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## Defendant's girlfriend testifies in sex-abuse trial

The second day of a sexual-abuse trial ended with testimony of the defendant's ex-girlfriend.

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Wendy Cohen said the heavy, black gun she found with the belongings of Micah Matthews — her daughter's ex-boyfriend who is on trial this week for allegedly sexually abusing a 50-year-old woman — was horrifying.

Cohen testified on the second day of Matthews' trial Wednesday, just before the testimony of her 19-year-old daughter — who dated

33-year-old Matthews in 2007, the same year he allegedly committed the crime. Cohen said she knew Matthews as "Mike," the supposedly 24-year-old man dating her daughter, Nelly Pickar.

Answering questions by Johnson County prosecutor Janet Lyness and assistant county prosecutor Elizabeth Beglin, Cohen said Matthews stored a suitcase of his belongings in her daughter's room containing some articles of cloth-

ing, paperwork, and what officials eventually identified as a "BB" gun.

Before her discovery, Cohen testified she loaned Matthews money in June 2007 — the month of the alleged assault — because he told her he was stuck in Chicago.

Pickar testified she also occasionally loaned him money, specifically \$375 near the time of the incident. She told prosecutors Matthews had no home, stating

she shared a hotel room with him about 10 times.

"He didn't have a place of residence," she said. "He would go between his aunt and uncle's house." Pickar told



**Matthews**  
defendant

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## Jobs slim at UI, IC

UI students may need to worry about job security.

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Students are being laid off, the UI's Jobnet is offering fewer positions, and finding some extra cash for the weekend seems harder than ever.

Across the campus and nationally, people are already feeling the effects of a dwindling economy.

In January 2008, Jobnet — the UI's employment advertising website — advertised 184 on-campus jobs, compared with 101 in this past January. The number of off-campus jobs in January 2009 dropped to 127 — a decrease of 50 jobs compared with January 2008.

"With the economy the way it is, employers have to decide if they can afford to hire another employee," said Cindy Seyfer, an associate director of Student Financial Aid.

Campus Mail, a division of UI's Central Mail Services, was forced to cut seven student jobs last week because of budget concerns, UI spokesman Steve Parrott said.

It's leaving some worried. "I was kind of nervous last week, but they have been pretty good and pretty open with us about the situation," said UI junior Matty McCarter, who delivers for Campus Mail.

McCarter, who has worked there for a year, said he is no longer worried about losing his job since the cuts.

Some of the first major layoffs around campus happened at the end of last year.

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**UI graduate student Daniel Brooks holds a pigeon inside a lab in Seashore Hall on Wednesday. Brooks, with Professor Ed Wasserman, developed experiments to determine the level of cognition pigeons — and baboons — possess. They found pigeons could distinguish objects from one another and categorize the items as well.**

**MORE INSIDE** Read the full story. **2A**

## IC not following condom trend

National condom sales are up, but local health officials say the trend still hasn't hit the area.

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In today's faltering economy, it's good to be in the condom business.

Researchers at the Nielsen Co., an organization that measures retail trends, found more people are purchasing prophylactics. From latex and lubricated to sizes and sensations, condom sales brought in roughly \$311.7 million between January 2008 and January 2009 — a 4 percent increase from the year before. The findings, released Wednesday, coincide with National Condom Week, which began on Feb. 14.

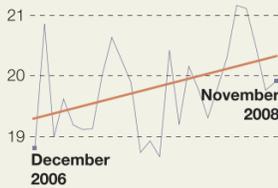
Durex spokeswoman Jennifer Grizzle said one reason for the spike may be because more people are at home "nesting" to save money because of the economy.

**Condom sales**

Durex condom sales have increased in recent years.

**Rubber revenue on the rise**

— Trend line  
— Condom sales in millions of dollars



Source: Nielsen  
Dan Ambrisco/The Daily Iowan

"People are planning not to have a pregnancy in times like these," she said. "Condoms are affordable pregnancy prevention — more people are staying in, cooking dinner, and renting a blockbuster."

UI senior Kyle Prieboy said he agrees with the Grizzle's theory — he and his girlfriend haven't eaten out as much because they want to

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## Language plan causes rift

Budget trimming measures are splitting language faculties.

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Peggy Mills said it's odd that while Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton is touring Asia, UI officials are considering a plan that Mills thinks could damage the Asian and Slavic languages and literatures department.

The plan would bring several UI language-related departments together under a single administration. Along with other potential leadership consolidation measures, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences officials expect the move could save the college up to \$250,000.

But discussion over the proposed Division of Languages, Linguistics, Literatures, and Cultures has highlighted a divide between faculty members: some who have been outspoken in their opposition to the plan and others who support it.

Faculty members in Asian and Slavic languages said the consoli-



ROBIN SVEC/THE DAILY IOWAN

**Ho Jung Choi looks over his second-year Korean class as students take a quiz in Phillips Hall Wednesday. A proposed measure to consolidate several languages into one division could save the UI up to \$250,000, but some faculty members say the proposal isn't a good idea.**

dation could damage their ability to meet the growing demand for expertise in their discipline.

While outside funding for Eastern languages temporarily dried up along with the Soviet Union in the early 1990s, demand for expertise in the field is "growing exponentially," said Mills, chairwoman of the UI Asian and Slavic languages and literatures department.

Since 2002, major grants

**ON THE WEB**

To see a draft that outlines the proposed Division of Languages, Linguistics, Literatures, and Cultures, go to [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com).

earned by the department's faculty have amounted to more than \$2 million.

Ultimately, the consolidation of

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# On the value of 'shock'

By **KATIE HANSON**  
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## ON THE WEB

To listen to journalist Naomi Klein's lecture Wednesday, go to [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com).

Augusto Pinochet's violent 1970s takeover of Chile seems distinctly different from the current bank bailout, but they may in fact share a few similarities. They were both born from shocking events.

Journalist Naomi Klein discussed the negative effects free-market theories have had on the world economy Wednesday at the IMU.

Klein, a journalist and columnist, is the best-selling author of *The Shock Doctrine: The Rise of Disaster Capitalism*, released in 2007.

"The shock doctrine refers to a strategy, a philosophy of power ... that the best time to push through a radical free-market agenda ... is in the aftermath of some type of shock," Klein said to the crowd. "The idea is to very quickly privatize key state industries, but [proponents] can't advance this agenda without a crisis."

These shocks have included wars, natural disasters, and terrorist attacks, and Klein drew upon Pinochet's coup in Chile, Britain's Falklands War, the collapse of the Soviet Union, and Hurricane Katrina for evidence.

Following the destruction in New Orleans, Klein said, many policymakers called the hurricane a tragedy as well as an opportunity and used it to pass their own agendas.

"The response was not to fix the infrastructure ... but a crisis born of the public sphere was used as an excuse to finish the job," Klein said. "It was an orchestrated raid on the public sphere."

Klein used economist Milton Friedman's support for school vouchers instead of rebuilding New Orleans' public schools to

expand on *The Shock Doctrine's* idea that Friedman originally developed the free-market ideas that have been implemented throughout the world to widespread strife.

Klein's position is not without its critics.

Will Wilkinson, a research fellow at the Cato Institute, a libertarian nonprofit research facility in Washington, D.C., delivered a rebuttal to Klein's argument at the Seamans Center on Tuesday night.

Wilkinson said Klein ignores the success of neo-liberal ideology in such countries as Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States. He also showed a recent clip from Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel in which he explains the opportunities within a crisis to demonstrate all political parties use shocking events to their advantage.

"It's just political," Wilkinson said. "This is just how politics works."

But Klein isn't a fan either of the Obama administration's response to the current economic crisis.

"The government has turned itself into a nonstop ATM for Wall Street," she said, noting that the bank bailout started under former President George Bush and continued under President Barack Obama "will go down in history as the greatest heist in modern history."

Instead of taking the "logical step" to nationalize failing banks, Klein said, the government has given the banks more money and allowed them to stay private.



REBECCA MNUK/THE DAILY IOWAN

Naomi Klein gives a lecture at the IMU Main Lounge on Wednesday. Klein is the author of the best-seller *The Shock Doctrine: The Rise of Disaster Capitalism*.

"If the banks don't pay for this crisis, then you guys are going to pay for this — we're all going to pay for this," she said.

Lauren Sauter, a UI graduate student in public health, said she was impressed by Klein's range of ideas.

"She can take big theories and make them fit nicely into ideas you can carry out," Sauter said.

As a result of current misguided

spending, Klein said a new shock, that of debt, will occur. But she added Americans can draw inspiration from citizens who have taken on major corporations and succeeded.

"With good organization and good support we can turn this around and the anger will go where it should go instead of to the people who are most vulnerable."

# Prof finds cognition breakthrough

By **GEOFF WARING**  
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That monkey at the zoo or those pigeons on the street may be a lot smarter than scientists originally believed, according to a recent study by a UI professor.

Ed Wasserman, a professor of psychology, recently discovered baboons and pigeons are capable of higher-level cognition.

"I think it's amazing what these animals with a brain no larger than the tip of a thumb can do," UI graduate student Dan Brooks said, who worked on the study with Wasserman.

Wasserman said he has been interested in the way animals think since he was a boy. His appreciation for animals is apparent in his office — pictures of baboons and birds adorn his walls and a beanie-baby monkey named "Cheeks" sits on his desk.

"I've always loved animals and always wondered how smart they are," Wasserman said.

His research started in 1995 when he and Bob Cook of Tufts University taught high-order abstraction, or the distinction between objects, to pigeons. Roughly five years later, they added baboons to their experiment.

In order to diagnose the animals with a higher-level of cognition, Wasserman and Brooks

developed several tests for the baboons and pigeons. The two created an experiment in which they displayed objects for the animals to distinguish between.

"What we did was to see whether or not they could tell between a set of objects and thus see the difference between the two," Wasserman said.

Not only could the animals distinguish the objects from each other, but they were able to categorize them, Wasserman added.

The duo's findings have been publicized in newspapers and magazines across the country.

UI psychology Professor Mark Blumberg is happy with the acknowledgment his colleague has received.

"Dr. Wasserman is one of the world leaders in the area and deserves all the recognition he is getting," Blumberg said. "He is a tremendous scholar and we're very happy to have him here."

Brooks studied psychology at Tufts University in Massachusetts as an undergraduate before coming to the UI three years ago to study under Wasserman. He worked primarily with pigeons throughout the study.

"It has been a fantastic relationship. Dr. Wasserman is a great advisor and colleague," Brooks said. "He lets me know when my ideas are good and



ROBIN SVEC/THE DAILY IOWAN

UI Professor Ed Wasserman (right) and graduate student Daniel Brooks (left) demonstrate a program used for their research in Seashore Hall on Wednesday. Through their research, Wasserman and Brooks found that pigeons could not only distinguish objects from one another, but could also categorize the items.

when my ideas are stupid."

Wasserman, after "37 fun-filled years" at the UI, plans to continue his research.

"I think there is a thirst and a hunger among the public to learn more about animal intelligence," he said. "It's one thing to tell cute stories; it's another to re-identify laws and controlling variables — and that's what we try to do."

As a result of his discoveries,

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Wasserman said he feels people may begin to realize that humans are not the only intelligent beings on Earth.

"If we see ourselves as part of nature, we may get ourselves out of the messes we've gotten ourselves into," he said.

## METRO

### Supervisors discuss local-option tax

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors discussed how to spend a projected \$4 million that the county could receive from a local-option sales tax on Wednesday.

The supervisors discussed a number of unincorporated areas they could invest the revenues in if the sales tax is passed in parts of the county. Four possible options the supervisors discussed were property tax relief, repair to roads and bridges, a new Justice Center, and mental-health care.

The supervisors seemed in unanimous agreement that property tax relief and repairing roads and bridges were the most important areas to consider.

"I don't think you could have a worse time to propose a sales tax," Board Chairman Terrence Neuzil said. "If we have to have one, it would be best to put it all toward property tax."

The Iowa City City Council is expected to decide on Feb. 24 if it will place the local-option sales tax on a ballot. If so, there will be a vote on in May.

Board members said they want to come to a consensus about what will be on the ballot for the unincorporated areas by Feb. 25. The supervisors also want to determine how the money would be spread across the county and the ballot language by Feb. 26.

The supervisors would like to see each city implement the tax for three years.

Because Iowa City accounts for over 50 percent of Johnson County's

population, if the city decides to vote on the sales tax it would put the tax on ballots of every city in the county. But the tax can pass in some cities, though not in others.

— **Shane Ersilend**

### Fry names witnesses

Attorneys for 22-year-old Curtis Fry — accused of killing a man last year — notified the court of three additional witnesses for his upcoming trial, including a UI psychiatrist.

Court records show the defense will call UI Hospitals and Clinics psychiatrist Scott Stuart, Steve Exley-Truchman of the Iowa City Public Defender's Office, and Paul Beatty of Muscatine.

Fry, of Wilton, Iowa, is represented

by public defenders Peter Persaud and Quint Meyerdirk.

Police arrested Fry in February 2008, charging him with second-degree murder. Fry was allegedly heavily intoxicated the night of Feb. 7, 2008 — his 21st birthday — when he entered the apartment of 75-year-old Patrick McEwen on South Van Buren Street and beat him to death.

Autopsy results show McEwen suffered from numerous injuries to his head and ribs and showed defensive wounds to his hands.

Fry's final trial conference is Feb. 25. His trial is set to begin on March 9. Second-degree murder is a Class B felony. If convicted, Fry faces 50 years in prison.

— **by Olivia Moran**

## POLICE BLOTTER

**Christopher Bennet**, 21, 221 N. Linn St. Apt. 2, was charged Wednesday with disorderly conduct.

**Emma Elam**, 20, Cedar Rapids, was charged Feb. 14 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

**Michael Hoyt**, 53, Tiffin, was charged

Tuesday with driving while revoked. **Jermaine Johnson**, 34, 2104 Davis St. Apt. A, was charged Dec. 25 with domestic assault.

**Milton Jones**, 23, 1025 E. Burlington St., was charged Feb. 13 with OWI.

**Roger Larson**, 57, 830 Walnut St., was

charged Tuesday with taxi cab violations.

**Brent Naritoku**, 20, 4132 Burge, was charged Feb. 6 with PAULA.

**Corinelis Patterson**, 34, 2304 Hollywood Blvd., was charged April 1, 2007 with identity theft.

**Mark Patton**, 21, 403 N. Linn St., was charged Wednesday with disorderly conduct.

**Redonda Roundtree**, 47, 2722 Wayne Ave. Apt. 3, was charged Dec. 17 with obstructing an officer.

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## METRO

### 2 win education grant

Two UI College of Education professors received a \$4.8 million grant to improve the science literacy of young Iowa students, a Wednesday press release says.

The grant comes through the National Center for Education Research, in the U.S. Department of Education Institute of Education Sciences.

Brian Hand and William Therrien, along with Iowa State University political-science and statistics professor Mack Shelley, titled the four-year grant, "Efficacy of the Science Writing Heuristic Approach."

Therrien said the grant's purpose is to address the nation's need for

science literacy and better science education.

About 7,000 fourth- through sixth-grade students in 48 different rural and urban Iowa schools will receive educational benefits from the grant.

Each school will receive \$10,000 for its science budget and the training of professional staff.

Students will be faced with a new argument system, which requires them to make scientific claims and defend those claims with evidence to a group.

The system will develop students' critical thinking and logical reasoning skills to be involved in their projects, Hand said.

— **by Megan Dial**

## STATE

### Ex-Catholic-school principal sentenced

DES MOINES (AP) — A former Catholic-school principal accused of trying to meet a teenage girl for sex has been sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Louis Stroschein Jr. pleaded guilty in August in U.S. District Court

in Des Moines to attempted enticement of a minor for sex.

Authorities say that the 32-year-old Stroschein, who resigned as principal at Shelby County Catholic School in Harlan, had online conversations with a person he thought was a 15-year-old girl between August and September of 2007.

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# Condom trend hasn't hit IC

**CONDOMS**  
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cut back on spending. "We've been staying in because of money and not wanting to spend as much," the 22-year-old said, who noted he and his girlfriend are using more condoms. Durex reported a 6 percent rise in condom sales this January compared with January last year, Grizzle said. A similar increase occurred at all condom companies: From Dec. 28 to Jan. 24, Nielsen reported a 5.3 increase in sales from the previous year. But UI and Johnson County health officials said they haven't noticed the trend hitting the area. For the last few years, UI Student Health Service has steadily ordered 86,000 packaged contraceptives, said Tanya Villhauer, an associate director of Health Iowa. Although the program's officials hand out condoms to students, education courses, and different organizations, they haven't seen an increase in condom demands. Villhauer said she was unsure

if the economy could lift condom sales or force Student Health to order more contraceptives. "It could be a possibility, but we don't know if this is long-term," she said. "The economy hits everyone differently." Condoms are appealing because they are recession-proof, Grizzle said. The cost of a 12-pack of variety Durex condoms costs \$4.98 at the Coralville Super Wal-Mart. "Other forms of contraceptives involve doctor's visits, and that's more expensive," Grizzle said. Katie Miller, a health-promotion coordinator for the Johnson County Public Health Department, said she was unaware of the increase. The health department hands out roughly 40,000 condoms every year. Grizzle said another reason for the increase is the winter season, which generally brings in more revenue for the company. "More people are snuggling in because of winter," Grizzle said. "It's a force of nature you can't stop."

# Fewer jobs for students in '09

**JOBS**  
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In November 2008, officials notified 32 student employees they would be released the next month from UI Pharmaceuticals, a division of the UI College of Pharmacy in charge of making drugs for drug companies. Parrott said they were laid off because of the division's drop in business since last year. "I know they were disappointed they had to take that step," he said. "It had nothing to do with the quality of the students' work, but they had to make cuts somewhere, and in this case, unfortunately this was their only choice." Under Gov. Chet Culver's proposed fiscal 2010 budget, UI officials would have to cut \$26 million. UIHC spokesman Tom Moore said although there haven't been "significant" student layoffs so far, hospital officials are following the lead of state Board of Regents President David Miles, who said every option is on the table when it comes to balancing the budget. Though the budget cuts are being experienced all over campus, some departments are

still doing all right. Lori Berger of IMU human resources said she is glad to be able to say that at the IMU, there haven't been any student layoffs at all. When the flood ruined the basement of the IMU, she said, a lot of the employees in Food Services lost their positions simply because their workplaces were closed down, but IMU officials did their best to help. "We e-mailed all of those students and gave them the opportunity to be placed in other areas," she said. "Some students chose not to return, and we left it up to them to contact us to inform us of their interest in being relocated, and we worked hard to help them out." The reality is that in rough economic times, consumers, employers and employees all feel the effects. UI junior Keli McLaughlin said she was laid off at UIHC two weeks ago after a year of work. "At first I wasn't too upset about it just because I wasn't in love with the job," she said. "But now I'm kind of bummed because I'm trying to find another job and nobody is hiring anymore."

# Court hears gun testimony

**MATTHEWS**  
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prosecutors Matthews owned another gun — a silver one. He allegedly showed her the weapon at the beginning of their relationship in June 2007. The then 50-year-old sexual-assault victim told police Matthews threatened her with a gun on June 5, 2007, when he forced her to drive to a local ATM and attempt to withdraw money before binding her with cords and raping her in her home. Officials never found the gun. Investigators said on Wednesday Matthews denied ever stepping foot on the property of his alleged sexual-assault victim. Michael Halverson, a criminalist with the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation, however, said DNA from a vaginal swab and a gray phone cord in the woman's living room did indeed match the DNA of Matthews. In fact, only one of 100 billion people would be expected to have the same DNA profile, he testified. Iowa City police Officer David Gonzalez, one of the lead investigators of the case, said officials



BRIAN RAY, POOL/ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Nelly Pickar, the former girlfriend of Micah Matthews, points to identify Matthews during his trial on charges of first-degree kidnapping and sexual abuse and second-degree burglary and kidnapping Wednesday in 6th District Court in Iowa City. Pickar testified that Matthews had access to real-looking handguns, would ask for loans he would not pay back, and was kicked out of his aunt's house on Shady Glen Court, where he stayed in the summer of 2007.**

investigated eight individuals before finding a DNA match for Matthews, who was arrested in February 2008 in connection with an unrelated burglary. Gonzalez, along with fellow lead

investigator DCI Special Agent Jagat Sandhu, interviewed Matthews for up to an hour and a half. "He said that he's never been over there and that he doesn't

know anybody over there," Gonzalez said. Matthews' aunt lives on Shady Glen Court, almost directly across the backyard of the alleged victim's home, Gonzalez added. In addition to the vaginal swab and the phone cord, Halverson said he tested things including oral swabs, recta swabs, head hairs, pubic hairs, water bottles, and a cell phone cord for any sort of DNA from blood, seminal fluid, or skin cells. The items were gathered from the home of the alleged victim. Gonzalez said her residence that day was in a state of disarray. He testified portions of phone cords were scattered on the floor; there were blood spots on the carpet, and the door seemed forced open. Matthews' trial will resume today at 9 a.m. He is charged with first-degree kidnapping, first-degree sexual abuse, first-degree burglary, and second-degree kidnapping. If convicted, Matthews faces two life sentences.

# Language plan drawing some fire

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language units would threaten the department's ability to earn a share of grant money available in the field of Asian and Slavic languages, Mills added. However, Linda Maxson, the dean of the college, said the school will continue to support faculty's grant-earning efforts. "Grants are faculty-driven efforts. The college has been very supportive individually and collectively," she said. "We've hired people, we've eased time for faculty to spend on grant activities ... we've provided space, we've provided support." Other department heads have voiced support for the plan to consolidate leadership among academic units. "I think there are some things that we can gain from working together," said Richard Hurtig, the head of the UI's American Sign Language program. "We have some common interests in general linguistic theory and there

are probably ways in which we can support each other's missions that would allow us to survive these tough financial times." Hurtig said the division model is a proactive approach to saving money. Proposed budget cuts across the state indicate UI officials will cut around \$26 million from their fiscal 2010 budget. "If, with the national economy, we sort of sat back and let things unravel — well, things are going to unravel," he said. "I think that if you have a dire situation and you don't do anything, then things are much more likely to deteriorate." Opponents of the division plan said they worry departments will lose their independence. However, one of the plan's supporters said he's confident departmental operations will continue as usual. "The proposal preserves all the names of the different units and

provides for their continuing function. It allows them to function just the way they've been functioning," said Tom Lewis, the head of the Spanish/Portuguese department. The UI is not an anomaly in its efforts to bring language departments together. Iowa State University's undergraduate language units have operated under the Department of World Languages and Cultures for years. The department's head, Mark Rectanus, said consolidating language departments is a national trend. And, at ISU, the department has operated well. "We share similar approaches to pedagogy and similar approaches to research," Rectanus said. "I can't say it's been a problem in our particular case." Still, UI Professor Philip Lutgendorf, who teaches Hindi in

the Asian and Slavic department, said the proposed language division could be another example of the department being stretched too thin. "Given what we've been given, we've achieved some amazing things," he said. "The faculty here have tried very, very hard to put together impressive programs with limited resources." Roland Racevskis, the head of the French/Italian department, said he hopes department heads can engage in further discussion about the proposed languages division. "There are differences of opinion. It's really important that everyone gets heard," he said. "We've tried to communicate with everyone. I think my colleagues and I really look forward to hearing everyone."

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# State joins equity in sciences project

By LINI GE  
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Kristin Mirocha met some other women in a living-learning community before attending her first class freshman year at the UI — and four years later, she's still good friends with them.

Mirocha's community was part of the UI's Women in Science and Engineering program, which provides academic and social support to 85 first- and second-year women majoring in science, technology, engineering, and math annually.

"It also allowed me to meet all sorts of majors, which initiated insightful debates and conversations," said the 21-year-old senior, who is studying interdepartmental health sciences.

The living-learning community is among more than 100 such initiatives across Iowa that will now be coordinated at the state level through a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Equity Pipeline project. The project, implemented with a National Science Foundation grant, aims at increasing participation of females in secondary and postsecondary science cluster programs of study.

UI Women in Science and Engineering Director Christine Brus was part of the Iowa crew who attended the Equity Pipeline Leadership Institute in Arlington, Va., in April 2008 to assess the feasibility of joining the project.

"We had been discussing ways to get the state as a whole involved. There are all sorts of little initiatives, but nobody even knows where they are," she said. "We felt they could be better leveraged if we could find a way to create an umbrella at the state level that would help with coordination and information flow."

In October 2008, Iowa, along



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UI senior Kristin Mirocha studies physics inside the library on Wednesday.

with Minnesota, was selected by the National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity Education Foundation to join the five states — California, Illinois, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Wisconsin — that participated in the first year of the project.

"Each participating state is uniquely strong," said Courtney Reed Jenkins, the project's Iowa State facilitator. "Iowa's strengths are the strong partnerships among the community colleges and their regional high schools, its sophisticated data collection and analysis, and committed leadership across the state to increase the number of girls and women in [science, technology, engineering, and math] classes and careers."

The Iowa Department of Education, which is in charge of the grant, coordinates the various programs throughout the state.

"What we are doing is to infuse the grant strategies into professional development activities that are already existing in the state," said Jeanette Thomas, the project state contact for Iowa from the

state Education Department.

An implementation plan of the project, put together through the department, is almost complete. The plan, Thomas said, involves initiatives including the training of staff from Hawkeye Community College, Indian Hills Community College, and Iowa Western Community College, the collaboration with Project Lead the Way, and related workshops and conferences across the state.

The gains the state will enjoy through participation of the project include access to all the resources developed by the project up to date, access to national experts, and professional training for practitioners in the state provided by project facilitators, Thomas said.

And how will the UI benefit from the project? Brus said it is hard to track success based on specific numbers from certain universities.

"[We should] look broadly and understand that the benefit is much larger than any institution," she said. "We will all benefit when working collaboratively."

# Minority victimization rises in recession

UI professor presents study linking increased minority victimization rates to periods of economic recession.

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A new study cowritten by a UI sociology professor found that minority victimization increases during times of economic recession.

UI sociology Professor Karen Heimer and University of Missouri Professor Janet Lauritsen presented their study, which analyzed this correlation, on Sunday.

"The research for this study was part of a larger study involving different socioeconomic groups and trends in violent crime victims," Lauritsen said.

The study took 35 years of data, from 1973 to 2005, and figured the rates of non-lethal violent victimization against minority men and women compared with that of non-Latino whites.

"Minority victimization rates increased, but there were no substantial parallel increases in the victimization rates of non-Latino whites" Heimer said.

The high poverty rate for minorities was a main factor in the increased victimization rate, Heimer and

Lauritsen said.

Minority poverty rates grow during times of economic recession, the authors said.

UI sociology Assistant Professor Mary Campbell said poverty disproportionately affects minority groups, causing a large gap for poverty in the United States.

"[The] research is very important because she reminds us to think not just about the differences in who perpetrates crime but who the victims are," she said. "This way, we as a society can mobilize to protect these groups which are more vulnerable."

Heimer and Lauritsen spent two years conducting the study, funding the research with a grant from the National Institute of Justice.

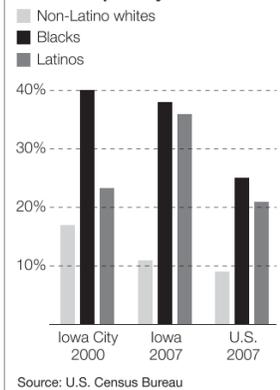
UI Public Policy Center Director Peter Damiano said many are hopeful the study will reach research and policy groups, noting that Heimer has made her research accessible to policymakers.

"Our results remind policymakers and communities that there are many aspects of people's lives — including violent crime — that are associated with economic

## Percent in poverty

High percentages of minority communities are below the poverty level.

Percent of minority communities below the poverty level



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Jacqueline Cieslak/The Daily Iowan

downturns," Heimer said. "And, more importantly, they remind us that racial and ethnic minorities may be hardest hit by recessions."

The sociologists want criminologists and policymakers to consider their findings, as well as police and criminal justice workers, Heimer said.

"Criminologists have not paid enough attention to how crime is experienced by different subgroups in our country," Lauritsen said. "We need to study victimization trends across these subgroups."

## STATE

### Deere profit falls 45 percent

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Deere & Co.'s quarterly profit tumbled 45 percent as the global economic slowdown and stronger demand for its farm tractors and construction equipment.

The world's largest maker of farm

machinery also slashed its 2009 earnings outlook by 21 percent and suspended quarterly profit forecasts, citing limited visibility amid the deteriorating economy.

Deere had been weathering the housing slump by offsetting a drop in construction equipment sales with strong sales of farming machinery. Indeed, worldwide agricultural equipment sales —

Deere's biggest operation — jumped 18 percent during the quarter. But the global credit crunch is making it difficult to obtain the financing needed for such purchases, and with farmers getting ever-lower prices for wheat, soybeans and corn amid ethanol's demise, its unlikely they will have as much money to buy tractors and other equipment.

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# Culver picks Swander to be poet laureate

An Iowa Writers' Workshop graduate is the new Iowa poet laureate.

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From a country lifestyle of organic food and banjo music to receiving the esteemed title of Iowa poet laureate, Mary Swander has much to love about the state.

Gov. Chet Culver appointed the 1976 Iowa Writers' Workshop graduate as the state's newest poet laureate on Wednesday.

"I was totally ecstatic, and very honored," she said after hearing Culver's announcement. "I was shocked. My mind started clicking in about projects I would like to do [as poet laureate]."

The poet laureate is responsible for reading poems at official state events when requested by the governor. Swander was one of three nominees presented to Culver.

"Mary Swander has had a long and distinguished career as an author and a teacher of poetry and other forms of literature," Culver said in a statement. "In her new role as Iowa's poet laureate, she will be a strong and passionate advocate for Iowa's unique culture and the inspiration that poetry can offer."

The Iowa native has spent most of her life in this state.

"I was born here, educated here, I've worked here. I'm happy at this part of my life to give something back to the state," she said. "I'm really excited to do some service for the state."

Swander, a distinguished professor of liberal arts and sciences and professor of English



MARY SWANDER/CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Iowa's newest poet laureate, Iowa Writers' Workshop alumna Mary Swander, sits in her country home. Swander said she has remained committed to her healthy lifestyle for 30 years.

at Iowa State University, earned an M.F.A. from the Writers' Workshop.

"I loved my time [at the UL]. It's just incredibly stimulating to be with practicing writers," she said. "You carry your peer group with you for the rest of your life."

The young, eager Swander studied both poetry and fiction at the workshop. She said life consisted of constant reading, writing, and receiving feedback from her peers.

The students often conversed over poems at cafés and attended many readings by visiting writers, she said.

But she was not completely immersed in creative writing — she also attended numerous science classes, which guided her specific interests in writing.

"[The science courses] got me interested in writing about the natural world," she said.

Swander has remained steadfast in her commitment to natural, healthy eating for many years. The banjo-player raises geese and goats, and she has cultivated a large organic garden for the past 30 years.

## Mary Swander

The many awards and achievements of Iowa's newest Poet Laureate:

- Iowa Author's Award
  - Whiting Award
  - National Endowment for the Arts Grant for the Literary Arts
  - Two Ingram Merrill Awards
  - Carl Sandberg Literary Award
  - Founded a national movement, Agarts
- Source: IowaPolitics.com

"I raise almost all my own food," she said.

Aside from her written work, she also tries to dramatize her poems in a way that will appeal to a wide audience. Her newest project entails adapting her book of poetry, *The Girls on the Roof*, into a play with the Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre.

This latest project is her favorite work to date, she said, but she has several exciting future plans as well, including touring a few other plays.

"Then it's time to write some more poems," she said and laughed.

## NATION

### Holder says US is a nation of cowards on matters of ethnicity

WASHINGTON (AP) — Eric Holder, the nation's first black attorney general, said Wednesday the United States was "a nation of cowards" on matters of ethnicity, with most Americans avoiding candid discussions of such issues.

In a speech to Justice Department employees marking Black History Month, Holder said the workplace is largely integrated but Americans still self-segregate on the weekends and in their private lives.

"Though this nation has proudly thought of itself as an ethnic melting pot, in things racial we have always been and I believe continue to be, in too many ways, essentially a nation of cowards," Holder said.

Ethnic issues continue to be a topic of political discussion, but "we, as average Americans, simply do not talk enough with each other about race."

Holder's speech echoed President Obama's landmark address last year on ethnic relations during the hotly contested Democratic primaries, when the then-candidate urged the nation to break "a racial stalemate we've been stuck in for years" and bemoaned the "chasm of misunderstanding that exists between the races." Obama delivered the speech to try to distance himself from the angry rhetoric of his former pastor, the Rev. Jeremiah Wright.

Holder cited that speech by Obama as part of the motivation for his words Wednesday, saying Americans need to

overcome an ingrained inhibition against talking about ethnicity.

### Autoworker deal cuts cost-of-living pay

DETROIT (AP) — The United Auto Workers' deal with Detroit's three automakers limits overtime, changes work rules, cuts lump-sum cash bonuses and gets rid of cost-of-living pay raises to help reduce the companies' labor costs, people briefed on the agreement said Wednesday.

The UAW announced Tuesday that it reached the tentative agreement with General Motors Corp., Chrysler LLC and Ford Motor Co. over contract concessions, as GM and Chrysler sent plans to the Treasury Department asking for a total of \$39 billion in government financing to help them survive.

Concessions with the union are a condition of the \$17.4 billion in government loans that the automakers have received so far.

Base wages for UAW workers will remain the same, but the deal limits supplemental pay that laid-off workers receive while they collect unemployment benefits, said the people, who spoke on condition of anonymity because union members have not been told about the terms.

GM Chief Operating Officer Fritz Henderson declined to give details of the agreement Wednesday but said it takes major steps in cost and work rules toward narrowing the gap between U.S. automakers' labor costs and those at Asian automakers' U.S. plants.

### Man kills himself at televangelist's Crystal Cathedral

GARDEN GROVE, Calif. (AP) — A man shot and killed himself in front of a cross inside televangelist Robert H. Schuller's Crystal Cathedral on Wednesday, police and church officials said.

The man handed a note and his driver's license to two ushers, walked to the cross and then shot himself in the head as he appeared to be praying, Senior Pastor Juan Carlos Ortiz said.

The man's identity was not released, but police Lt. Dennis Ellsworth said the man was in his 40s. Church spokesman Mike Nason said there was no record of the man at the cathedral.

Betty Spicer, a volunteer usher at the famous sanctuary, said she greeted the man when he entered. She said he handed her a folded note with two cards inside as the man told her: "You may want this."

Spicer said he then walked to the foot of the cross. She and another volunteer said they thought the man was praying when she heard a pop.

A tourist, one in a group of seven or eight visitors from Canada, told her the man had shot himself.

## STATE

### Iowa voters will get say on sales-tax plan

DES MOINES (AP) — Iowans will get their say on whether to amend the state's Constitution to reserve nearly half of any future sales tax increase for environmental and outdoor programs.

With little debate, the Senate on Wednesday voted 49-1 for a resolution putting the proposed constitutional amendment before voters in November 2010. That followed approval in the House earlier in the week, and approval of the measure by both chambers last year as well.

Backers said environmental programs traditionally are the first ones cut in tough budget times, even though polls show voters favor such programs.

"We've made the commitment," said Senate Majority Leader Michael Gronstal, adding that putting the matter before voters is highly symbolic.

"It highlights the issue, particularly in a state like Iowa that has less public land

than any other state," said Gronstal, D-Council Bluffs.

Lawmakers have no plans to increase Iowa's 6 percent sales tax, but if voters approve the proposal the state would set aside three-eighths of a cent of any sales tax increase for environmental programs. That would generate roughly \$150 million for such programs.

Sen. Pam Jochum, D-Dubuque, was the sole opponent of the effort, and she also opposed the issue as a House member last year. She argued it isn't appropriate to set budget policy in the constitution.

### Dardis says Iowa Guard meeting recruiting goals

DES MOINES (AP) — Despite the twin pressures of record flooding and continued deployments to the Mideast, the Iowa National Guard is beating its recruitment targets and retention rates exceed national goals, Maj. Gen. Ron Dardis told the Legislature on Wednesday.

Speaking before a joint session of the

Legislature in his last condition of the state's National Guard, Dardis said a drop in violence in Iraq has helped the Guard.

"With continued stability in Iraq and the Army's gradual progress in rebalancing its forces, we are moving closer to realizing the goal of one yearlong deployment every four to five years," Dardis said.

Dardis sounded a far more optimistic note than in last year's report, when he warned that the Guard was being "stretched thin and stressed" by continued deployments.

"While I am still concerned about the toll the demands of an operational force have on our service members and their families — not to mention employers and communities — I take comfort in the aggressive steps we have taken not only in the Iowa National Guard but also at the state and federal level to do all we can to ease the burdens of service," said Dardis.

Dardis said a Pentagon decision to limit deployments to a year has brought stability and predictability to the Guard.

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## Editorial

# Possible cell-phone ban a drop in the bucket

It's a Thursday evening. You have just gotten off work, and you are making your way home on Interstate 80. You're driving the speed limit, jamming to the latest Kanye West tune and minding your own business, when from out of nowhere, an SUV pulls out in front of you. You slam on your brakes, and the Honda behind you honks loudly, as if the other driver's poor driving skills are your fault. After yelling a slew of obscenities (windows closed, of course), you switch lanes to discover the identity of this rude traffic violator. But to your dismay, the driver doesn't even notice your icy stare because — cell phone pressed to his ear — he is having what looks to be the funniest conversation of his life.

Nearly every driver has had an experience similar to this one. Despite many motorists being aware of the danger of using their cell phones while driving, they just can't hang up. House File 9 seeks to solve this problem in Iowa by banning cell-phone use while driving. But banning cell-phone use behind the wheel likely won't make our roads any safer. Drivers engage in plenty of dangerous activities behind the wheel; cell-phone use is just the tip of the iceberg.

Studies have confirmed that traffic accidents increase when drivers are on the phone. The AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety reports that all forms of cell-phone use decrease a driver's responsiveness in highway-traffic situations and increase the amount of time it takes a driver to respond to these situations. Drivers who are engaged in phone conversations are much less likely to notice a stopped vehicle in front of them or to be able to properly respond to the recklessness of other drivers.

According to the Insurance Information Institute, in April 2006, the 100-Car Naturalistic Driving Study, conducted by

the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, found that nearly 80 percent of crashes and 65 percent of near-crashes involved some form of driver inattention within three seconds of the event. However, cell-phone use was considered far less likely to be the cause of a crash or near-miss than other driver distractions. The safety agency found that reaching for a moving object such as a falling cup while driving increased the risk of a crash or near-crash by nine times, while talking or listening on a hand-held cell phone only increased the risk by 1.3 times.

Aside from talking on cell phones, drivers have plenty of other ways to become distracted behind the wheel. According to Times Online, a study conducted by Brunel University found that drivers who eat and drink while driving were two times as likely to get in an accident. Adjusting the radio is also a major reason many drivers find themselves involved in auto accidents. And although they can be extremely useful, GPS systems can be just as distracting as cell phones.

Because there are so many other ways drivers can become distracted while on the road, House File 9 probably will not serve its intended purpose. Despite other states' having banned cell phones at the wheel, Iowa should not follow this path. In order to free drivers from all distractions, legislators would be forced to adopt cheeseburger bans, and driving while eating would have to become illegal. Because the radio can also be considered to be a distraction, would drivers be forced to drive in silence? Even though the idea behind House File 9 is a good one, there are other angles regarding driver distraction that must also be taken into consideration.

# Filtered news



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• UI Faculty Senate President Michael O'Hara spoke with the media Tuesday before a meeting of the Faculty Senate regarding options for budget cuts. "This is going to hurt," he told the *Press-Citizen*. "We just have to figure how to make it hurt without affecting our central mission." O'Hara obviously misspoke, because I doubt his objective is to "make it hurt" at all.

But what caught my eye is O'Hara's pleas to the faculty to make the entire process transparent, an admirable goal. One professor even suggested that transparency may help avoid rumors on campus that could be detrimental to the process. But how could this be accomplished? Certainly not from having meetings closed to the public and the media.

Moments later, at the meeting, faculty voted to enter closed session.

• Speaking of transparency, or rather the lack thereof, President Obama's Mamma Cass-sized stimulus bill, freshly signed in a dog-and-pony show on Tuesday, appeared to have one tiny silver lining. A website has been created to display to the public the use of each and every penny in the stimulus bill, a solid concept. But haven't we heard about this before?

Obama promised during the election to bring about "sunlight before signing," posting laws to the White House's website for five days of public comment before signing off on them. This wasn't done with the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, the SCHIP reauthorization/expansion, or the stimulus bill. The administration tried to explain away the gaffe by claiming that emergency legislation — due to time constraints — could not be part of the sunlight promise. My question is, Did we not know we'd be passing a stimulus? The bill was available online, but not for five days, and I'm guessing that the full 120 hours is how long it would take someone to actually read the entire thing. You'd also have to be nuts to try.

The more things change, the more they stay the same.

• Evidently, they don't like nuts in Edgefield, S.C.

Or at least the oversized ornamental rubber kind that hang from a vehicles tailgate. After numerous complaints to the Edgefield police about the tacky tailgate attachments, city Police Chief Ronald Carter explained the touchy (eh) subject to Augusta, Ga., CBS affiliate WRDW.

"I think there's room for the freedom of expression, but when it comes to indecency, the community has to step in and say this is indecent and we're not going to tolerate it. It all falls back to each community deciding what's decent and what's indecent," Carter said.

Carter sounds like a reasonable guy, and I'm sure he's got the chutzpah to handle the situation properly. I guess that not just by his reasonable and balanced statement but also because of another quote he gave.

"They're very realistic looking. I think that's the biggest problem."

The website for "Truck Nutz" gives the product's measurements as 8 inches tall, 2.5 inches thick, and "about 5 inches wide."

Yikes.

• And finally, an issue dealing with Iowa's roads, namely the proposed 4-cent gas-tax increase, which would become an 8-cent increase in 2010. Our big lug of a governor is against the idea, despite the state's need for what Gov. Chet Culver has admitted to be a daunting amount of money for infrastructure improvement.

When referencing his proposed \$700 million bonding plan, Culver seemed to understand that every dollar of Iowa's future counts. "We have, according to the Department of Transportation, billions of dollars in infrastructure needs we have to address over the next decade or two," he told the *Iowa Independent*. "So while this is a nice down payment on a lot of those infrastructure projects that have been deferred, we have literally billions of dollars in need."

So, with billions of dollars needed, why not help us wean ourselves off of our dependence on the oil industry by potentially cutting back on fuel consumption, while raising an estimated \$170 million annually for road and bridge projects? C'mon, Culver. You're a Democrat, act like one, raise those taxes! ■

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## Help Iowa's working families

We have a Democratic majority in the Iowa Legislature and a Democratic governor. Yet, they've not passed legislation that helps working lowa families, except a minimum-wage increase. It's time the Legislature and governor started helping working lowans with legislation to bring fair share, prevailing wage, and worker-choice of their own doctor when hurt on the job.

A thriving middle class is what makes America strong. Corporate CEOs did not just give up child labor, weekends, overtime pay, and better wages and benefits. Workers have had to struggle to get those things. Unions are the means by which workers got these things. Unions built our middle class. We'll eliminate the mid-

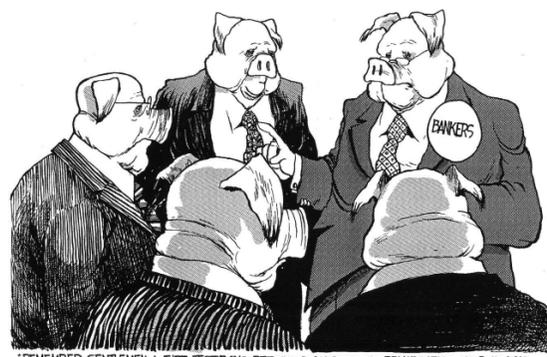
dle class if we continue to allow unions to be weakened.

U.S. census data show that for more than 20 years, we've become increasingly a country of rich and poor. Those defending this wealth-polarization criticize those seeking more for the middle class as waging "class warfare." In fact, the rich get so many tax breaks that they use an extraordinarily large amount of our public resources (publicly educated workers, roads, bridges, subsidies) without paying their share. Middle-class people pay a higher percentage of their income, when one accounts for the tax breaks.

It's time we stop letting our middle class slip away. It's time Iowa's government starts helping working lowans.

Paul McAndrew  
Iowa City

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## Guest Opinion

# Retooling — and rethinking — Detroit

By DAN BECKER and JAMES GERSTENZANG  
Special to the Los Angeles Times

After receiving billions of dollars in taxpayer-funded bailouts over the last few months, General Motors and Chrysler returned to Washington on Tuesday to shake their chrome-plated tin cups again.

In addition to begging for billions more in bailout funds, the automakers presented the Treasury Department with plans for how they will repay — eventually — their taxpayer-funded bailouts and get back on their feet.

But at a time when boldness is demanded, the plans lack innovation. They call for laying off more workers, cutting pay and benefits, and reducing the number of models that are manufactured. And GM even had the chutzpah to cut its projected fuel economy by 10 percent from what it promised in

the survival plan it submitted to Congress in December.

What the automakers don't get is this: What's good for America is good for GM (and Chrysler), and not the other way around. With billions of dollars of taxpayer cash in their bank accounts and billions more coming, GM and Chrysler work for us now. And they have to start thinking about how to serve the country.

Americans need cars that go farther on a gallon of gasoline, pollute less, and save money at the pump.

So what should the car companies do? They can start by making two changes in the way they operate: Stop wasting time and money fighting regulations that would reduce pollution that causes global warming and abandon the sham of manufacturing supposedly green cars that can run on E85 ethanol, a

blend of 15 percent gasoline and 85 percent ethanol.

California's "clean cars" law — written by then-Assemblywoman Fran Pavley, passed in 2002 and later adopted in other states — is the kind of law the country needs to push innovation and protect the planet. It requires a 30 percent reduction in global-warming pollution from automobiles by 2015.

But automakers reacted to the law by launching an all-out attack on it. They successfully pressured the Bush administration not to grant an Environmental Protection Agency waiver necessary for states to enforce the law. And they filed lawsuits in California, Vermont, and Rhode Island seeking to overturn it.

In Rhode Island and California, the cases were dismissed without trials. In Vermont, after a 16-day trial, a U.S. District Court judge ruled against the automak-

ers. Meanwhile, President Obama has ordered the EPA to re-evaluate the waiver request.

So have the auto companies gotten to work making less-polluting cars? No. Instead, they have appealed the Vermont decision.

It was bad enough when automakers teamed up with dealers to fight laws that benefited the country. But now that the companies have bailout money from the taxpayers, their pursuit of legal and political challenges is abhorrent.

The other pointless exercise GM and Chrysler have pursued involves a loophole in federal fuel-efficiency standards. GM and Chrysler make millions of vehicles that can run on E85 ethanol. Because ethanol is generally made from corn, the cars are advertised as using far less in the way of fossil fuels. In exchange for manufacturing the vehicles, auto manufacturers

reap pollution credits that allow them to make more gas guzzlers than environmental laws would otherwise permit.

The problem is that the cars and trucks rarely use E85 ethanol, because they can also run on pure gasoline and the ethanol mix is difficult to find. Of 176,000 gas stations in the United States, fewer than 1 percent sell E85.

In truth, most ethanol-capable vehicles end up running on gasoline alone. Nonetheless, GM, Chrysler, and others take the credits they receive from manufacturing the vehicles and use them to meet their mileage requirements, and thereby avoid having to make more-efficient vehicles.

GM and Chrysler should forgo these credits and meet the law without them.

Automakers boast that they have improved the energy effi-

ciency of their cars. But most of these gains have gone to making cars bigger and faster rather than less-polluting and cheaper to run.

According to a recent study presented to the Society of Automotive Engineers, if all the efficiency improvements developed since 1988 had been directed at getting more miles per gallon, cars would now average 45 mpg instead of 30.3 mpg.

Congress should require that in exchange for any new bailout, automakers raise their average fuel economy to 42 mpg by 2020, rather than the 35-mpg standard now set as a minimum for that year.

Detroit's survival depends on a change in mind-set.

Becker is director of the Safe Climate Campaign. Gerstenzang covered Washington for the Los Angeles Times for 24 years. This commentary appeared in Wednesday's *LA Times*.

# Some GOP governors may reject stimulus \$

By MELINDA DESLATTE  
Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — A handful of Republican governors are considering turning down some money from the federal stimulus package, a move opponents say puts conservative ideology ahead of the needs of constituents struggling with record foreclosures and soaring unemployment.

Though none has outright rejected the money available for education, health care, and infrastructure, the governors of Texas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alaska, South Carolina, and Idaho have all questioned whether the \$787 billion bill signed into law this week will even help the economy.

"My concern is there's going to be commitments attached to it that are a mile long," said Texas Gov. Rick Perry, who considered rejecting some of the money but decided Wednesday to accept it. "We need the freedom to pick and choose. And we need the freedom to say, 'No thanks.'"

U.S. Rep. James Clyburn, D-S.C., the No. 3 House Democrat, said the governors — some of whom are said to be eyeing White House bids in 2012 — are putting their own interests first.

"No community or constituent should be denied recovery assistance due to their governor's political ideology or political aspirations," Clyburn said Wednesday.

In fact, governors who reject some of the stimulus aid may find themselves overridden by their own legislatures because of language Clyburn included in the bill that allows lawmakers to accept the federal money even if their governors object.

He inserted the provision based on the early and vocal opposition to the stimulus plan by South Carolina's Republican governor, Mark Sanford. But it also means governors like Sanford and Louisiana's Bobby Jindal — a GOP up-and-comer often mentioned as a potential 2012 presidential candidate — can burnish their conservative credentials, knowing all the while that their legislatures can accept the money anyway.

Jindal said he, like Perry and Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour, is concerned about strings



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Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, joined by several legislators exits a news conference at the State Capitol in Baton Rouge on Wednesday. Jindal is among a handful of Republican governors who are considering turning down some money from the federal stimulus package, a move opponents say puts conservative ideology ahead of the needs of constituents struggling with record foreclosures and soaring unemployment.

attached to the money even though his state faces a \$1.6 billion budget shortfall next year.

Barbour spokesman Dan Turner, for example, cited concerns that accepting unemployment money from the stimulus package would force states to pay benefits to people who wouldn't meet state requirements to receive them.

In Idaho, Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter said he wasn't interested in stimulus money that would expand programs and boost the state's costs in future years when the federal dollars disappear — a worry also cited by Jindal and Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin.

A spokesman said Sanford, the new head of the Republican Governors Association, is looking at the stimulus bill to figure out how much of it he can control.

"We're going through a 1,200-page bill to determine what our options are," spokesman Joel Sawyer said. "From there, we'll make decisions."

But state Democratic Party Chairwoman Carol Fowler says Sanford's hesitation is driven by his political ambition rather than the best interests of a state that had the nation's third-highest unemployment rate in December.

"He's so ideological," Fowler said. "He would rather South Carolina do without jobs than take that money, and I think he's looking for a way not to take it."

Not all Republican governors are reticent about using the federal cash.

Florida Gov. Charlie Crist lobbied for the stimulus plan and Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue has embraced it as he looks to close a \$2.6 billion deficit in the state's budget this year. Alabama Gov. Bob Riley has already figured the money into his state's budget.

Pearson Cross, a political scientist at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, said fiscally conservative governors may be able to give themselves political cover by turning down small portions of the stimulus money, like health care dollars requiring a state match, that they might not fully use anyway.

But in the end, he said, they will likely take most of the available money because their states need it so badly.

"Ideology usually takes second place for governors," he said. "And that's going to mean that most governors are going to go ahead and take the money even though they have misgivings about it."

AP writers Seanna Adcox, Mary Clare Jalonick, Shannon McCaffrey, John Miller, Emily Wagster Pettus, Phillip Rawls, Anne Sutton, and Jim Vertuno contributed to this report.

# Facebook backs down

By BARBARA ORTUTAY  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — In an about-face following a torrent of online protests, Facebook is backing off a change in its user policies while it figures how best to resolve questions like who controls the information shared on the social networking site.

The site, which boasts 175 million users from around the world, had quietly updated its terms of use — its governing document — a couple of weeks ago. The changes sparked an uproar after popular consumer rights advocacy blog Consumerist.com pointed them out Sunday, in a post titled "Facebook's New Terms Of Service: 'We Can Do Anything We Want With Your Content. Forever.'"

Facebook has since sought to reassure its users — tens of thousands of whom had joined protest groups on the site — that this is not the case. And on Wednesday morning, users who logged on to Facebook were greeted by a message saying that the site is reverting to its previous terms of use policies while it resolves the issues raised.

Facebook spelled out, in plain English rather than the legalese that prompted the protests, that it "doesn't claim rights to any of your photos or other content. We need a license in order to help you share information with your friends, but we don't claim to own your information."

Tens of thousands of users joined protest groups on Facebook, saying the new terms grant the site the ability to control their information forever, even after they cancel their accounts.

This prompted a clarification from Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook's founder, who told users in a blog post Monday that "on Facebook, people own their information and control who they share it with."

Zuckerberg, who started Facebook while still in college, also acknowledged that a "lot of the language in our terms is



PETER KLAUNZER, KEYSTONE/ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Facebook founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg participates in a plenary session at the Annual Meeting of the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, on Jan. 30. In an about-face following a torrent of online protests, Facebook is backing off a change in its user policies while it figures how best to resolve such questions as who controls the information shared on the social networking site.

overly formal and protective of the rights we need to provide this service to you."

But this wasn't enough to quell user protests, and the site also created a group called "Facebook Bill of Rights and Responsibilities," designed to let users give input on Facebook's terms of use. It also apologized for what it called "the confusion around these issues."

"We never intended to claim ownership over people's content even though that's what it seems like to many people," read a post from Facebook on the bill of rights page.

The latest controversy was not the first between the

rapidly growing site and its users over its five-year history.

In late 2007, a tracking tool called "Beacon" caught users off-guard by broadcasting information about their shopping habits and activities at other Web sites. After initially defending the practice, Facebook ultimately allowed users to turn Beacon off. A redesign of the site last year also prompted thousands to protest, but in that case Facebook kept its new look.

Palo Alto, Calif.-based Facebook is privately held. Microsoft Corp. bought a 1.6 percent stake in the company in 2007 for \$240 million as part of a broader advertising partnership.

## NATION

### Grass stash can't replace gas

SANDY, Utah (AP) — A stash of grass can take the place of a lot of gas, but it won't do anything for mileage.

A Utah man took his newly acquired used SUV to a mechanic to find out why

the gas gauge always read half-full.

The mechanic in Sandy looked inside the gas tank and found about 35 pounds of marijuana in plastic-wrap packages that filled about half of the tank's volume.

Police estimate the pot is worth about \$35,000.

The Nissan Armada has had several dif-

ferent owners and was once a rental car.

Sandy police are trying to figure out who stashed the pot but say the current owner is not a suspect.

Investigators in the town south of Salt Lake City say the drug packs could have been in the tank for months.

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# Obama unveils foreclosure program

By LIZ SIDOTI  
Associated Press

MESA, Ariz. — President Barack Obama threw a \$75 billion lifeline to millions of Americans on the brink of foreclosure Wednesday, declaring an urgent need for drastic action — not only to save their homes but to keep the housing crisis “from wreaking even greater havoc” on the broader national economy.

The lending plan, a full \$25 billion bigger than the administration had been suggesting, aims to prevent as many as 9 million homeowners from being evicted and to stabilize housing markets that are at the center of the ever-worsening U.S. recession.

Government support pledged to mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac is being doubled as well, to \$400 billion, as part of an effort to encourage them to refinance loans that are “under water” — those in which homes’ market values have sunk below the amount the owners still owe.

“All of us are paying a price for this home mortgage crisis, and all of us will pay an even steeper price if we allow this crisis to continue to deepen,” Obama said.

The new president, focusing closely on the economy, in his first month in office, rolled out the housing program one day after he was in Denver to sign his \$787 billion emergency stimulus plan to revive the rest of the economy. And his administration is just now going over fresh requests for multiple billions in bailout cash from ailing automakers.

Wall Street has shown little confidence in the new steps, declining sharply on Tuesday before leveling off after Wednesday’s announcement. The Dow Jones industrials rose 3 points for the day.



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The padlocked front door of a bank-owned property is shown in Homestead, Fla., on Wednesday. President Obama marshaled \$75 billion on Wednesday to tackle the foreclosure crisis in an effort to prevent up to 9 million Americans from losing their homes.

Success of the foreclosure rescue is far from certain.

The administration is loosening refinancing restrictions for many borrowers and providing incentives for lenders in hopes that the two sides will work together to modify loans. But no one is required to participate. The biggest players in the mortgage industry temporarily had halted foreclosures in advance of Obama’s plan.

Complicating matters, investors in complex mortgage-linked securities, who make money based on interest payments, could still balk, especially those who hold second mortgages or home equity loans. Their approval would be needed to prevent many foreclosures.

“The obstacles have not gone away,” said Bert Ely, a banking industry consultant in Alexandria, Va.

Another cautionary note came from John Courson, chief executive of the Mortgage Bankers Association.

“It seems to offer little help to borrowers whose loan exceeds their property value by more than 5 percent,” he said, noting

that that requirement would limit the plan’s success in some of the hardest-hit areas in California, Florida, Nevada and Arizona and parts of the East Coast.

Indeed, Obama himself said, “This plan will not save every home.”

The goal is to lower many endangered homeowners’ payments to no more than 31 percent of their income. But that depends on a high degree of cooperation by lenders who have been increasingly wary of new lending as the crisis has deepened.

Still, the Obama administration, after talking with mortgage investors, appears confident that it is providing the right mix of incentives and penalties to make sure mortgage companies take part. Obama said he backs legislation in Congress to allow bankruptcy judges to modify the terms of primary home loans — an idea ardently opposed by the lending industry.

AP writers Alan Zibel, Mark S. Smith, Jennifer Loven, and Martin Crutsinger contributed to this report.

# Meltdown shifting college-aid landscape

AN AP NEWS ANALYSIS  
By JUSTIN POPE  
Associated Press

Johnny’s a middle-class student who worked hard to get good grades and a high SAT score. Jane’s record isn’t as good, but her family is low-income, and without help, she might not be able to go to college at all.

Who should be first in line for help from the government to pay for college?

It’s a debate that hits hot-button questions about fairness and opportunity, and lately, many experts think the middle class has been winning.

But the economic meltdown could be shifting the playing field, as the government and colleges themselves are forced to focus on helping the neediest students and try to head off a wave of dropouts.

Some experts think that could prove one of the few beneficial outcomes of the downturn.

“For a long time, the discussion was about the middle-income squeeze — wealthy people could pay for [college], poor people were getting grants, people in the middle were having a hard time,” said Vanderbilt University education Professor William Doyle. While ideally, college would be cheaper for everyone, he said, the research is clear that “the most efficient way to spend the money is to focus on the margins, people who wouldn’t otherwise go.”

Over the last decade, nearly every state has started or expanded politically popular “merit aid” programs that reward students with high SAT scores or GPAs, even those whose families could afford college costs.

Colleges have done the same with their own money, dangling

financial aid to attract students who will improve the college’s ranking and reputation. But sometimes that means well-off students get both a free ride and a new ride (when their parents reward a scholarship by using the college fund to buy them a car).

The federal stimulus package President Obama signed into law Tuesday, however, was notably focused on helping the poorest families through college, with the largest increase ever to the Pell Grant program, which mostly supports students from families earning under \$30,000 a year.

Merit-based aid, meanwhile, has taken a hit in several states. New Jersey recently imposed tougher standards and cut back on its Student Tuition Assistance Reward Scholarship. Michigan may have to reduce its Promise scholarship. Nevada has already moved money out of a program that gave as much as \$10,000 to top high school graduates.

Cutting merit aid won’t necessarily translate into more need-based aid in these tough times. But there are signs it’s a higher priority. In Virginia, Gov. Tim Kaine’s proposed budget would boost need-based aid \$26 million even as it imposes big cuts elsewhere to close a two-year, \$2.9 billion budget hole.

Some educators criticize merit-aid programs for distributing public money where it is not necessarily needed, but they also do a lot of good.

They raise the academic reputations of state universities by keeping bright students from moving elsewhere. And they encourage high school students to work hard, knowing there’s a financial reward.

And of course, students from

low-income families who get good grades are eligible, too (in some states, merit scholarship programs have need-based components).

But many people are surprised to learn how much financial aid ends up helping families who aren’t necessarily the neediest.

Twenty-eight percent of state financial aid was awarded for merit in 2006-2007, up from 15 percent a decade earlier, according to the National Association of State Student Grant & Aid Programs.

The trend is more pronounced when colleges hand out their own money. Families earning more than \$100,000 get grants that average \$6,200, the most recent federal figures show. That’s \$1,500 more than colleges’ average award to families earning under \$20,000. (One reason is athletics scholarships, which are tilted toward sports well-off kids play; there are 900 more NCAA scholarships available for golf and tennis than there are for basketball).

To be sure, middle-class families have legitimate gripes about college costs, which hit \$6,585 this year at the average four-year public college.

For the middle 20 percent of families, that means college now costs 25 percent of income — even after financial aid — according to a recent report from the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education. That’s up from 18 percent of income nine years ago.

But for the lowest 20 percent of families, the real cost of college has risen from 39 percent of income to 55 percent.

Merit aid programs, while desirable, may be deemed a luxury in tough times.



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## TRACK

Iowa sophomore Karesa Farley made history for the Iowa women's track team, setting the school record in the 60-meter hurdles at the Iowa State Classic last week.

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## SWIMMING

### Swimming relay sets school record

After only two events at the Big Ten championships, the Iowa women's swimming and diving team has seen a school record fall.

The AquaHawks completed the first day of the Big Ten meet in Ann Arbor, Mich., by competing in the 200-medley and 800-freestyle relays.

In the 200 medley, freshman Danielle Carty, sophomore Katarina Tour, freshman Daniela Cubelic, and junior Julie deBruin finished in eighth place with a time of 1:41.33, but they broke the school record of 1:42.43 they set at the Missouri Invitational in December 2008.

In the 800 freestyle, junior Christine Kuczek, sophomore Verity Hicks, senior Alison Gschwend, and Cubelic also finished in eighth with a time of 7:21.08.

Iowa stands in seventh place overall with 44 points, trailing defending Big Ten champion Minnesota by 28 points. Action will continue for the AquaHawks with the 500 freestyle, 200 individual medley, 50 freestyle, and 1 meter diving later today.

— by Evelyn Lau

## SOFTBALL

### Weil picked in draft

Iowa softball's Brittany Weil was chosen as the seventh pick in the 2009 National Professional Fastpitch Draft Tuesday night.

The senior from Garden Grove, Calif., will join the Akron Racers after this season, becoming only the fourth Iowa softball player to go pro after graduation.

Weil has been a key contributor over the last three years for Iowa, claiming three-straight All-Big Ten selections and being named team MVP or co-MVP each season.

She recently pitched her first collegiate no-hitter and struck out a career-high 19 batters in an extra inning win over Kent State. Weil is on track to break every major school record for pitchers in a career at Iowa.

— by Jon Linder

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# For Olsen, it's about faith



ROBIN SVEC/THE DAILY IOWAN

Former Iowa offensive lineman Seth Olsen and wife Christi sit on the stage of Grace Community Church in North Liberty on Tuesday. Faith has played a big role in Olsen's life.

## Seth Olsen is a Christian first and football player second.

By AMIE KIEHN  
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Grace Community Church in North Liberty is not ostentatious. The dull, pale blue walls are empty of any iconic wooden crosses, paintings of the Last Supper or stained-glass windows — the one the church does have is hidden behind a large black curtain. "Christian symbols aren't the most important thing to be seen," said Jean Keeley, Grace Community's office secretary and the appointed "glue" of the church. "Christ is the most important thing to be seen."

It comes as no surprise then that this is Seth Olsen's place of worship.

The former Hawkeye offensive lineman has never been showy. As he prepares to take part in the

NFL scouting combine on Saturday, his faith has kept him humble.

For the 6-5 Olsen, he plays for an "audience of one."

"For some reason, I am more in the zone in my walk with Christ Saturdays," he said. "I read scripture before the game, just like a verse that I can write on my hand, and write on the tape on my wrists, as a focal point to remind me of who I am playing for and why I am playing this game."

"I always write 'A.O.1.' — Audience of One — on my wrist, because that is whom I am playing for. It really helps you free up, not worry about playing for 70,000 people in the stadium, or the 100,000 people watching at home."

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Former Iowa offensive lineman Seth Olsen celebrates with former Iowa quarterback Jake Christensen as the clock runs down in the fourth quarter at Kinnick Stadium on Oct. 13, 2007. The Omaha native will join four other former Hawkeyes this weekend at the 2009 NFL scouting combine in Indianapolis.

# Dorr open to busy life

With tennis, school, and work, Alexis Dorr finds time to do it all.

By ROBBIE LEHMAN  
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Iowa women's tennis player Alexis Dorr's favorite professional tennis player is Roger Federer. And Dorr and Federer share a common characteristic in their lives: They both have incredibly busy schedules.

While Federer has been busy racking up grand-slam championships (or was until a guy named Rafael Nadal came along), Dorr has been busy balancing college tennis along with a 21 credit-hour schedule and a part-time job. This doesn't give her a lot of free time, but when she has some, she takes full advantage of it.

"I love free time," she said. "I can relax; it's the only time I have to do that."

Her day starts with tennis practice at 6 a.m., and ends after homework is done that night. She is a double major in journalism and mass communication and theater and plans on minoring in Spanish. Originally registered for 17 hours this semester, she added Turkish at the last minute because she wanted to learn the language and because her mother is Turkish. That put her at 21 hours.



Dorr tennis player

## ON THE WEB

For more on Iowa women's tennis player Alexis Dorr's busy schedule, go to [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com) for exclusive web video.

SEE DORR, 3B

# Hoopsters eye Badgers as 'must' win

## Iowa looks to win tonight against Wisconsin in its first game of a crucial four game stretch.

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The Iowa women's basketball team (16-9, 9-5) will entertain Wisconsin (15-11, 5-10) today at 7:05 p.m. in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

The Hawkeyes beat the Badgers, 73-63, in each team's first Big Ten game of the season, in Madison on Dec. 22. In the span of almost two months, both teams have gone on opposite paths leading them into tonight's battle — with Iowa winning eight of its last 10 and Wisconsin dropping six of its last seven.

"This time of year, we're talking about only four games remaining," Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder said. "Wisconsin at home on Thursday night feels like eons ago since we played Wisconsin before Christmas to open up the Big Ten season."

Iowa rests in fifth place in the Big Ten, only one game behind fourth-place Minnesota. Despite only being two spots behind Iowa in the standings, Wisconsin finds themselves four-and-a-half games behind the Hawkeyes

and four games behind sixth place Indiana.

With the Badgers claiming the highest ranking of any remaining team on Iowa's schedule, Bluder cited tonight's matchup, as well as the remainder of their games, as a must win in order to earn the right to play at Carver-Hawkeye Arena when it hosts the first and second rounds of the NCAA Tournament in March.

"When I look at the RPIs of the last three teams we play [Michigan, Illinois, and Northwestern], those are must wins," Bluder said. "Now, we don't have any bad losses, and we don't want any bad losses. Wisconsin has a good RPI, but the last three teams that we play do not have a good RPI."

Entering today, the Hawkeyes have an RPI of 33 and a strength of schedule that ranks 24th best in the country. Following this evening's outcome, regardless of the result, both will go down, and will continue to fall as their opponents become easier on paper. In fact, Iowa's remaining four opponents decrease in RPI

## Iowa vs. Wisconsin

Where: CARVER-HAWKEYE ARENA  
When: 7:05 P.M.  
Where to watch: BIGTENNETWORK.COM  
Where to listen: KXIC AM-800

## LINE UPS

WISCONSIN (15-11, 5-10)				
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G Karel	5-7	So.	13.0	
G Grant	5-10	Jr.	6.5	
F Steinbauer	6-1	So.	7.2	
C Zastrow	6-4	So.	7.3	
IOWA (16-9, 9-5)				
G Smith	5-6	Sr.	13.4	
G Wahlin	5-8	Fr.	6.6	
F Alexander	5-9	So.	9.2	
F Ausdemore	6-2	Sr.	11.7	
C Skouby	6-6	Sr.	12.6	

## ON THE WEB

Hear more from the Iowa women's basketball team at [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com) as it gets ready to host the Wisconsin Badgers tonight at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

— Wisconsin is at 63, Michigan's RPI is 130, Illinois' RPI is 131, and Northwestern's RPI is 244.

"We have to worry about Wisconsin and playing well against it because each game's important," senior Wendy Ausdemore said. "As a senior, four games left in the regular season, you have to take a step back and just stay in the present moment and think about today."

SEE BASKETBALL, 3B



JOE SCOTT/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa sophomore guard Kachine Alexander drives for a lay-up against Ohio State in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Feb. 12.

# SPORTS 'N' STUFF

# Farley rockets into history

## MEN'S BIG TEN BASKETBALL

Conference	All Games		
	W	L	PCT
Michigan St.	10	3	.769
Purdue	9	4	.692
Illinois	9	5	.643
Penn St.	8	6	.571
Minnesota	7	6	.538
Ohio St.	7	6	.538
Wisconsin	7	6	.538
Michigan	6	7	.462
Northwestern	5	8	.387
Iowa	3	10	.231
Indiana	1	11	.083

**Wednesday's Games**  
 Penn State 38, Illinois 33  
 Northwestern 72, Ohio State 69  
**Today's Games**  
 Minnesota at Michigan, 6 p.m. BTN  
 Wisconsin at Indiana, 8 p.m. ESPN/ESPN2  
**Saturday's Game**  
 Indiana at Purdue, 1 p.m. BTN  
**Sunday's Games**  
 Michigan at Iowa, 4 p.m. BTN  
 Illinois at Ohio State, 12 p.m. CBS  
 Wisconsin at Michigan State, 2 p.m. ESPN  
 Northwestern at Minnesota 6 p.m. BTN

## WOMEN'S BIG TEN BASKETBALL

Conference	All Games		
	W	L	Pct.
Ohio State	11	3	.786
Michigan State	11	3	.786
Purdue	11	4	.733
Minnesota	10	4	.714
Iowa	9	5	.643
Indiana	9	6	.600
Wisconsin	5	10	.333
Penn State	4	10	.286
Illinois	4	11	.267
Michigan	3	11	.214
Northwestern	2	12	.154

**Today's Games**  
 Wisconsin at Iowa, 7:05 p.m.  
 Michigan at Michigan State, 6 p.m.  
 Purdue at Penn State, 6 p.m.  
 Indiana at Northwestern, 7 p.m.  
 Ohio State at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
**Sunday's Games**  
 Iowa at Michigan, 1 p.m.  
 Michigan State at Wisconsin, 1:30 p.m.  
 Penn State at Illinois, 2 p.m.  
 Ohio State at Indiana, 3 p.m.  
**Monday's Game**  
 Minnesota at Northwestern, 7 p.m.

## TOP 25 COLLEGE BASKETBALL

#3 North Carolina 89, North Carolina State 80  
 #5 Memphis 90, SMU 47  
 #7 Louisville 94, Providence 76  
 #8 Wake Forest 87, Georgia Tech 69  
 #15 Kansas 72, Iowa State 55  
 Penn State 38, #18 Illinois 33  
 Wisconsin-Milwaukee 63, #21 Butler 60  
 #23 LSU 72, Arkansas 69  
**Other Scores**  
 Drake 47, Northern Iowa 46  
**WOMEN'S SCORES**  
 #1 Connecticut 75, Providence 39  
 Oklahoma State 58, #12 Texas 52  
 Missouri 52, #16 Kansas State 43  
 #17 Xavier 72, LaSalle 42  
 #19 Pittsburgh 70, Villanova 54  
 #21 Iowa State 61, Nebraska 38

## NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Atlanta	37	18	3	77	179	145
New Jersey	30	16	9	69	179	161
Philadelphia	31	22	6	68	147	163
N.Y. Rangers	31	22	6	68	147	163
Pittsburgh	27	25	6	60	173	178
N.Y. Islanders	17	34	6	40	138	192
NORTHWEST						
Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	40	10	8	88	197	131
Montreal	30	21	7	67	175	176
Buffalo	30	22	6	66	172	160
Ottawa	22	25	9	53	139	158
Toronto	21	26	10	52	172	210
SOUTHEAST						
Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	37	16	5	79	195	166
Florida	29	20	8	66	164	155
Carolina	28	25	5	61	147	171
Tampa Bay	19	27	11	49	145	181
Atlanta	21	32	5	47	172	204
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Central	38	12	8	84	221	170
Detroit	32	15	8	72	186	140

Columbus	29	23	6	64	159	161
Nashville	27	28	3	57	140	166
St. Louis	24	26	7	55	163	176
NORTHWEST						
Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	33	18	5	72	181	169
Vancouver	28	21	8	64	173	166
Edmonton	29	24	4	62	161	175
Minnesota	28	24	3	59	142	129
Colorado	27	30	1	55	159	180
PACIFIC						
Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	38	8	9	85	192	137
Dallas	28	21	7	63	169	174
Anaheim	28	26	5	61	166	170
Los Angeles	25	22	9	59	150	160
Phoenix	25	28	5	55	146	178

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.  
**Wednesday's Games**  
 Columbus 4, St. Louis 3  
 N.Y. Rangers 3, N.Y. Islanders 1  
 Detroit 6, Nashville 2  
 Washington 4, Montreal 3, SO  
 Los Angeles 4, Anaheim 3  
**Today's Games**  
 Buffalo at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.  
 Montreal at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.  
 Carolina at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.  
 Vancouver at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.  
 Chicago at Florida, 6:30 p.m.  
 Columbus at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.  
 New Jersey at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.  
 St. Louis at Nashville, 7 p.m.  
 Calgary at Minnesota, 7 p.m.  
 Edmonton at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.  
 Atlanta at Phoenix, 8 p.m.  
 Los Angeles at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

## NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	44	11	.800	—
Philadelphia	27	26	.509	16
New Jersey	24	31	.436	20
New York	22	31	.415	21
Toronto	21	35	.375	23½
SOUTHEAST				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	39	14	.736	—
Atlanta	32	22	.593	3½
Miami	28	25	.528	11
Charlotte	22	32	.407	17½
Washington	12	42	.222	27½
CENTRAL				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	41	11	.788	—
Detroit	27	25	.519	14
Milwaukee	27	30	.474	16½
Chicago	24	30	.444	18
Indiana	22	34	.393	21
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	35	17	.673	—
New Orleans	32	20	.615	3
Houston	32	21	.611	3
Dallas	28	25	.528	11
Memphis	15	39	.278	21
NORTHWEST				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	37	17	.685	—
Portland	33	20	.623	3½
Utah	31	23	.574	6
Minnesota	18	35	.340	18½
Oklahoma City	13	41	.241	24
PACIFIC				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	44	10	.815	—
Phoenix	30	23	.566	13½
Golden State	19	36	.345	25½
L.A. Clippers	13	42	.236	31½
Sacramento	11	44	.200	33½

**Wednesday's Games**  
 Cleveland 93, Toronto 76  
 Charlotte 103, Indiana 94  
 Denver 101, Philadelphia 89  
 Minnesota 111, Miami 104  
 New Orleans 117, Orlando 85  
 Chicago 113, Milwaukee 104  
 Dallas 113, New Jersey 98  
 Atlanta 105, Sacramento 100  
 Portland 94, Memphis 90  
 Phoenix 142, L.A. Clippers 119  
 L.A. Lakers 129, Golden State 121  
**Today's Games**  
 San Antonio at Detroit, 7 p.m.  
 Boston at Utah, 9:30 p.m.

## TRANSACTIONS

**COLLEGE**  
 CINCINNATI—Named **Bob Diaco** defensive coordinator. Promoted defensive backs coach Kerry Coombs to associate head coach and special teams and recruiting coordinator-tight ends coach Mike Elston to assistant head coach, in addition to their previous duties.  
 HARVARD—Named **James Frazier** director of strength and conditioning.

Iowa sophomore Karessa Farley sets school record in the 60-meter hurdles.

By **JAKE KRZECZOWSKI**  
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The hurdles event is one of precision. One small mistake can make the difference between first and last place. Karessa Farley knows this. Last week at the Iowa State Classic, she was perfect, clearing the 60-meter hurdles with ease en route to an 8.30 finish.

The time earned the Hawk-eye sophomore first place, but maybe more importantly, ranks as the best time ever for an Iowa women's hurdler. "It felt good," Farley said. "For some reason, I wasn't nervous. I was able to go out and ran fast."

For someone who is described by her coach Layne Anderson as shy and soft-spoken, the record was a big statement.

Born in Bridgetown, Barbados, she came to Iowa upon being offered a scholarship out of Queen's College High School, where she was named high-school athlete of the year as a senior while also being crowned the 100-meter hurdles champion.

While for her the cold weather has taken some getting used to, part of her decision to come to Iowa was that she felt comfortable with then-coach Victor Houston, also a native of Barbados.

No stranger to big meets, Farley competed in both the Central American and Pan American Junior Games while in high school. She managed to run a 8.46 at the Meyo Invitational before her freshman season at Iowa was cut short by injury.



Iowa sophomore Karessa Farley prepares for the Hawkeyes' indoor track practice at the Recreation Building on Tuesday. Farley set a school record for the 60-meter hurdles last weekend at the Iowa State Classic.

'The main thing for me is keeping my arms moving and sprinting between the hurdles.'

— **Karessa Farley**, sophomore

That time ranked as fifth in school's history before last weekend.

After redshirting during the outdoor season because of injuries, Farley came into this season with a new mindset based on working harder and keeping track of her health.

"I started to take better care of myself all the time," she said. "I started to pay more attention to my body."

Saying this while drying off from a dip in the ice tub, with two more bags of ice in her hand, it was evident that she has stuck with this mentality.

She also has worked with her coaches to focus more on her technique.

"The main thing for me is

keeping my arms moving and sprinting between the hurdles," Farley said.

The new mindset has paid off. The time from this past weekend also provisionally qualified Farley for the NCAA national meet, which Anderson believes she will find herself at eventually, if not this season.

"It's just a matter of time for Karessa; she should be at the national meet soon," he said.

By shaving a couple of fractions of a second off her time from the Iowa State Classic,

she will be assured a chance to compete at nationals.

The Big Ten championship meet on Feb. 28 will be her last chance to automatically qualify — she will sit out this weekend's Iowa Invitational in order to rest her legs.

Farley is taking it easy this week by concentrating on light workouts and opting to continue to perfect the technique that can be so difficult. She will, of course, continue with ice baths and training-room sessions.

Farley will need another "rocket start," as Anderson described the beginning of her race last weekend, in order to better her performance and continue to set records.

# Nats' top prospect faked name, age

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**  
 Associated Press

VIERA, Fla. — A top baseball prospect from the Dominican Republic who received a \$1.4 million signing bonus from the Washington Nationals lied about his age and name in what team President Stan Kasten called "an elaborate scheme."

"I'm angry. I'm very angry. We've been defrauded," Kasten said Wednesday. "And make no mistake: This wasn't a college kid with a fake ID."

"This was a deliberate, premeditated fraud" that involved bribes, along with falsified hospital and school records, Kasten said.

In July 2006, to much fanfare, the Nationals signed a 16-year-old shortstop named Esmailyn "Smiley" Gonzalez and held a news conference at which general manager Jim Bowden compared the player to Hall of Famer Ozzie Smith. Still known as Gonzalez, he wound up leading the rookie-level Gulf Coast League with a .343 batting average in 2008 and was honored as the league's MVP.

But while the Nationals have been listing his date of birth as Sept. 21, 1989 — which would make him 19 now — Kasten said Wednesday that a Major League Baseball investigation determined Gonzalez is actually Carlos David Alvarez Lugo, born in November 1985 — meaning he is really 23.

"This is going to have serious repercussions," said Kasten, who spoke to reporters after SI.com first reported on Gonzalez/Lugo. "I have people examining all possible avenues of recourse, with regards to any legal and financial concerns."

While Kasten said there were "a number of people involved" in the hoax, he would not say whether anyone employed by the Nationals is suspected of playing a role.

"I'm not going to say anything right now while the investigation continues," Kasten said.

As for the player, Kasten said: "This is a big difference between



In this July 2, 2006 file photo, Washington National manager Frank Robinson (right) looks at Esmailyn Gonzalez (left) at a press conference to announce that the team agreed to terms in Washington on July 2, 2006, with the 16-year-old amateur free-agent shortstop from the Dominican Republic. Team President Stan Kasten announced on Wednesday that a Major League Baseball investigation determined Gonzalez is actually Carlos David Alvarez Lugo, and he is really 23.

being a 16-year-old and a 20-year-old. Do I know what his future holds as a baseball player? I don't. I would say clearly he remains a prospect — but I would say a very different kind of prospect — today. I'm not prepared to say what is going to happen in his career just yet."

He is scheduled to report to Nationals minor-league camp March 13.

"I didn't know anything about this. I never had any indication that he was anyone other than Esmailyn. I feel bad for the organization, and I feel bad for the kid," the player's agent, Stanley King, said in a telephone interview.

King, who also represents National starting shortstop Cristian Guzman, said he hadn't spoken to Gonzalez since the story broke.

"This thing is unraveling like a Greek tragedy," King said.

Jose Rijo, a special assistant to Bowden, was credited with spotting Gonzalez in the Dominican about two years before the Nationals signed him.

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signed with the Nationals — both said neither the Nationals nor Major League Baseball contacted them in the course of the recent investigation.

Kasten said MLB is responsible for checking the documents of Latin American prospects and that Gonzalez was given the OK — twice, both at the time of his signing and then again in 2007 after Kasten said he heard rumors of "irregularities ... whether it was the amount of money or where the money wound up going or whatnot."

In recent years, several players in the majors and minors such as Miguel Tejada, Rafael Furcal and Bartolo Colon were found to be older than originally thought.

Most of the discrepancies involved players from Latin American countries, and were discovered when visas, birth certificates and other documentation were checked more closely following the Sept. 11 attacks.

"In the Dominican, you never know. You just never know anymore. That [stuff has] been going on for so long," Rijo, the 1990 World Series MVP for the Cincinnati Reds, said about players lying about their ages.

Asked whether he had ever seen Gonzalez's documents, Rijo said: "You see a document, but you're going to see a real or a fake one, anyway. It doesn't matter. But you've got to go through Major League Baseball before you can get the kid to sign."

Shortly after those comments, the Nationals announced that Kasten would be the only member of the organization, including Bowden, who would speak about the matter.

Bowden met last year with FBI investigators looking into an alleged scam involving skimming signing bonuses for prospects from the Dominican Republic.

Kasten credited MLB's department of investigations — established after a recommendation in the Mitchell Report — with uncovering the hoax.

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# Faith drives ex-Hawk Olsen

**OLSEN**

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Coaches and peers recognize the humility and work ethic prevalent in the Omaha native.

"He's got a strong drive, great character qualities," said Jim Goodrich, the director of Athletes in Action, a ministry that works with athletes on campus.

Goodrich compares Olsen with another former Hawkeye, Aaron Kampman, saying the Green Bay Packers coaches love Kampman's immense focus and believes Olsen puts forth similar effort.

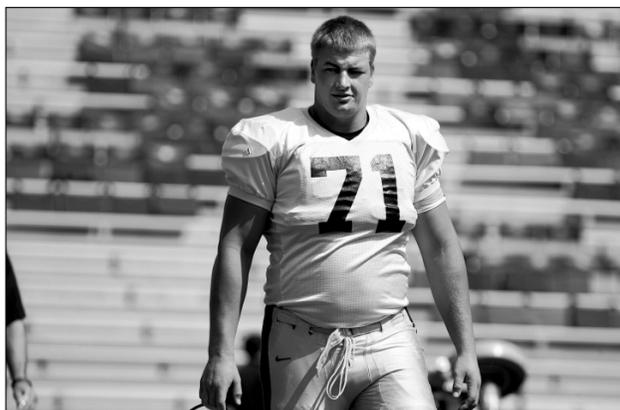
"[Olsen] has a great work ethic," Goodrich said. "I think a lot of it, I would attribute to faith. He is going to be reliable and persistent, which allows him to play at a higher level."

"That is his motivation, to please God, and that is the highest motivation you can have."

Iowa strength and conditioning coach Chris Doyle has worked with Olsen and the other Hawkeyes — Shonn Greene, Mitch King, Bradley Fletcher, and Rob Bruggeman — who will journey to Indianapolis for the combine.

"I compare [the combine] to preparing for a take home test," Doyle said. "You know the questions, it's just a matter of developing a specific plan to answer the questions."

"The combine in Indianapolis has been going on for many



AMY ANDREWS/THE DAILY IOWAN

**Former Iowa offensive lineman Seth Olsen works during practice in Kinnick Stadium on Aug. 16, 2008. The faith-driven Olsen will look to make it in the NFL when he takes part in the scouting combine this weekend in Indianapolis.**

years. Typically, they bring in the top 300 seniors and put them through a battery of standardized tests. So going into it, we know what the tests are going to be. It is just a matter of fine-tuning their skills in those tests."

Doyle, who has worked with Olsen for the last five years, knows Olsen's strengths and weaknesses, and he has seen firsthand how Olsen's faith has helped to maximize his potential.

"When you get to know the athletes, invest in the athletes, spend a lot of time with them over the course of the year, you get to know their mental makeup and what motivates them,"

Doyle said. "Seth has always been clear and up front from the get-go that faith was important to him."

"Everybody pulls from different areas to improve their daily performance, and I think faith has been a vehicle for Seth that has allowed him to operate at a high level for some time."

While Olsen has been hustling to get his body in peak performance for the combine, the Iowa graduate with a degree in political science has had one thing on his mind — Africa.

"My dream would be to someday work for a Christian missionary organization, or non-

profit, that specifically does work in Africa," Olsen said.

He has earnestly been working with Monroe Elementary School in Cedar Rapids to help raise funds for charitable endeavors in Africa.

"We are trying to raise money for a well and bathroom facilities in Africa and that is through [the organization] Charity: Water," Olsen said. "[Monroe Elementary] is an early childhood school, and the kids aren't going to have much to bring in, so the [fundraiser] will build a little efficacy and make them feel involved in the whole project."

The "Coins for Clean Water" initiative has raised more than \$3,000 since being implemented Jan. 21 and will continue until March 14.

"I am really impressed with his attitude toward African development," wife Christi Olsen said. "It's really kind of come to a head, and it's interesting what direction he wants to take after football."

Those who know Olsen realize the 23-year-old is mature beyond his years.

"He's a guy that already began to take the next steps in his life; he's a married guy, very stable," Doyle said. "When you look at an athlete's ability to maximize his potential, Seth has the qualities that you're looking for."

# Dorr's life: Busy, busy, busy

**DORR**

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"My academic schedule is very demanding," she said. "It's a lot of classes, but I'm getting the work done in time, so I can handle it."

As a sophomore, Dorr said, she is taking all the right courses to fulfill her majors in time, and that 21 hours sounds worse than it actually is. Contrary to what head coach Daryl Greenan believes, Dorr finds herself perfectly able to balance her academic schedule with her tennis commitment.

"Coach doesn't fully understand my capabilities," she said. "I'm very ambitious. I can do what I set out to do."

Also on her list of extracurriculars

is a job at the Hillcrest Marketplace, where she works on Tuesday nights. By receiving a full scholarship for playing tennis at Iowa, she doesn't work to pay for school, but instead for a little extra spending money, which she said is always good to have.

The most important thing Dorr has learned from her busy schedule is how to budget her time. When she does have some rare free time, she uses it wisely to get ahead on homework or catch up on sleep. She doesn't waste it by watching TV, mainly because she doesn't have one or a refrigerator for that matter. But when she does want to give her mind and body a break, she turns to Facebook and YouTube.

Dorr is from Doylestown, Pa., but spent junior high and three

years of high school in Tampa, Fla., before finishing her senior year back in her hometown. Iowa came into the picture for college because of its journalism school and tennis, and she connected well with the coaches and players on her recruiting visit. She is still connecting well with them two years later, although her teammates enjoy teasing her about her schedule and other things.

"We help her with her homework on a daily basis," sophomore Jessica Young joked. "She's handling it very well. Her stress level is not a factor in anything she's doing. She still has time for fun stuff with us. We're all really proud of her."

Currently 3-5 in singles for the Hawkeyes, Dorr plays in the No. 2

spot in the lineup and also on the No. 1 doubles team. Her teammates value the competitiveness that she brings to the team.

"She'll stay out there for as long as it takes, she'll fight no matter what," Young said. "If she's down, she'll come back and fight for herself and her team. She's a great leader, she's always there supporting you when she's done with her match. She's a great teammate and we love having her."

Dorr likes her fair share of serbest zaman (that's "free time" for those who aren't fluent in Turkish), but she doesn't mind a busy schedule.

"I'd rather have a lot to do than less to do," she said. "It's more entertaining, and I don't like to be bored."

# Hoopsters motto: No bad losses

**BASKETBALL**

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This past week has been entertaining for the Hawkeyes to say the least, having upset then-No. 18 Ohio State on Feb. 12, followed by a 20-point come-from-behind victory at Penn

State on Feb. 15, the biggest deficit Iowa has ever overcome to win a game.

Iowa senior Kristi Smith is among those moving on from the monumental week and maintaining her focus for the rest of the way.

"[Wisconsin and Michigan

are] two really great teams and we can't take them lightly," she said. "Especially Wisconsin, it's coming off a tough loss [on Feb. 16], it played Indiana down to the wire. [The Badgers] are going to be out for revenge, so we just have to come out ready to go."

With momentum coming into

the final two weeks of the regular season, Iowa feels confident with its chances from here on out.

"I feel good about the way we're playing right now," Bluder said. "I just think that we're a hard team to guard because we have a lot of people that can do a lot of different things."

**STATE**

## Drake rallies to beat N. Iowa

CEDAR FALLS, — Josh Young scored 16 points and led a second-half rally that carried Drake to a 47-46 win over Northern Iowa on Wednesday in the Missouri Valley Conference.

Young had nine points in the second half for the Bulldogs (16-12, 7-9), who won for the third straight time at UNI. Young's free throws with 6:51 to play gave Drake a 39-38 lead. The Bulldogs never trailed again.

Drake was 8-for-8 from the line in the second half and 9-for-10 overall. The Panthers (18-9, 12-4) were 6-for-6 in the first half, but made just six of 13 attempts in the second half.

Jordan Eglseider, who was UNI's only double-figure scorer with 11 points, missed two free throws with 5 seconds left for the Panthers.

Turnovers and poor shooting hurt both teams. UNI had 21 turnovers and shot 35 percent, while Drake had 16 turnovers and shot 39 percent.

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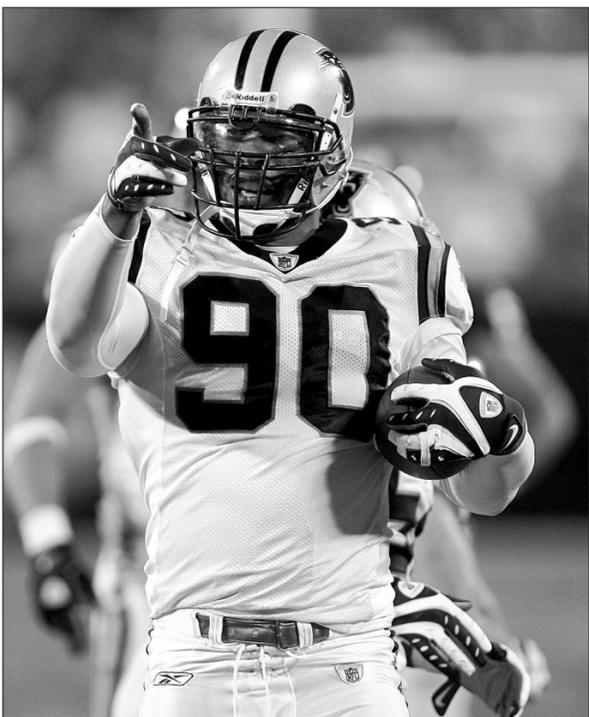
By MIKE CRANSTON  
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Julius Peppers still wants out of Carolina, but he'll only agree to be traded to four teams, further complicating the Panthers' efforts to get compensation for the four-time Pro Bowl defensive end.

On the eve of the deadline to place the franchise tag on Peppers, a person close to the player said Wednesday that the impending free agent wants to play for Dallas or three other unnamed teams, two of them in the NFC.

The person, speaking on the condition of anonymity because the list wasn't supposed to be made public, said Peppers wouldn't agree on a trade to any other team, which would limit the Panthers because Peppers would likely have to sign a new contract with that new team before a trade could be executed.

Carolina would likely seek a first-round draft pick and other compensation for their all-time sacks leader, who announced last month that he wanted to leave after seven seasons. The Cowboys don't have a first-round pick this year. The Panthers would also likely prefer Peppers not play for a fellow NFC team.



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**Carolina Panther defensive end Julius Peppers reacts after recovering a fumble during a preseason game against the Washington Redskins on Aug. 23, 2008, in Charlotte, N.C. Peppers, a four-time Pro Bowl defensive end, doesn't want to play for Carolina.**

Panther general manager Marty Hurney, in Indianapolis for the NFL scouting combine, declined to comment.

The news provides another twist in an important — and perhaps very costly — week for the Panthers, who are also try-

ing to hammer out a new contract with Pro Bowl left tackle Jordan Gross. That deal could cost Carolina approximately \$9 million a year.

It was thought that if the Panthers could sign Gross before this afternoon, they would slap the franchise tag on Peppers. That would mean offering a one-year deal worth \$16.7 million, and no other team could sign Peppers without giving up two first-round picks.

That would leave the Panthers the option to trade Peppers and get compensation in return, similar to what Kansas City did last year. After placing the franchise tag on defensive end Jared Allen, the Chiefs traded him to Minnesota for a first-round pick and two third-round choices.

But Allen also agreed to a six-year contract with the Vikings that included \$31 million in guaranteed money and could be worth \$74 million if he meets certain incentives.

Peppers, who had a career-high 14 1/2 sacks last season, turned down a contract offer from Carolina last year that would have made him one of the highest-paid defensive players in the NFL. Peppers is interested in playing in a 3-4 scheme instead of Carolina's 4-3 defense.

# McGrady to miss rest of season

By CHRIS DUNCAN  
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Houston Rocket star Tracy McGrady will have surgery on his left knee and miss the rest of the season.

The star forward said on his website Wednesday that the pain has been persistent and he will have microfracture surgery. He's confident he'll return next season.

McGrady is Houston's third-leading scorer. He had arthroscopic surgery in May and has missed 18 games this season because of his sore knee. He also missed one game with a sprained ankle. He said before the All-Star break he wanted to consult with doctors before deciding on the best course of treatment on his knee.

ESPN.com first reported that McGrady was out for the season after the Rockets beat the Nets on Tuesday night.

Rocket spokesman Nelson Luis said McGrady met with a doctor in New York on Tuesday and had another out-of-state doctor's appointment scheduled Wednesday. McGrady said he would have the surgery "immediately."

"It has been extremely frustrating dealing with the knee injury this season," McGrady said. "It's been tough on me both physically and mentally and while we've come to this conclusion after much deliberation, we truly feel this is best for both me and the Rockets in the long term."

Houston coach Rick Adelman lashed out at McGrady after practice on Wednesday for not informing the team of his intentions. Adelman said he only learned that McGrady was out for the season when he read it in a newspaper in the morning.

"There should be a protocol, there should be a procedure where we have a chance to sit down and talk about the situation and not be announced in the press," Adelman said. "I don't know why that happened, why he did that. Certainly, that is not the way things should be handled."

Some of the Rockets said they also found out through the media, but Ron Artest said the news came as no surprise.

"Everybody pretty much knew he was going through some tough times right now in his career," said Artest, who's started the last two games in

McGrady's place. "I knew it was pretty severe for him not to be able to practice and play."

The Rockets have won their last two games without McGrady and 13 of 19 without him this season. Houston is 33-21 overall this season and in fifth place in the Western Conference.

Houston has been coping with injuries all season — 10 players have missed a total of 113 games. Some players say they're relieved to learn something definitive about McGrady.

"If the reports are true, it gives us certainty," said forward Shane Battier. "We can finally move on. We know who we have, and we don't have to worry about who is coming back from injury."

Last February, Yao Ming broke his left foot and missed the last 26 games of the season. The Rockets ran off 10 consecutive victories after Yao was hurt, and Battier said the Rockets will adapt easier to McGrady's absence than they did to Yao's.

"When Yao went down, that was devastating," Battier said. "Obviously, Tracy is a great player and he's a big part of what we did. But Yao, at the time, was our foundation."

Houston acquired McGrady in June 2004 in a trade with Orlando, but the seven-time All-Star has been a disappointment in five seasons. His scoring numbers have steadily decreased while his health

issues have increased.

He's already missed 85 games overall since arriving, including 34 in 2005-06 and 10 in 2006-07 with back pain, and 12 games last season with a bone bruise and tendinitis in his left knee.

McGrady said on the day before training camp began in late September that his knee was not healed from the surgery and was still painful. By December, McGrady was skipping the second games of back-to-back sets and took two weeks off in January to rest his knee. He returned and played seven games, then stopped playing after a loss to Milwaukee on Feb. 9.



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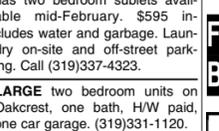


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**ANDREW R. JUHL**  
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### Possible New Marketing Slogans for the Ledge

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- The Ledge: Now available without a prescription.
- The Ledge: Because laughter is the best medicine. For herpes.
- Besides Valtrex, of course.
- The Ledge: DRM free.
- The Ledge: Moderately funny humor for moderately intelligent undergrads.
- The Ledge: Not as good as Joss Whedon's *Dollhouse*, but it'll still be here in a month.
- The Ledge: Soon to be a major motion picture.
- The Ledge: Where "too soon?" can never come too quickly.
- The Ledge: Starkly snarky.
- The Ledge: Tested on animals — but only ugly ones.
- The Ledge: It would read you if you were a humor column.
- The Ledge: It will eat your children if given the chance.
- The Ledge: You can't fall off it, but you can fall in love with it.
- The Ledge: The only column written in Scratch 'n' Sniff ink.
- The Ledge: It's on the back so the other pages won't stick together.
- The Ledge: We are in possession of your entire stock of bases.
- The Ledge: Way to cool for self-referential humor.

- Andrew R. Juhl thanks Lauren W. Brian T. Aaron HH. Eric W. and Matt G for contributing to today's Ledge.

Think you're pretty funny? Prove it. The *Daily Iowan* is looking for Ledge writers. You can submit a Ledge at [daily-iowan@uiowa.edu](mailto:daily-iowan@uiowa.edu). If we think it's good, we'll run it — and maybe contact you for more.

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Postal Service worker James Huntington loads packages for delivery near Washington and Dubuque Streets on Wednesday. Huntington said the packages were scheduled for a 4 p.m. drop-off.

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## UITV schedule

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- Noon News from Russia** (in Russian)  
**12:30 p.m. News from Québec** (in French)
- 1 "Live from Prairie Lights" Archive, Chip Kidd  
 2 News from Germany (in German)  
 3 "Java Blend," the Damwells  
 4 Students interview Karl Rove, March 2008  
 4:35 Cello and Piano Fine Arts Performance
- 6 Todd Lickliter News Conference  
 6:30 Incompetent Sports Talk  
 7 "Java Blend," the Damwells  
 8 University Lecture Committee, E.O. Wilson  
 9:30 Daily Iowan TV News  
 9:45 Incompetent Sports Talk  
 10:15 Todd Lickliter News Conference  
 10:30 Daily Iowan TV News  
 10:45 Special Events at the UI  
 11 "Java Blend," the Damwells

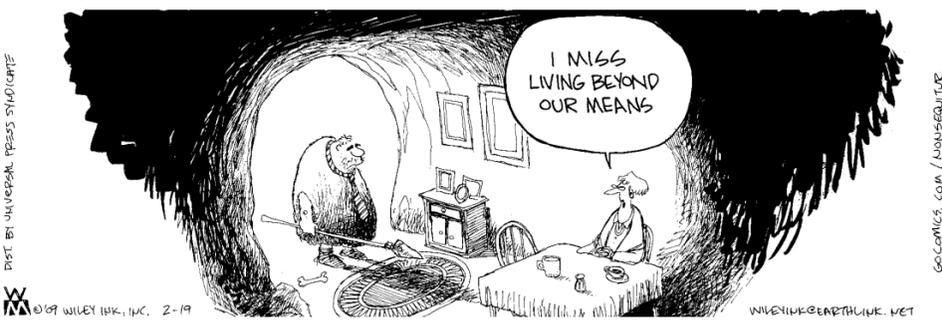
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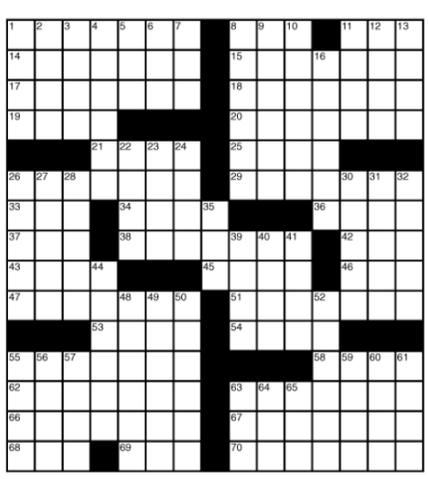
- **Heart Healthy February Newcomers' Coffee**, 9:30 a.m., 1812 Timber Hills Drive, Coralville
- **Department of Biochemistry Seminar, "What a Difference a Cell Makes: Protein Folding in vivo,"** Patricia Clark, Notre Dame, 10:30 a.m., Bowen Watzke Auditorium
- **Lunch with the Chefs, Down Home Iowa**, 11:15 a.m., IMU Main Ballroom
- **Pharmacology Graduate Student Workshop, "The Synthesis and Activity of Stilbenoid Bisphosphonates,"** Jacqueline Smits, 12:30 p.m., Bowen Spivey Auditorium
- **African American Women's Health Night**, 3 p.m., Emma Goldman Clinic, 227 N. Dubuque
- **"Exemplar Genetics: Challenges and Solutions in an Early Stage Start-Up,"** Christopher Rogers, director of Exemplar research and development, and John Swart, president of Exemplar, 4 p.m., 1117 Medical Education and Research Facility
- **European Studies Group Lecture, "Rape Hysteria and the Sexual Economy of Race: French Accusations of Sexual Assault against African-American GIs, 1944-1945,"** by Mary Louise Roberts, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 4:30 p.m., 2520B University Capitol Centre
- **"Whatever Affects One Directly Affects All Indirectly,"** Frank LaMere, Native American activist, 4:30 p.m., Main Library Shambaugh Auditorium
- **Classics Colloquium, "Laughing About Divorce: The Fabula Targata and Roman Culture,"** Jarrett Welsh, Harvard, 5 p.m., 2520D University Capitol Centre

- **Indian Chicken Tandoori Dinner**, 6 p.m., New Pioneer Co-op, 1101 Second St., Coralville
- **West Music Young Jazz Warriors**, 6 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington St.
- **Country Dance**, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 225 Highway 1 W.
- **Cloth Dolls**, 7 p.m., Home Ec., 207 N. Linn
- **Last Year at Marienbad**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **Journeys in Faith Speakers Forum, "Dating and Marriage: A Modern Catholic Perspective,"** Christine Whelan 7:30 p.m., 101 Biology Building East
- **Drinking Liberally**, 8 p.m., Mill
- **Guys on Ice: An Ice Fishing Musical Comedy**, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Theatre, 213 N. Linn
- **Karaoke and Tacos**, 8 p.m., Fiesta Mexican Restaurant, 320 E. Burlington
- **10-minute Play Festival**, 8 p.m., Theatre Building Theatre B
- **Free karaoke**, 8 p.m., Nickelodeon, 907 Second St., Coralville
- **Maia Quartet, with Daniel Avshalomov**, 8 p.m., IMU Main Ballroom
- **Live Comedy**, 9 p.m., Summit, 10 S. Clinton
- **Gemini Karaoke**, 9 p.m., Speak Easy, 171 Highway 1 W.
- **Reds & the Eds, Substatic**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- **Beautiful Losers**, 9 p.m., Bijou
- **Big D's Karaoke**, 9 p.m., Gus', 2421 Coral Court, Coralville
- **Campus Activities Board Event, comedian Nicholas Anthony**, 9 p.m., River Room Dining Area, IMU

## The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0108

- Across**
- 1 Irish interjection
  - 8 Part of some resort names; Abbr.
  - 11 One way to get something down
  - 14 The Black Stallion, e.g.
  - 15 Paul Anka hit that made it to #19
  - 17 & 18 "J'ai Deux Amours" singer
  - 19 Whittish
  - 20 Extended vacationers may take them
  - 21 Goes back
  - 25 Pulitzer-winning biographer Leon
  - 26 & 29 Tangerine
  - 33 Nickname precursor
  - 34 "One Song Glory" musical
  - 36 Rice pad
  - 37 U.S.N. clerk; Abbr.
  - 38 Burglary ... or a hint to 17/18-, 26/29-, 47/51- and 62/63-; Across
  - 42 Viral inflammation, informally
  - 43 Sailor's saint
  - 45 Paradoxical fellow
  - 46 12-time baseball All-Star
  - 47 & 51 Wet-day wish
  - 53 Crush
  - 54 Literary pen name
  - 55 Chinese chicken flavorers
  - 58 Gracile
  - 62 & 63 Temporary setback
  - 66 Baby shower attendees, often
  - 67 Can't-miss proposition
  - 68 "Shame on you!"
  - 69 Lush
  - 70 Gets together
- Down**
- 1 Mexican peninsula
  - 2 One taking a bow?
  - 3 Nasty wound
  - 4 Minded
  - 5 It may be written in stone
  - 6 Rallying cry?
  - 7 What causes Fred to be fired?
  - 8 Longtime breath freshener
  - 9 Fake
  - 10 Person holding things up?
  - 11 Chow alternative
  - 12 Play \_\_\_ (do some tennis)
  - 13 Rocky peaks
  - 16 "The \_\_\_ of Reading Gaol" (Wilde poem)
  - 22 Zinger
  - 23 Word before Rabbit or Fox
  - 24 Trig ratio
  - 26 Early film executive
  - 27 "The Jungle Book" wolf
  - 28 She renamed herself Mara, in Scripture
  - 30 Slangy negative
  - 31 Scacchi of "Presumed Innocent"



**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

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Puzzle by Patrick Blindauer

- 32 Drain
- 35 Looney Tunes nickname
- 39 Grasps
- 40 Actress Swenson of "Benson"
- 41 Hiding place
- 44 Cloverleaf component
- 48 Relatives of cha-cha-chas
- 49 Danny of "Ruby"
- 50 Be emphatic
- 52 Where shopping carts are pushed
- 55 Mil. rank
- 56 Some guesses, for short
- 57 Be ill-humored
- 59 High balls?
- 60 Summer cooler
- 61 Trading places; Abbr.
- 63 Code crackers' org.
- 64 Bazooka, e.g.
- 65 Word with sports or training

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Less is definitely more

Singer/songwriter Mason Jennings will bring his simple and straightforward music to the Englert Friday night.

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# Prairie home compadre



PATRICK LARKIN/THE DAILY IOWAN

William Elliott Whitmore plays a song during his set at the Java House during a "Java Blend" show on Feb. 13. Whitmore released his new CD, *Animals in the Dark*, on Feb. 17.

Singer/songwriter and Iowa native William Elliott Whitmore will bring his 'rustic soul' to the Picador this weekend for a special two-night concert.

ALL William Elliott Whitmore wants to do after he's completed a massive world tour to promote his latest album, *Animals in the Dark*, is to upgrade his bathroom.

By MELEA ANDRYS

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"The outhouse is pretty neat, but someday, I'm probably gonna get me some indoor plumbing," he said. "It's one of my long-term goals."

It's fitting that the cabin of the Iowa City music fixture is equipped with only an outhouse. The Lee County singer/songwriter, who still lives at the southeastern Iowan farm on which he was raised, is known for combining dusty, whiskey-infused vocals with a turn-of-the-century banjo to create a distinctly modern throwback to antique Americana.

This weekend, the 30-year-old will bring his self-labeled "rustic soul" sound to the Picador, 330 E. Washington St., for a special two-night engagement. Saturday's set will kick off at 9 p.m. with (ft) the Shadow Government and T Wehrle. The Feb. 22 all-ages performance, featuring the musical act Hagan Myer presents the Coyote Club Vaudeville Extravaganza, will begin at 6 p.m.

"I love playing Iowa City. It's where I cut my teeth and jumped into the music scene," Whitmore said. "I met some of my greatest musical allies [in Iowa City], my good friend Dave Zollo — always a guy I looked up to — Greg Brown, Joe Price, and Bo Ramsey. Those are kind of the old-school guys who paved the way for a guy like me. I'm just honored to be considered a part of the scene. I think we've got something pretty special here."

And he should know. His humble persona and celebrated Iowa City performances have earned him a small army of devotees and critical acclaim throughout the community since his first full-length album, *Hymns for the Hopeless*, was released in 2003.



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William Elliott Whitmore

### Featured Tracks:

- "Mutiny"
- "Old Devils"
- "There's Hope For You"

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### Thursday

- Reading this week's 80 Hours from cover to cover and then heading to [www.dailyiowan.com](http://www.dailyiowan.com) to read web-only articles on two musical acts visiting Iowa City this weekend.
- Supporting the Hawkeye women's basketball team by attending tonight's game against the Wisconsin at 7:05 p.m. in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.
- Straying away from typical spring-break plans and signing up to clean and repair Cedar Rapids houses damaged during the June 2008 floods. Even UI President Sally Mason will be there, so don't miss it. Register at <http://osl.webtest.iowa.uiowa.edu/springbreak09>.



### Friday

- Getting coffee around noon and listening to the fresh Americana band She Swings, She Sways. The Ottumwa-based group will perform at Java House as part of the "Java Blend" series.
- Going to "Global Meltdown: Examining the Worst Global Financial and Economic Crisis Since the Great Depression," in which legal scholars will discuss the financial crisis from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Boyd Law Building. The forum might not ease your worries about the state of the economy, but it will make you an informed citizen, which is always a good thing.



### Saturday

- Getting an early start to your day and going out to breakfast with a group of friends. Splurge on the underappreciated meal that you normally eat as you're walking out the door.
- Seeing "Demon fiddler" Andy Carlson at the Mill at 8 p.m. for an evening of incredible bluegrass.
- Supporting the Miss Johnson County contestants by attending the competition at Clear Creek Amana High School at 7 p.m. The winner will go on to compete in the state competition and potentially the national.



### Sunday

- Cooking up some Indian food for your friends. Check out [www.dailyiowan.com](http://www.dailyiowan.com) for step-by-step video instructions on how to make chicken curry and kheer.
- Downloading some Girl Talk. Learn to love the musician before he performs in Iowa City this April for the 10,000 Hours Show.
- Going online to buy jewelry by local artists, art, event tickets, and vacation giveaways to benefit the Domestic Violence Intervention Program in Iowa City. Check out the online auction at [www.dvpiowa.cmarket.com](http://www.dvpiowa.cmarket.com).

# Drama on the quick-quick

Ten minutes is barely long enough to take a shower for some, but the eight plays that the UI theater department will stage this weekend will each capture drama, emotion, and humor in those 600 seconds.

By DAN WATSON

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Imagine the hustle and bustle going on behind the curtain during a play — the stage manager barking orders, actors rapidly changing costumes, stagehands shuttling on and off the set, and all of the other teeming associated

with a production.

Now imagine that times eight. Eight times the movement, eight times the number of people, and eight times the number of plays. This image will become a reality this weekend during the UI theater department's annual 10-Minute Play Festival tonight through Feb. 22 in the Theater Building's Theatre B. When one play finishes, there will be a two-minute break before the next show starts.

The festival, which began 12 years ago, will host the works of eight different, mostly undergraduate, playwrights and their short plays.

SEE TEN MINUTES, 3C



REBECCA MNUK/THE DAILY IOWAN

Cassandra Schiano (left) and Tory Flack play a pair of self-described political prisoners in "Eggs for Breakfast, Hacks for Snacks" in the Theater Building on Tuesday. The production is one of eight short plays students will perform at the theater department's 10-Minute Play Festival this weekend.

## COOK IN PROGRESS

Celebrate the upcoming Academy Awards show by eating an Indian meal in light of the best picture nominee *Slumdog Millionaire*. Go to [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com) to watch a video feature on how to make chicken curry and kheer.

## ON THE WEB

This week's exclusives in the online version of 80 Hours include MP3s by visiting and local musicians, a video feature on the UI theater department's 10-Minute play Festival, and interviews with local band Red and the Eds performing this weekend. Check it all out at [www.dailyiowan.com](http://www.dailyiowan.com).

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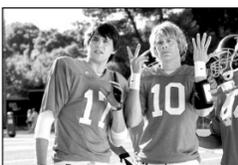
To read all of the Arts and Culture goodies we couldn't fit into this week's 80 Hours, check out *The Daily Iowan's* arts blog. Swing by [dailyiowanarts.blogspot.com](http://dailyiowanarts.blogspot.com) for a clip from rapper Coolio's cooking show, the top-10 reasons this season of "Survivor" is worth watching, and commentary on the VH1 show "Rock of Love."

**NEW MOVIES  
OPENING THIS WEEKEND**



**Madea Goes to Jail**

Sycamore cinema 12  
Tyler Perry is back with yet another chapter in the life of Madea, whose behavior finally lands her in the Big House. She befriends a fellow inmate (and prostitute), providing the harsh criticism and advice that audiences have come to expect from Perry's leading lady.



**Fired Up!**

Coral Ridge 10  
Shawn Colfax (Nicholas D'Agosto) and Nick Brady (Eric Christian Olsen), two stereotypical football jocks, are looking to score with some hot cheerleaders. The guys take their mission to the next level by skipping out on training camp to attend a cheerleader camp.

**AT THE BIJOU**



**Last Year at Marienbad**

After a man becomes convinced that he has already met a familiar-looking woman he runs into at a hotel, he tries to persuade her to leave her husband to be with him. The strange man claims that they had an affair "last year in Marienbad."

**TRACKS  
FROM THE PAST**

A place to remember all those albums we actually bought, memorized, and obsessed over. You loved it then, and you'll still love it now.

**B\*Witched**

All of you chicks (and dudes, I don't judge) must remember that snappy girl-power band from the UK. No, not the Spice Girls - I'm talking about B\*Witched. The group of Irish women was the perfect band to dance around the house to in your underwear singing into a hairbrush. From catchy tunes such as "C'est la Vie" (oh "I'll huff, I'll puff, I'll blow you away ...") to "Roller Coaster," these four rocked my fourth-grade world.



**B\*Witched by B\*Witched**

Their self-titled album, *B\*Witched*, was released in October 1998. The single from that album, "C'est la Vie," put the women at the peak of the charts in the UK, making them the youngest group to achieve such a feat. Although the album reached double platinum status, it wasn't enough to keep them together for very long.

B\*Witched was kicked out of their record deal in 2002 after losing steam to such superstars as Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera. Although the group's lyrics were light, they were catchy and made young girls feel as though they could take on the world. I still hope that, one day soon, those peppy girls who sang about getting it on in a roller coaster will blast through my car stereo yet again. Do I hear a comeback album?

- by Rachael Lander

**Today 2.19**

**MUSIC**

- **I Am Ghost with Lower Definition, Driver Side Impact and Makeout Party**, 6 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
- **West Music Young Jazz Warriors**, 6 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Maia Quartet, with Daniel Avshalomov, viola, and Réne Lecuona, piano**, 8 p.m., IMU Ballroom
- **Red & the Eds, with Substatic**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S Linn

**THEATER**

- **Guys On Ice: An Ice Fishing Musical Comedy**, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Theatre, 213 N. Gilbert
- **10-Minute Play Festival**, 8 p.m., Theater Building Theatre B

**LECTURES**

- **Classics Colloquium, "Laughing about Divorce: The Fabula Togata and Roman Culture," Jarrett Welsh, Harvard**, 5 p.m., University Capitol Centre 2520D
- **Journeys in Faith Speakers Forum, "Dating and Marriage: A Modern Catholic Perspective," Christine B. Whelan**, 7:30 p.m., 101 Biology Building East

**DANCE**

- **Country Dance**, 7:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 225 Highway 1 W.
- **Physical Challenge Dance Party**, 10 p.m., Picador

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- **Blood Drive sponsored by WISE Ambassadors and American Red Cross**, 11 a.m., Burge

- **Lunch with the Chefs**, 11:15 a.m., IMU Main Ballroom
- **African American Women's Health Night**, 3 p.m., Emma Goldman Clinic, 227 N. Dubuque
- **Indian Chicken Tandoori Dinner**, 6 p.m., New Pioneer Food Co-op, 1101 Second St., Coralville
- **W.A.R.M. Salon**, 6:30 p.m., Coralville Public Library, 1401 Fifth St.
- **Cloth Dolls**, 7 p.m., Home Ec. Workshop, 207 N. Linn
- **Free Karaoke**, 8 p.m., Nickelodeon, 907 Second St., Coralville
- **Karaoke and Tacos**, 8 p.m., Fiesta Mexican Restaurant, 320 E. Burlington
- **Big D's Karaoke**, 9 p.m., Gus', 2421 Coral Court Suite 4, Coralville
- **Gemini Karaoke**, 9 p.m., Speak Easy, 171 Highway 1 W.

**Friday 2.20**

**MUSIC**

- **"Java Blend," She Swings She Sways**, noon, Java House, 211½ E. Washington
- **Joe & Vicki Price**, 8 p.m., Mill
- **Mason Jennings**, 8 p.m., Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington
- **Chicago Afrobeat Project**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club
- **The Slat, with the Wheelers, Liberty Leg, and Teddy Boys**, 9 p.m., Picador

**WORDS**

- **UI Museum of Art "Word Painter" Reading, Gabriel Houck and Xu Xi**, 7:30 p.m., Old Capitol Senate Chamber

**THEATER**

- **Guys On Ice: An Ice Fishing Musical Comedy**, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Theatre
- **10-Minute Play Festival**, 8 p.m., Theatre B
- **No Shame Theatre**, 11 p.m., Theatre B

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- **English Conversation Group**, 10 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Noon Knit**, noon, Hardin Library
- **Knitting Nurse**, 2 p.m., Home Ec.
- **Queer Practica**, 7:30 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E. Market
- **Friday Night Karaoke with Gemini Karaoke**, 9 p.m., American Legion Post No. 17, 3016 Muscatine Ave.
- **Karaoke Night**, 9:30 p.m., Saloon, 112 E. College

**don't miss!**



**No Shame Theatre**

**Where:** Theatre Building Theatre B  
**When:** 11 p.m.  
**Why you should go:** Expect the unexpected at No Shame Theatre, a UI tradition for more than 20 years. Watch your shameless friends perform their original skits, or if you have no shame, perform one yourself.

**weekend  
calendar  
of events**

**Saturday 2.21**

**MUSIC**

- **Student Recital**, 2 & 4 p.m., Preucil School of Music, 524 N. Johnson
- **Jory Vinikour, harpsichord**, 3 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church, 320 E. College
- **Loverly: Love Songs by Lerner and Loewe and Lane**, 7 p.m., hotelVetro, 201 S. Linn
- **University Symphony Band and Honor Band**, 7 p.m., West High, 2901 Melrose Ave.
- **Barbershop Fever**, 7:30 p.m., Englert
- **Andy Carlson and Casey Cook, with guests from Big Wooden Radio and Burlington Street Bluegrass Band**, 8 p.m., Mill
- **Sublime Tribute/Bradley**

- **Nowell's Birthday, with Second-Hand Smoke**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club
- **William Elliott Whitmore, with (ft) Shadow Government and T Wehrle**, 9 p.m., Picador

**THEATER**

- **Guys On Ice: An Ice Fishing Musical Comedy**, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Theatre
- **10-Minute Play Festival**, 8 p.m., Theatre B

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- **Design Inspirations**, 10 a.m., Iowa City Landscaping & Garden Center, 520 Highway 1 W.
- **Knitter's Breakfast**, 10 a.m., Home Ec.
- **Cloth Dolls**, 1 p.m., Home Ec.

**Sunday 2.22**

**MUSIC**

- **Student Recital**, 2 & 4 p.m., Preucil School of Music
- **Chamber Singers of Iowa City and the Cedar Rapids Concert Chorale**, 3 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 310 N. Johnson
- **William Elliott Whitmore, with Hagan Myer presents the Coyote Club Vaudeville Extravaganza**, 6 p.m., Picador
- **Rubblebucket Orchestra**, 8 p.m., Yacht Club

**THEATER**

- **Guys On Ice: An Ice Fishing Musical Comedy**, 2 p.m., Riverside Theatre
- **10-Minute Play Festival**, 2 p.m., Theatre B

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- **Cultural Diversity Festival**, noon, Field House
- **The Visitor**, film screening and

**don't miss!**



**Cultural Diversity Festival**

**Where:** Field House  
**When:** noon  
**Why you should go:** It's a small world after all. Celebrate cultural diversity with music, dance, demonstrations, food, and children's activities at the annual festival.

**panel discussion on immigrations and detention**, 1 p.m., Englert

- **Encore Screenings, Landlocked Film Festival**, 2 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Two at Once Socks**, 2:30 p.m., Home Ec.
- **Taizé**, 5 p.m., Old Brick
- **Sunday Pub Quiz**, 9 p.m., Mill

**Music from the woods**

Mason Jennings plays only the essential in his music, and he will present his woodsy sensations at the Englert on Friday night.

By **BRIAN DAU**  
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In the style of his favorite authors, Mason Jennings likes to keep his music simple. Like Cormac McCarthy and Nicole Krauss (who penned his favorite book, *A History of Love*), Jennings subscribes to a "less is more" ethos evident in the relaxed tempos and straightforward guitar/bass/drums instrumentation central to his songwriting. He will perform at the Englert, 221 E. Washington St., at 8 p.m. Friday; Haley Bonar is scheduled to open.

"I think what I like about

Cormac so much is how few words he uses," Jennings said. "I like the idea of stripping it down to the smallest number of words, but with the most power."

Sometimes, however, it's not enough to simply write stripped-down songs. For Jennings, it became necessary to live a "less is more" life.

He wrote the 11 tracks for his latest album, *In the Ever*, in a secluded cabin in the Minnesota forest, located approximately 30 minutes outside of his home in Minneapolis. He sought inspiration in the open windows and wildlife the cabin provided, he said, while still in comfortable

proximity to city life so he could go home to his family at night. The move also provided a book-end to a portion of his musical career — he recorded his 1997 self-titled debut album in the same fashion.

"I was 22, living in the city, didn't have an apartment or kids, and I wasn't married," Jennings said. "Now, I've got two boys, I'm married, and I'm on the road a lot. With all the chaos around me, I had trouble finding the time to play guitar. It felt like a good time to bring that full circle and try that approach again in a different way."

Also central to his songwriting are the drums, the first instrument he learned to play and something he said he still practices every day. He often lays down the drum tracks for a song first, he said, keeping the beats "simple and primal," then works on that foundation. One of the

reasons he considers the drums to be such an integral part of a song is evidenced by a stereo at low volume, in which the only audible parts of the music are the drums and vocals. The isolated sounds persuaded him that both voice and percussion need to be especially compelling in his music.

"I think of the drums as the skeleton of a body, so you put that down first, and everything builds on top of it," Jennings said. "With all the music in the world I like, it's the vocals and the drums that sing to each other."

Thoreau-like returns to nature aside, Jennings' pop-folk tunes offer warm, organic instrumentation punctuated by his soft-spoken lyricism, which often overflows with meaning despite its face-value simplicity. For some college students, his sound is a welcome respite from the rigors of academia.

"I guess I just really like



Mason Jennings because he's got such a melodic voice, and you can pretty much listen to it no matter what," said UI senior Steve Chalstrom, a DJ at KRUI. "You can just put his music on, and it always puts me in a good mood."

**CHICKEN CURRY AND KHEER**

Watching this weekend's Academy Awards show, a night for celebrities to flaunt their bony bods, might bring on some mighty strong munchies to those whose careers don't depend on cellulite (or lack thereof). Celebrate your right to eat in the style of *Slumdog Millionaire*, this year's front-runner for best picture. If Hugh Jackman's show tunes aren't enough to make your night, chicken curry and kheer (rice pudding) should do the trick.

**CHICKEN CURRY**

- What you need:**  
1 tbsp. butter  
1 cup chopped apple  
1 cup sliced celery  
1 clove garlic, minced (though 1 head would be better)  
½ cup chopped onion  
2 tbsp. cornstarch  
2 to 3 tsp. curry powder  
¾ cup cold chicken stock  
2 cups milk  
2 cups cooked chicken, diced

- 1 (3-ounce) can mushrooms, drained  
Salt to taste  
Rice Ring  
½ cup butter  
½ cup chopped onion  
¼ cup slivered almonds  
½ cup light raisins  
6 cups hot cooked rice  
6½ cup ring mold

**What to do:**

Melt butter in saucepan; add apple, celery, garlic and onion. Cook until

onion is tender. Combine cornstarch, curry powder, 34 teaspoon salt and broth. Stir into onion mixture; add milk. Cook until thickened, stirring constantly. Add chicken and mushrooms; stir and heat through. Serve over rice ring.

**Rice Ring:** Melt butter in skillet; add onion and almonds (until golden). Add raisins; heat until plump. Add all to rice and mix. Press mixture into greased mold. Unmold at once on platter and fill with

chicken curry.

**KHEER**

- What you need:**  
2 cups coconut milk  
2 cups milk  
3 tbsp. white sugar  
12 cup basmati rice  
14 cup raisins  
12 teaspoon ground cardamom  
12 teaspoon rose water (optional)  
14 cup sliced almonds, toasted

14 cup chopped pistachio nuts

**What to do:**

Bring the coconut milk, milk, and sugar to a boil in a large saucepan. Add rice and simmer over low heat until the mixture thickens and the rice is tender after roughly 20 minutes. Stir in the raisins, cardamom, and rose water, and cook for a few more minutes. Ladle into serving bowls, and garnish with almonds and pistachios.

- by Katie Hanson

# 'Rustic soul' alive & well

WHITMORE

CONTINUED FROM 1C

"I'm proud that such a talented and unique artist was raised here," said UI sophomore and Whitmore fan Marielle Redington. "[Whitmore] encompasses the rich Iowa history, singing about the Mississippi River and the farmland, and connects country and folk music with biblical themes while evoking images of America's blues roots ... His music is so addicting you just want to keep listening to it."

KRUI general manager Nathan Gould said he anticipates Whitmore's new album, *Animals in the Dark*, to generate a whole new wave of fans.

"*Animals in the Dark* has charted No. 1 this past week at KRUI," he said. "There was been quite a buzz on both the Internet and throughout the station. Personally, I really like the new album ... Whitmore is a great representation for all the good music here in Iowa."

His debut album with the ANTI-label (known for such diverse artists as Mavis Staples, Nick Cave, the Bad Seeds, and Eddie Izzard), *Animals in the Dark* differs from Whitmore's prior releases in its overtly political nature.

"My previous work was very inward and was my way to heal certain wounds. And to be honest, after those records were done, I didn't think I'd make any more. I thought I'd go back to being a carpenter, and I had said everything I had to say," he said. "But as I looked around and started to become more aware of the world, I became more and more angry ... When I'd travel the world, I had to be ashamed to be American for a while. We're a great country with great people; it's just the

people in power left us with a black eye, and so it was all these thoughts that lead to me saying, 'I'm sick of this — I want mutiny on this ship.'"

And on *Animals in the Dark*, he does just that. The disc opens with "Mutiny," a rousing demand for rebellion set in call-and-response style over a pulsating, militaristic drum roll. The rest of the album incorporates his signature banjo and ecological metaphors with his newfound political mindset, creating a one-of-a-kind call to action that encourages self-examination and environmental awareness.

"When I say, 'The old devils are at it again / it's true right now as it was back then' [in 'Old Devils'], I'm equating these times to Caesar himself, the Kaiser, all these figures throughout history who've had their hands around our throat from behind closed doors," Whitmore said. "Now, this is obviously applicable to George Bush and Donald Rumsfeld, but it's more than that ... The new record does have some political themes, but I try to equate them to something universal and try to get beyond politics to the true mythos of human nature and how as human beings, we're flawed creatures."

He will perform songs from *Animals in the Dark*, released this earlier week, at his performances this weekend.

"If you've never been to a show of mine, you can expect to see me and a lot of people havin' a lot of fun, you can expect a lot of booze to be flowin', and you can expect to see me playin' my heart out," he said. "The camaraderie is what I really enjoy — that people can come together even in these difficult times. These are not the worst of times, these are the best of



PATRICK LARKIN/THE DAILY IOWAN

William Elliott Whitmore, a popular area musician, talks with Iowa Public Radio's Ben Kieffer during his set at the Java House on Feb. 13. Whitmore will perform twice this weekend in Iowa City.

times. These are the times we need to get together, and enjoy each other's company, and share our ideas, and have fun. That's the best thing about life."

UI graduate student Matt Mettler attested to the solidarity between artist and audience by recalling a free live performance by Whitmore several years ago at the Record Collector, now at 116 S. Linn St.

"[Whitmore] came in about 10 minutes late [for the show] in a sleeveless shirt with a few friends and an open bottle of Jack Daniel's," Mettler said. "As he set up the banjo, he took a swig and passed it out to the audience members, encouraging them to try the drink. He took requests and talked with the audience quite a bit, and the crowd passed the bottle throughout the show, which was great."

Brian Johannesen, a UI junior and Whitmore enthusiast, plans to attend both Picador performances this weekend. Johannesen said Whitmore's attraction stems not only from the singer's "honest" and

"heartfelt" music but also his modest personality.

"I saw [Whitmore] in Chicago when I was on a break from school when I was a freshman, and I loved his performance so much I decided to send him a letter to thank him for a great show and encourage him to keep up the good work," Johannesen said. "About a week later, I received a handwritten postcard from him thanking me for the letter."

Whitmore's commitment to his fans can be traced back to his "Iowa pride."

"I think there are things we have in Iowa that are unlike anywhere else," he said. "Every place is unique in its people and culture, but the Midwest just has something a little different. It's a work ethic, it's an attitude, it's a way of life ... living and working on a farm — shoveling horse manure, and building fences, and gathering eggs every day — shaped who I am and how I see the world ... I'm here to speak for us."

# Gone in 600 seconds

TEN MINUTES

CONTINUED FROM 1C

"All the plays work just like any full-length production," said festival codirector Eric Burchett. "They all have a beginning, middle, and end. All introduce characters and conflict, but they have to be very efficient."

The festival typically presents a wide range of subject matter. No subject is off-limits, and often the plot is of adult nature, he said.

"The plays are leaning toward the humorous side this year," Burchett said. "But I have seen it all: slap-sticky stuff, film noir, horror, even abortion drama."

This year's festival will host its first monologue play, "Songbird," by UI senior Elena Buzaid, and a play entirely in verse by UI junior Lauren Baker.

Baker said her play, "Triptych," is "somewhat like slam poetry, dealing with the lives of three entwined but unsuspecting strangers."

Preparation for the festival began in the middle of last semester. Burchett, codirector Kate Aspengren, and a small committee in the theater department received roughly 40 play drafts from various UI students.

Any UI student is welcome to submit a play, Burchett said.

"The festival is all about the



REBECCA MNUK/THE DAILY IOWAN

Brittany Barattia and Brian Quijada rehearse for "Triptych" in the Theatre Building on Tuesday. "Triptych" is one of several short plays that will be performed in the theater department's 10-Minute Play Festival.

students," he said. "Nearly everyone involved is undergrad, some aren't theater majors, and for some, it's their first time working in a play production."

After the committee chose eight of the 40 scripts submitted, the festival entered the casting stage. The committee looks for plays that need only a simple setting.

"We purposely look for plays that don't have a lot of scenery," Burchett said. "It is pretty much bare bones — there are no time machines or dinosaurs, mostly only table and chairs. It's not a scene-change festival."

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Each playwright then chose a director for her or his piece. All held auditions for people in the Iowa City community, and this year, they cast 32 actors for the festival, said UI junior Nicole Sedivec, the festival's stage manager.

"My job is to make sure all the cast and crew from all eight plays are at the right place at the right time," she said. "I'm sure it will be a little crazy, but everyone involved works together really well."

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# Eddies of red

Local rockers Red and the Eds will get heads banging tonight at the Yacht Club.

By NICK FETTY  
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In the basement of a house on Lucas Street, three longtime friends rehearse for an upcoming show at venue they are quite familiar with.

After a couple hours of playing their newest tunes, the three seem ready for their performance tonight at the Yacht Club, where the group hasn't performed for more than a year.

"[The Yacht Club] is fun, because it's the closest thing in town to a house show, and house shows are way more fun," said Ed Hall, the band's guitarist and lead vocalist.

The band Red and the Eds will play at the Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn St., at 8 p.m. today. Tickets are \$5.

The group will also play a show at the Mill, 120 E. Burlington St., on March 12 before playing at the Yacht Club again on March 17.

The three members of Red and the Eds have been friends since junior high, but they didn't form their current band until Hall moved back to Iowa City after living in England for a few years with his family. During his stint in Europe, the UI sophomore said, he briefly played with a Brit-pop group called the Wherewithal. His family stayed in England because of his father's job, so Hall lived with drummer Jeff Keyser and his family while the two attended City High, he said.

Before forming Red and the Eds, Josh Elvidge and Keyser were in a band called Mrs. Fos-



Red and the Eds bassist Josh Elvidge (left) and drummer Jeff Keyser (right) take a break from practice on Feb. 9. The trio, consisting of longtime friends Elvidge, Keyser, and guitarist Ed Hall, will perform at the Yacht Club at 8 p.m. today.

ter's Box of Shame. The group played only one show consisting of four songs — three of which were Misfits covers — and on the fourth song, the guitarist broke a string and walked off stage. The other two continued playing but eventually followed suit.

Keyser's drum teacher, Ed Nehring — who plays in the Iowa City band Los Marauders — attended the show and said it was one of the most punk shows he had seen from a local band.

While still in high school, Hall, Keyser, and bassist Elvidge formed a punk band called Punch-drunk Prom Queen with one other friend. Although the band never played a show, it was scheduled to play a gig at the Reverb in Cedar Falls. However, the show fell on a school night, and their mothers wouldn't let them go.

The group went through several vocalists before Hall decided to sing. Inspiration for the name Red and Eds came from the band members; Hall's first name is Ed, same as Keyser's middle name, and Elvidge has red hair.

The Pixies, Black Sabbath, and Iowa City's Dead Larry are just a few of the band's influences. The group experiments with its sound on different tracks with songs such as "Teacher" sounding like the Who and "Drink With Your Mother" reminiscent of the Dropkick Murphys.

The band has a 14-track album, *Ball Sweat and Tears*, and plans to release another after writing a few more songs.

ON THE WEB  
Go to [www.dailyiowan.com](http://www.dailyiowan.com) to see interviews with Red and the Eds band members and listen to them rehearse for this weekend's show.

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# 'ASTRONAUT LIVES,' HERE AND THERE

By BRIAN DAU  
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Gabriel Houck and Xu Xi don't have much in common. Born in different hemispheres (Houck in the United States and Xu in Hong Kong) and interested in different aspects of humanity, it's difficult to imagine what could bring the two together. As it turns out, their shared interest in writing nonfiction allows them to share the same stage.

Houck and Xu will give a free reading at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Old Capitol Senate Chamber, kicking off a series of Word Painter readings put on by the UI Museum of Art.

Unsurprisingly, the two will read from vastly different works. Xu, the Bedell Visiting Writer in the UI Nonfiction Writing Program, will read from her latest collection of nonfiction essays, titled *Evanescent Isles*, published in 2008 by Hong Kong University Press. The book is only the latest for her in a career made from writing about Hong Kong and what she calls its "unique historical and political reality" as an entity that has existed under both English rule (as a colony) and Chinese rule. It's a topic she said she finds herself continually drawn to write about.

"I can't leave," she joked. "I keep trying, but they won't let me. We just have this very peculiar state, going from very poor to very wealthy in a short period of time. [Hong Kong] felt 21st century before the 21st century even hit."

Houck, a member of the Nonfiction Writing Program, will read from his nonfiction essay thesis, which taps into the evolution/creationism debate raging across America. His work centers on a \$27 million creationism museum in Kentucky and the overwhelming amount of imagination required to complete the project elicited from a group of people rarely associated with Tolkien-esque fantasy.

"I wanted to make it clear that I disapproved," he said, "But I was impressed by [the museum's] imaginative substructure and how a group so fundamentalist could be so creative."

Among the people he interviewed for his thesis was the museum's designer, whose previous accomplishments include the "Jaws" ride at Universal Studios. He was most interested, he said, in the way creationists hybridized such texts as *Lord of the Rings* into their belief system in a way that he believes they use to market to children, as if they were "selling a religious version of Dungeons and Dragons."

"The museum isn't a museum in the traditional sense," Houck said. "You're forced through exhibits in a linear path. It's a rhetorical argument more than a museum."

Despite the two writers' multitude of differences, Xu, who sometimes refers to herself as a "Hong Kong astronaut," has an appropriate analogy for both her and Houck. She splits her time between living in Hong Kong and the United States, and Houck found himself a stranger in a strange land as he experienced an ideology alien to his own.



Nonfiction writer Gabriel Houck sits in his apartment with his dog, Logan, on Feb. 18. Houck will read from his nonfiction essay thesis, which looks into the creative process behind a \$27 million creationism museum in Kentucky, on Friday in the Old Capitol Senate Chamber.

"I don't live in any one place," Xu said. "We split lives. It's part of the strange astronaut lives we all live."

ON THE WEB  
Watch an interview with UI writers who will read from their works at 7:30 p.m. Friday, kicking off a series of Word Painter readings put on by the UI Museum of Art on [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com)

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# A dance vibe, with Afro beats

The nine-member Afro-beat/rock band Rubblebucket Orchestra will play at the Yacht Club for the first time on Feb. 22.

By NICK FETTY  
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Getting a degree in music is often seen as a the pathway to becoming a music teacher. But for Afro-beat/rock band Rubblebucket Orchestra, getting a musical education was key to success as a rock band.

With such a diverse instrumentation, ranging from trombone and bari sax to congas and "goni" — an African instrument similar to a lute — and with influences such as Charles Mingus, Led Zeppelin, and Radiohead, Rubblebucket is slightly reminiscent of New Beat Society, an Iowa City band that disbanded a few years ago.

The nine-person group, based in Boston, will play at the Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn St., on Feb. 22 as part of its first tour outside the Northeast.

"We've got the heavy dance vibe and bring in this heavy African element," Alex Toth said. "And we have a four-piece horn section, and then Kal [Traver] brings this Bjork-esque vocal thing."

Fans have described Rubblebucket's sound as a 21st-century Talking Heads meets James Brown. The majority of the group members majored in music in college. Toth, who has been playing trumpet since he was in fourth grade, studied music at the University of Vermont, as did Rubblebucket's vocalist/saxophonist Kalmia Traver.

Rubblebucket was born in an impromptu performance during the summer of 2007. While Toth and Traver were at the Burlington Jazz Festival in Vermont, Craig Myers, Rubblebucket's percussionist, invited the two to play a party with him and a few friends.

"Musically, I think we all love improvisation and playing off of each other," Traver said. "That's definitely one bond we all share."

In the fall of 2007, Rubblebucket began playing gigs. During August 2008, the group headlined the first-ever Liberate Music and Arts Festival in Waitsfield, Vt.

Toth and Traver are former members of John Brown's Body, a reggae/electronic group from Cambridge, Mass.

Meyers was in Phish bassist Mike Gordon's band before Gordon started touring with Phish again after the longtime jam band reunited last year. Because Rubblebucket has only been together for approximately a year and a half, it has yet to play with many national acts, though Traver has had the opportunity to share the stage with Matisyahu.

As soon as Rubblebucket finishes its current tour, the members will head to the studio to work on their second album. The ensemble's first album, *Rose's*

*Dream*, came out in 2008. Looking ahead to this summer, the group hopes to play some music festivals, such as the High Sierra Music Festival in Quincy, Calif.

"We're submitting for a ton of festivals," Toth said. "And I think in the next couple months, we'll start to know what we're in for." Toth said Rubblebucket's fans include everyone from college kids to hippies. "We have this wide demographic because the music is really kind of joyous, and it's unique," he said. "People of all ages and sorts have responded to us."

ON THE WEB  
Go to [www.dailyiowan.com](http://www.dailyiowan.com) to see interviews with Rubblebucket Orchestra at the Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn at 8 p.m. Feb. 22.

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