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In the Feb. 12 article, "Wilson draws 100s to IMU," the *DI* incorrectly reported the crowd number at the E.O. Wilson lecture. The correct number of audience members was around 1,000.

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Consolidation raises some hackles

Faculty members are at odds with higher-ups regarding a proposal that would bring some departments together under a shared administration.

By **ADAM SULLIVAN**
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To the dismay of some UI faculty members, officials are discussing a measure that would trim \$250,000 from the budget of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences by consolidating leadership in some of the school's

smaller departments.

Administrators said that by fall, they plan to have some liberal-arts departments operating under a shared administration.

Liberal-arts Dean Linda Maxson said the plan is part of a universitywide effort to cut the university's budget by 6.5 percent.

MORE INSIDE

To read about professors' worries that budget tightening could harm some programs, turn to **4A**.

"We would retain independent academic identities of those units but have a single person to serve as head," she said.

There are 18 "small" depart-

ments or units in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences — those with fewer than 11 faculty members, Maxson said. The plan is going forward, but she said that she is still in the process of consulting faculty.



Maxon
dean

The measure would reduce faculty members serving in

administrative posts, she said, freeing them up to take on more teaching responsibilities.

However, some of the consolidations don't add up, faculty members said.

Peggy Mills, the chairwoman of the Asian and Slavic languages and literatures department, said her department is disparate from the units with which it is set to share an administration.

SEE **MAXON, 2A**

Wading through the economic morass

UI CAMPUS

UI's budget looking \$26 million slimmer

Gov. Chet Culver's proposed budget cuts mean a reduction of the UI budget by a total of \$26.1 million for the fiscal 2010.

UI Provost Wallace Loh said there would most likely be no salary raises next year. He said the purpose of professors, size of classes, and department funds could all drastically change depending on what state officials decide.

"Usually, we would get increased appropriations," Loh said. "But this time, [state officials] are going to cut the base, and we're not sure how much they're going to cut."

The state budget will not become set until the Legislature approves it.

"It could be a whole range, so we've got to prepare for all these scenarios," Loh said. "But what's going to happen to that gap between what we have and what we get?"

UI Senior Vice President for Finance Doug True said the university typically has a general fund budget of \$580 million, \$270 million of which comes from state appropriations. Culver's latest budget cuts reduce the UI's budget by \$17.5 million on top of earlier cuts.

"Targets are not seen yet in appropriations, but we know the reductions will be significant," True said.

Tom Rocklin, the UI interim vice president for Student Services, said student groups won't be affected.

In the next several weeks, he said, the university will work to keep faculty, staff, and students well-informed and keep the decisions as transparent as possible.

"It's a two- to three-month process," he said. "It's not going to happen tomorrow."

— by Anna Lothson

REGENTS

Regents, universities tighten spending

The state Board of Regents is facing a 7.5 percent — or \$51.4 million — budget cut for the fiscal 2010 with Culver's proposal. In total, the regents will have to slice 9 percent, equal to \$62 million, from their budget.

This amounts to a loss of \$26.1 million for the UI, \$25.2 million for Iowa State University, and \$9 million for the University of Northern Iowa. The regents' special K-12 schools — the Iowa School for the Deaf and the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School — will incur a \$1.2 million cut.

The Board of Regents' Office currently operates on a \$1.3 million budget. The total budget of the regents, including the five state schools, amounts to \$3.9 billion.

To fund all regents' expenses — including their offices and schools they govern, among others — officials requested \$790.6 million from the state for fiscal 2010, nearly \$151 million more than Culver proposed.

The governor had asked the regents in December 2008 to trim their budget by a total of \$17.5 million before June 2009.

— by Tessa McLean

WHAT 6.5 PERCENT REALLY MEANS...

Gov. Chet Culver's proposed budget cuts are expected to hit state, county, and local organizations, and officials in many agencies are worried. Areas from education to business to public safety to agriculture are preparing to make choices and deal with one of the most substantial economic difficulties in recent years. Here's what a the cuts to nearly every state department in the general fund mean in dollars. **For more on how Culver's cuts affect you, turn to 3A.**

Agriculture

\$ 19.3 million

Percent cut: 33.3%



Administration

\$ 43.9 million

Percent cut: 13%



Education

\$ 299.3 million

Percent cut: 7.8%



Development

\$ 3.5 million

Percent cut: 5%



Legislature

\$ 213,022

Percent cut: 0.6%



Judicial Branch

No Change

Percent cut: 0%



WHAT IMPLICATIONS MIGHT THIS HAVE?

"There is reason to be concerned about whether the state of Iowa is continuing to make the level of investment in Iowa's public universities and special schools to continue the quality that we have come to expect."
— David Miles, state Board of Regents president

Justice System

\$ 200,019

Percent increase: 0.1%

Human Services

\$ 91.5 million

Percent increase: 5.9%



— Gov. Chet Culver

SAVINGS

\$400 million

The amount Culver says his cuts will save Iowa taxpayers.

*Note: Bars in the graph represent the percentage difference between the total amount requested by departments in that category and Culver's proposed budget.

SEE **BUDGET, 3A**



Hundreds of hours helping

Faces of the UI

Do you know a community member who has done something interesting?

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A UI senior works to help people on probation find jobs and start their futures.

By JENNIFER DELGADO

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Not all people can say they will spend 900 hours of their time volunteering to help low-income Iowa City residents find jobs.

But UI senior Monica Gilkison is different — not only will she accomplish that goal, she'll knock out all those hours by June.

"I knew 900 hours was going to be a lot," the 22-year-old said. "I also knew it wasn't going to be impossible."

Gilkison, a social-work major, is in the middle of her field practicum, and she must give 450 hours of her time to an agency that serves the community. She is also an AmeriCorps volunteer, which means in addition to her social work expectations, she must commit to another 450 hours to fulfill her AmeriCorps role.

Both the UI School of Social Work and AmeriCorps agreed to let her volunteer at the Broadway Center, a neighborhood organization that provides services for anyone in Iowa City. There, she helps residents find jobs, build résumés, and prepare for interviews.

Gilkison said she is learning new things every day through her work. Although her job is time consuming — depending on the needs of the individual, she could spend up to one hour with a person — she said her role has opened her eyes to a population that needs help.

"Before, I thought that people on probation were just habitual troublemakers, but they're not," the Davenport native said. "They really want to improve their lives, and I get to help them do that — it's a really cool experience."

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— Monica Gibson, senior



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ABOVE: Photographs and other memorable items sit above UI senior Monica Gilkison's desk at the Broadway Center on Thursday. Gilkison and her sister, Natalie Gilkison, are pictured in the lower right-hand photograph.

TOP: UI senior Monica Gilkison helps Jermaine Wilkins set up an e-mail account at the Broadway Center on Thursday. Gilkison, a social-work major, is doing a field practicum; she must volunteer to work in an agency that helps serve the community.

On Thursday, she sat with 18-year-old Jermaine Wilkins and helped him create his first e-mail account. Wilkins, who visits the center to see his probation officer, said the account is one of his first steps to getting a job.

"It makes me feel good to have people like Monica help me find a job," Wilkins said. "She's fun to work with."

The job allows her to meet

and work with new people everyday.

"Monica's great — she makes people feel comfortable and at ease," said Valerie Kemp, Gilkison's supervisor at the center. Kemp is also a probation officer for the Department of Corrections.

Before she began college, she chose the social-work major after flipping through UI course descriptions. During her sopho-

Monica Gilkison

- **Birthdate:** Sept. 30, 1986
- **Hometown:** Davenport
- **Favorite Color:** Turquoise
- **Favorite TV show:** "Desperate Housewives"
- **Favorite music:** Country
- **Has traveled to:** Italy, Czech Republic, France, Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, Mexico, and India

ON THE WEB

Go to dailyiowan.com to see a photo slide show of Monica Gilkison volunteering at the Broadway Center.

more year, she enrolled in Introduction to Social Work. At that point, she realized she wanted to help make a difference in someone's life.

"I want to empower people to better themselves and better their lives," she said.

Friend Kathryn Schuster said Gilkison, who is the oldest of three children, likes to reach out to people. On top of her work at the Broadway Center, she has helped people with disabilities, Schuster added.

"Monica is one of the most down-to-earth people I know," Schuster said. "She is always helping people."

A self-described travel junkie, Gilkison said she originally wanted to help with the Peace Corps after graduation and live abroad. But in the process, she stumbled upon AmeriCorps and saw an opportunity in Johnson County. After some deliberation, she decided it wasn't realistic to pursue social work in a foreign country. Still, she said she made the right decision.

In July, she will begin a new adventure — graduate school. She will attend St. Ambrose University in Davenport to pursue a master's degree in social work. Instead of attending the program for two years, she plans to finish in one year.

"It's going to be really intense, but good," she said.

Although she is unsure of what type of career she will pursue in social work, she said she will stay in Iowa because of the need for social workers.

"I see a lot of need here and I see a lot of issues that need to be dealt with," she said. "I think I can make a difference."

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STATE

Des Moines jail may charge for toilet paper

BURLINGTON, Iowa (AP) — Inmates at the Des Moines County jail in Burlington may have to begin paying for toilet paper.

The county is facing a more than \$1.7 million deficit in this year's

budget and the Board of Supervisors gave department heads the option of cutting costs or facing the possibility of unpaid furloughs or layoffs.

The county also is moving forward with a \$1 million bond issue later this month, leaving department directors to make up the balance.

County Budget Director Cheryl McVey says billing inmates for toilet paper could save more than \$2,300.

Liberal-arts plan sparks debate

MAXON

CONTINUED FROM 1A

Maxson estimated there are four or five language units that could be put under the same governance as Mills' department.

"The other languages that are more in favor of the division are languages from Western Europe, Central, and South America," she said. "We have a lot of fundamental differences."

While higher-ups have said they are in communication with faculty members throughout the university to discuss the best practices for slimming the budget, Mills said, her recommendations have not necessarily been received well.

"We have come up with our own individual ways to be more productive, to bring in more students," she said. "Have we been vocal in our position? Yes. We've

Division of Languages, Linguistics, Literature, and Cultures

A tentative plan would consolidate the following Liberal Arts units into a division with a common executive committee:

- American Sign Language
- Asian & Slavic Languages and Literatures
- Foreign Language Acquisition Research and Education
- French/Italian
- German
- Language Media Center
- Linguistics
- Spanish/Portuguese

Source: Draft of "Division of Languages, Linguistics, Literature, and Cultures Manual of Operations and Procedures"

done everything we could possibly do."

Other faculty members said the consolidated system will be inefficient.

"There will be somebody in charge of the department who won't know anything about the department," said Catherine

Ringen, the head of the linguistics department. "Who would do the things I do? There are things that have to be done by someone who knows something about the discipline, about the department, and about the faculty."

Faculty members will be pulled away from their teaching

and research duties in order to make up for a head that might not be fit to serve as the unit's leader, Ringen predicted.

"We will not be as highly ranked as we currently are," she said. "I don't think it's a good idea."

Provost Wallace Loh said similar actions have been taken in the past, with positive results.

For example, the Division of Performing Arts — which includes theater, music, and dance — is a product of different departments operating under a single administration.

"It's not only about cost savings," Loh said. "It's also that you have them all under the same umbrella, when you have meetings, you have all of them meeting together, and there's a possibility of intellectual interchange. There are real educational benefits."

METRO

Local man tried to hit officer, police say

A Coralville man is accused of trying to hit a police officer with his car, authorities allege.

David Anthony Johnson, 54, was charged Wednesday with interference

with a Department of Correctional Services officer and assault with a dangerous weapon.

Johnson, who is on probation, registered .08 on a preliminary breath test before running from his residence, despite repeated commands from an officer to stop, police said.

Johnson then got into his car and tried to flee the scene, police reports allege. He tried to hit the officer with his car, authorities contend.

Johnson already faces charges for OWI, reckless driving, and eluding for an incident that occurred later that night.

Interfering with an officer is a serious misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year in jail and a fine of up to \$1,875. Assault on a peace officer with a dangerous weapon is a Class D felony, punishable by up to five years in prison and a maximum fine of \$7,500.

— by Regina Zilbermints

POLICE BLOTTER

Molly Campe, 18, 4524 Burge, was charged Thursday with PAULA and presence in a bar after hours.

Katelyn Cresser, 18, Cedar Rapids, was charged Thursday with PAULA and presence in a bar after hours.

Jacy Fitzpatrick, 25, 927 N. Dodge St., was charged Thursday with OWI and possession of marijuana.

Shanell Fouch, 26, 1405 Pine St., was charged Wednesday with fifth-degree theft.

Eric Hanson, 18, 124 Stanley, was charged Wednesday with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Adam Lasswell, 19, 808B Mayflower, was charged Thursday with possession of marijuana, possession of prescription drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of a fictitious driver's license.

Rachel Lawson, 19, 718A Mayflower,

was charged Thursday with PAULA. **Kyle Millikan**, 19, 808A Mayflower, was charged Thursday with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Gary Moreno, 21, Tiffin, was charged Sunday with fifth-degree theft. **Robert Newland**, 19, 808B Mayflower, was charged Thursday with a controlled-substance violation and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Rachelle Ruby, 19, 620B Mayflower, was charged Thursday with PAULA.

Andrew Sullivan, 18, 614 E. Jefferson St. Apt. 10, was charged Dec. 10 with possession of marijuana with intent to deliver and drug tax-stamp violation.

Jacob Winter, 19, N324 Hillcrest, was charged Wednesday with possession of a fictitious driver's license and public intoxication.

Solomon Xayabath, 24, 2535 Bartlett Road Apt. 2C, was charged Thursday with OWI.

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Budget woes being felt all around Iowa

BUDGET
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K-12 SCHOOLS

EDUCATION	
Department of Education	
FY09 budget estimate	\$2,832,814,838
FY10 department request	\$2,988,995,602
FY10 governor's recommended	\$2,846,389,026
Board of Regents	
FY09 budget estimate	\$691,210,930
FY10 department request	\$790,676,202
FY10 governor's recommended	\$639,734,781

Governor keeps K-12 education a priority

Culver exempted K-12 education across the state from suffering huge losses by his proposed budget cuts.

Under the governor's proposal, the Iowa Department of Education is looking at a \$2.84 billion budget — 0.5 percent larger than it operated on this year. But the agency would still receive 4.8 percent, or \$142.6 million, less than it had requested.

Culver will maintain the maximum percent of allowable growth rate for schools, which the Legislature set at 4 percent for fiscal 2010. But because of low revenues, there are not enough state funds to support it. The state government will only fund 2 percent of that.

Many districts in Iowa — including the Iowa City School District — have enough cash reserves to overcome the remaining 2 percent difference, according to a press release from the Iowa Association of School Boards.

"The state shortfall is \$155 per student — for every district they have to figure out if they have cash reserves on hand," said Margaret Buckton, the school-board association's associate executive director of public policy.

If school districts do not have reserves, she said, they will have to either build up their cash levies or be forced to make budget cuts.

"I'm pleased we are able to keep the allowable growth, because once you lose it, you can never get it back," Iowa City School Superintendent Lane Plugge said. Such programs as preschool education and teacher quality are also protected from the 6.5 percent state budget cuts, said Elaine Watkins-Miller, a spokeswoman for the Iowa Department of Education.

School districts with decreasing enrollment may face the toughest challenge with budgets as officials search for ways to fund their share of the 4 percent allowable growth.

"Because the 4 percent is a per student allowable growth, districts with declining enrollments will likely see their budgets go down," Buckton said.

— by Clark Cahill

CITY COUNCIL

Iowa City's capital projects at stake

The effects of the statewide budget cuts could force the Iowa City City Council to trim projects that are funded by state grants.

"Of course availability of state grants is going to affect all of the cities," Iowa City Mayor Regenia Bailey said. "When the large institutions start making these cuts, the expectations are further reductions."

The city is operating at a budget of \$57.9 million for the current fiscal year (2009), but it will cut those funds by \$2.8 million for fiscal 2010, a much smaller reduction than earlier proposals.

Officials are dedicated to provide funding for the construction of a fourth fire station on the North Side, meaning budget decreases for other programs around the city.

The City Council will hold a public hearing to discuss the fiscal 2010 budget proposal of \$55.1 million on Feb. 24, and it will adopt a budget as soon as March 10.

"Obviously, any cut is going to affect all levels of government," Councilor Mike O'Donnell said.

If the state reductions have a large enough effect on Iowa City, Bailey said, officials may have to look at tax increases to generate revenue — something the state could also do, she noted. The council has already been discussing a 1-cent local-option sales tax.

The largest effect for the city would be on local capital projects, she said, such as elevating Dubuque Street and renovating the Park Road bridge, because there is no direct correlation between the state and city budget.

"We may have the income from grants and programs now, but down the road, those state cuts could defer potential projects," she said.

— by Amanda McClure

PUBLIC HEALTH

Disabilities center could see cut; hospitals mostly protected

One UI Hospitals and Clinics program could be affected by Culver's proposed budget cuts — the Center for Disabilities and Development. The office relies partially on state funding.

UIHC spokesman Tom Moore said that because finances are generated through patient programs, budget cuts will not have a large effect on the hospital, and programs such as the Center for Disabilities and Development will be sustained.

"If the governor says 'cut 6.5 percent,' this will have very little effect on a billion-dollar budget," Moore said.

The UIHC has an annual budget of \$1 billion and roughly \$7 million comes from the state, Moore said.

But the reductions will affect the Department of Public Health. The department will receive \$3.2 million less than what was appropriated last year. Culver is recommending rolling three separate funds into the general fund, which includes money Public Health was already receiving.

"Just like everyone else, we are experiencing reductions because of revenue," said Tom Newton, the director of Public Health.

— by Jennifer Delgado

POLICE

Local police can't add new officers

Local law-enforcement agencies are seeing the effects of statewide budget cuts for the fiscal 2010, but officials say the biggest effects will be long-term.

Iowa City police Chief Sam Hargadine said the force would be able to maintain its current level of staffing at 75 officers. Ideally, officials would have asked for more officers.

Iowa City police had to cut around 1 percent from a \$10 million budget, Hargadine said.

A task force on violence against women recommended Iowa City police increase personnel in response to a series of attacks near the UI campus and downtown, though this won't be possible, Hargadine said.

The department will also need to keep squad cars longer, which will possibly have the secondary effect of increasing long-term costs.

"Pay me now, or pay me later," Hargadine said. "And you usually regret the pay-me-later part."

The police will likely need to ask for more funding for fiscal 2011 than they would have otherwise to make up for the current budget, he said.

The state's justice system, one of the areas Culver protected from the budget cuts, will see a 2.4 percent increase in its budget. But some individual departments will still face cuts.

The Iowa Department of Public Safety is facing a 2.5 percent cut, though it will be able to maintain its current number of officers, said spokeswoman Courtney Greene.

— by Regina Zilbermints

COURTS

Courts plan for furloughs, chopped travel expenses

Iowa's judges will preside less often in counties other than their own this year, working with a 60 percent cut to their traveling budgets.

Officials still don't know how much money the Iowa Legislature will appropriate to the state's courts this year, but judicial employees are already aware of the sacrifices they'll be expected to make.

In an Iowa Supreme Court supervisory order, Chief Justice Marsha Ternus recently announced a 60 percent cut to judge and court-reporter travel expenses, in addition to a 25 percent cut for juvenile-court traveling costs. Other judicial employees are encouraged to travel minimally.

Ternus is also extending deadlines and requiring sporadic unpaid layoff days — furloughs — to accommodate the changes.

Steve Davis, the court communications officer for the Iowa Judicial Branch, said the furloughs will severely back up the progress of cases.

"Certain cases, such as criminal, child-abuse and neglect, and mental-health cases, will take priority, but they will slow down, too, because everything will slow down," he said.

While some departments in the state's judicial system will enact budget cuts, Culver's proposed budget allocates \$163 million to the system — the same amount officials requested.

— by Olivia Moran

CORALVILLE

Homestead Property Tax Credit*

*Not part of the general fund.	
FY09 budget estimate	\$99,254,781
FY10 department request	\$99,254,781
FY10 governor's recommended	\$49,348,103

Property taxes to spike in Coralville, Johnson County

Coralville Finance Director Terry Kaeding said Coralville residents will see property taxes increase as an effect of Culver's proposed budget cuts.

Culver's proposal will cut nearly \$50 million from the Homestead Property Tax Credit, said Bill Peterson, the director of the Iowa State Association of Counties. The tax-credit fund — which is not included in the state's general fund — gives eligible homeowners a reduction in their property taxes.

A person "must own and occupy the property as a homestead" and declare residency in Iowa for at least six months each year to qualify for the tax credit, according to the Iowa Department of Revenue.

In fiscal 2009, the tax credit was allocated slightly more than \$99 million. While the Department of Revenue requested the same amount for fiscal 2010, Culver's proposal slices the amount by half to roughly \$49 million.

The credit is essentially the state paying the property taxes on the first \$4,850 of value on a home, Peterson said.

"Homeowners can apply for a homestead credit, and it is currently funded by the state at 72 percent," Kaeding said. "My understanding is the governor is proposing to cut this in half and only reimburse 36 percent."

Without the reimbursements, property taxes will rise approximately \$67 for homeowners statewide, Peterson said. Johnson County's property taxes would increase an estimated \$65, according to his records.

— by Kassie Friedrichs

VICTIM AID

Victim advocacy threatened

Fiscal 2010 could be the last year for some programs provided by the Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault and the Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Unless a stable source of funding is secured for the Victim Assistance Grant, the two coalitions will lose roughly \$4 million in funding, said Elizabeth

Barnhill, the executive director of the Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault.

Lack of funding will result in closing of nearly nine of Iowa's existing programs, each of which serves an average of four counties, mostly in rural areas.

The Iowa Commission on the Status of Women will lose total funding of \$35,933 in fiscal 2010, according to Culver's proposed budget, said Rachel Scott, the director of the Iowa Commission on the Status of Women. As a result, the commission will provide fewer scholarships for summer camps featuring training in science, technology, engineering, and math.

The Iowa Child Advocacy Board administers two programs, including the Court Appointed Special Advocates and the Iowa Citizen Foster Care Review Boards. Culver's budget proposal will reduce state funding for both programs by \$290,772 in fiscal 2010, said Richard Moore, the administrator of the Iowa Child Advocacy Board.

The reduced funding will result in fewer special-advocate volunteers to be assigned to cases involving child abuse and neglect in the juvenile court and fewer cases of children in foster care reviewed by local foster-care review boards, Moore said.

— by Lini Ge

ENVIRONMENT

Less funding for Natural Resources projects, jobs

Under the governor's proposed budget, departments in the state Agriculture and Natural Resources category will receive 33.3 percent — or \$19.3 million — less than officials requested for fiscal 2010.

The Iowa Department of Agriculture faces total cuts of 9.7 percent, including the most recent 6.5 percent in Culver's proposal, said Tess Capps, the communications specialist for the department. The agency's general funds are used to operate erosion control and water-quality projects.

The department will likely have a budget of roughly \$2.1 million less than it operated with this year and around \$16.3 million less than officials wanted.

Department of Natural Resources Director Richard Leopold said the cuts will result in job vacancies in the agency and a decrease in funding for capital projects and equipment.

Along with the cuts, Leopold said, \$3 million was proposed for floodplain management and dam safety, and \$6 million was allocated to offset the 2008 flood damage.

— by Megan Dial

ADMINISTRATION

Cuts slice funding for state administrative services

Culver's proposed budget cuts 11.6 percent from the state's departments that fall into the administration and regulation category, which includes the Department of Commerce, the Governor's and Lieutenant Governor's

Offices, the Department of Human Rights, and the Secretary of State's Office, among others.

His budget gives those divisions nearly \$44 million less than officials requested for fiscal 2010.

The Iowa Division of Banking received a 9.8 percent cut for fiscal 2010 — money Superintendent of Banking Tom Gronstal believed is necessary for the division to maintain a sufficient degree of regulation. The cuts are significant, he said, noting roughly 80 percent of the division's budget is for employees' salaries and benefits.

Officials at the Iowa Insurance Division are trying to find creative answers and figure out their options, said spokesman Tom Alger.

At the Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division, administrator Lynn Walding is also unsure how his agency will deal with the cuts for fiscal 2010.

"It's still cloudy," he said. "We have no formal plan; we're just waiting and holding."

The statewide budget slashing will produce long-term effects on businesses that are relying on consumers with fewer dollars, said UI economics Professor Gabriele Camera.

"If every day, you go out with 100 bucks in your wallet, and now you only go out with 50 bucks, you have to make choices," Camera said.

— by Chris Clark

JOHNSON COUNTY

County will lower poverty eligibility

Johnson County Supervisor Pat Harney said one county service in particular will be affected by Culver's 6.5 percent overall state budget cuts — health and human services.

Mental Health and Disability Services Director Kristen Artley said the program will have 1.5 percent cut from its base funding for fiscal 2010 and a 4 percent reduction in Medicaid reimbursement rates. She's expecting more.

"We were informed not to be surprised if we're having another 6.5 percent reduction of state revenues for the mental-health fund," she said.

Another issue the mental-health agency faces is tougher eligibility rates at the poverty level. In order to create a viable budget, the county must reduce the income level requirement needed to be eligible for county-funded poverty services.

At present, a single-person household qualifies for services if it has a monthly adjusted gross income of \$2,167, or 250 percent of the poverty level, Artley said. The county will lower that to 150 percent of the poverty level, or \$1,300.

Last month, 82 of the mental-health agency's clients who received 100 percent county-funded services fell in that range. This number fluctuates, however, because people are always moving in and out of the system. Others who only rely partially on county-funded services could be affected, too.

Artley said the process will hurt both consumers and providers.

"We're not happy campers," she said.

— by Shane Erstrand



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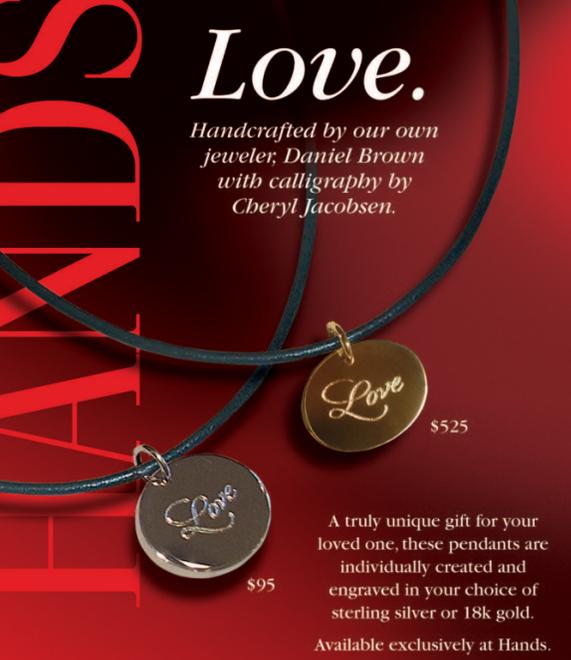
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Small departments fret about cuts

As UI faculty and staff await budget decisions, professors in smaller departments hope to avoid being left behind.

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Although UI officials have announced that pending budget cuts will be as balanced as possible, some faculty are wary of upcoming changes.

Specifically, in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences — which consists of nearly 50 departments and programs — some professors aren't sure if the cuts will be sliced evenly across the university.

Beth Pelton, the head of health and sports studies, said her department's budget is already pretty thin.

"We're a very lean department in many ways, both physically and structurally," she said. The ability to be strictly organized is something unique in smaller UI departments, she said, and it is hard to hide inefficiencies.

The department is quite transparent in its actions, she said, and her group produces quality programs with the few resources available.

Pelton said she was concerned with the criteria by which the departments were being evaluated. Often, decisions are made by how many tenured faculty members each

department has, she said, but that is only one of many variables that represent how successful a department is.

She has been unable to see thus far what sort of cost savings would be made, she said, and she hopes proposals and suggestions from various levels of administration are "not carved in stone."

Susan Birrell, a professor of health and sports studies, said she hopes the quality of a department is recognized, regardless of size.

"All small departments are concerned about losing central

identity," she said, and the uncertainty about final decisions has made it hard to predict the future.

The university may offer fewer classes and fill them with more students than normal next year because of budget cuts, Provost Wallace Loh said.

Budget decisions will not be based on the size of a program, he said, but on its overall role in the UI's core mission.

History Professor Constance Berman said many classes are already functioning under-less-than-ideal circumstances.

One of her classes, she said, has 62 seats for 65 students, forcing them to squeeze three chairs into the back of the room.

But she said that people have remained positive and are

adapting as best as possible.

Berman said next year there may be less opportunity for students to take classes they desire, meaning less flexibility in schedules.

"We'll get through," she said. "We'll fight for resources we need."

Pelton said that for several years, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has had to experience cutbacks through a reduction of resources.

"Many feel they already gave enough," she said. "We don't want to be marginalized disproportionately."

Pelton also said she thinks taking more from one department than another will create inequity at the university.

"By reducing one very strong area, it affects all

areas," she said, and it could also have an effect on the professional colleges.

For the Division of Performing Arts and School of Music — still suffering from flood expenses — there remains uncertainty about what sort of funding will be available, division Director Alan MacVey said.

"It makes it difficult to run without money," he said.

He said division officials are still optimistic in planning for the future, but they are still waiting to see how much will need to be cut.

"If we had to return a lot, it would be terrible," he said, noting his concern of transporting faculty, staff and students to necessary facilities. "We can't stay home and do our work."

City mulls anti-bar zoning

Iowa City officials are making an effort to bring small business back downtown with a proposed zoning law targeting bars.

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The Iowa City City Council is discussing a potential zoning ordinance that would prohibit new bars from being located within 500 feet of existing ones, in an attempt to bring more retail stores to the community, councilors said.

In an effort to create more diversity downtown, the council is considering the zoning law — which would keep new bars from existing next door to current ones — to bring in more shops.

"I've always been supportive of using our zoning to address some issues downtown," Mayor Regenia Bailey said. "We're not kicking anyone out, but I think this may help level the playing field a little bit."

The measure is in the development stages, and it will go to the Planning and Zoning committee next month, where it will be formally introduced to the council. Bailey guessed the council would make a decision on the proposal in March.

"I think part of the decision is that the council doesn't want to discourage whole parts of the community from coming downtown because of a concentration of bars," said Karen Howard, an associate planner

for the city.

Councilor Mike O'Donnell said distinguishing between a bar and restaurant makes the decision to pass the ordinance more difficult.

"Looking at the number of bars by zoning, I think we're very fortunate to be in a college town," he said. "The UI and the students are large percent of the economy."

O'Donnell also noted that many bars in Iowa City employ UI students, which helps both the school and the city.

Bailey said the vibrancy of the area was important to economic growth, but she warned a high concentration of bars could lead to an unbalanced level of interest in the city.

"The 24/7 aspect of downtown is really important, and we don't want to lose that, but we have to be careful as to how far we let it go," she said. "Diversity in our businesses is vital."

Howard said the council has met with outside consultants to evaluate the city's operating economy. One of the suggestions from the firm was to bring a greater variety of local area businesses.

Chris Coleman, the president of the Better Business Bureau of Iowa, said other Iowa towns have put similar

zoning laws into effect.

"I can see where some business owners and the bar business would be concerned that the government is narrowing their options," Coleman said. "But it would also bring in a variety of other stores and more options to the table."

Despite the efforts to bring a greater variety of businesses, rising downtown real-estate prices have forced some local businesses, such as the Cottage and RSVP, away from the city center.

Coleman attributes the rising real estate to a resurgence in the area that increased property values and forced local businesses to move elsewhere.

"The consequence is that small, interesting local shops can't afford to be downtown anymore," Coleman said. "But that's the marketplace at work."

Meanwhile, bars such as Short's Burgers and Shine have moved into the area, and O'Donnell said their recent success may not be a coincidence. Officials at Short's didn't return calls seeking comment Thursday.

"Everything is expensive in Iowa City, and maybe bars are the ones who can pay the bills," O'Donnell said.

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Working out of comfort zone

Worldly writer-editor Peter Eichstaedt spoke to UI students Thursday encouraging them to get their feet wet.

BY KATHLEEN SERINO
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Peter Eichstaedt is on an international mission. The author, journalist, and editor may say he can get in trouble in five different languages, but he'd rather discuss his experiences abroad.

The 61-year-old spoke to a group of UI students and staff Thursday about his time spent in Uganda from 2005-2006 learning of a "rag-tag militia of men and boys" who ravaged Northern Ugandan villages commanded by the "crazed" leader, Joseph Kony.

Eichstaedt read an excerpt from his new book, *First Kill Your Family: Child Soldiers of Uganda and the Lord's Resistance Army*, and discussed the politics of the fertile region, full of witch doctors, wild animals, abductions, and death.

His speech at the University Capitol Centre was part of the Careers for Change lecture series hosted by the UI Center for Human Rights.

Since 2005, the program has invited people involved in social-justice careers to engage students' interest with their backgrounds, career, and experiences.

"It's a terrific opportunity for students to meet someone who is a journalist and editor, a published author, and has a career promoting social justice," Center for Human Rights secretary Liz Crooks said, and she is pleased that Eichstaedt has a broad representation of careers.

Although he studied English, philosophy, and literature, Eichstaedt started reporting at age 16 and has worked in areas of the Balkans, Africa, Europe, and the Middle East.

The self-proclaimed outdoorsman said he's always had an intense interest in justice issues.

"The more I looked into it the more appalled I was," Eichstaedt said of the downtrodden Ugandans. "The situation needed to be brought to the attention of the world at large."

He added that one American journalistic tradition is to give a voice to the voiceless, which he has been doing throughout his career.

Aside from his journalism,

"The more I looked into it the more appalled I was. The situation needed to be brought to the attention of the world at large."

— Peter Eichstaedt, commenting on the downtrodden Ugandans.

Eichstaedt published his first book, *If You Poison Us: Uranium and Native Americans*, in 1994.

His current position as Africa editor for the Institute for War and Peace Reporting, a non-political agency aiming to spread democracy by training journalists all over the world, has led him from his Denver residence to Institute for War and Peace Reporting headquarters in the Netherlands to Africa, where he works with local journalists to improve the quality of their work.

"We don't simply just go to a country and then provide those seminars and classes for journalists and leave," Eichstaedt said. "We establish a permanent relationship with these journalists and provide a forum on our website to write stories."

"We improve the quality of their journalism, then we give them a place to publish."

Eichstaedt also helped set up independent news agencies in Uganda and Kabul, Afghanistan.

UI student Jennifer Pray, 19, thought Eichstaedt's speech was inspiring because of his global perspective.

"I know I want to be a part of the solution," the international studies and dance major said.

Toward the end of his speech, Eichstaedt said he saw a lot of optimism and beauty in Africa, which reaffirmed his faith in humanity. He added he doesn't always report tragedies.

"The [stories] that have been missed are also the best ones," he said.

Eichstaedt told students to ask themselves what kind of world they wanted to live in, and urged them to get out of their comfort zones, going where others avoid.

"It will change your life forever," he said.



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Journalist, author, and editor Peter Eichstaedt gives a talk about the time he spent in Uganda in 2005 and 2006 in the University Capitol Centre on Thursday.

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Editorial

The ped bridge to nowhere

The Iowa City city councilors have voted unanimously to pay the Howard R. Green Co. \$169,414 for design engineering services. The six-figure sum will cover the design of a pedestrian bridge over Interstate 80. According to the *Cedar Rapids Gazette*, the project is estimated to cost \$1.8 million. In our weak economy, the six figures to Green is a waste of public funds; especially given that the bridge is to be built at the North Dodge intersection.

The City Council's minutes indicate that the councilors "anticipate that this construction project will be eligible for federal economic-stimulus funding"; the *Gazette* quotes Public Work Director Rick Fosse as believing the project is a "good candidate" for federal stimulus funding. The project would begin this year and be completed around nine months later, he said.

What exactly will this new pedestrian bridge be stimulating? There seem to be plenty of construction jobs going on around the city between the flood-damaged buildings, the university, and the city's fetish for digging up Burlington Street every few months. Even if the \$1.8 million project provides jobs for nine months, then what are we left with?

A bridge by its very nature is supposed to connect two points. In this case, the bridge would provide pedestrians safe passage across the I-80/North Dodge intersection. Public safety is always a noble cause. However, what exactly are paying the engineers to design a bridge to?

The North Dodge area is populated by a business park, a BP gas station, and a hotel. Where are the pedestrians in need of a bridge and where are they going? If they continue north on Dodge, they end up in farmland. How many joggers running alongside cars going more than 60 mph on a two-lane highway? Do the business-park employees necessitate a pedestrian bridge given the ample parking and a city bus route that stops at Pearson? Bicycle riders are supposed to use the road, so the Council can't justify the bridge on the bikers' behalf.

What is the city going to do if the \$1.8 million price tag isn't covered by the federal government? The councilors have already voted to move forward with a property-tax hike to pay for the city's fourth fire station next year. *The Daily Iowan* reported that the city is scrambling to pay the \$500,000 bill for staffing the fire station and that is only for the first year. Perhaps the city should have used the \$169,414 it just paid for its blueprint for a bridge to nowhere to help pay for the new fire station or for the nine new firefighters it needs to hire.

Even if the funds paid to Green couldn't have been used to offset the increase of \$17.88 in property taxes for every \$1,000 of property value that Iowa City residents will pay to have the luxury of a fourth fire station, the money paid to design a pedestrian bridge to connect farmland to a business park was a waste of public funding. Hopefully, the stimulus funding goes to a more deserving project.

Self-imposed prohibition

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After welcoming the new year with an excessive period of partying, I decided to take a monthlong break from alcohol. Nearly halfway in, I'm actually enjoying the experience.

As is abundantly clear from the numerous columns, editorials, and blog posts I've written on the subject, I oppose most prohibitionist policies regardless of whether they're aimed at alcohol or other recreational drugs. But that doesn't mean I advocate stumbling through life in a perpetual state of intoxication. Though many mind-altering substances have great recreational, spiritual, and even medical potential, moderation in the use of any drug is important if one wants to live a reasonably healthy lifestyle.

My decision to abstain from consuming alcohol during the month of February is as much of a social experiment for me as it is an exercise in willpower. Going a few weeks without drinking isn't difficult, but doing so definitely changes the way I socialize with many of my friends.

I'm not actually spending much less time in bars than I would if I were drinking. This is because I often study and use the Internet at my favorite bar, the Dublin Underground. Later in the evening, particularly on weekends, the Dublin can get a bit too loud for me to get much done. But in the afternoon and on most weekday nights, the bar is quiet enough for me to camp out in a booth and be productive.

Normally, I nurse a few pints of Pabst Blue Ribbon as I read and write, but this month I'm sticking to diet soda and the occasional virgin Bloody Mary, which is basically just a spicy and well-garnished glass of tomato juice. Also, I eventually tend to migrate to the bar to socialize with the staff and other regulars for a while before heading home. I've continued this habit even though this month I often find myself in the unfortunate position of having to turn people down

on their offers of drinks. The biggest change that my temporary teetotalism has wrought is in how I spend my weekend nights.

Anyone who's ever drunk much at all knows the extent to which even a moderate amount of alcohol can alter one's perception of events. Because the friends I often talk with over beers on Friday and Saturday nights are generally all drinking as well, we tend not to notice when the booze begins to have its inevitable detrimental effect on the quality of the conversation. This isn't to say that alcohol-fueled debates, rants, and other mostly friendly verbal jousting can't be a blast. It's just that they are far less engaging if all the other participants are imbibing in the demon rum and I am not. Thus, I've found myself retiring by midnight instead of hanging on until bar close or even beyond that into after hours.

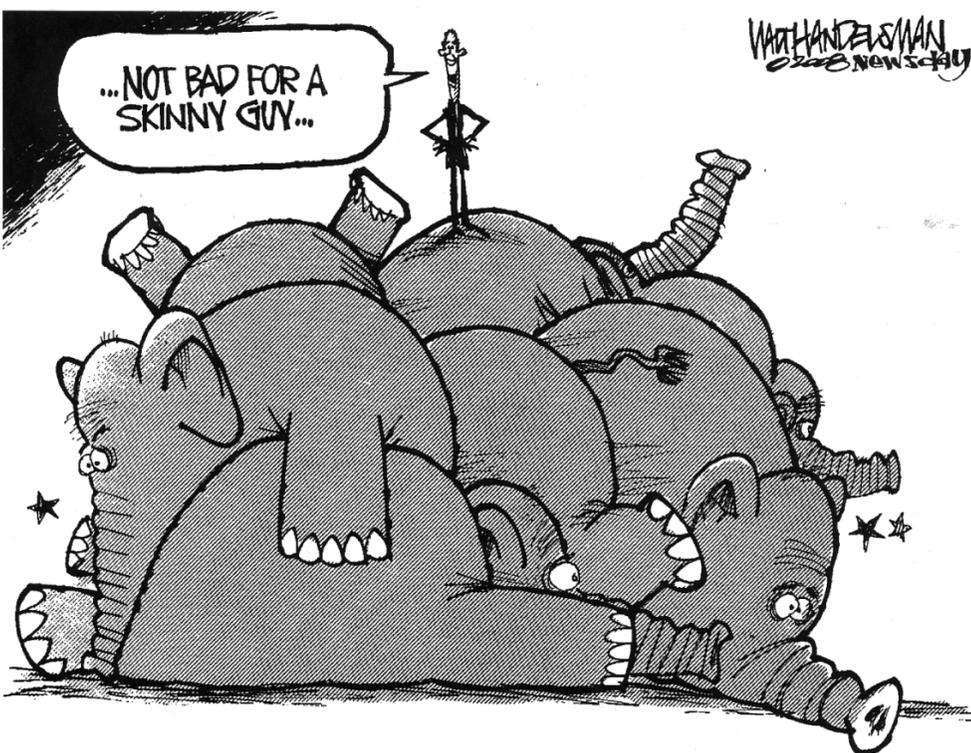
A major upside to going to bed fully sober and at a reasonable hour is that it makes me far more lucid and productive than I'd otherwise be. Instead of being tempted to remain nestled snugly in the tangled mess of blankets that cover my never-made bed until noon or beyond, I'm more likely to wake naturally by 8 or 9 in the morning and be back at work within another hour. An additional benefit of my libation-free lifestyle is the money it's saving me. And it's not just that I'm not buying alcoholic beverages. The secondary expense of late-night fast food is also more easily avoided if I don't have a few pints of beer trying to talk my stomach into demanding a burrito, pita, or sandwich as a nightcap.

Come of the beginning of March, I fully intend to repeal my self-imposed prohibition. I'm glad I'm taking a month off, and it's great to know that I can still have a good time socializing even in the absence of the lubrication that libations provide. But this doesn't change the fact that I really enjoy drinking with my friends. It's a lot of fun, and no other activity is quite like it. However, the most important lesson I've learned over the years I've been drinking is that it's more fun if done in moderation than to excess. ■

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Commentary

Clearing the air about Iowa's smoking ban

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On July 1, 2008, Iowa's Smokefree Air Act went into effect. No chaos ensued. No bars suffered staggering losses in revenue. No one really seemed to notice. In the past months, there have been scant murmurs of amendments, but, because lawmakers have often said the ban will be of little interest in 2009, it seems these discussions would have dissipated by now. But the smoke hasn't cleared yet.

Late last week, *Iowa Independent*, an online-only collaboration of journalists and bloggers, reported that "a bipartisan group of 51 lawmakers in the Iowa House sponsored a bill Feb. 5 to overturn the prohibition of

smoking in outdoor seating and serving areas of restaurants and bars." Fortunately, there are a few open-minded, reasonable legislators serving the state's interest. We need an accepting environment for smokers. If smokers can't light up outside, where else can they go? These lawmakers ought to be commended for their willingness to finally open up discussion on this issue. Debates and complaints began immediately after the ban passed, and although these legislators have taken a step in the right direction, many still have problems and concerns with the act. The prohibition doesn't need to be all-encompassing; establishments should be able to decide for themselves whether smoking

will be permitted.

This matter and others must be officially addressed, although the *Iowa Independent* reports that "Democratic legislative leaders have said previously that a debate over changes to the smoking ban would not happen during the 2009 session."

The debates are already happening, and they need to be heard. In early January, Rep. Mark Smith, D-Marshalltown, proposed a bill that would expand the statewide smoking ban by removing the exempt status of casinos' gambling floors. This proposal has no one's best interest in mind. A major aspect of Gov. Chet Culver's \$700 million infrastructure plan involves casinos. He plans "to use \$56 million annually from gam-

ing tax revenues to secure the \$700 million in bonds over the next 20 years." The success of the infrastructure plan then largely depends on the success of casinos.

Since November 2007, when Illinois casinos were included in a smoking ban, the *Chicago Tribune* reported that their revenues have dropped 20.2 percent. Iowans should feel fortunate that so many are willing to gamble their money during the economic downturn, because gambling may help ameliorate the crisis. But if smoking is soon prohibited in casinos, perhaps we won't be so lucky. Our lawmakers need to hold considerable deliberation on the smoking ban, its reach, and its effects.

The solution to these issues will come out of com-

promise and reconciliation, which means it will come when the ban's reach is limited. Reasonable boundaries can be respected, but oppressive prohibition cannot. The ban is a problem because of how imposing it is. In actuality, it seems more imposing than the secondhand smoke it aims to contain, because in reality, there are very few people who care deeply about this issue: a few fervent activists and some folks at Just Eliminate Lies. For most these days, smoking just isn't that big of a deal.

To determine the validity of this claim, simply refer to the case of Iowa first lady Mari Culver. In November 2008, a *Des Moines Register* reporter spotted her smoking a cigarette. Worse yet,

Mari Culver was smoking in a state-owned vehicle. The Smokefree Air Act, which had been signed by her husband a few months prior, specifically cites government-owned cars as examples in which smoking is prohibited. If laws are hardly recognized by those who pass them, then they are hardly necessary.

America is a land of freedom and choice, not of barriers and oppression. Bar owners should be able to do with their establishments what they will, within reason, and lawmakers should consider and value their input. Smoking ban issues might finally clear out when legislators decide to open the doors of dialogue and windows of compromise — what a breath of fresh air.

Tearing up the genres

Bill Peterson has been a part of the Iowa City music scene for almost a decade; this Saturday his band, the White Tornado Outbreak, will play the Yacht Club.



The White Tornado Outbreak, (from left) Bill Peterson, Steven Bennett, and Kevin Dawson, plays the Mill in December 2008. On Saturday, the group will play with Mannix! and Mint Wad Willy at the Yacht Club.

By **NICK FETTY**
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What happens to a person who describes himself as “the kid in your class who drew comic books with himself as the hero and tight-rolled his jeans even though you told him he wasn’t cool enough,” on his MySpace page? If he’s Bill Peterson, and he is, he gets a cool nickname and starts a band.

Along with Iowa City’s Mannix!, Peterson’s band, the White Tornado Outbreak, will open for Mint Wad Willy on Saturday at the Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn St. The event, which will start at 9 p.m., is being billed as “anti-Valentine’s Day show,” with tickets going for \$5.

With musical influences ranging from Basie to the Beastie Boys to Ben Folds and combining such genres as funk, soul, and hip-hop, the White Tornado Outbreak provides a distinct sound for the Iowa City music scene.

“I listen to a lot of jazz and blues, because I was in jazz band in high school,” Peterson said, “And so guys such as Oscar Peterson, Duke Ellington, and Count Basie [influenced me].”

When Peterson, who began playing piano in fourth grade, entered the UI as an undergraduate, he noticed that Gunnerz (now the home of the Den) offered a blues jam on Monday nights. He borrowed his half-brother’s keyboard

and dragged it to the bar every Monday night. After several years as a regular at the bar, a member of the house band dubbed him “The White Tornado.”

Nowadays, he plays keyboard and writes original music for the White Tornado Outbreak. Peterson met bassist Kevin Dawson, a UI law student, at the Monday night blues jams at the Yacht Club and teamed up with drummer Kevin Ayers (known onstage as Steve Bennett) while working as a pizza delivery driver for Happy Joe’s.

“[Peterson] brings a real jazz sensibility to the music that he writes,” Dawson said. “Then I bring a little bit of funky style to my playing, and then our drummer, Steve Bennett, is more of a rock-style drummer and so the fusion of all those elements makes [our sound] somewhat different.”

Accompanying the group will be Nick Moes on alto sax, Shawn Raja Akbar on tenor sax, and UI music student Brett Messenger on trumpet. The White Tornado Outbreak will play until about 10:30 p.m., when Mannix! will take the stage; Mint Wad Willy will play around midnight.

In March, the White Tornado Outbreak will hit the stu-

dio to start working on its first album, which the band members hope to have out by the end of the semester. They hope to start working on a second album this summer and have it completed by fall.

When Peterson isn’t working on his Ph.D. in astrophysics at the UI, he also plays in a local funk/calypso/reggae band called the Jumbies and occasionally performs as a solo act. As his diverse interests demonstrate, Peterson is a tough person to peg. The same is true for the White Tornado Outbreak.

“We have a couple of songs that might almost seem to be like jazz-type stuff, and we have songs where I rap,” Peterson said, “It’s a range of stuff.”



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OUTBREAK with Mannix! and Mint Wad Willy, at the Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn, on at 9 p.m. Saturday.



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Michael Brafford and Erin Taylor instruct dancers during the UI Swing Dance Club practice at the Field House on Oct. 23, 2006. On Saturday, the Swing Dance Club will host a Valentine’s Dance at Old Brick, with lessons at 7 p.m. and the dance beginning at 8 p.m.

3 swings & you’re in

A popular UI dance club plans to spend Valentine’s Day swinging away.

By **KATIE HANSON**
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The words “swing dance” conjure up a sepia-stained image of guys in cuffed jeans swinging around poodle skirted-ladies, while “Valentine’s Day” denotes grocery aisles stacked with cupid’s throw-up and cheap boxes of chocolate that won’t get sent to you. But the term “UI Swing Valentine’s Dance” is something else entirely, a fresh twist on the World War II era dance and an event for singles and couples alike.

On Saturday, the UI Swing Dance Club will host its annual UI Swing Valentine’s Dance from 8 to 11 p.m.

“The night is intended for everyone in the community to have a getaway,” said UI senior and Swing Dance Club events coordinator Emily Fenton. “It’s a romantic date for couples and also for singles looking for that special someone.”

In order to get everyone involved, the club will hold a lesson prior to the dance at 7 p.m.

“Our goal is to always bring new people in,” Fenton said. “The lesson should give everyone a few pointers to get them started. The people are helpful and enthusiastic, and they have all different experience levels.”

Swing dance can appear intimidating to the less-coordinated, but many of the UI Swing Dance Club’s seasoned

members were once novices before joining the group.

“It’s not hard to pick up, but it takes attention to detail,” said UI senior Erin Taylor, who joined the club during her freshman year. “Once you get the basic pattern, you get excited about the next step.”

She said she was initially drawn to the level of expertise dancers can reach while swing dancing.

“There are endless possibilities with what you can do with the basic pattern,” Taylor said. “You can explore so many levels through the pattern, with your partner, and the music. It’s amazing the complexity you can reach with the simplicity you start out with.”

Swing dancers often switch partners, which could be beneficial for single folks who might be nervous about getting stuck with a dud for the entire night.

“We encourage people to rotate partners,” said Swing Dance Club President Kate Jochum, a UI senior. “It’s not a date-only event. It’s also for people who want to meet others.”

As for other anxieties about the dress code, Jochum and Taylor recommend semiformal dress, but said attire isn’t too rigid.

“People come with vintage dresses, or a nice black dress, and others wear something more modern,” Jochum said.

In fact, dress rules are about as fluid as the dance, which,

DANCE

UI Swing Dance Club Valentine’s Dance

When: 8 p.m. Saturday
Where: Old Brick, 26 E. Market
Admission: \$5 for UI Swing Dance Club members, \$10 for nonmembers

she said, can be performed to many types of music and encompasses numerous dance styles from bebop to the Charleston to ragtime.

“I get the impression people view it as an old people’s dance,” said Taylor. “But it’s not like ballroom; it’s extremely dynamic. It was a dance that was going against the grain — the dance our parents hated.”

The Valentine’s Day Dance is only one of the events the Swing Dance Club hosts throughout the year. The largest — the Hawkeye Swing festival — takes up the entire weekend of April 17 and includes classes, performances, and competitions. The talent is so tough at the festival, Fenton said, that the competition team, the Flying Lindy Hawks, is already practicing its choreography.

While those dancers cut quite a rug, she said, amateurs and first-time swingers need not be discouraged.

“The dance looks more flashy than it is,” she said. “People should just come with the expectation they’ll have a good time. Don’t feel nervous; there’s no need to. Dancing is to have fun.”

TRENDSPOTTER

NEON SHADES

As the temperature rises, it usually means the sun’s rays are shining down a little brighter on the Hawkeye State. Instead of throwing on your sunglasses of old, look at these shades: They’re cooler than Santa Claus licking a popsicle.

Seen here is UI junior Andrea Pace at the Coral Ridge Mall rocking her neon orange Ray-Ban shades. Bright and neon colors seemed to become popular sometime last year, but with the arrival of this spring, almost everybody will go with radiant colors.

Pace’s neon Ray-Bans are not the only bright shades making a spring splash. Many UI students have been showing up in class with inexpensive plastic sunglasses with black around the lenses and a neon color on the side. One can find these shades in many convenience stores — or on the web for \$10 a dozen or so. Most college-age people probably had a pair when they were in preschool — how fashion trends work is a mystery. Even



higher-end Oakley now manufactures similar looking shades, though for a considerably higher price.

The trend is thought to have originated in California, and it is just now getting to the middle part of the

country. Trendsetters may be giving up on high fashion in the current economic crisis and focusing on more inexpensive goods, or people just think the shades look cool.

— by Dan Watson

ENTERTAINMENT

Phoenix returns to ashes in Letterman appearance

NEW YORK (AP) — One night after his memorably weird interview with actor Joaquin Phoenix, David Letterman made a joke in his “Late Show” monologue questioning whether Phoenix was on drugs.

The actor had appeared to forget

the name of his *Two Lovers* co-star, Gwyneth Paltrow, stuck gum under the edge of Letterman’s desk, and apparently cursed at bandleader Paul Shaffer for laughing at him dur-

ing Wednesday night’s show. The appearance put Phoenix up with Farrah Fawcett on the list of late-night TV guests memorable for the wrong reasons.

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Hot protest outside, academic talk inside

Controversial law Professor John Yoo gives a closed-door talk at the UI.

By SHAWN GUDE
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The passionate scene outside the Boyd Law Building on Thursday drew a stark contrast to what was occurring inside the building.

Approximately 25 protesters lined up outside, some with signs — “I disapprove of Yoo,” “Shame on Yoo,” “Who Would Jesus Torture” — while three symbolically wore black pillow cases over their heads.

Inside, controversial University of California-Berkeley Professor John Yoo delivered a chapter from his upcoming book, *Globalization and Structure*, to around 25 UI

College of Law faculty members and two students. A 40-minute question-and-answer session followed.

Notably absent, however, were questions about Yoo's much-debated role in former President George W. Bush's administration, which was the bone of contention for protesters outside.

Instead of addressing accusations of war crimes levied by some, UI law Professor Todd

Pettys said Yoo focused on the effect globalization has on American constitutional law.

From 2001-03, Yoo served as deputy assistant attorney general in the Office of Legal Counsel of the U.S. Department of Justice, a role in which he provided a limited legal definition of torture and argued the Geneva Conven-



Yoo
lecturer

tions didn't apply to detainees from the war in Afghanistan.

Those positions have earned him the ire of civil libertarians and liberals around the country, including Iowa City.

“John Yoo thinks it's OK to torture people, and it's not,” West High senior Robert Mlejnek said. “It is not morally correct.”

UI graduate Liz Mick, who organized the protest, echoed the sentiment.

“We want to show that Iowa City does not condone torture and even with a new administration — we need to make our

voices heard,” she said.

Yoo's visit is one of 21 law faculty-only lectures this year, law Dean Carolyn Jones said. Thus, despite his prominence and controversial opinions on the war on terror, attendees limited their inquiries to Yoo's presentation.

“That's just sort of the nature of the forum,” Jones said. “It's basically just workshopping a paper.”

Akin to other faculty-only lecturers, Yoo will be reimbursed for his travel expenses and will receive \$250 from the privately funded Iowa Law

School Foundation.

Controversy and zeal aside, Jones lauded the way those involved handled themselves.

“I'm pleased that all had the chance to do their part and voice their positions,” she said. “I believe the protesters had the chance to profess their view, and Professor Yoo had the chance to present his paper and get responses to it. And I guess I view that as a pretty good thing, because I'm in charge of an academic operation.”

DI reporter Alex Braddy contributed to this report.

NATION

Gregg withdraws nomination

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican Sen. Judd Gregg of New Hampshire abruptly withdrew his nomination as Commerce secretary Thursday, the third Cabinet-level pick scuttled and the latest political stumbling block in Barack Obama's young presidency.

“I said yes. That was my mistake,” Gregg told reporters at a Capitol Hill news conference. He said he'd always been a strong fiscal conservative. “It really wasn't a good pick.”

The about-face left Obama without a full team to lead the government.

Obama's first choice for Commerce secretary, New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, took his name out of consideration amid a federal investigation dealing with state contracts in New Mexico.

Citing tax problems, Tom Daschle backed out as secretary of Health and Human Services, and Nancy Killefer, whose job is not Cabinet level, withdrew as the government's first chief performance officer. Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner was confirmed despite revelations that he had not paid some of his taxes on time.

Gregg was one of three Republicans Obama had put in his Cabinet to fulfill his campaign pledge that he would be an agent of bipartisan change.

Gregg gave Obama credit for reaching out to him. But, he cited “irresolvable conflicts” with Obama's handling of the economic stimulus and 2010 census.

Lawmakers bargain overtime on stimulus

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reluctant to call it quits, key lawmakers bargained into overtime Thursday on the \$790 billion economic stimulus legislation, dickering over tax cuts and federal spending before reaching an apparent final agreement more than 24 hours after announcing a deal.

Lingering controversy over school-modernization money, a scaled-back tax break for businesses, and other issues forced a delay in final votes on the legislation. But Democratic leaders still hoped for final passage by the weekend.

Republicans, lined up to vote against the bill, piled on the scorn. “This is not the smart approach,” said Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the Republican leader. “The taxpayers of today and tomorrow will be left to clean up the mess.”

President Obama delivered what has become a daily call for congressional action, this time from the industrial heartland. With approval of the bill, he said in Peoria, Ill., companies “may be able to start growing again. Rather than cutting jobs, they may be able to create them again.”

He spoke at Caterpillar Inc., the heavy machinery giant that has announced 22,000 layoffs but says it will rescind some of them once the stimulus passes.

Researchers surprised by bird speed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Little songbirds cover more than 300 miles a day on their annual migrations, flabbergasting researchers, who had expected a much slower flight.

For the first time, scientists were able to outfit tiny birds with geolocators and track their travel between North America and the tropics, something only done previously with large birds such as geese.

New tracking equipment, weighing only a little more than a paper clip, is now allowing the tracking of purple martins and wood thrushes, researchers report in today's edition of the journal *Science*.

“The migration was surprisingly fast,” said Bridget Stutchbury, a professor of biology at York University in Toronto, Canada.

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BASEBALL

The Iowa baseball team will open the season next week at the Big Ten/Big East Challenge in Clearwater, Fla.

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SCOREBOARD

NBA
Miami 95, Chicago 93
Boston 99, Dallas 92
Golden State 105, Portland 98

NHL
Florida 5, Carolina 0

Ottawa 5, Philadelphia 2
Detroit 4, Minnesota 2
Tampa Bay 6, Toronto 4
Nashville 4, St. Louis 3, 50
Vancouver 4, Phoenix 3
Calgary 2, Los Angeles 0

IOWA 85, OHIO STATE 75

Hoopsters stun Ohio State



JOE SCOTT/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa senior guard Kristi Smith prepares to shoot during the Hawkeyes' game against No. 18 Ohio State in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Thursday. Iowa beat the Buckeyes, 85-75, for their 15th win of the season, eighth in Big Ten play.

Iowa beats Ohio State for first time in seven years Thursday night in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

By **MIKE BROWNLEE**
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The drought is over. The Iowa women's basketball team beat No. 18 Ohio State, 85-75, Thursday night in Carver-Hawkeye Arena, picking up a victory against the Buckeyes for the first time since 2002 and with it, its most impressive win of the season.

Iowa improves to 15-9 (8-5 Big Ten) in notching its second victory of the season over a ranked team; it beat then-No. 22 Iowa State on Dec. 7. The win, coupled with Indiana's

loss to Michigan State, moves the Hawkeyes into fifth place in the Big Ten.

"This is a pretty big win for us," Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder said. "It does a lot for our psyche, being able to go into this last five-game stretch knowing we can beat anybody."

The Hawkeyes led throughout the second half, with their biggest cushion late being a 75-63 lead with 3:31 to play.

Ohio State fought back with a seven-point spurt — punctuated by an Ashlee Trebilcock 3-pointer with 1:38 to go — to pull to within five.

From there, the Hawkeyes

ON THE WEB

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sealed the win at the free-throw line, going 10-for-12 over the final 1:34. Sophomore guard Kachine Alexander nailed five freebies during that stretch on her way to finishing 14-for-18 at the line. Alexander finished a double-double of 16 points and 14 rebounds.

Iowa went 26-for-32 from the charity stripe, compared to 3-for-9 by the Buckeyes.

"I thought we did a good job of not letting them get to the free-throw line, sitting in our zone, and also being able to

SEE RECAP, 3B

Feeling the zone

By **JEFF PAWOLA**
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Despite the monster game by No. 18 Ohio State's sophomore Jantel Lavender, the 2008 Big Ten Player of the Year, Iowa managed to the hold in check the rest of the Buckeye roster just enough to claim an 85-75 victory over the Big Ten's only ranked team.

Lavender finished with 32 points, 10 rebounds, four blocks, and three assists. Despite Lavender's huge numbers, Iowa's victory can actually be attributed to limiting her productivity.

"Jantel Lavender is a tremendous player," Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder said. "We tried to give her as much respect as we could with giving her as many people around her to help out because she is such a great player."

It was a story of two halves for the Hawkeyes, with their second half starting at the 5:32 mark in the first half, down 34-28. At that point, Iowa finally figured out how to contain Lavender.

Of the 34 points, the Ohio State center scored 19 points, including the first 13, to start the game, while dishing out three assists, attaching her name to eight more points in the first half.

"They went to the zone, and we weren't moving the ball, and the ball wasn't getting in as easy," Lavender said.

In the meantime, Iowa went on a 19-0 run to finish the remainder of the first half and headed into the locker

SEE LAVENDER, 3B

FOOTBALL

Ferentz gets contract extension

Since becoming Iowa's head coach in December 1998, Kirk Ferentz has been swatting away rumors left and right about his leaving the Hawkeyes for the NFL.

On Thursday, any potential rumors may have been put to rest. Ferentz and Iowa Athletics Director Gary Barta agreed to terms on a new contract that extends the head coach's tenure three years, through the 2015 football season.

According to a press release, no further details have been completed yet. However, it was made clear that Ferentz's salary will remain unchanged under this new contract.

In 10 seasons, Ferentz has taken the Hawkeyes to seven bowl games, winning four of them. Last season, Iowa finished 9-4 en route to a 31-10 Outback Bowl victory over South Carolina.

"I continue to consider it an honor to coach at the University of Iowa, and I am very appreciative of the university extending my contract," Ferentz said in a statement. "Gary Barta and [UI President] Sally Mason have been very supportive of our efforts. I feel fortunate to be at Iowa, and I am very excited about the future of our program."

— by **Brendan Stiles**

GYMNASTICS

GymHawks fly in Ames

The No. 25 Iowa women's gymnastics team knocked off another ranked opponent, defeating No. 19 Iowa State, 194.375-193.825, in Ames.

The GymHawks (7-3, 2-1) had strong showings on the uneven bars, with sophomore Houry Gebeshian and senior Jenifer Simbhudas tying for first at 9.800. Gebeshian also tied for second on the balance beam with a 9.750. Freshman Annie Szatkowski also shone — she tied for first on vault with a 9.825.

After the second rotation, Iowa had a slight edge at 97.550-97.375. Strong performances on the floor exercise helped seal the victory for the GymHawks — five of the six gymnasts scored a 9.800 or higher. Sophomore Kristen Ward tied for second overall on the floor with a 9.875, and Simbhudas and sophomore Arielle Sucich tied for fifth with a 9.825.

Iowa won all team events, and Gebeshian won her third all-around title with a score of 39.100. Simbhudas came in third at 38.500.

The two in-state rivals will meet again on Feb. 16 in Carver-Hawkeye Arena for Iowa's annual "Pink Meet."

— by **Evelyn Lau**

CORRECTION

In the Feb. 12 article titled "GymHawks head to Ames," the DI inaccurately reported that Iowa State had won the most recent meeting in the in-state rivalry last year. Last season, Iowa State won the first dual meet in Ames, but Iowa won the more recent meet in Carver-Hawkeye Arena, 195.35-192.65. The DI strives for accuracy in all its stories and regrets this error.

TV TODAY

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

• No. 13 Villanova at West Virginia, 8 p.m., ESPN

NHL

• Chicago at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m., CSN

NBA

• 2009 NBA All-Star Weekend, Rookie Challenge, in Phoenix, 8 p.m., TNT

IOWA 85, NO. 18 OHIO STATE 75

OHIO STATE (19-5, 10-3)

Allen	3-7	0-1	6
Lavender	15-21	2-5	32
Trebilcock	5-10	0-1	14
Little	0-1	0-0	0
Prahalis	4-12	0-0	9
Jackson	0-2	0-0	0
Moeller	4-7	1-2	11
Daniel	0-0	0-0	0
Johnson	1-6	0-0	3
Schulze	0-1	0-0	0
Walker	0-2	0-0	0
Totals	32-69	3-9	75

IOWA (15-9, 8-5)

Alexander	1-1	14-18	16
Ausdemore	6-8	0-0	14
Skouby	4-9	1-2	9
Wahlin	8-14	1-2	19
Smith	5-17	10-10	20
Draxten	3-6	0-0	7
Hamlin	0-5	0-0	0
Totals	27-60	26-32	85

Halftime — Iowa 47-34

3-Point Goals — Ohio State 8-22 (Lavender 0-1, Trebilcock 4-7, Prahalis 1-5, Moeller 2-3, Johnson 1-5, Schulze 0-1), Iowa 5-11 (Ausdemore 2-4, Wahlin 2-2, Smith 0-2, Draxten 1-3)

Fouled Out — Ohio State (Trebilcock)

Rebounds — Ohio State 35 (Allen 11), Iowa 42 (Alexander 14)

Assists — Ohio State 21 (Prahalis 6), Iowa 17 (Wahlin 5)

Total Fouls — Ohio State 25, Iowa 12

A — 3,263

Wrestlers focus on foes

By **RYAN YOUNG**

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Over the last four years, Iowa 125-pounder Charlie Falck has put together an arguably enviable career. So much so he hasn't thought of it coming to an end this weekend.

Falck said he didn't even know Senior Day was this weekend until his mother reminded him earlier in the week. She needed him to find a picture for the program.

"I haven't really thought about it being my last match in Carver-Hawkeye Arena," the Hawkeye senior said. "I mean, it's kind of hitting me right now, really."

But that shock isn't pulling his focus away from his upcoming challenges — No. 1 Iowa (20-0, 4-0) will face No. 25 Purdue (11-4-1, 0-3-1) at 7 p.m. today, then host No. 11 Minnesota (14-5, 4-1) on Feb. 15.

"You don't prepare any differently," Falck said. "It's the same. You know, business as usual."

Business has been pleasantly steady for the top-ranked Hawkeyes, who stand unbeaten with three weeks remaining until the Big Ten championships beginning on March 7.

With four conference meets until then, Iowa seems poised to take the Big Ten regular-season title once again after winning it outright a year ago.

But despite ample success,



WHITNEY WRIGHT/THE DAILY IOWAN

Hawkeye Daniel Dennis wrestles David Marbie in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Jan. 30. Dennis won, 14-4.

No. 1 Iowa (20-0, 4-0) vs. No. 25 Purdue (11-4-1, 0-3-1)

When: 7 P.M. TODAY
Where: CARVER-HAWKEYE ARENA
Where to listen: KXIC 800 AM

ON THE WEB

Hear more from the Hawkeyes at dailyiowan.com on upcoming meets against Purdue and Minnesota.

emphasis remains on finishing strongly. Since beginning the Big Ten season, Iowa has outscored

No. 1 Iowa (20-0, 4-0) vs. No. 11 Minnesota (14-5, 4-1)

When: 2 P.M. FEB. 15
Where: CARVER-HAWKEYE ARENA
Where to watch or listen: TV: IPTV, RADIO: KXIC 800 AM

its opponents 149-40 — a 109-point margin Falck and his teammates want to extend over the next couple weeks.

"It's getting to be that time of year where there's not that much time

SEE WRESTLING, 3B

Battered Hawks face hot Purdue

A beat-up Iowa team will try to get back on the right track against Purdue Saturday.

By **SCOTT MILLER**

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Iowa head coach Todd Lickliter left Madison, Wis., on Feb. 11 with his young team beaten up.

Freshman Matt Gatens, Lickliter's leading scorer, caused a potential seven-point halftime deficit to balloon to 12 with a technical foul. The Hawkeyes' second-leading scorer, sophomore Jeff Peterson, slipped on the Kohl Center floor late in the contest, injuring his hamstring.

And Lickliter's leading rebounder, senior Cyrus Tate, was unable to play against the Badgers because of recurring effects from his ankle injury.

Considering all this, it's amazing the Iowa plane did-

Iowa (13-12, 3-9) vs. No. 20 Purdue (18-6, 7-4)

When: 3:05 P.M. SATURDAY
Where: CARVER-HAWKEYE ARENA
Where to watch or listen: BIG TEN NETWORK, RADIO: KXIC 800 AM

LINEUPS

Purdue (18-6, 7-4)

F JaJuan Johnson	6-10	215	So.
F Nemanja Calasan	6-9	247	Sr.
G Chris Kramer	6-3	207	Jr.
G Keaton Grant	6-4	208	Jr.
G E'Twaun Moore	6-4	188	So.

Iowa (13-12, 3-9)

F Matt Gatens	6-5	215	Fr.
F Jarryd Cole	6-7	250	So.
G Devan Bawinkel	6-5	210	Jr.
G Jeff Peterson	6-0	192	So.
G Jake Kelly	6-6	185	So.



Todd Lickliter
coach

n't have engine failure on the way back Iowa City after the team's 69-52 drubbing at the hands of Wisconsin.

But the Hawkeyes (13-12, 3-9) landed safely on the runway — only to have another challenge ahead of them. No.

SEE MEN'S BASKETBALL, 3B

SPORTS 'N' STUFF

WOMEN'S BIG TEN BASKETBALL

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Michigan State	11	3	.786	18	7	.720
Ohio State	10	3	.769	19	5	.792
Purdue	10	4	.714	17	8	.680
Minnesota	9	4	.692	17	7	.708
Iowa	8	5	.615	15	9	.625
Indiana	8	6	.571	15	8	.652
Wisconsin	5	9	.357	15	10	.600
Penn State	4	9	.308	9	14	.391
Illinois	4	10	.286	8	17	.320
Michigan	3	10	.231	10	14	.417
Northwestern	2	10	.167	6	17	.261

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Boston at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
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 N.Y. Rangers at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
 Chicago at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.
 Vancouver at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
 Montreal at Colorado, 8 p.m.

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic	W	L	Pct	
Boston	44	11	.800	
Philadelphia	27	24	.529	
New Jersey	29	23	.553	
New York	21	31	.404	
Toronto	21	34	.382	
Southeast				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Orlando	38	13	.745	—
Atlanta	31	21	.596	7%
Miami	28	24	.538	10%
Charlotte	15	31	.404	17%
Washington	11	42	.208	28
Central				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	40	11	.784	—
Detroit	27	24	.529	13
Milwaukee	26	29	.473	16
Chicago	23	30	.434	18
Indiana	21	32	.399	20%

Gymnasts try to regain touch

Men's gymnasts hope the extra week off and home crowd will spark improvement this weekend.

By JORDAN GARRETSON
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Improvement — it's what the Iowa men's gymnastics team focuses on doing at each and every meet.

On Saturday, the No. 14 Hawkeyes will look to show some improvement when they host No. 6 Minnesota and No. 9 Nebraska in the Field House in their last home competition of the season. Minnesota defeated Penn State in its last action, and Nebraska is coming off a third-place finish in the Stanford Open, behind California and Stanford.



Reins senior

"It's a big challenge," head coach Tom Dunn said. "But they're our neighbors, our primary rivals. The competitions are also pretty close, so we're looking forward to a good meet."

After winning its only other home meet this season, over Illinois-Chicago on Jan. 24, the Hawkeyes went to Ann Arbor, Mich., the following week looking to build momentum off their success against the Flames. However, Iowa regressed, falling to Michigan, 347.90-321.55.

"I think after the meet, we were all pretty disappointed in how we competed," said senior Geoff Reins, a competitor in the floor exercise and the vault.

He was one of the few bright spots in Iowa's loss to the Wolverines. The Buffalo Grove, Ill., native scored 15.65 in the vault to earn first place, while his 14.35 in the vault put him in third.

"Again, Geoff Reins is really the leader in performance so far," head coach Tom Dunn said. "He won vault and did a real good job on floor, too."

This week, Hawkeyes other than Reins will need to step up in order for the team to perform the way it wants to.

One thing that could work in Iowa's favor is extra preparation — the Hawkeyes

Iowa men's gymnastics vs. No. 6 Minnesota and No. 9 Nebraska

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Go to dailyiowan.com to hear more on this weekend's triangular meet in the Field House featuring Iowa, Minnesota, and Nebraska.

will have had 14 days since their loss to Michigan. Dunn said the break from competition has proven beneficial.

And who knows? That extra time to rest and improve routines could prove to be the X-factor the Hawkeyes have looked for.

"These past two weeks we've had off, we've been doing a lot of routines and a lot of fixing of our mistakes," junior Reid Urbain said. "I think with this next competition, it will be a real test of how much hard work we've been doing, and it should be what we're going to show the rest of the year."

The Hawkeyes also feel being in familiar surroundings again will be beneficial. Saturday's triangular meet is scheduled to take place in the Field House North Gym, where Iowa usually practices, as opposed to the Main Deck, where the Hawkeyes' meet against Illinois-Chicago took place.

"Even in the Main Deck, it's still kind of different," junior Jonathan Buese said. "But when we're [in the North Gym], we work out here every single day, so it's definitely better."

Then there's Saturday being "Senior Night" for the Hawkeyes — they will honor Reins and Diego Mercadon-Austin.

"I think I've kept on doing what I've done the last four years," Reins said. "I do realize that this is my last year, so my goal is to help this team and hopefully, go out the best I can."

MEN'S BIG TEN BASKETBALL

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Michigan St.	10	2	.833	20	4	.833
Illinois	8	4	.667	20	5	.800
Ohio St.	7	4	.636	17	5	.773
Purdue	7	4	.636	18	6	.750
Minnesota	7	5	.583	19	5	.792
Penn St.	6	6	.500	17	8	.680
Wisconsin	6	6	.500	15	9	.625
Michigan	5	7	.417	15	10	.600
Northwestern	4	7	.364	13	9	.591
Iowa	3	9	.250	13	12	.520
Indiana	1	10	.091	6	17	.261

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- (1) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 188.001.
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 - (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 187.402.
 - (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 186.896.
 - (14) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 187.336.
 - (8) Brian Vickers, Toyota, 185.858.
 - (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 187.727.
 - (2) Juan Pablo Montoya, Chevrolet, 187.743.
 - (20) Joey Logano, Toyota, 186.753.
 - (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 186.451.
 - (8) Aric Almirola, Chevrolet, 187.649.
 - (12) Bobby Labonte, Ford, 187.211.
 - (13) Kurt Busch, Dodge, 185.38.
 - (48) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 187.079.
 - (9) Casey Mears, Dodge, 185.517.
 - (69) Carl Edwards, Ford, 186.389.
 - (36) Scott Riggs, Toyota, 185.893.
 - (41) Jeremy Mayfield, Toyota, 185.082.
 - (98) Paul Menard, Ford, 187.044.
 - (44) AJ Allmendinger, Dodge, 185.77.
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 - (82) Scott Speed, Toyota, 186.842.
 - (17) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 186.614.
 - (21) Bill Elliott, Ford, 187.739.
 - (28) Travis Kvapil, Ford, 187.574.
 - (78) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 186.924.
 - (66) Terry Labonte, Toyota, Past Champion.

TRANSACTIONS

- BASEBALL**
American League
 LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Agreed to terms with OF Bobby Abreu on a one-year contract.
 MINNESOTA TWINS—Agreed to terms with OF Delmon Young on a one-year contract.
TAMPA BAY RAYS—Agreed to terms with LHP Brian Shouse on a one-year contract. Designated RHP Juan Salas for assignment.
National League
 COLORADO ROCKIES—Agreed to terms with LHP Randy Flores on a minor league contract.
 MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Braden Loper on a one-year contract. Claimed RHP Nick Green off waivers from the L.A. Angels. Designated C Vinny Rottino and RHP Luis Pena for assignment.
 ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Agreed to terms with OF Rick Ankiel on a one-year contract.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Agreed to terms with 1B Adam Dunn on a two-year contract.

TOP 25 COLLEGE BASKETBALL

- Notre Dame 90, #5 Louisville 57
 #18 Arizona State 74, #11 UCLA 67
 #19 Gonzaga 72, St. Mary's 70
 #21 Utah State 62, Idaho 53
 #22 Illinois 60, Northwestern 59
- WOMEN'S SCORES**
 #5 Auburn 81, Kentucky 69
 #24 Vanderbilt 84, #9 Florida 68
 #11 Maryland 94, #17 Virginia 78
 #15 Tennessee 80, Alabama 61
 Iowa 85, #18 Ohio State 75
- Other Scores**
 Drake 57, Southern Illinois 46

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
Atlantic	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	35	17	3	73	172	136
Philadelphia	28	16	9	65	169	158
N.Y. Rangers	30	20	5	65	140	153
Pittsburgh	27	24	5	59	169	169
N.Y. Islanders	16	32	6	38	133	182
Northwest						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	GB
Boston	39	9	7	85	190	126
Montreal	29	20	6	64	166	166
Buffalo	28	21	6	62	162	151
Toronto	22	25	10	50	165	204
Ottawa	20	25	8	48	130	152
Southeast						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	GB
Washington	34	16	5	73	182	160
Florida	27	19	8	62	156	150
Carolina	27	23	5	59	142	161
Tampa Bay	19	25	11	49	141	171
Pacific	19	32	5	43	157	194

WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Central	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	37	11	7	81	208	159
Chicago	30	14	8	68	175	134
Columbus	26	23	5	57	145	152
Nashville	26	26	3	55	135	156
St. Louis	22	25	7	51	157	171
Northwest						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	GB
Calgary	32	18	5	69	171	160
Vancouver	26	20	8	60	164	159
Minnesota	28	23	3	59	139	124
Edmonton	25	29	1	58	153	168
Colorado	22	29	1	51	148	169
Pacific						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	GB
San Jose	37	7	8	82	178	123
Anaheim	28	24	5	61	159	158
Dallas	26	20	7	59	162	165
Los Angeles	24	22	7	55	138	147
Phoenix	25	26	5	55	140	168

Baseball will try to bounce back

Iowa baseball looks for improvement as it enters the 2009 season.

By JEFF PAWOLA
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Only two years removed from claiming the No. 4 seed in the Big Ten Tournament, the Iowa baseball team wants to rebound from the 2008 season's last-place finish.

The Hawkeyes failed to make the Big Ten Tournament and finished 22-33, their worst finish since 2004. Yet, the Hawks are optimistic about a turnaround this year, with a freshman class touted as the best in the Big Ten and the return of senior shortstop Justin Toole, who has found his name on the Brooks Wallace Player of the Year watch list as well as a member third-team pre-season all-American list, according to *Ping! Baseball*.

"Last year was something we can build on. Obviously, it was a disappointment, but at the same time it's done, it's over with, and we just have to move forward," Toole said. "The Big Ten Tournament is something that we're striving for, winning that Big Ten championship and getting to the postseason."

Iowa will start the Big Ten season the same way it started last year's, with two series against teams that finished

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atop the Big Ten standings — Michigan, which finished in first, on March 27 and Purdue, the runner-up, on April 3. Iowa went 1-7 against the Wolverines and Boilermakers to start the 2008 campaign and was essentially planted at the bottom of the standings for the duration of the season.

Iowa head coach Jack Dahm stressed the importance of starting strong in order to avoid the bottom altogether.

"[Michigan and Purdue are] the teams we start out with again, and we didn't handle that very well, I'll take the blame for that," he said. "Instead of going out there and just playing it one game at a time, our guys were so concerned about winning three-out-of-four in a series and trying to move up and make that Big Ten Tournament."

Iowa had trouble finishing games last year due to the absence of senior closer Mike Schurz, who redshirted the 2008 campaign because of Tommy John surgery. The Hawkeyes were 5-17 in games decided by two runs or less,



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Hawkeye third baseman and center fielder Kody McManis does a drill during practice on Thursday. McManis started 23 games and played in 34 last season.

but with the return of Schurz, Iowa is hoping to have a formidable closer to finish things off — the Norfolk, Va., native led the team in saves with nine, and wins, finishing 6-1 in 2007.

"[Schurz coming back is] a big help for us, too," Dahm said. "Last year, if you look we had some tough losses last year. I can't tell you how many times in the seventh and eighth inning we had the lead, and we just didn't have a guy that could get that last out for us."

"Mike Schurz is a proven closer, he looks healthy ... To get him back our team plays a lot differently ... there's a

sense of confidence from our players when you got a guy like Mike who can get that last out."

Iowa will open play in Clearwater, Fla., at the Big East/Big Ten Challenge against Illinois on Feb. 20, followed by games against Georgetown on Feb. 21 and St. John's on Feb. 22.

"Anytime you can get out of this cold weather for a couple days is pretty cool. We're really looking forward to that in the Big Ten/Big East Challenge," sophomore pitcher Zach Kenyon said. "Getting out there and seeing what other conferences can bring, it's definitely something we look forward to do."

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Women upset Buckeyes

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create situations to get ourselves to the free-throw line," Bluder said. "I thought we attacked very well off the dribble."

It was first win against Ohio State in 11 tries.

When the final buzzer sounded, Iowa senior Kristi Smith jumped into fellow senior Lindsey Nyenhuis' arms in jubilation, a move Smith said was mapped out while eating hot wings the night before.

"It was a planned event," the point guard said. "Niner and I talked about it last night. I've been dreaming about this win for four years."

Smith led the Hawkeyes with 20 points, followed by freshman guard Kamille Wahlin, who scored 19 on 8-of-14 shooting and also dished out five assists.

"She's feisty," Ohio State head coach Jim Foster said of Wahlin. "She's can shoot the 3, can hit the mid-range jumper, she can change speeds. She's a real good player."

Senior forward Wendy Ausdemore rounded out the balanced Iowa attack with 14 points.

Ohio State sophomore Jantel Lavender had a big game for the Buckeyes, scoring 32 points on 15-of-21 shooting, with 10 rebounds, four blocks and three assists. Trebilcock followed with 14 points.

Lavender dominated the first half, scoring the first 13 points for Ohio State on the way to scoring 19 in the half.

The Buckeyes pulled ahead 32-27 after a Brittany Johnson 3-pointer with 8:17 to go. The Hawkeyes counter-punched, outscoring the Buckeyes 20-2 over after the Johnson trey and led 47-34 at the half.

Lavender puts on a real show

LAVENDER
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room ahead, 47-34. Iowa switched from its man-to-man defense to a 2-3 zone and gave help to the Iowa centers, senior Megan Skouby and junior JoAnn Hamlin.

"We basically went with our zone to try to add extra help around her, try to add a few more hands around her so she wasn't able to get the ball as much," Bluder said. "Again, she's an outstanding player and she still ends up with 32. So I'm not sure how much we slowed her down."

Lavender scored only 13 points in the final 25:32, forcing other Ohio State players to step up.

"Our scoring can't be 30, 5, 2 and 3. Because they have however many people in double figures?" said Ohio State senior

Ashlee Trebilcock, who finished 14 points.

Every Iowa starter scored in double figures except for senior Megan Skouby, who was guarded by Lavender and finished with nine points. Not only that, but Iowa's reserve center and junior JoAnn Hamlin was held scoreless in part to Lavender's defense.

"She's a great player, there's no refuting that, there's no argument there," Skouby said. "She's just a physical body to be in there on the post, so it's kind of brutal."

On the year, Lavender averages the most points and rebounds in the Big Ten, with 21 points and 10.8 rebounds, and is the only player in the Big Ten to average a double-double.

"As long as we win, [Lavender] could [score] 50. I don't really care," Bluder said.

Wrestlers may miss 2 starters

WRESTLING
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left," Falck said. "We want to put fear in our opponents, and we can do that by going out and wrestling well and scoring points."

On the injury front, the Hawkeyes may be without starters Jay Borschel at 174 and Dan Erikson at heavyweight this weekend.

Iowa head coach Tom Brands was optimistic about Borschel's return to the mat after he missed his third meet of the season on Sunday against Penn State to recover from minor arthroscopic knee surgery on Jan. 29.

Brands said Borschel wanted to wrestle last weekend, but the coaching staff decided against it, supplying the junior extra time to heal. But for the two upcoming dual meets, Brands is letting Borschel decide what's best.

"It's up to him," Brands said. "He's a go more than likely. And that's not 100 percent. That's me talking."

The third-year Hawkeye coach classified his 285-pound

junior Erikson as being "in the middle of the road."

During Iowa's meeting with Michigan State on Feb. 6, Erikson sprained an ankle in the opening seconds with the Spartans' Alan O'Donnell.

The No. 7 heavyweight couldn't speculate about the likelihood of his return, but he said he's hoping to make one final home appearance before the end of the season.

"That's what I'm shooting for," Erikson said. "So far, every day, [the ankle has] been getting a lot better."

Brands isn't fretting about his star-studded lineup with the Hawkeyes' favored on paper in nearly every matchup against Purdue and Minnesota.

"The fact is that it's not the most important time of the year," Brands said. "And do we have to have them out on the mat? No."

Men face B'makers

MEN'S BASKETBALL
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20 Purdue (18-6, 7-4) will come to town Saturday coming off a 14-point blowout win at home over Penn State.

The Boilermakers' sophomore duo of JaJuan Johnson and E'Twaun Moore combined to score 22 points in Purdue's 75-53 thumping of the Hawkeyes on Jan. 18 in West Lafayette, Ind. Since then, the Big Ten's preseason favorite lost its third-leading scorer, sophomore forward Robbie Hummel, to a hairline fracture in his lower back.

On the Hawkeyes' injury front, Peterson said while he hoped to play against Purdue, his hamstring was "pretty sore" after the Wisconsin game.

Tate's condition remains a mystery after Lickliter decided not to play his senior because he was "concerned we were just going to give him another setback." Iowa is 1-7 without its team captain in the lineup.

"We kind of knew that he wasn't going to ... be able to play very much," Iowa sophomore Jake Kelly said after the Wisconsin game. "We've got other guys ... who just need to fill his shoes."

While Lickliter won't know the status of Peterson and Tate until close to game time

on Saturday, he's certain his team will have to limit its turnovers against a solid Purdue defense. In the teams' last meeting, the Hawkeyes turned it over 19 times, while only making 18 field goals.

It was a similar story against Wisconsin, when Iowa gave up the ball 14 times and allowed the Badgers to score 29 points off those turnovers.

"We shot it well," Lickliter said of his team's 50-percent shooting performance. "[We] couldn't take care of it. ... You're not going to win if you have four assists and 14 turnovers against Wisconsin."

With only six regular-season games remaining, the Hawkeyes are running out of time to improve their place in the Big Ten. Gatens contends Iowa needs to revert to the team that jumped out to a 9-2 record, and not become complacent with the squad that has lost 10 of its last 14.

"I think you can still see some good things, ... but we didn't build off our last [win]," he said. "[We need to] just keep doing the things that work."

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Men's tennis to play two

Iowa men's tennis prepares for a challenging home stand this weekend.

By AMIE KIEHN
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Tennis matches are often associated with a serene and composed environment, where the smack of ball on racquet is the primary sound.

And yet, the Iowa men's tennis match Feb. 8 against Denver brought out an enthusiastic crowd after the match was tied 3-3 with one singles match remaining. After a 7-6 and 3-6 set, Iowa's Reinoud Haal and Denver's Benny Althaus faced off to break the tie in the third set.

In the end, Haal lost the final set, 6-3, and the Hawkeyes fell, 4-3.

Iowa head coach Steve Houghton anticipates more matches to be very close.

"I will expect a lot of matches like the one we had with Denver for the rest of the year," said Houghton, who is in his 28th season at the helm for the Hawkeyes. "[There] will be a lot of 4-3 matches right down to the wire, that type of thing."

This week, the Hawkeyes (2-1) prepared for this weekend's home stand. Iowa will play Illinois State today at 3:30 p.m., then face Western Michigan at noon Feb. 15 in the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex.

The Hawkeyes won a 4-3 match against Western Michigan last season despite losing all three doubles matches, and they also hold a 20-0 advantage against today's counterpart. But despite that success, the Hawkeyes know no result is guaranteed.

"Every match is going to be a challenge," Houghton said. "We actually have a few guys sick right now, and hopefully, they will be OK by then. Whether they are or aren't, these will be two challenging matches."

While doubles were a trial against Western Michigan last year, 2009 has featured exceptional Hawkeye doubles play. They have only lost one doubles match thus far — Reinoud Haal and Greg Holm lost to Indiana



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Hawkeye senior Christian Bierich serves during the No. 1 singles match against Denver's Martin Zimmerman at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex on Sunday. Bierich lost the match (6-3, 7-5).

Iowa men's tennis

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State's Lorenz Ilg and Jon Sigurdsson on Feb. 6.

The addition of freshman Will Vasos has aided the Hawkeyes — the Fort Collins, Colo., native has been stable in Houghton's lineup as the No. 4 singles player.

In the Feb. 8 meet against Denver, he fell to Yannick Weihs (3-6, 6-2, 6-4). After the grueling match, Vasos remained focused on improving during the rest of the season.

"[I need to] work on fighting for every point, not giving up points, and definitely work on serving," he said. "But I would say focusing throughout the match is the biggest thing for me."

Despite the loss against Denver, Houghton was impressed with his freshman's performance.

"He really had solid, solid games," he said. "You don't have to do a lot of talking with him."

HAWKEYE SPORTS

Women's track off to Ames with an aim

While the in-state rivalry isn't as big a deal in track and field, the competition between Iowa and Iowa State will definitely be high this weekend.

The Iowa women's track and field team will head to Ames for the annual Iowa State Classic, which begins today.

Last weekend, the Hawkeyes had a good all-around meet at Notre Dame. Leading the way was senior Racheal Marchand, who finished 11th in the 3,000 meters with a time of 9:35.25, the seventh-best in school history. As well, Iowa received solid efforts from Karesa Farley, Renee White, Rhonda Kaye-Trusty, and Bethany Praska.

The goal this weekend will be to continue along that same track on their way to the Big Ten meet.

"We are going in looking to do well," Iowa head coach Layne Anderson said. "We'll see where we are at the end of the weekend."

After this weekend, the Hawkeyes will return home for the Iowa Invitational on Feb. 20.

- by Jake Krzczowski

Softball heads back to Southwest

The Iowa softball team will again visit the Southwest this weekend to play at the Littlewood Classic in Tempe, Ariz.

The Hawkeyes (3-2) will face Idaho State (0-5) at noon today, followed

two hours later by a contest against Kent State (4-1).

From there, the competition heats up on Saturday — Iowa will face No. 3 Arizona State, the tourney's host team. The Sun Devils, the defending national champions, come into this weekend with a 5-1 mark after losing for the first time this season on Feb. 8 to Texas-El Paso.

In last year's Littlewood Classic, Arizona State defeated Iowa, 1-0.

Winning tournaments early on and challenging big-time opponents such as the Sun Devils are team goals this season for the Hawkeyes.

"We want to compete with top-ranked teams and play our game, even if they're not a top-ranked team," junior first baseman Katie Brown said. "We're playing Iowa softball all-around, and I think progressing, getting better every time."

- by Mike Slusark

Men's track splits up again

The Iowa men's track and field team will send split squads to compete in a pair of meets this weekend.

One group of Hawkeyes, consisting of mostly veteran competitors, will make the two-hour journey to Ames to compete with Iowa State as well as several national powers at the Iowa State Classic.

Events are set to kick off in the

Lied Recreation Center at 9 a.m. today.

"I think what will really tell the story [for our team] is after this weekend at Iowa State," Iowa head coach Larry Wiczorek said. "The oversized track and a tough national-level meet, so I think it's kind of a two-week operation to get to that level where we feel like we're ready to go into the Big Ten championships."

The other squad of Hawkeyes, mostly underclassmen, are set to compete at the Husky Classic in Seattle.

Competition is set to begin Saturday at 8:30 a.m. PST; it will be held in the Dempsey Indoor Facility on the Washington campus.

- by Zach Smith

Women's tennis heads south

The Iowa women's tennis team is logging some serious frequent-flyer

miles. After trips to Waco, Texas, and Milwaukee, the Hawkeyes will travel for the third weekend in a row, this time to take on a pair of SEC opponents.

On Saturday, Iowa (4-2) will head to Tuscaloosa, Ala., to compete in a noon dual meet against Alabama. The Hawkeyes will then go to Oxford, Miss., to face Ole Miss at 10 a.m. Feb. 15.

Iowa hopes to build on its two wins from last weekend in Milwaukee against Louisville and Marquette.

Playing well for the Hawkeyes are freshman Sonja Molnar and junior Kelcie Klockenga, who are both off to 5-1 starts in singles competition at the Nos. 1 and 5 spots in the lineup.

Iowa will return home next weekend for the first time since its Jan. 25 victory over Northern Iowa. The Hawkeyes will host DePaul on Feb. 20 at 3 p.m. in the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex.

- by Robbie Lehman

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GOLF

Men's golf in Florida for inaugural tourney

The Iowa men's golf team will compete in the inaugural Big Ten Match Play Championships in Coral Springs, Fla., starting with the quarterfinals today. Saturday's semifinals and championship match will conclude the event.

The Big Ten is the first conference to integrate the match-play format — one that is similar to the new format that will make its debut at this year's NCAA championships.

Teams will send six golfers to the event, with each competing against one from the opposing school for that match. Each match will be 18 holes, and the winning golfer will accumulate one point for his team, and tying golfers will both earn a half-point for their teams. Three-and-a-half team points will mark a team victory.

Teams are seeded based on fall season results, and Iowa enters as the conference's fifth seed. Its quarterfinal opponent is No. 4 Michigan.

The Hawkeyes will be represented by senior Cole Peevler, sophomores Vince India and Brad Hopfinger, and freshmen Brad George, Barrett Kelpin, and Chris Brant. The match is scheduled for a 7:45 a.m., start.

- by Jordan Garretson

BASKETBALL

No. 22 Illinois beats Northwestern 60-59

EVANSTON, Ill. (AP) — Demetri McCamey scored 21 points and banked in the go-ahead jumper with 2.9 seconds left and No. 22 Illinois rallied from 14 points down to beat Northwestern 60-59 on Thursday night.

Trent Meacham scored 12 of his 15 points in the final 5 minutes as the Illini (20-5, 8-4 Big Ten) rallied from a 57-43 deficit.

He hit a 3-pointer from the corner with a minute left and added a layup to make it a one-point game with 42.6 seconds left after a turnover by Northwestern (13-9, 4-7). Meacham then stripped Michael Thompson underneath the Wildcats basket with 14.7 seconds left, and he found McCamey on the right wing for the winning jumper.

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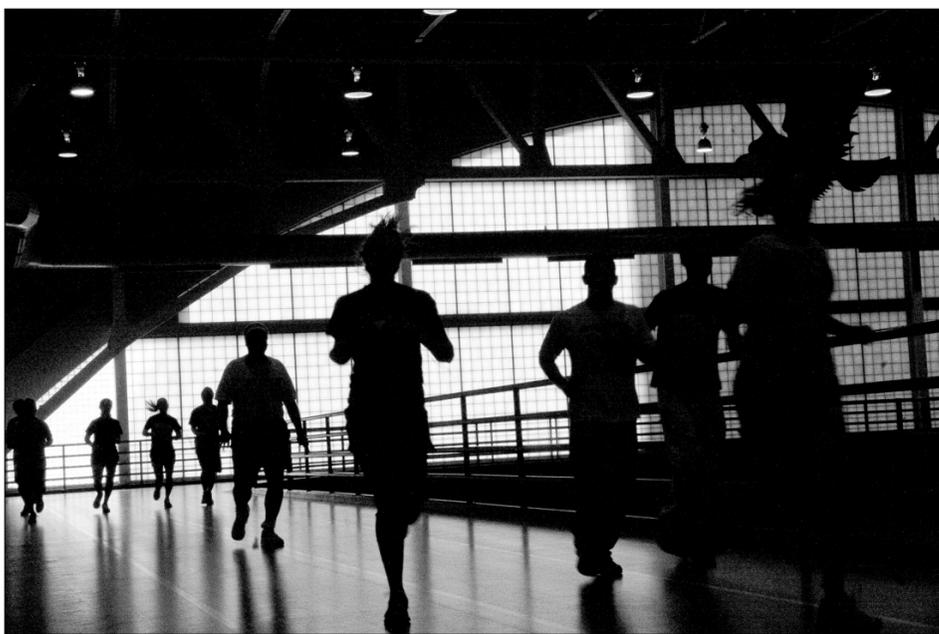
Thoughts on Thoughts for a Bad Hair Day, by Mary Ellen Edmunds

- "If you got a hole-in-one every time you went golfing, the enjoyment and challenge of it would soon disappear." Maybe, but I'm pretty sure I could successfully supplant the enjoyment and challenge of golf with the gobs and gobs of PGA prize money.
- "There's more energy in a pound of desire than in a pound of talent." And more still in a pound of pure, Colombian booger sugar.
- "They say a clean desk is the sign of a troubled mind." "They" — of course — being the voices in my head.
- "What's the response of others when they hear your name?" If it's been a good writing day? A smile. A really good writing day? Abject fear.
- "You don't have to be poor to be miserable." But it sure helps! (Wocka Wocka Wocka!)
- "A test of good manners is to be able to tolerate bad manners." Another test of good manners is to attempt something new in bed without bitching all the next day to your friends, Jaclyn. WE BOTH AGREED TO TRY IT.
- "You can pretend to care, but you can't pretend to be there." Simply not true; you can pretend to be anything.

At this very moment I'm pretending I'm a gnome who lives in Jessica Alba's underwear drawer.

- Andrew R. Juhl bought the pocket-sized book *Thoughts for a Bad Hair Day* at a consignment store for 25 cents. It was almost worth the money.

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With the return of cooler weather, runners use the indoor track at the Field House on Thursday.

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

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today's events

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- "Powerlines to the Future," conferences and workshops, untimed event, 1117 University Capitol Center; free film, *Scarred Lands, Wounded Lives*, 7:30 p.m.
- Darwin Day Symposium, untimed event, Biology Building East Kollros Auditorium
- English Conversation Group, 10 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- Iowa City Foreign Relations Council Luncheon, "First Kill Your Family: Child Soldiers of Uganda and the Lord's Resistance," Peter Eichstaedt, Africa editor for the Institute for War and Peace Reporting, noon, Congregational Church, 30 N. Clinton
- "Java Blend," William Elliott Whitmore, noon, Java House, 211½ E. Washington
- Noon Knit, noon, Hardin Library
- UI College of Law Lecture, Alex Johnson Jr., University of Virginia, 12:30 p.m., 225 Boyd Law Building
- Knitting Nurse, 2 p.m., Home Ec. Workshop, 207 N Linn
- Young Coyotes, with Single Indian Tear and Olivia Rose Muzzy, 5 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
- Beautiful Losers, 7 p.m., Bijou
- Sailor's Valentines for Kids and Adults, 6 p.m., Home Ec. Workshop
- Country Dance, with DJ Scoot-A-Boot, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge
- Friday Night Film, *WALL•E*, 7 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- Ballroom Dance: Sweetheart's Ball, 7:30 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E. Market
- Bus Stop, Iowa City Community The-

- atre, 7:30 p.m., Johnson County 4-H Fairgrounds Building A, 4265 Oak Crest Hill Road S.E.
- *Guys On Ice: An Ice Fishing Musical Comedy*, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Theatre, 213 N. Gilbert
- *Peking Acrobats*, 7:30 p.m., City High, 1900 Morningside Drive
- Vienna Boys' Choir, presented by Hancher Auditorium, 7:30 p.m., West High Auditorium, 2901 Melrose Ave.
- *As You Like It*, University Theatres Mainstage Production, 8 p.m., Theatre Building Thayer Theatre
- Dr. John, with the Neville Brothers, SOLD OUT, 8 p.m., Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington
- Faculty/Graduate Concert, dance department, 8 p.m., North Hall Space/Place
- *White Elephant*, University Theatres Gallery Series, 8 p.m., Theatre Building Theatre B
- Friday Night Karaoke with Gemini Karaoke, 9 p.m., American Legion Post No. 17, 3016 Muscatine Ave.
- *Last Year at Marienbad*, 9 p.m., Bijou
- Natty Nation, 9 p.m., Yacht Club
- The Beaker Bros., 9 p.m., Mill
- The Schwag Grateful Dead Tribute, 9 p.m., Industry, 211 Iowa
- Karaoke Night, 9:30 p.m., Saloon, 112 E. College
- The Horde, with Helmsplitter, 10 p.m., Picador
- No Shame Theatre, 11 p.m., Theatre B
- Campus Activities Board Movie, *Role Models*, midnight, Bijou

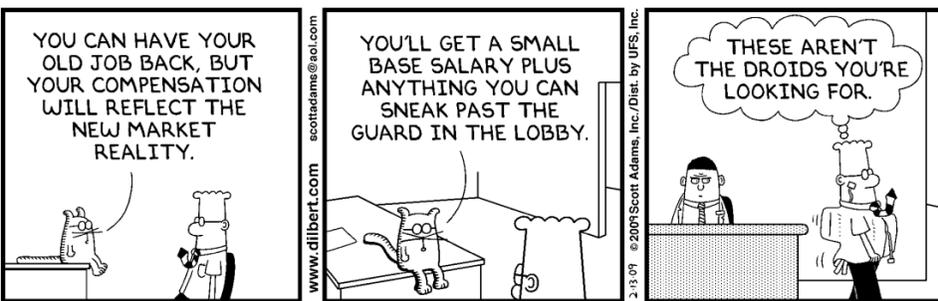
UITV schedule

Campus channel 4, cable channel 17

- 12:30 p.m. News from Québec (in French)
- 1 "Prairie Lights" Archive, Porter Shreve
- 2 News from Germany (in German)
- 3 "Know the Score," 1/16
- 5 Johnson Country Landmark Jazz
- Band 2005 from Clapp Recital Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Chinese Lunar New Year Celebration, from the IMU
- 8 "Know the Score," 12/05/2008
- 10 Dance from Space/Place, Afro Cuban Dance (December 2008)
- 11 Cabaret at the Englert, TV-14

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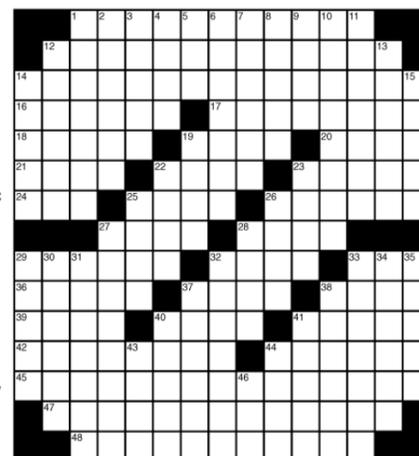
The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0102

- Across
- 1 A looker might give it ... or get it
 - 12 Partner of a certain rabid sports fan
 - 14 "Please?" elicitor
 - 16 Native home of the canary
 - 17 Lion, tiger or shark
 - 18 Wankel engine component
 - 19 Winner of 11 Grand Slam tournament titles
 - 20 ___ de boeuf
 - 21 Goose
 - 22 Computer hookup point
 - 23 Infer from data
 - 24 Local borders?
 - 25 19th-century engineer with a star on the St. Louis Walk of Fame
 - 26 Forgers
 - 27 Something to turn on
 - 28 Ruler crowned in 1953, informally
 - 29 Bouncy kid-lit character
 - 32 Blood sausage ingredient
 - 33 Rock-___
 - 36 First name in erotica
 - 37 Saucy
 - 38 With 15-Down, hangs on the line
 - 39 Matted cotton sheet
 - 40 Dylan was once her protégé
 - 41 Shorts material, in München
 - 42 Prefix in parentheses
 - 44 Department store founder who pioneered credit unions
 - 45 Habitués of art galleries, theaters, etc.
 - 47 Nursery rhyme title fellow
 - 48 Once-common monochrome PC display
- Down
- 1 Some hybrids
 - 2 Fast accelerator
 - 3 Clear sky
 - 4 U.K. awards
 - 5 "We Were Soldiers" setting
 - 6 Raises an outcry
 - 7 "Hooked on Swing" jazzman Larry
 - 8 Seeing red?
 - 9 Gambling too much, e.g.
 - 10 Loser in the Battle of Bannockburn, 1314
 - 11 Find and destroy
 - 12 Italian beans, in a Dean Martin standard
 - 13 Base person
 - 14 Base person?
 - 15 See 38-Across
 - 19 Figures, informally
 - 22 See 25-Down
 - 23 Ooze
 - 25 22-Down that has split
 - 26 Ooze

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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- Puzzle by Paula Gamache
- 27 One stirring the pot
 - 28 It can be frightening when one is popped
 - 29 The French smoke it
 - 30 Bug's place?
 - 31 Drop leaf supporter
 - 32 They're short on T's
 - 33 Call for delivery
 - 34 One with a mortgage, e.g.
 - 35 Opposite of avant
 - 37 Many an opening shot
 - 38 Cataclysm
 - 40 The Great Dane of entertainment
 - 41 Petrol purchase
 - 43 Smoke, e.g.
 - 44 Thing with pétalos
 - 46 Lines at a checkout counter? Abbr.

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