #12 Georgetown 58
#13 UCLA 61, Washington State 59
#16 Butler 68, Wisconsin Green Bay 59
#18 Purdue 70, #21 Minnesota 62
#23 Gonzaga 83, Pepperdine 69

WOMEN'S SCORES

Georgia Tech 85, #2 North Carolina 62
#6 Auburn 84, Alabama 66
#8 California 77, Oregon State 72
#10 Tennessee 76, Arkansas 67
#11 Stanford 85, Oregon 57
Georgia 66, #17 Vanderbilt 55
#19 Ohio State 68, Illinois 51

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	36	9	.800	—
Boston	20	21	.488	14
Philadelphia	19	23	.452	15½
New York	17	24	.415	17
Toronto	16	28	.364	19½

Central

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	32	8	.800	—
Detroit	24	17	.585	8½
Milwaukee	21	24	.467	13½
Chicago	18	25	.419	15½
Indiana	15	27	.357	18

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	28	13	.683	—
New Orleans	26	13	.667	1
Houston	27	16	.628	2
Dallas	24	18	.571	4½
Memphis	11	30	.268	17

Northwest

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	15	.651	—	
Portland	25	17	.595	2½
Utah	25	18	.581	3
Minnesota	13	27	.325	13½
Oklahoma City	9	34	.209	19

Pacific

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	34	8	.810	—
Phoenix	23	17	.571	10
Golden State	13	30	.302	21½
Sacramento	10	33	.233	24½

L.A. Clippers 9 32 .220 24½
Thursday's Games
Boston 90, Orlando 80
L.A. Lakers 117, Washington 97

Friday's Games
Houston at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Dallas at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Phoenix at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Hedo Turkoglu, Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Memphis at New York, 6:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

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Game: Feb. 15 at Phoenix
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EASTERN CONFERENCE
FORWARDS: x-LeBron James, Cleveland, 2,940,823; x-Kevin Garnett, Boston, 2,066,833; Yi Jianlian, New Jersey, 1,813,829; Paul Pierce, Boston, 1,238,763; Chris Bosh, Toronto, 1,101,052; Hedo Turkoglu, Orlando, 632,051; Shawn Marion, Miami, 405,573; Danny Granger, Indiana, 365,810; Josh Smith, Atlanta, 321,129; Tayshaun Prince, Detroit, 274,540; Michael Beasley, Miami, 273,471.
GUARDS: x-Dwyane Wade, Miami, 2,741,413; x-Allen Iverson, Detroit, 1,804,649; Vince Carter, New Jersey, 1,239,613; Devin Harris, New Jersey, 1,182,406; Luke Ridnour, Milwaukee, 1,039,902; Ray Allen, Boston, 851,205; Gilbert Arenas, Washington, 635,540; Derrick Rose, Chicago, 474,384; Jose Calderon, Toronto, 445,584; Joe Johnson, Atlanta, 420,210; Jameer Nelson, Orlando, 354,773.
CENTERS: x-Dwight Howard, Orlando, 3,150,181; Kendrick Perkins, Boston, 621,709; Rashad Wallace, Detroit, 402,991; Samuel Dalembert, Philadelphia, 396,119; Andrew Bogut, Milwaukee, 357,997; Jermaine O'Neal, Toronto, 342,723; Al Horford, Atlanta, 323,302; Brendan Haywood, Washington, 291,490; Ben Wallace, Cleveland, 263,862; Zydrunas Ilgauskas, Cleveland, 219,697; Emeka Okafor, Charlotte, 212,539.

WESTERN CONFERENCE
FORWARDS: x-Tim Duncan, San Antonio, 2,578,168; x-Amare Stoudemire, Phoenix, 1,460,429; Bruce Bowen, San Antonio, 1,392,398; Ron Artest, Houston, 1,362,565; Carmelo Anthony, Denver, 1,337,519; Dirk Nowitzki, Dallas, 1,107,926; Pau Gasol, L.A. Lakers, 948,301; Shane Battier, Houston, 694,112; LaMarcus Aldridge, Portland, 497,550; Luis Scola, Houston, 405,851; Josh Howard, Dallas, 298,810.
GUARDS: x-Kobe Bryant, L.A. Lakers, 2,805,397; x-Chris Paul, New Orleans, 2,134,798; Tracy McGrady, Houston, 1,578,516; Manu Ginobili, San Antonio, 1,642,350; Tony Parker, San Antonio, 1,084,361; Steve Nash, Phoenix, 677,211; Jamal Crawford, Golden State, 665,038; Rafer Alston, Houston, 550,199; Jason Kidd, Dallas, 472,732; Brandon Roy, Portland, 468,688; Chauncey Billups, Denver, 466,073.
CENTERS: x-Yao Ming, Houston, 2,532,958; Shaquille O'Neal, Phoenix, 1,850,018; Andrew Bynum, L.A. Lakers, 549,131; Mehmet Okur, Utah, 437,106; Greg Oden, Portland, 359,318; Andris Biedrins, Golden State, 357,984; Al Jefferson, Minnesota, 310,643; Tyson Chandler, New Orleans, 242,356; Chris Kaman, L.A. Clippers, 231,928; Marcus Camby, L.A. Clippers, 158,491; Nick Collison, Oklahoma City, 154,309.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Agreed to terms with C Gregg Zaun on a one-year contract. Designated 1B Oscar Salazar for assignment.
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES—Agreed to terms with C Alvin Colina, INF Brooks Conrad, RHP Rafael Cruz, RHP Emiliano Fruto, LHP Mariano Gomez and LHP Juan Perez on minor league contracts.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to the retirement of 2B Jeff Kent.
NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with INF Alex Cora on a one-year contract.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Agreed to terms with OF Jayson Werth on a two-year contract.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
MIAMI HEAT—C Alonzo Mourning announced his retirement.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
CAROLINA PANTHERS—Announced defensive coordinator Mike Trgovac is not returning to the team.
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Named Bryan Cox defensive line coach, Jerome Henderson defensive backs coach, Andy Dickerson defensive quality control coach, Carl Smith quarterbacks coach, and Ricky Lyle assistant strength and conditioning coach.
NEW YORK GIANTS—Named Jim Hermann line-backers coach. Signed DT Anthony Bryant.

Arizona's Boldin all smiles now

By **BOB BAUM**
Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — Arizona wide receiver Anquan Boldin laughed off the negative reaction to his nationally televised run-in with offensive coordinator Todd Haley, calling it "hilarious."



Boldin
wide receiver

Boldin's shouting match with the coach on the sideline came as Arizona drove for the winning touchdown in Sunday's 32-25 victory over Philadelphia in the NFC championship game.

Boldin didn't stay on the field in the postgame celebration, making a quick exit through the locker room. He said that he did congratulate his teammates and left quickly only to avoid questions about the Haley incident.

Instead, he acknowledged after Thursday's practice, his abrupt departure "made it worse."

"For me, it's hilarious," Boldin said about the criticism he's received. "I mean, I don't want to sit here and dwell on it because for me it's in the past, but that's some-

thing that goes on every week in the NFL whether people know it or not.

"Every week, somebody on the sidelines gets into an argument, but it's in the heat of the moment, it's part of football, and once it's done, it's dead on all sides."

Team leaders Adrian Wilson and Kurt Warner strongly defended Boldin.

"I think people are making a lot out of nothing," Wilson said. "That stuff happens all the time. Q is very dedicated to this team, very dedicated to the players. I think it's a non-issue."

Warner said it was "crazy" for people to define Boldin's personality by this one incident after "everything that guy's done all year and the character he's displayed all year long."

Boldin acknowledged it was a lesson in how things are magnified when a team reaches this point.

"The attention has grown," Boldin said. "Do you have to be careful? I guess so, but at the same time you can't alter who you are. You can only be you and let the rest take care of itself."

He added: "Guys in the locker room know what kind of guy I am and they know exactly what went on."

WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS

GymHawks head to Illinois

The Iowa women's gymnastics team will travel to Champaign, Ill., to take on No. 14 Illinois.

Last weekend, the GymHawks finished first overall in the team standings by defeating Michigan State, Illinois State, and No. 18 West Virginia in East Lansing, Mich.

Senior Jenifer Simbhudas won the all-around with a score of 39.075, and sophomore teammate Houry Gebeshian finished closely behind in second with a score of 39.025.

Iowa got off to a fast start by winning the vault and floor and finishing second on the balance beam.

However, the Fighting Illini are also coming off a big win — they defeated Penn State this past weekend. Last year, Illinois finished second at the Big Ten championships.

"To beat Illinois it will take, I think, everybody hitting on everything," head coach Larissa Libby said. "It's going to take 24 for 24, six solid routines on four events, that's the name of the game, that's what we've got to do."

— by Evelyn Lau

AquaHawks face challenge

Iowa women's swimming looks to continue its winning streak when it meets Northwestern on Saturday.

By **EVELYN LAU**
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The Iowa women's swimming and diving team (6-2, 2-2) will try to continue its winning streak as it hosts the No. 20 Northwestern Wildcats on Saturday at the Field House pool.

With the Hawkeyes having won their last two dual meets, including a close victory over previously undefeated Illinois, head coach Marc Long believes the squad's confidence level is right where it needs to be.

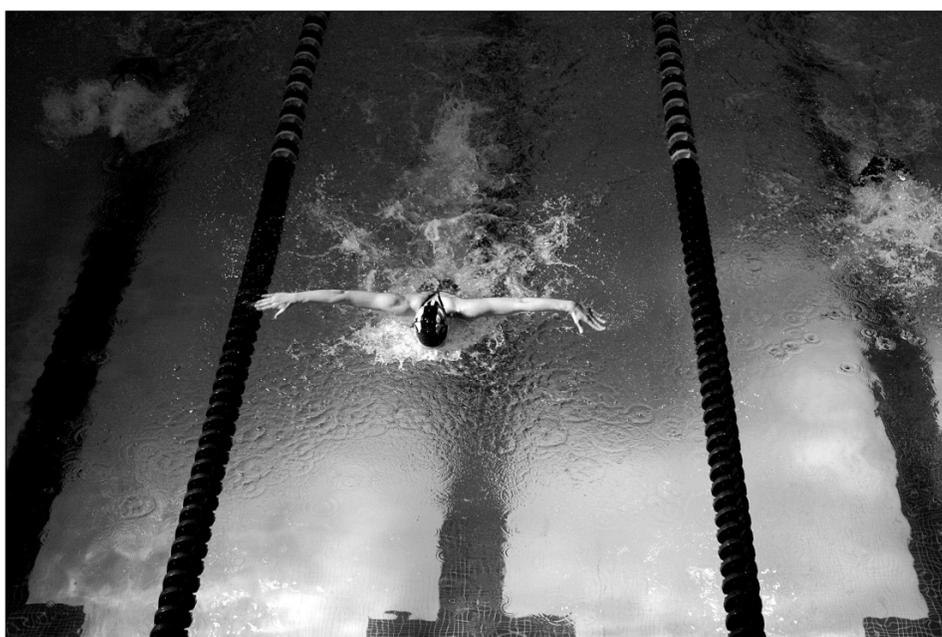
"They're really racing well," he said. "I think there's a lot of confidence now even though we're still developing. They're really gaining confidence in their racing ability. Even last weekend, we started off great, and Illinois made a run. We finished strong in the relay and had a lot of confidence stepping up to the relay, and we won it by over a body length."

However, on Saturday, Long realizes his team will not be favored, especially because Northwestern recently topped No. 22 Michigan and improved to 9-2 (2-2 in the Big Ten).

"We scheduled Northwestern knowing it would be a Top 20 or higher team, knowing we'd be the underdogs, and also knowing that our team is pretty gritty and likes to race," Long said.

It has been three years since Iowa last faced Northwestern in a dual meet, with the Wildcats besting the AquaHawks, 186-108.

Junior Christine Kuczek, who won three individual events at the last meet,



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Iowa swimmers compete in the 100 butterfly against Nebraska at the Field House pool on Nov. 1, 2008. The Hawkeyes took second and third place in the event, aiding a 192-107 victory.

believes Iowa needs to attack the Wildcats like any other opponent.

"They're ranked, and it's a little bit intimidating, but it shouldn't be because we've been racing really well this season," she said. "What's happened in the past doesn't matter [in regards to] what's going to happen now, so we just need to step up and not be afraid of it."

Iowa expects to score big points with its relay teams, which have progressed significantly since the start of the season, Long said. The 200 medley team featuring freshman Daniela Cubelic and jun-

iors Julie Feingold, Katie Michelau, and Julie deBruin broke a pool record at Western Illinois, shaving two seconds off the previous record in 1:49.59.

"The things that have come together this year," Long said. "The young class — the underclassmen—have really added another spark to our team, which is nice and our relays are really starting to come together. At Western Illinois, they broke a pool record, they won a lot of the relays at the Missouri Invitational against a ranked team, so they are gaining a lot of pride in relays and working hard. We're still work-

ing on our depth, we still have some holes to fill, but they keep plugging away and working hard."

In addition to the relay teams, junior diver Deidre Freeman and sophomore swimmer Katarina Tour have both performed well. Freeman swept the 1-meter and 3-meter events at Illinois, and Tour won two individual races, the 100 breaststroke and the 200 individual medley.

"The whole fall, you could see that everyone was so better prepared for the meet," Tour said. "It really pays off the last 10 meters. We're winning those fights."

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Wrestlers open defense

WRESTLING

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"You've gotta get ready for it the same as any other match," he said. "There are some things I did well in the last match and some things I kind of need to work on. Obviously, you want to get revenge on a person, but you've got to treat every single match the same way and go out there with the same mental focus."

Badger head coach Barry Davis was a three-time national champion and four-time All-American as a Hawkeye wrestler, as well as a hands-on coach and mentor for Brands. Brands noted the Wisconsin frontman embodies everything wrestling stands for.

"Barry Davis was a huge asset to me as a youngster not only just because of coaching but because of his role model ... his lifestyle," Brands said. "I learned a lot about wrestling, a lot about life from

Barry. He was actually here all five years that I was here [as a wrestler], so there's a pretty strong relationship there."

Iowa will also host seventh-ranked and undefeated Illinois.

The Fighting Illini have a pair of returning all-Americans in Mike Poeta (157) and Jimmy Kennedy (133).

Kennedy, who is ranked third nationally, is 18-1 on the season. His only loss is to Iowa's Daniel Dennis. Dennis and Kennedy were high-school teammates at Grant High School in Ingleside, Ill., but the Iowa junior said their relationship has diminished since their prep days.

"We have some opportunities to prove ourselves [against Illinois], and I'm going to have to do it again," Dennis said. "I haven't seen [Kennedy] too much since we graduated. We do have a relationship growing up in the same area, but not too much of it goes past wrestling."

Palmer fuels hoops comeback

BASKETBALL

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for people as to how you respond. You either get bitter or you get better."

Adjusting to the pressure of more minutes, Palmer said his comfort level and chemistry with teammates has increased dramatically over the last month.

"I feel really comfortable in the offense," he said. "All the kinks, the nervousness — that's gone now. That was gone after Purdue. I feel good."

Iowa snapped a three-game losing streak with Wednesday's win over Wisconsin, a victory that prevented the Hawkeyes from falling into 10th place in the Big Ten heading into Saturday's date with the Nittany Lions. Penn State boasts the conference's leading scorer, sophomore guard Talor Battle (18.4 points per game), but Iowa hopes the momentum from an overtime home win leads to another inspired performance on the road.

"This helped us boost our confidence," said freshman forward Aaron Fuller. "Hopefully,

we come out the next game with the same intensity."

Without Tate and Tucker for the immediate future, Palmer and teammates seem intent on focusing on only what they can control inside the locker room and on the court.

"We can't really dwell on that," said sophomore guard Jeff Peterson. "I don't know when we're going to have them back, so we've just got to keep moving on and keep pushing."

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Swimmers face Big Ten power

SWIMMING

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ing into the top 25. The teams will hit the pool Saturday at 11 a.m.

"This meet is an opportunity for us as a team to show everyone what we're made of," Dittmer said.

The theory of home-pool advantage was reinforced when Iowa (4-1, 2-1) downed Wisconsin earlier this season for the first time in more than a decade at the Field House. But that's not to say the Hawkeyes haven't done damage on the road.

In Miami, the Hawkeyes beat Florida Atlantic and No. 15 Purdue in a tri-meet format on Jan. 10 before traveling to Western Illinois, where they broke three pool records. While the success is not exactly unexpected — Iowa's only loss thus far is to No. 10 Minnesota — the wins are slightly more impressive considering the Hawkeyes did not miss any of their six-hour-a-day workouts throughout winter break.

"We feel like the Field House gives us a definite advantage when teams come in here. It's our home pool."

—Max Dittmer
sophomore

Dittmer said the workouts were much more intense than last year's.

"We were basically going through three-a-days with our two pool workouts as well as lifting and dry-land workouts," head swimming coach



ROBIN SVEC/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa sophomores Rob Adams (left) and Richard Salhus (right) prepare to swim in the Field House pool on Nov. 17, 2008. Adams, from England, and Salhus, from South Africa, became friends after Salhus moved to England and joined Adams at Plymouth Leander, a competitive British swim club.

Marc Long said. "We didn't let up at all in training before either meet, but we managed to knock off Purdue for a Big Ten win, and we were solid at Western Illinois."

Solid is right. Sophomore Conor Dwyer set two pool records while visiting the Leathernecks, in the 200 individual medley (1:52.02) and the 500 freestyle (4:30.70). The marks had stood for 31 years.

Sophomore Sean Hagan, junior Matt Ryan, Dittmer,

and freshman Ryan Phelan also contributed a pool record, coming in the 200 medley relay (1:35.49). Iowa ended up winning every event on the afternoon.

Western Illinois, however, is not Northwestern.

The Wildcats have been a consistent top-25 team nationally during the past decade, and they are known for producing All-Americans. This year's squad features one of the nation's best freestylers, senior Eric Nilsson.

"[Nilsson] is their stud," Dwyer said. "He can really swim any of the freestyles. We swam against each other at Big Tens last year, and I'm looking forward to swimming against him again."

Nilsson is a five-time All-American, and he has garnered four career Big Ten Swimmer of the Week honors. Northwestern (5-3, 0-3) defeated Notre Dame 175-125 on Jan. 16, and it has won five in a row after dropping its first three Big Ten contests.

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Aggressiveness the key

In its first dual meet of the season, the Iowa women's tennis team will try to be aggressive.

By **ROBBIE LEHMAN**
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Head coach Daryl Greenan was direct in communicating the way he wanted his team to play Saturday in the first dual meet of the season.

"I want them to be aggressive," he said. "I don't want them to ease up. We need to respect our opponent, and they will respect us."

The women will host Western Illinois at 11 p.m. in the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex as they open the season, hoping to begin 1-0. The Hawkeyes won't be able to relax too much — they will face Northern Iowa Jan. 25 at noon.

Greenan has preached to his team on the importance of a strong start.

"The more you win, the more of a habit it becomes," he said. "We need to start off

on the right foot and on the winning side."

Iowa is favored to win both meets; it is undefeated in its history against both schools. The Hawkeyes are 1-0 versus the Leathernecks and 8-0 against the Panthers.

"The only thing I'm concerned about is our women going out and playing as aggressively and as focused as they can no matter what they bring," Greenan said. "We just have to play our game."

Saturday's meet will mark the first career dual-meet appearances by three Hawkeyes, freshmen Ally Majercik and Sonja Molnar and sophomore Jessica Young, who did not compete last spring because of an injury.

Molnar, who joined the team at the start of practice last week after coming from Canada, is anticipating her first-ever competition with Iowa.

"I'm not [excited] yet, but I will be," she said. "Probably Saturday morning I will get excited, and it will be good."

Not only will Saturday's meet be a first for the three Hawkeyes, it also will be a first for new assistant coach Mira Radu.

"I'm excited — it's my first dual meet, too," she said. "I'm nervous, but it's a good nervous. I'm excited to see what the women can do."

Most of the focus this weekend will be on the half of Iowa's singles lineup that is new. Radu had specific attributes she'll be focusing on.

"First of all, I want to see heart and determination and them to play the best tennis of their ability," she said. "I want to see effort and the good tennis that I know everyone is capable of playing."

Greenan and Radu have had

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With the first meet of the season approaching, see what the Hawkeyes are doing to get ready at www.dailyiowan.com.



exactly one week of training with the team since the winter break. But the coaching staff was pleasantly surprised at how fresh and focused the team was.

"I've seen a lot of other teams in coaching, and this is one great example of team chemistry," Radu said. "They are eight women, but they are one team. It's kind of rare. That chemistry on the court will translate into positive things."

It is not uncommon for the team members to spend time together off the court, and several live together. But when it gets to the weekend, tennis is what the Hawkeyes will pay attention to.

"They are physically and mentally prepared and eager to get on the court," Radu said. "I just want them to focus and have fun enjoying every minute."

Men's gymnasts look to rebound

Iowa will host Illinois-Chicago after finishing last at the Flames' home meet a week ago.

By **JORDAN GARRETSON**
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Motivation. It's one ingredient for success that all sports share.

The men's gymnastics squad may just have more than enough of it right now — that wouldn't hurt the Hawkeyes' chances of emerging victorious when they face Illinois-Chicago in their home-opener Saturday.

"We were all pretty down after [Jan. 17's sixth-place finish at the Windy City Invitational]," junior Jonathan Buese said. "I think everyone is pretty motivated to do better this weekend."

Part of what may get the Hawks back to performing as they expected is the history against the incoming gymnasts.

"Talking to the coaches, it looks as if we have never lost to Illinois-Chicago at home," senior Diego Mercado said. "We can't let that happen."

The Flames certainly aren't strangers to the Hawks — they were one of five teams, including four Big Ten foes, that finished with better scores than Iowa's team mark of 325.9 at last week's meet in the Windy City.

Iowa's score was more than 20 points shy of Michigan's first-place tally of 346.1 — not the type of season-opening finish the Hawks were looking for.

"It was kind of a typical first meet of the year," said the head coach of 30 years, Tom Dunn. "But it was a little rougher than we had anticipated. We had three good events, and three bad events. Unfortunately, a couple of the bad events were the first two, so we kind of got off on the wrong foot."



REBECCA MNUK/THE DAILY IOWAN

Diego Mercado-Austin runs toward the vault during the Black and Gold scrimmage at the Field House on Dec. 6, 2008. The Hawkeyes are reeling following a sixth-place finish in a six-team meet a week ago.

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"We worked this week on fixing the problem areas, trying to improve our consistency so we'll have a better competition."

Whenever there's a disappointing performance, it's difficult to pin it on a single issue.

This situation is no different.

The Hawkeyes are working on everything, including communication, to ensure their improvement. Buese said everyone has

been more vocal at practice this week. Teammates have been talking to each other, letting them know what they need to work on.

"We've been here before," said Mercado. "If we don't get down, they aren't going to get down, either. If they see us working hard and smiling in the gym and all that stuff, they're gonna do the same, so we just try to keep it up."

Last weekend's competition wasn't all sour — freshman Zach Cazabon scored 80.85 points in the all-around to finish fifth in his Hawkeye debut.

The early nerve shake out

impressed his coach.

"It's impressive and reassuring," Dunn said. "You see things in practice, but you don't know how the freshmen are going to perform when there's a crowd and judges."

Dunn has been around long enough not to get too down or too excited too quickly. But he does think the resilience of his team will be a factor in what success the Hawkeyes have this year.

"We'll have to wait and see," Dunn said, "I think they'll bounce back."

The Hawkeyes and Flames will begin competition at 2 p.m. on Saturday in the Field House.

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Lessons learned from a lifetime of watching movies:

- Spies never get jet lag from 16-hour flights or diarrhea from exotic cuisines.
- Incredibly brainy women — such as CIA analysts, theoretical physicists, and molecular biologists — are also often incredibly physically attractive, primarily because such jobs are terribly undemanding, leaving plenty of time for manicures and the gym.
- Aliens of different species have sex and fall in love with one another all the time; there's nothing particularly unusual about it. (It's actually kinda hot.)
- University professors are the most rugged, manliest individuals our country has to offer, and they will always get laid. Always.
- Even if it has been previously functioning perfectly for a musical band or lecturer all evening, a microphone will immediately screech and provide feedback when grabbed by somebody else wishing to make an impromptu speech. This is a fault of all microphones everywhere, and scientists would gladly fix it if they weren't spending all their time at the gym.
- Larry King and Jay Leno will be in your movie; you just have to ask them.
- Lawyers drink whiskey. Lots of it. After work, before work, and during work.
- Bullet and knife wounds, assuming they miss all vital organs, are not particularly painful and should be ignored.
- Despite the fact that aliens have space-travel capabilities and we do not, we are a serious threat to them and need to be systematically conquered and/or eradicated.

- Andrew R. Juhl is seriously considering applying to law school.
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IT'S A MOMENT



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UI students participate in an Afro-Cuban dance class offered by the university on Thursday in Halsey Hall. The class emphasizes dance for performance.

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SOLUTION TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE

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3	2	8	6	9	1	4	7	5
4	1	6	3	5	7	2	8	9
5	4	7	8	6	9	3	1	2
8	9	3	2	1	5	7	6	4
1	6	2	7	4	3	5	9	8

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UITV schedule

Campus channel 4, cable channel 17

- 12:30 p.m.** News from Québec (in French)
1 "Prairie Lights" Archive, Brett Anthony Johnson
2 News from Germany (in German)
3 Woodwind Concert from the Old Capitol
4 "Know the Score" Archive, 8/29/2007
6 "Know the Score" Archive, 5/22/2007
8 Know the Score" Archive, 5/1/2007
10 Know the Score" Archive, 3/20/2007

today's events

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- "Java Blend," the Awful Purdies, noon, Java House, 211½ E. Washington
- Noon Knit, noon, 401 Hardin Library
- Knitting Nurse, 2 p.m., Home Ec. Workshop, 207 N. Linn
- 2009 Celebration of Human Rights: Martin Luther King Jr., National Urban League President Marc Morial, 3 p.m., 225 Boyd Law Building
- Country/Rock band 32 Degrees, 6:30 p.m., Cornell College, Orange Carpet, The Commons, 600 First Street SW
- Country Dance, 7:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge
- Guys On Ice: An Ice Fishing Musical Comedy, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Theatre, 213 N. Gilbert
- Queer Practica, 7:30 p.m., Old Brick, 26

- E. Market
- The Prisoner of Zenda, 8 p.m., Rage Theatrics, North Hall Space/Place
- Dance and Shadow Puppetry, 8:30 p.m., Arts Iowa City, 103 E. College
- Friday Night Karaoke, with Gemini Karaoke, 9 p.m., American Legion Post No. 17, 3016 Muscatine
- Red Hot Chili Peppers Tribute with Funky Monks, 9 p.m., Yacht Club 13. S. Linn
- School of Flyentology, Porno Galactica, Cuticle, Single Indian Tear, 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- The White Tornado Outbreak, with 40 Oz Prophet, 9 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
- Big D's Karaoke, midnight, Gus', 2421 Coral Court Suite 4, Coralville

ENTERTAINMENT

Hayden Panettiere's dad pleads no contest

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Hayden Panettiere's father has received two years of informal probation after pleading no contest to hitting his wife. Records show Alan Panettiere entered the plea on Tuesday in Beverly Hills. He was arrested in August on suspicion of hitting his wife, who is also the "Heroes" star's mother. He was later charged with misdemeanor spousal battery. A judge ordered Panettiere to attend a yearlong domestic-violence treatment program, pay a \$400 fine,

and serve two years of summary probation, which does not require supervision by an officer.

Entertainment mogul Redstone completes divorce

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Documents show entertainment mogul Sumner Redstone has completed the divorce from his wife of five years. Redstone, the executive chairman of CBS and Viacom, filed for divorce in October, citing "irreconcilable differences" with wife Paula Fortunato

Redstone. A judge signed off on the couple's confidential agreement earlier this month, and the judgment was entered Wednesday.

The pair had already negotiated a settlement and opted for an uncontested divorce. According to court records, the couple married in April 2003 and have no children.

Redstone, whose wealth was calculated at \$7.6 billion in 2007, has been hit hard by the faltering economy. Last year he sold his majority stake in Midway Games and sold \$233 million of his CBS Corp. and Viacom Inc. stock as he struggled to restructure \$1.6 billion in debt.

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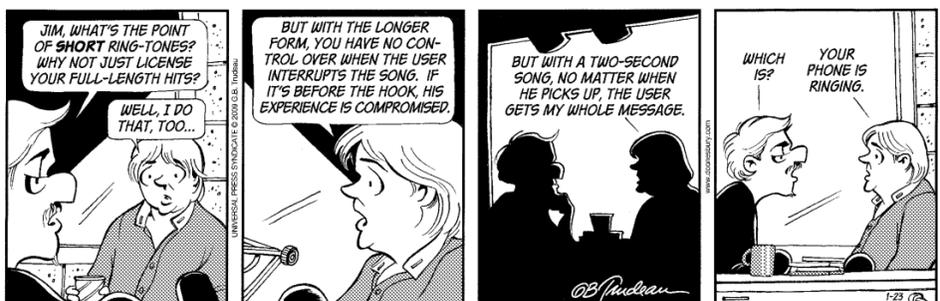
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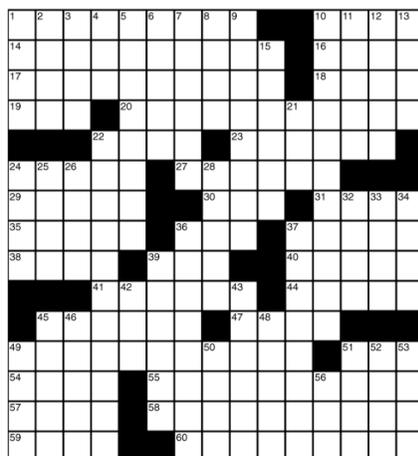
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The New York Times Crossword

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- Across**
- Ding-dong
 - Remarkably, in commercialese
 - Exuberant cry from Pinocchio
 - React angrily
 - Hit video game series launched in 2005
 - Minor area?
 - Option for seeing the sites quickly, for short
 - Hammering away at
 - Basher ____, one of the eleven in "Ocean's Eleven"
 - Networks, e.g.
 - Third book of the Book of Mormon
 - Like a baby's bottom, often
 - In a state of entanglement
 - Annual honoree: Abbr.
 - Precursor to 41-Across
 - It's often hard to maintain under pressure
 - Blooming period
 - "Da Ali G Show" persona
 - Longtime Delaware senator William
 - Unpopular singer
 - Parry
 - Successor of 31-Across
 - Club with a big ball
 - Alternative bookstore section
 - Lead, for one
 - Russian's neighbor
 - Lummox
 - Showed respect, in a way
 - Flood
 - Table center piece?
 - Wind instrument Down Under
 - Bop
 - Reacts to a big buffet
- Down**
- Cowboy's home, informally
 - ABC Radio host
 - Alternative to air
 - Sullivan Travis, in a 2000 film title
 - Not too awful
 - More enticing to a philatelist, say
 - Wynton Marsalis's first trumpet was a gift from him
 - Response of disbelief
 - Response to a disbeliever
 - Work with raw material?
 - Quaint note opener
 - They may pound the pavement
 - "She's ____, doll" (4 Seasons lyric)
 - Of whom Hamlet said "He hath borne me on his back a thousand times"
 - Those who aren't super dupers?
 - Be altered?
 - Common A.T.M. feature
 - Five-time N.H.L. scoring leader of the 1990s-'00s
 - Its locks are tight
 - Snow on the ground, say
 - ____ should keep himself to himself": "Treasure Island"
 - They may hold the lead
 - One looking for a deal?
 - Nobel-winning physicist Stern
 - Some people like them dirty
 - Those who aren't super dupers?
 - Put down anew
 - Hot ____
 - Like goldfish
 - Gas with a penetrating odor
 - Sports basket
 - Waves on l'occaf
 - Desert mount
 - Law with many parts
 - Musical that opens with "Every Story Is a Love Story"
 - Description of 15-Down
 - Fourth book of the Book of Mormon
 - Start of an exchange



Puzzle by Natan Last

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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