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UI takes over athletics club

UI officials have not yet decided on what to do with the athletics club.

By **TESSA MCLEAN**
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Despite budget cuts across the UI, the campus continues to expand.

In mid-December, the UI Facilities Corp. took ownership of the University Athletics Club, a privately owned facility at 1360 Mel-

rose Ave., near Finkbine Golf Course, for \$6.5 million.

And in September, the state Board of Regents approved \$6.7 million in UI property acquisitions, including converting what was formally the Campus 3 cinema in the Old Capitol Town Center into office space.

But this may not be the first time UI officials bought space that could have been available to them earlier.

UI spokesman Steve Parrott said he remembers an offer from the athletics club before, though he does not remember when the offer was made or for how much.

And when the UI took over the former Younkers space in the Old Capitol mall in 2005, school officials told regents they hoped to eventually acquire the second floor of the mall.

Three years later, they bought the Campus 3 space on the upper floor.

The athletics club was not officially on the market then, though after last summer's flooding, UI officials approached the club's owners about using the space for school events. But an opportunity arose to permanently acquire a valuable piece of land adjacent to the university.

UI Business Manager George



Parrott
UI spokesman

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STEVE LEXA/THE DAILY IOWAN

Matt Cover flies the Joint Strike Fighter simulator at the UI's airport lab Thursday afternoon. The simulator is loosely based on the design and characteristics of fighter planes used by the U.S. military.

Up in the air, but down-to-earth

Award-winning UI research is conducted in an Iowa City Airport hangar.

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Inside an airport hangar in Iowa City, virtuality meets reality as students, researchers, and pilots experience firsthand new technologi-

cal advances in air travel.

Operating at the Iowa City Municipal Airport, 1801 S. Riverside Drive, the Operator Performance Laboratory is a part of the Center for Computer-Aided Design in the College of Engineering. Led by Tom

Schnell, a UI associate professor of industrial engineering, the airport-based lab cranks out top-of-the-line research dealing largely with high-tech improvements to travel safety, especially in flight.

"We're interested in provid-

ing the human with an enhanced ability to operate machinery," Schnell said.

Two aircraft in the laboratory hangar are fully computerized internally with top-notch technology that Schnell said no other college campus has. The researcher has taken the

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Defense wants lesser charge

The alleged victim of a kidnapping and sexual assault was 'frantic' and 'obviously upset' when she called 911 the day of the incident, a dispatcher testified.

By **OLIVIA MORAN**
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Defense attorneys said Thursday prosecutors lack sufficient evidence to convict Micah Matthews of first-degree kidnapping and first-degree sexual abuse, arguing for two lesser charges.

In a closing argument, Iowa City attorney Paul Miller told 6th District Judge Douglas Russell prosecutors failed to prove Matthews assaulted his alleged victim with a gun and the woman sustained a serious injury. Whether the claims are true determines the severity of Matthews' charges.

Matthews, 33, is charged with first-degree kidnapping, first-degree sexual assault, first-degree burglary, and sec-

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Electric cars creating quite a buzz locally

They're tiny, they're cute and they're — made of metal? Electric cars are lauded by some in Iowa City.

By **CAITLIN LOMBARDO**
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There is a new, tiny, super-economic car loose on the streets of Iowa City.

It's the Zenn, designed by Zenn Motor Co., and it belongs to Liz Christiansen, the director of the UI Office of Sustainability.

The Zenn can drive 30 to 50 miles on a single charge, with a maximum speed of 35 mph. Charging the battery can take as little as four hours.

And the only tool required to charge this adorable piece of machinery is a standard electrical outlet.

"It's a cute little car; it runs really quietly," Christiansen said while taking the forest-green compact car for a cruise down

Jefferson Street on Wednesday. "It's great for driving in the city, running errands."

Electric cars have only 10 percent of the moving parts that a gas or combustion-powered vehicle has and are much cheaper to run. The car is powered solely by a battery and requires no anti-freeze or oil. While the cars are cheaper and generally have fewer maintenance issues, 35 models can only travel up to 35 mph.

But Mary Panther, the owner of a Dynasty Sedan, made by Innovative Transportation, said the vehicle's maximum speed doesn't concern her.

"I drive it to work; I live real close to the hospital," she said. "I can even drive it out to North Liberty, though that is a little

Liz Christiansen's new ride

The forest-green car reduces her carbon footprint, she said, and it boasts some interesting features:

- A Zenn can eliminate six tons of carbon dioxide in emissions in one year.
- The Zenn can plug into any 110-volt power outlet.
- It can be completely charged in eight hours.
- It runs on six 12-volt zero-maintenance batteries.
- It has front-wheel drive and 30 cubic feet of storage space.

Source: Zenn Motor Co.

harder on the battery."

Panther has owned her electric car for five years. She said the public's interest in her vehi-



BENJAMIN ROBERTS/THE DAILY IOWAN

Director of the UI Office of Sustainability Liz Christiansen drives her electric car along Riverside Drive on Thursday.

cle has not dwindled — getting stopped in the grocery store or in parking lots by onlookers is an everyday occurrence for Panther.

"I get a lot of people waving

and giving me thumbs up," the UIHC nurse said. "I go to the grocery store, and people ask

SEE **ELECTRIC CAR**, 3A



He can't go home again

Faces of the UI

Do you know a community member who has done something interesting? If so, e-mail us at: daily-iowan@uiowa.edu.

Time is running out for one UI Iraqi student — if he's not accepted to dental school, he might have to return to Iraq.

By SHANE ERSLAND
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Talib Nawfel Talib is scared to death of going back home.

Talib, who has lived in the United States for four years, is from Baghdad. Since U.S. troops were deployed to his home country, members of two major Muslim religions — the Shiites and Sunnis — have been at war.

Talib's father, who died of a heart attack in 2002, was a Sunni, and his mother is a Shiite. If Talib, 24, were to return to Iraq, he would be under constant threat from both sides.

"I would be privileged to stay here," Talib said. "Going back is not an option."

Talib — one of only four Iraqi students at the UI — is working on earning his master's degree in public health and trying to get into dental school. Because he has only 12 credits left to complete for his public-health program, he hopes to be accepted by a dental school soon and not just for academic reasons.

Because Talib is in the country on a student Visa, if he's not enrolled in school, he'll have to return to Iraq.

But getting into dental school has not been easy for Talib. Last year, he spent more than \$8,000 on applications to roughly 50 schools, and didn't even get an interview.

Talib's friend Naif Sinada, who is also working on finishing his



SAM JADALI/CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



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ABOVE: Talib Nawfel Talib (left) sleeps in a car during a family trip to the Mystery Soldier Memorial in Iraq in 1993. Talib has been in the United States since 2005.

TOP: Talib Nawfel Talib (left) mock-proposes to a friend at a party on Feb. 7.

master's in public health at the UI, was just accepted into dental school. He said he knows how difficult it is to get into the field.

"With dental school, it's about having the perseverance to keep applying," Sinada said.

The Shiite-Sunni conflict isn't the only aspect of the war Talib is concerned about, should he have to go back to Iraq.

When Talib was living in Iraq, he and a friend were on their way to school when they had a minor accident and had to pull their car over. Five U.S. soldiers were trying to clear the area for a search. Talib, who was

the only one in the area who could speak English, approached one of the soldiers, and they all turned their guns on him. While Talib tried to explain what he and his friend were doing there, one of the soldiers kept pushing him, keeping his gun pressed to Talib's head.

"I was thinking, 'Oh my god, he's going to put a bullet in my head,'" Talib said. "And for no reason."

Though Talib was initially scared when he arrived in America, he said he has not been the victim of any discrimination at the UI. The only prob-

Talib Nawfel Talib

UI student

- **Age:** 24
- **Hometown:** Baghdad
- **Degree seeking:** Master's in public health
- **Activities:** Treasurer for the Arab Students Association
- **Favorite sport:** Soccer

lem Talib has faced in the United States has been at airports. In each one he's been in, he was searched.

"I am just aware of extra attention," Talib said.

Talib hopes to increase his chances of making it into dental school this year by improving his résumé. He volunteers at the Patient Education Institute in Coralville, where he teaches a class that helps people watch for symptoms that cause various health problems. Talib is also the treasurer for the UI Arab Students Association.

Talib's mother, Nisreen Alattar, has lived in Michigan for a year on a Visa. His brother, Al-Hakam, who lives in Jordan now, will be joining her in two weeks.

His aunt, Zahra Alattar, lives in Kalona, where she teaches elementary students Arabic. Zahra Alattar, who is a U.S. citizen and has lived here for 16 years, said she knows how important it is for Talib to continue his schooling.

"He is willing to go wherever he gets accepted," Zahra Alattar said.

Talib said he is hoping to see more Iraqi students at the UI soon, due to the Iraqi Education Initiative that will begin this fall. Through the program, the Iraqi government will send 400 students to the United States, and between 30 and 40 of them could be enrolled at the UI. When the students arrive, Talib hopes to start an Iraqi student organization.

"This is a huge step for Iraqi students, and I am excited about meeting them," Talib said.

The economic crisis, made easy

Today's law symposium targets to help inform the public, especially college students, about the economic crisis and make them more comfortable with the topic.

By EMILY MELVOLD
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A UI law symposium today aims to help students understand the economic crisis.

"We are going to make our best effort to lay out the economic crisis so everyone can understand," UI law Professor Enrique Carrasco said.

This year's topic, "Global Meltdown: Examining the Worst Global Financial and Economic Crisis Since the Great Depression," has created some obstacles for the panelists and organizers preparing for the event today, because of the constantly changing state of the economy.

The annual symposium is sponsored by *The Journal of*

Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems and the UI Center for International Finance & Development.

"It's been a tremendous effort. The challenge in the planning is that the crisis has continued to deepen day by day and week by week," Carrasco said. "When we started planning this event, things were very different than they are now."

The all-day event will be important and relevant for everyone, he said.

Because of the complex subject matter, a poster presentation at 8:30 a.m. will kick off the discussions, explaining and putting into layman's terms the information about the global economic crisis.

"It's almost like a teach-in," Carrasco said.

Minji Kim, editor-in-chief of *transnational-law journal*, said she thinks the poster presentation — called "The Anatomy of the Financial Crisis" — will be especially helpful in providing background information to non-experts on the issue.

"One thing I've noticed personally is that a lot of people are scared of this topic, and I think they could become more comfortable with it if they knew and understood the fundamentals of the crisis," Kim said. "That's what the poster presentation will teach them."

A student writer for the journal and researcher for international-development center, Alexandra Basak Russell, said many conferences similar to this one are occurring nationwide, though what makes the UI's different is the combination of law and business perspectives.

Another new feature in this year's forums will be a round

table discussion in which the panelists — who have been flown in from across the country and the world — will open up for public questions and comments over the lunch hour.

"It will be a great chance for all of us to ask panelists the big picture questions, such as whether the U.S. will continue to be a leader in the regulation of global international finance," Carrasco said.

Each panelist was chosen after the journal sent out a call for scholarly papers on the matter, which will be published in its next issue. The papers address different aspects of the global economic meltdown.

Event organizers hope to have 400 to 500 people — including students — attend the event today in Levitt Auditorium, which starts with breakfast at 8 a.m.

"The reality is that our economy situation is going to affect college students," journal student writer Erin Nothwehr said.

METRO

Man charged with meth possession pleads not guilty

An Iowa City man accused of possessing methamphetamine pleaded not guilty on Thursday.

Police arrested Scott Hayslett, 42, last month and charged him with possession of a controlled substance — his third or subsequent offense.

Officials responded to Motel 6 in Coralville on Jan. 9 after receiving a report of suspicious activity. After finding Hayslett in a room, police reported he consented to a search. Several bags containing a white, pow-

der substance were allegedly found in a toilet along with drug paraphernalia. The powder tested positive for methamphetamine, according to reports.

A third or subsequent offense of possession of a controlled substance is a Class D felony. Hayslett faces five years in prison and a \$7,500 fine.

— by Olivia Moran

Council near completing 1-cent wording

The Iowa City City Council is set to discuss the final wording for the 1-cent

local-option sales tax, which will be placed on a May ballot.

The councilors have debated the tax increase for weeks, moving the vote to a later date to ensure the appropriate language for the increase, but they will finally vote on the resolution at their work session on Feb. 23.

The 1-cent increase is part of a state-wide effort to aid flood-affected counties. If passed, sales tax in Iowa City would become 7 percent for the next five years and garner the city an estimated \$45 million.

Iowa City officials expect to use the money to elevate Dubuque Street and reconstruct the Park Road bridge.

But Mayor Regenia Bailey said she

would have concerns if the council tries to change the ballot too much.

"I have some specific questions about how it works when we pass the ballot language, but also about how we will send out information to voters," Bailey said.

Once the City Council passes the language for its ballot, other towns in the county will be eligible to place the tax increase on their ballots.

Also on next week's agenda will be a discussion for the fiscal 2010 budget as well as flood updates from city officials and talks with Iowa City School District officials on their facilities-improvement plan.

— by Amanda McClure

POLICE BLOTTER

Salomon Aragon, 22, 614 S. Johnson St. Apt. 7, was charged Sunday with drug tax-stamp violation, possession of controlled substances, and possession of prescription drugs.

Holli Christner, 21, Riverside, Iowa,

was charged Feb. 14 with OWI. **Griffin Donnelly**, 19, 147 Slater, was charged Wednesday with PAULA.

Roger Elizondo, 30, 1155 Downing Drive, was charged Thursday with OWI.

Telesforo Gonzalez, 30, 306 Hawaii

Court, was charged Wednesday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Alexandra Kane, 20, 328D Mayflower, was charged Wednesday with fourth-degree theft.

Joel Minix, 19, 147 Slater, was charged

Wednesday with PAULA.

Melodie Taylor, 29, 1946 Broadway Apt. E, was charged Tuesday with keeping a disorderly house.

Michael Wnuk, 23, Slater, Iowa, was charged Thursday with OWI.

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4. Possible cell-phone ban a drop in the bucket
5. For football's Seth Olsen, the game is all about faith

STATE

Dems want tax-law change

DES MOINES (AP) — Democrats again raised the possibility Thursday of changing Iowa's tax laws to end the ability to deduct federal taxes when calculating state tax liability.

It's an issue that has come up repeatedly over the years, with Democrats arguing the rule favors the wealthy and forces the state to have artificially high income tax rates to allow the tax break.

"Clearly, federal deductibility is a gigantic benefit to the wealthiest Iowans," said Senate Majority Leader Michael Gronstal, D-Council Bluffs. "Some mechanism that would move away from that, simplify our tax code and give a break to middle-class families is something we're very much interested in."

Politicians have fought over the issue for decades, with opponents claiming it raises overall tax rates and scares away many businesses who don't into account federal deductibility.

"That's one of the deterrents to businesses coming to Iowa," said Sen. Jack Kibbie, D-Emmetsburg.

Past proposals to end federal deductibility have typically been revenue-neutral, ending the tax break and using the extra money to lower income tax rates.

Gronstal said one notion would be to use the money for a targeted middle-class tax break.

"I think we're looking at the options," said Gronstal. "What I'd look for is a way to provide tax break for middle-class families."

In general, Republicans and anti-tax groups oppose taking a step they label a "tax on a tax." They argue that money spent on federal taxes shouldn't be counted as income in calculating state liability.

"Federal deductibility is simple fairness," said a statement from Iowans for Tax Relief. "This is money the average taxpayer never touches, sees, or has any discretion over how it is spent."

Prevailing-wage debate stalls

DES MOINES (AP) — The House worked late Thursday on a measure forcing contractors to pay workers the prevailing wage on public building projects, but legislators stopped short of approving the measure after minority Republicans stalled debate.

After wrangling through much of the evening, Democratic leaders announced plans to finish debate on the issue in a rare Friday session. Republicans had spent much of the night in private meetings drafting a series of amendments and threatened to stay until dawn.

House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, D-Des Moines, said lawmakers would resume debate at noon Friday and approve the measure "in four or five hours."

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Associate Professor Tom Schnell and two members of his crew use a camera and probe to inspect the turbine of the L-29 research jet Thursday afternoon.

UI lab runs 'fleet'

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standard, immovable flight simulator and made it smaller and portable, allowing for a flight simulation in an actual aircraft. A pilot can then fly above the Iowa terrain while getting the experience of a mission flown through, for instance, a California mountain range.

"I can fly around the area and blend virtuality and reality," said Schnell, a licensed commercial pilot.

While research is going on, Schnell said it is typical for pilots to be brought out to the lab for test flights roughly twice a week for several weeks.

"If people are pilots around here, I probably know them, and I've likely had them out at my lab," Schnell said.

The airport laboratory is large, housing three relatively small aircraft, including an Aerovodochody L-29 Delfin and a Beechcraft A-36 Bonanza. High-tech helmets rest on shelves and in display cases. A large commercial-airline simulator requires stairs to enter the cockpit replica, which was mostly constructed by Schnell and his students.

Roughly eight students help with research. For most, the program has opened up possibilities for internships and careers with employers, such as Rockwell Collins, Caterpillar, and NASA.

"As a student, the experience we get out here is priceless," UI graduate student Kyle Ellis said. His work has made his college experience unique, he said, remembering flights over the UI campus in between classes.

The 24-year-old spends roughly 40 hours per week in the lab, and sophomore Darin Hoover averages 15 hours of lab work. Working at such an intense pace with Schnell is worth the time commitment, the 20-year-old said.

"It teaches you to become a better researcher, and it's great to constantly be working with the technology that's hot at the moment," Ellis said.

Many of the projects inside the laboratory are like something out of a movie: a helmet designed to maximize a pilot's performance during flight,

especially in combat, overlays images onto the actual terrain — like a view from within the Iron Man suit. Eye sensors educate researchers on when a machine-operator is most attentive. A flight suit that seems to have a mind of its own helps with navigation via touch rather than sight, vibrating when it senses what the pilot needs to be doing at any given time.

And the work coming out of the lab has received recogni-

tion. In 2007, Schnell won the Innovator of the Year award from the Technology Association of Iowa for the Flight Bag, a low-cost, synthetic vision system designed to give pilots a view of terrain when visibility conditions aren't great. And it's just one of the many projects inside the hangar.

"You're getting plunged into the real world of what you want to do with your education," Ellis said. "You can't get that stuff in the classroom."

Living sustainability

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me questions. I think people are kind of used to seeing it now, though I still get lots of reactions."

Panther bought her electric car on eBay for \$6,500. The cost was half the vehicle's listing price. But after President Obama signed the stimulus bill Tuesday, she might save even more. Electric-car owners are offered a tax credit of up to \$2,500 in the bill.

While a conventional combustion-powered vehicle costs for operation anywhere from 8 to 12 cents per mile, according to the Zenn Motor Co. website, Christiansen said her vehicle is more efficient.

"The estimated cost per mile is around 2 cents," she said. "It's much less expensive. It's small and economic."

The self-proclaimed "Zero

Emissions, No Noise" automobile and similar vehicles have hit the market in a big way. Though luxury electric vehicles exist, affordable electric vehicles are the main sellers.

Dan Raymond, the vice president of operations for Heartland Electric Car and Truck Co. in Fairfield, Iowa, said Heartland has been selling electric vehicles for a little over a year.

"Sales have gone up dramatically," he said. "They're good for cities, golf courses, and some individuals."

ZAP, the leader in the electric car industry, has also reported significant gains. In November 2008, ZAP announced a 180 percent increase in revenue from September 2007.

For some, electric cars appear to be the way of the future. A vehicle with a low price tag that's cheap to run

and maintain seems fail-proof, but there are some who say the vehicles may not be that environmentally friendly.

"It depends on where the electricity is coming from," said Stephanie Enloe, co-president of UI Environmental Coalition. "If it's still coming from a coal power plant, that wouldn't make a sizable difference. It's still hard on the environment."

For Christiansen, it's not as much about saving money as it is about helping the environment.

"It's unfortunate a lot of people are choosing these cars because they're cheaper instead of for their benefits to the environment," she said. "I chose mine to reduce my carbon footprint, it was convenient that it's much cheaper too."

STATE

Iowa justice weighs budget cuts

DES MOINES (AP) — Iowa's court system could be closed for up to 10 days this spring and layoffs next year could include up to 200 workers under scenarios sketched out Thursday by Chief Justice Marsha Ternus.

While Ternus emphasized that no final decisions have been made, she said budget cuts being considered by the Legislature would force moves

that "will cripple the court system and every Iowan should be concerned about that."

Ternus and Court Administrator David Boyd said at a news conference that the court is looking to cut roughly \$3.8 million this year, and that next year the shortfall could climb to \$15.4 million.

"How do we maintain rights? How do we meet the needs of our citizens if we're closed?" Ternus asked. "What really troubles me is that when we're closed, we have no way of holding

harmless the children under our supervision."

To meet this year's shortfall, court officials have announced they'll close the courts periodically. The first closure occurred last Monday.

Depending on a final spending plan adopted by lawmakers, more closures could be ahead, Boyd said.

"As of today, that has not yet been resolved," said Boyd. "There could be up to 10 court closures between now and June 30."



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IC eyes wind tie-in

Local officials look to integrate with a transportation hub to increase wind-energy interest in the state.

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Wind energy blowing in

The new industrial park in Iowa City could bring in businesses, including wind-energy production plants. Iowa is one of the nation's leading producers of wind energy.

- A wind campus in Iowa City would reduce the amount of transportation for wind energy across the county.
- A single wind-energy farm has transportation requirements of 689 trucks, 140 railcars, and eight ships overseas.
- Iowa ranks second in the nation for wind production.
- The U.S. Department of Energy predicts 20 percent of the nation's electricity will come from wind energy by 2030.

Source: American Wind Energy Association

Iowa City could become, perhaps soon, the home of the nation's first wind-energy campus after the construction of an industrial park situated at a transportation hub.

Officials hope the industrial area will allow international companies to build parts for wind-energy production and transport them easily around the country.

"This is a great investment for us, given the movement in the industry and where President Obama stands on wind energy," City Manager Michael Lombardo said. "We're in a good place to capitalize on this niche."

Iowa City is at a competitive advantage over other areas of the country because of the state's abundance of wind farms, Lombardo said. Iowa is ranked second in wind production, according to the American Wind Energy Association.

"We see wind farms in northwest Iowa, and transporting these turbines is a key expense to companies," Mayor Regenia Bailey said. "Iowa City is lacking in industrial land for development, and this is our chance to grow."

The recently purchased land lies at a crossroads between a railroad line and a highway — on 420th Street near Highway 6 — making it ideal for transporting wind-energy components constructed in the park.

Though no companies have officially signed on to the park, Bailey said, the city has garnered a lot of interest from

organizations looking to expand their wind-energy production.

Wendy Ford, an economic-development coordinator for Iowa City, said the economic recession has prevented some companies from coming to the park, but she isn't worried about filling the available space.

"The majority want to be the first to move into this new market," she said. "Companies that manufacture these parts in places such as California or Spain want to be closer to where the windmills are actually located."

Lombardo had the idea for the park six months ago when the land came on the market. Construction on the 173-acres will begin this spring and will be completed as soon as the summer of 2010.

To pay for a portion of the estimated \$6 million project, the city has applied for a Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy grant from the state. Given the economic prospects of the project, officials are hopeful they will receive \$1.9 million.

"We just don't have these types of sites in Iowa City, and it's causing a lot of industrial development to move elsewhere," Lombardo said.

The project would bring in more high-paying jobs to Iowa City, he said, as well as generate \$800,000 in industrial property taxes.

"This is an exciting project for the city because it gives us yet another area to start marketing," he said. "It provides a lot of amenities that we want to focus on for Iowa City."

Seeing a gust of fresh air

Investing more in wind energy remains a hot topic at the UI.

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With the federal economic-stimulus plan allocating more than \$40 billion for energy projects, some at the UI are waiting to see how much funding wind energy will receive.

Following the trend of investing in sustainable forms of energy, Joseph Sulentic, a UI lecturer in management and organizations, created a small consumer wind-turbine business, offering opportunities for home and small business owners to possess personal wind systems to generate electricity and allow them to lower their energy bills.

And it comes with financial perks.

Under a federal investment tax credit passed in the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, owners of the small turbines can receive up to a \$4,000 credit.

Sulentic, who has an economic and entrepreneurial background, said that as a fervent environmentalist, he wanted to get involved with the greener side of business.

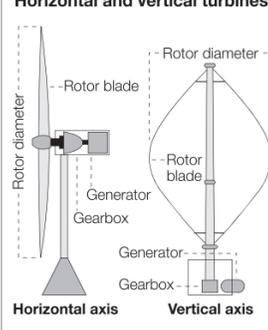
"I chose wind because the input costs never varies — it's always free," he said.

Sulentic said the new stimulus plan will without a doubt help the industry.

Different turbines

While horizontal turbines are more efficient, vertical turbines are often considered more aesthetically pleasing.

Horizontal and vertical turbines



Source: American Wind Energy Association
Jacqueline Cieslak/The Daily Iowan

But he has concerns about whom it will help — average consumers or large corporations?

"It's 1,000 pages, and we're still trying to figure it out," he said, noting that energy subsidies will have a major role in furthering wind-energy investment.

"If wind power or anything solar that doesn't produce a detrimental side effect were factored into its costs, then I think you would see solar power and wind turbines everywhere," he said.

Implementing a carbon tax on such items as coal-fired power plants would make wind technology more competitive, he said.

"We could seriously make a huge dent in the carbon footprint with the technology that

exists today," Sulentic said.

Craig Just, a UI associate research scientist in civil-environmental engineering, said alternative-energy projects often suffer when the price of oil is low, and consumer demand for cheaper options often influences support.

Iowa, he said, a place with many rural areas, is an excellent place for both wind farms and individual wind turbines.

But in urban areas, he said, the turbines will not be as effective, so wind farms are an optimal solution to transmit power across the state.

Sulentic, however, said too much attention has been given to corporate wind farms, giving fewer opportunities for individual producers.

"We're much better off from an energy-policy standpoint to have million of producers putting little bits of energy as opposed to giant nuclear facilities or wind farms cranking hundreds of thousands of volts through power lines," Sulentic said.

Daniel Rogge, a UI graduate student in industrial engineering who made a wind turbine for a class last year, said the way the country generates power is unsustainable.

He hopes the stimulus package will help the country catch up with other nations, such as Germany, and offer more incentives to encourage individuals to care about more energy options.

"Not to say there aren't problems with wind energy, but it's the closest to being cost-competitive," he said.

Acquittal in reporter's death sparks international outrage

By **DOUGLAS BIRCH** and **DAVID NOWAK**
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MOSCOW — A jury in Moscow voted unanimously Thursday to acquit three men in the killing of journalist Anna Politkovskaya, dimming hopes for justice in a case that has mocked Russia's claims to be a modern democratic nation.

The brazen 2006 slaying of the crusading investigative reporter sent a grim signal to other dissenters in Russia, proving that even the most prominent of Kremlin critics could be murdered with impunity.

And it provoked international

outrage, raising suspicions that her death was ordered by prominent public officials.

A jury acquitted two Chechen brothers and a morose ex-cop following a trial that defense attorneys and Politkovskaya's supporters said was marred by prosecution errors and oversights.

All three were suspected of playing minor roles in the killing. A suspected triggerman, a third brother, has not been found.

Politkovskaya was shot five times in the elevator of her central Moscow apartment building on Oct. 7, 2006, after a trip to the supermarket.

In her articles, Politkovskaya had attacked some of Russia's

most powerful political leaders. She was a ferocious critic of former president and current Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, on whose birthday the 48-year-old journalist was slain. In one book, she accused him of crushing dissent and leading a "failing democracy."

She had also accused the regime of Ramzan Kadyrov, a former militia leader and now president of the Russian region of Chechnya, of torture and corruption, charges that he has denied.

AP Writer Steve Gutterman contributed to this report

WORLD

Languages going silent

PARIS (AP) — Only one native speaker of Livonian remains on Earth, in Latvia. The Alaskan language Eyak went extinct last year when its last surviving speaker passed away.

Those are just two of the nearly

2,500 languages that UNESCO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, says are in danger of becoming extinct or have recently disappeared. That's out of a total of 6,000 world languages.

In a presentation Thursday of a new world atlas of endangered languages, linguists stressed the list is not restricted to small or far-flung

countries. They also sought to encourage immigrants to treasure their native languages.

"Language endangerment is a universal phenomenon," said Christopher Moseley, an Australian linguist who edited the atlas' third edition, which is to appear in digital and paper versions.

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UI takes possession of former club

ATHLETICS CLUB
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Hollins said the use of the club for events previously scheduled in the IMU came out of a brainstorming session that turned into an important business decision. "They were interested in a more permanent change," Hollins said. "It is difficult to find land of that size that is so close to the university." The 33,306 square-foot club sits on 5.3 acres of land adjacent to Finkbine. The current city-assessed value of the building is \$2,380,980 — which includes \$750,000 in assets. Beginning in August, the university leased the club for \$50,000 a month. In December, the ownership was turned over to the UI Facilities Corp., an arm of the UI Foundation, to which the UI will continue to pay a lease-purchase agreement. Hollins said he expects the university will gain full ownership in 20 years.

The Davenport-based owners, who could not be reached, had been in contact with other interested parties as well, he said. At a Feb. 3 meeting, Regent Robert Downer said the club would be valuable to private buyers, as it is the only commercially zoned property in University Heights. Casey Cook, founder of Iowa City-based Cook Appraisals LLC, said the property is difficult to assess, but he thinks that the university made a good decision purchasing it. "[Officials] needed to solve problems and couldn't necessarily wait until a property came on the market at a reasonable price," Cook said. "The university can use it much more efficiently than it is being used now." The value of the piece of land in proximity to other university buildings made it more valuable than the city-assessed price, he said. The University Athletics Club opened in September 1959. The club will continue to serve its

members through August. Though the facility is primarily used for banquets, its recreation facilities include an outdoor swimming pool, three tennis courts, and a basketball court. At the Old Capitol mall, UI President Sally Mason put the plan to renovate the cinema space on hold at the regents' meeting earlier this month. The UI Facilities Corp. purchased the space formerly occupied by Younkers in the Old Capitol mall for \$11.25 million in June 2005. The entire property was auctioned for just \$12 million in 2003. The University Capitol Centre — the UI's space in the mall — houses the Office for Study Abroad, various international-program offices, Information Technology Services, and the flood-displaced University Bookstore. In September, the UI was paying \$13,116 a month to rent space for the University Bookstore, University Box Office, and

other university offices displaced by the flood. Before the UI purchased the space, the athletics club and the Iowa City Elks Lodge were the only private clubs in Iowa City. Kevin Carr, the Elks general manager, has not seen an increase in membership, though he attributed that to the winter season. "We are optimistic and certainly hope to see an increase in

membership," Carr said. UI officials have not yet decided on an exact plan for the future of the athletics club. "Everything is still in progress," said David Grady, UI associate vice president for University Life Centers. "The initial need was to provide additional space for the university to respond to buildings affected by the flood."

Grady said the club's kitchen has been very helpful in space issues with IMU catering. While the IMU is now hosting events such as music recitals, the club is hosting receptions and meetings that can no longer be accommodated at the IMU. "What we're working on now is a long-term plan" Parrott said.

Defense asks for lesser crime

MATTHEWS
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ond-degree kidnapping. He is accused of breaking into a 50-year-old woman's home on June 5, 2007, and forcing her to drive to an ATM to withdraw money before sexually abusing her in her home. "We know it was the defendant who did this," Johnson County prosecutor Janet Lyness said. The victim told police Matthews became angry the day of the alleged incident and pistol-whipped her with what she described as a small black gun. In a 911 call played on Thursday — the third and final day of Matthews' trial — she said to dispatchers, "He had a gun, yes." Investigators never found the

gun. Second-degree kidnapping requires the perpetrator be armed with a dangerous weapon. Miller also argued against the charge of first-degree sexual abuse, which requires use of a weapon in addition to causing substantial injury. There is no evidence the woman "sustained serious medical injury," Miller said. "She suffered a nasal fracture that healed and required no subsequent medical treatment, hearing loss that healed, and dizziness that is sporadic." Lyness argued the victim's injuries are still affecting her today. "The manner in which he used [the gun] by striking her in the head was something that caused her serious injury," she said. "This was not just like a slap to her face. This was a serious blow."

Lyness said the search for a suspect in the case through fingerprint testing was rather extensive, but the real evidence is a semen match from the victim's vaginal swab. "All of these things point to the defendant, but the reason we really know it's the defendant is the DNA," she said. Michael Halverson, a criminalist with the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation, testified on Wednesday only 1 in 100 billion would have the same DNA as Matthews. Russell did not reach a verdict on Thursday. He is expected to eventually file a written ruling and read it aloud at a hearing. Matthews will not be sentenced at that time. If convicted of all four charges, he faces at least two life sentences. *DI reporter Adam Sullivan contributed to this report.*

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Guest Opinion

Is Obama ready for a Middle East Change?

On Saturday, the Arab Student Association will host Dr. Hussein Ibish, a senior fellow of the American Task Force for Palestine in an event titled "Is Obama Ready for a Middle East Change?" via video conference from Washington, D.C. The event will be held on Saturday at 6 p.m. in 2520-D University Capitol Centre, in the UI Core Conference Facility on the second floor. In this event, Ibish will discuss the differences between the Obama and Bush administrations' approach to the Middle East. The effects of the war in Gaza on peacemaking and on internal Palestinian politics will also be covered, as well as the effect of the Israeli election on Israel's policies and the prospects for successful negotiations. Ibish's presentation will also discuss the aftermath of the war in Gaza on the peace process and the negotiated peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinians based on two states.

Ibish was born in Beirut, Lebanon, in 1963. He holds a Ph.D in comparative literature from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and is active in advocacy for Arab causes in the United States. He was the communications

director for the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee from 1998-2004, and he received the Dedicated Service Award from the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee in 2004.

The American Task Force for Palestine is a nonprofit, non-partisan organization based in Washington, D.C. It is dedicated to advocating that it is in the American national interest to promote an end to the conflict in the Middle East through a negotiated agreement that provides for two states — Israel and Palestine — living side by side in peace and security. The task force was established in 2003 to provide an independent voice for Palestinian-Americans and their supporters and to promote peace. The group's Board of Directors is made up of a large group of noted Palestinian-Americans who agree with these principles. The task force has also engaged in humanitarian fundraising to support health and education causes in the occupied Palestinian territories.

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The confusion doctrine



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Naomi Klein revealed through her demeanor a solid sense of self-confidence as she took the stage to speak at the IMU on Wednesday. Proving her rhetorical prowess, she skillfully directed her audience's palpable populist indignation against her carefully chosen target: free-market economics.

But beneath their pseudo-intellectual facade, Klein's central theses are cynically hollow and propped up primarily by blatant equivocation. However, that makes no difference to her. Her aim in her presentation is not to persuade through logical argument but to mobilize ideological foot soldiers to join her faction in the class struggle she advocates. And at that, she is a master.

Roughly halfway into her talk, I realized it was wrong of me to approach the experience as I would a lecture by a serious scholar who engages in rigorous empirical analysis. It's far more useful to think of her as a performer in a spectacle, like the matador in a bullfight. However, in this case, the audience also plays the role of the bull.

Just as a matador excites a bull by flapping his red cape, Klein brings her crowds to a slow boil with torrid tales of corruption and malevolence in right-wing governments. In both cases, the feelings are well-deserved. Bulls instinctively attack the matador's flapping cloth as he uses it to harass them. And people would have to be devoid of common decency not to be enraged by the wantonly cruel policies of fascist and quasi-fascist regimes whether they be seated in Santiago, Chile, or in Washington, D.C. But the matador tricks the bull, getting it to charge through his cape and into thin air. Likewise, Klein's fans end up channeling their righteous anger in the wrong direction. In both cases, it's a bait and switch.

During her presentation at the UI, she focused on three uniquely horrific examples of the Bush administration's many misdeeds.

In the international realm, she laid out a damning argument regarding the neoconservatives' bad faith in pushing for the invasion of Iraq and the abysmal job they did in supposedly attempting to reconstruct the Middle Eastern country after deposing its previous leadership. Also, she used New Orleans as case study in the inability

of the Bush administration to even provide effective disaster relief domestically. Finally, she focused in on the ongoing federal government's bank-bailout programs, which she accurately identified as a massive plutocratic raid on America's treasury.

There's really is no question that her arguments against neoconservatism are dead-on. But after she's laid all the groundwork necessary to thoroughly skewer quasi-fascist, corporatist thugs such as Dick Cheney and Donald Rumsfeld, she engages in a quick sleight of hand. Rather than delivering the much-deserved coup de grâce against the craven war criminals whose actions she has spent so much time exposing, Klein suddenly shifts the blame to the ideas of free-market economists. And, just as she intended all along, her audience lunges forward like an angry bull and blames them as well, not seeming to notice that the corporatist crimes she has been using to rile them up are in fact diametrically opposed to actual free-market principles.

But why the act?

Though I can't read her mind, her goals aren't too hard to guess. As a left-wing statist ideologue, she isn't interested in limiting government power. Instead, she just wants to co-opt it for her own purposes. She doesn't believe that the neoconservatives made such a mess of the world because they attempted unrealistic top-down social engineering. Rather, she just seems to think that they pursued the wrong ends. Thus, she has no interest in taking seriously the idea that state power is inherently dangerous and problematic.

By directly discrediting right-wing statist such as the kleptocrats who ran the Bush administration into the ground and then proceeding to assert that free-market advocates such as libertarians are equally to blame for the current disaster simply because Bush's cronies made tortured use of some of their ideological jargon, Klein seeks to kill two birds with one stone. And, she seems to presume, succeeding in sufficiently conflating libertarianism with neo-conservatism will leave the masses thinking their only remaining option is her brand of left-wing statism.

But those who truly pay attention can see what she's up to. So don't be fooled. She is absolutely correct that corporatism is destroying America, but socialism wouldn't serve us any better. The real solution is to empower people to determine their own destinies. And the best way to do this is to expand liberty in all aspects of our lives — both social and economic. ■

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AFTER AN EPIC 8 YEAR BENDER, THE DRUNKEN SAILOR SOBERS UP

Guest Column

Holding fast in stormy, stormy times

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Sometimes, classes take a timely unplanned detour, and that happened in one of my journalism classes a couple of days ago. Instead of our ostensible focus, commentary and column writing, discussion turned to the changing media environment and the uncertain future of news. Iowa journalism students are concerned, as well they should be.

I grew up with two newspapers at the breakfast table. Many of my juniors and seniors grew up with one and continue to read papers offline. Like me, they appreciate the breadth and serendipity the daily paper offers the reader, whose eyes roam broadly before falling on topics of specific interest, so the brain registers items that otherwise

would remain unknown. And despite frayed public confidence in the news media, they also appreciate the sense of reliable inquiry, discerning judgment, and — as one of my students put it — *gravitas* that the best of the printed press purveys.

These newsprint aficionados represent perhaps the last generation to cling to affection for the tangibility of ink on paper. We all know conventional news outlets must adapt or die. My students and I alike are tussling with how to pursue fundamental goals of journalism in an era of ever-morphing new forms of news delivery. The difference is that I'm the old fogey who gets to leave the problem behind, while young people have to confront and help shape this new world.

The climate of economic instability exacerbates my students' worries. Our would-be watchdogs are entering the

workforce as newsrooms shrink. Yesterday's journalism revolved around separate bailiwicks — solid reporting and writing skills, or the ability to handle a camera, or versatility with tape recorder and the spoken word. Today's journalism requires "cross-platform" training in a wide repertoire of technological skills, on top of command of traditional basics. Students know that employers want more from less and will be squeezing them to supply voluminous quantities of "product" in every available format.

My students are not the first to face daunting economic challenges — as my class learned the other day, to land my first rookie reporting job three decades ago, I sent out about 60 résumés and got three interviews and one offer.

Still, I think I had it a lot easier than rookies now. My Social

Security records tell me that my first full year's earnings were \$11,263 — but I paid nothing toward health insurance; after an emergency room visit for X-rays and a cast on a broken wrist, I never saw a bill. I'd finished college without loans at a spectacularly affordable public institution, in a big city where my rent was \$100 a month, and my summer earnings and family help covered my one-year master's degree even on Manhattan's Upper West Side, where my digs cost a now unimaginable \$150 a month. In the years since, expenses for precisely those essentials that once seemed manageable — education, health care, and housing — have ballooned beyond all sane proportions. Students graduate with more debt than ever, into more stress than ever.

No occupation seems to offer safe haven these days, although the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics identifies health care and private education as exceptions to current job-loss trends. Nonetheless, the cultural, economic, and technological ferment in media poses particularly formidable quandaries. As we do each fall and spring, Iowa's School of Journalism and Mass Communication is about to take in a batch of new majors, and I wish them well. In times like these, journalism is not for the faint of heart, and young people who stick with it are to be commended.

Venturing into the shifting media landscape, journalism students will need to acquire a dizzying array of new skills along with a depth of substantive knowledge. They'll also need determination, a sense of

adventure, a high tolerance for ambiguity, and an underlying commitment to firm values. That recent class discussion fortified my belief that many of ours possess these attributes.

I find it especially heartening that, in an era when celebrity fixations, snark, and stridency often edge out informed presentation and reasoned conversation about matters of actual consequence, my students care deeply about sustaining institutions that deliver significant and reliable information to the public. They are far from sanguine about the difficulties and unknowns ahead — the room was full of serious faces; but they are heading into this new world in a bold and active frame of mind — as pioneers rather than guinea pigs.

Judy Polumbaum is in her 20th year on the journalism faculty at the UI.

'Music was a huge, huge part of my upbringing. Everyone in my family played music, and we still do.'

- Casey Cook, fiddler



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Andy Carlson, dubbed "Demon Fiddler" by the *New York Times*, plays his violin. Guitarist Casey Cook will join Carlson Saturday evening at the Mill for a night of bluegrass.

2 kings of bluegrass

Fiddler Andy Carlson and guitarist Casey Cook will show off their bluegrass licks Saturday at the Mill with some local bluegrass musicians.

By RACHAEL LANDER
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For Andy Carlson and Casey Cook, music has played an integral role in their lives for as long as either can remember. Carlson first picked up the fiddle when he was 5, thanks to his grandfather, while guitarist Cook toured the country with his family's bluegrass band when he was 3.

The two will play the Mill, 120 E. Burlington St., at 8 p.m. Saturday, where they will be joined by local bluegrass players from Big Wooden Radio and the Burlington Street Bluegrass Band. Carlson and Cook will dominate the first half of the show with music from their own works as well as some classic jazz and bluegrass pieces. The second set, with the additional instrumentalists, will be more

of a "bluegrass jam session," Carlson said.

Neither of the men had intended to center their lives on music when they first began playing.

"Music was always a part of my household growing up," Carlson said. "I had never really thought of it as a full-time job until I got into college and I decided to be a music major."

By the time he was 6, Cook had been inducted into the Florida Country Music Hall of Fame as a member of his family's band, Special Cooking. In his early teens, he became determined to ensure that his future career involved playing guitar.

"Music was a huge, huge part of my upbringing," he said. "Everyone in my family played music, and we still do." He attributes a lot of his influence

CONCERT
Andy Carlson and Casey Cook, with guests from Big Wooden Radio and Burlington Street Bluegrass Band
When: Mill, 120 E. Burlington
Where: 8 p.m. Saturday
Admission: \$7

to his parents, who first got him started with guitar, as well as to brother Matt Cook, who also played in Special Cooking.

Aside from the major effect he credits his family with having, Casey Cook also acknowledges the influence that Carlson has had on his life.

"Andy has been a huge inspiration on me," he said. "He's such an incredible player ... He's helped me find my own voice."

Cook and Carlson have been playing together for a number of years, and the two work together at Denison University in Ohio. They have collaborated on two releases, with a third album in production. The duo tours with the Andy Carlson Band, playing various shows throughout the country.

The performance this weekend will be Cook's first in Iowa City; Carlson is a native Iowan. In fact, he was born in Iowa City but moved away at a young age. He received a doctorate in musical arts from the UI.

While it's only a homecoming for one of them, they both are looking forward to playing the Mill on Saturday.

"What a pleasure it is to be able to come back to Iowa City," Carlson said.



PUBLICITY PHOTO

After playing at the Yacht Club more than two years ago, Hyentyte will return to Iowa City on Saturday to play with Dead Larry & the Zombie Girls at the Industry.

Remaining high & tight

Minneapolis's Hyentyte will jam out at the Industry on Saturday along with Dead Larry and the Zombie Girls.

By NICK FETTY
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When the seeds of Minneapolis band Hyentyte were planted in 1998, the members thought of themselves as "good friends making good music for good friends." Eleven years later, the band retains that motto.

On Saturday, Hyentyte will play a show at the Industry, 211 Iowa Ave., with Dead Larry & the Zombie Girls. The latter acts will play from 9-10 p.m., and Hyentyte will take the stage shortly thereafter.

During December 2007, the band played a show at the Yacht Club with friends and local favorites Hunab. Hyentyte's lead guitarist and vocalist, Vinh Nguyen, felt that the Yacht Club's hometown atmosphere made it the best Hunab show he'd seen.

"The music scene in Iowa is on the rise," he said. "You guys have an Iowa Jamband Society, so I mean it's up and coming and it's real exciting to try to be a part of it."

Just before starting high school, Nguyen started teaching himself how to play guitar with inspiration from such groups as Nirvana and Green Day. He spent the rest of high school playing in talent shows

and anything else he could get involved in.

Nguyen founded Hyentyte with keyboardist and lead vocalist Tony Molek, bassist and vocalist David Boose, and drummer Marc Ouellette. They met in Eden Prairie, Minn., where they all attended high school. Rounding out Hyentyte's lineup are rhythm guitarist/vocalist Arthur Begley and percussionist/vocalist Louie Grandaw.

With the members of Hyentyte spread out across the country for college, the group was on hiatus for around four years before the members reunited and decided to start touring and recording.

Kin, Hyentyte's first album, came out in August 2005, and Boose described it as "more laid-back" and "not too experimental" when compared with the band's 2007 follow-up, *Show of Hands*.

Boose started out by playing the cello in third grade, but when he moved to a new school district in his early teens, a lack of a school orchestra forced him to take up the electric bass.

Hyentyte takes its influences from a range of acts and genres, which makes the band hard to categorize.

"We definitely try to rock the

CONCERT
Hyentyte, with Dead Larry & the Zombie Girls

When: 9 p.m. Saturday
Where: Industry, 211 Iowa Ave.
Admission: \$5

funk," Nguyen said. "Compared with other bands, I guess you could say we're a mix of the All-man Brothers, Sublime, and the Red Hot Chili Peppers."

The Midwest has the highest concentration of Hyentyte followers, who tend to be in their early 20s, but the band's fan base extends to California and even the United Kingdom. Hyentyte has also played shows in Denver and Los Angeles, but it is something of a staple at Midwestern music festivals. The band has taken the stage at Milwaukee's Summerfest, the Des Moines Arts Festival, and the 10,000 Lakes Festival in the sextet's home state.

Hyentyte's festival cred might make it seem like another boring jam band or just a bunch of guys eager to fill Phish's shoes. Bassist Boose has no problem promoting the band's originality while still paying credit to the genre it plays in.

"[Our music] is organic, it's new, it's fresh," he said. "But it's familiar at the same time."

TRENDSPOTTER

MAN BOOBS

Man cleavage is so in right now. Some dudes are showing off a part of their anatomies usually reserved for the beach. Get used to sitting in class or walking around downtown IC, only to see a luscious mane of chest hair and the sexiness of man boobs.

V-neck tees have always been manufactured for guys, but now companies are releasing extremely low-cut V-neck shirts.

To get to the point, men's chests are needless - and can be quite unattractive - and to show them off is pointless. Leave the cleavage showing to the women; at least the females have history and rationale on their side. The trend of men flaunting their chesticles just seems too sleazy and over-confident to be attractive.

Some guys are avoiding V-necks and instead are unbuttoning their shirts or cardigans quite far to



release their hairy man spirits.

Maybe some guys can pull this look off, but for all the average-looking men out there, let's just leave this trend to the beautiful people. That way we can laugh at them when the look is extinct next year.

- by Dan Watson

ENTERTAINMENT

Putting down new Roots

NEW YORK (AP) - The Roots members are making sandwiches.

The band is holed-up in a Manhattan studio, preparing for its new gig as the house band on "Late Night With Jimmy Fallon," the NBC show that will take Conan O'Brien's place when O'Brien moves to "The Tonight Show."

The group members are working

long days to create 200 "sandwiches" or "beds" - the intro and "outros" that will buffer each segment on the show.

"Right now, my whole life is this show," said drummer Ahmir Thompson, better known as Questlove, in a recent interview as he lazily adjusted his fro pick in his trademark Afro, slightly exhausted in between rehearsals.

Since forming in Philadelphia in the early 1990s, the Roots has been one

of the best-regarded bands in hip-hop and music altogether. It was one of the first hip-hop bands to take up instruments, and under the steady pounding of Thompson, they've been an acclaimed act for nearly two decades, with respectable (though not huge) album sales.

So when word got out that the Roots would follow in the tradition of Paul Shaffer and Kevin Eubanks, the blogosphere and much of the music world erupted in say-it-ain't-so shock.

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Wall Street slides; Dow hits lowest level in 6 years

NEW YORK (AP) — An important psychological barrier gave way on Wall Street on Thursday as the Dow Jones industrials fell to their lowest level in more than six years.

The Dow broke through a bottom reached in November, pulled down by sharp declines in key financial shares. It was the lowest ending for the Dow since Oct. 9, 2002, when the last bear market bottomed out.

The move below that level dashed hopes that the doldrums of November would mark the ending point of a long slump in the market, which is now nearly halfway below the peak levels reached in October 2007.

The market's inability to rally also signals that investors see no immediate end for the recession, which is already 14 months old and one of the most severe in decades. Investors also haven't been impressed with two major economic initiatives from the Obama administration this week, an economic-stimulus package and a mortgage relief plan.

"It is definitely, definitely a blow to psychology," said Quincy Krosby, chief investment strategist at The Hartford. "There is more pessimism in the market as to when the economy is going to pick up steam."

Schwarzenegger applauds Calif. lawmakers

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — The California Legislature on Thursday approved a plan to close a \$42 billion budget deficit after an epic impasse that involved several all-night sessions, sending Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger a package of bills that raises taxes and cuts spending. It was not immediately clear when Schwarzenegger would sign the bills.

During an afternoon news conference, the Republican governor praised the effort to forge a compromise. It required Democrats to back away from their opposition to deep spending cuts and some Republican lawmakers to set aside their opposition to tax increases.

He called the Legislature's work, after a grueling week of late-night sessions, courageous.

"Now, instead of worrying every day only about IOUs and about red ink, we can start moving California forward once again. This action to solve our \$42 billion deficit was difficult but courageous and just what California needs," he said. "This is the perfect medicine for our ailing economy, and it will boost public confidence in California, reassure the financial community, and allow us to start selling bonds and rebuild our state."

Shortly after the plan passed the Legislature, Schwarzenegger emerged from his office and disconnected a large deficit clock counting the number of days — 106 as of Thursday — that the Legislature had failed to act since he declared a special session to deal with the state's fiscal problems.

Obama diplomatic on free trade and Afghanistan in Canada

OTTAWA (AP) — President Obama stepped cautiously in his first foreign trip Thursday, refraining from asking Canada to rethink its plans to withdraw troops from Afghanistan and saying changes to the North American Free Trade Agreement can wait.

The new U.S. president was cheered by crowds in the snowy Canadian capital and responded by declaring, "I love this country," at a news conference. Later, he stopped at a downtown market, where he delighted onlookers by shopping for gifts for his family.

In the news conference with Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Obama acknowledged that he has said NAFTA does too little to protect U.S. workers and the environment. Canada, the United States' largest trading partner, is leery of changes to the deal, and Obama said robust trade helps both nations.

Noting that NAFTA has side agreements on labor and the environment, he said, "If those side agreements mean anything, then they might as well be incorporated into the main body of the agreements so that they can be effectively enforced." He hopes there eventually will be a way to do so "that is not disruptive to the extraordinarily important trade relationships" between the United States and Canada, he said.

Both leaders said that as economies around the world face crises, it's important for the United States and others to resist calls for protectionism. Obama made his sharpest criticisms of NAFTA last year while campaigning for the Democratic nomination in hard-hit industrial states where many people blame the trade deal for robbing the United States of manufacturing jobs.

Sources: Strains of war, ongoing terror threats stress military

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the third consecutive year, a classified Pentagon assessment has concluded there's a significant risk that the U.S. military could not respond quickly and fully to any new crisis, the Associated Press has learned.

The latest risk assessment, drawn up by Adm. Mike Mullen, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, comes despite recent security gains in Iraq and plans for troop cuts there.

The assessment finds that the U.S. continues to face persistent terrorist threats, and the military is still stretched and strained from long and repeated tours to the warfront.

Senior military officials spoke about the report on the condition of anonymity because it is a classified document.

Prepared every year, and routinely delivered to Congress with the budget, the risk assessment paints a broad picture of the security threats and hot spots around the world and the U.S. military's ability to deal with them. Mullen has delivered it to Defense Secretary Robert Gates.

Because the threat is rated as significant, Gates will send an accompanying report to Congress outlining what the military is doing to address the risks. That report has not yet been finished.

Eyeing 'cocaine equality'

Changing cocaine laws is 'an issue of fairness,' some officials say.

By REGINA ZILBERMINTS
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A proposal in the Iowa Legislature would equalize the penalties for powder and crack cocaine, but opponents worry it will do little more than increase prison populations.

Under current law, sentences for crack cocaine are more severe than those for the powder variety.

While possession of between 100 and 500 grams of powder cocaine constitutes a Class B felony, only 10 to 50 grams of crack is required for the same charge. A Class B felony is punishable by up to 25 years in prison.

"It's an underlying fairness issue in the statute," said Gary Kendell, the director of the Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy, in discussing the proposal.

The bill, which would raise

penalties for powder-cocaine possession in order to equalize punishment for the offenses, is garnering support from state officials.

"It's an attempt to address that unfairness without compromising public safety," Kendell said.

Critics of the current statute contend it creates ethnic and class disparity. It's argued that crack cocaine is possessed more often by those of a lower socioeconomic status than those who use powder cocaine.

Legislators approved a similar bill in 2003, but that bill set penalties to their current levels. Before that bill, there had been an even greater disparity, Kendell said.

In December 2007, the U.S. Sentencing Commission amended the federal sentencing guidelines, reducing the length of sentences for crack

cocaine. But it didn't erase the disparity entirely.

The main opposition to this bill centers on concerns of how it may affect already burgeoning prison populations.

"I think the logic is actually backwards. They should be reducing the penalty for crack cocaine," Iowa City attorney Adam Pollack said. "In today's world of massive prison populations, I think we need to be reducing that population, not increasing it."

Johnson County Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek said that on the county level, he doesn't think the proposal would have a significant effect on jail overcrowding. He pointed out that large-scale seizures often get taken federally, so the proposal shouldn't have a major effect on state prisons.

"I think the projected increase in population is overstated," Kendell said. "I don't think one can say with certainty that it will have that effect."

A judge has complete discretion over whether to send an

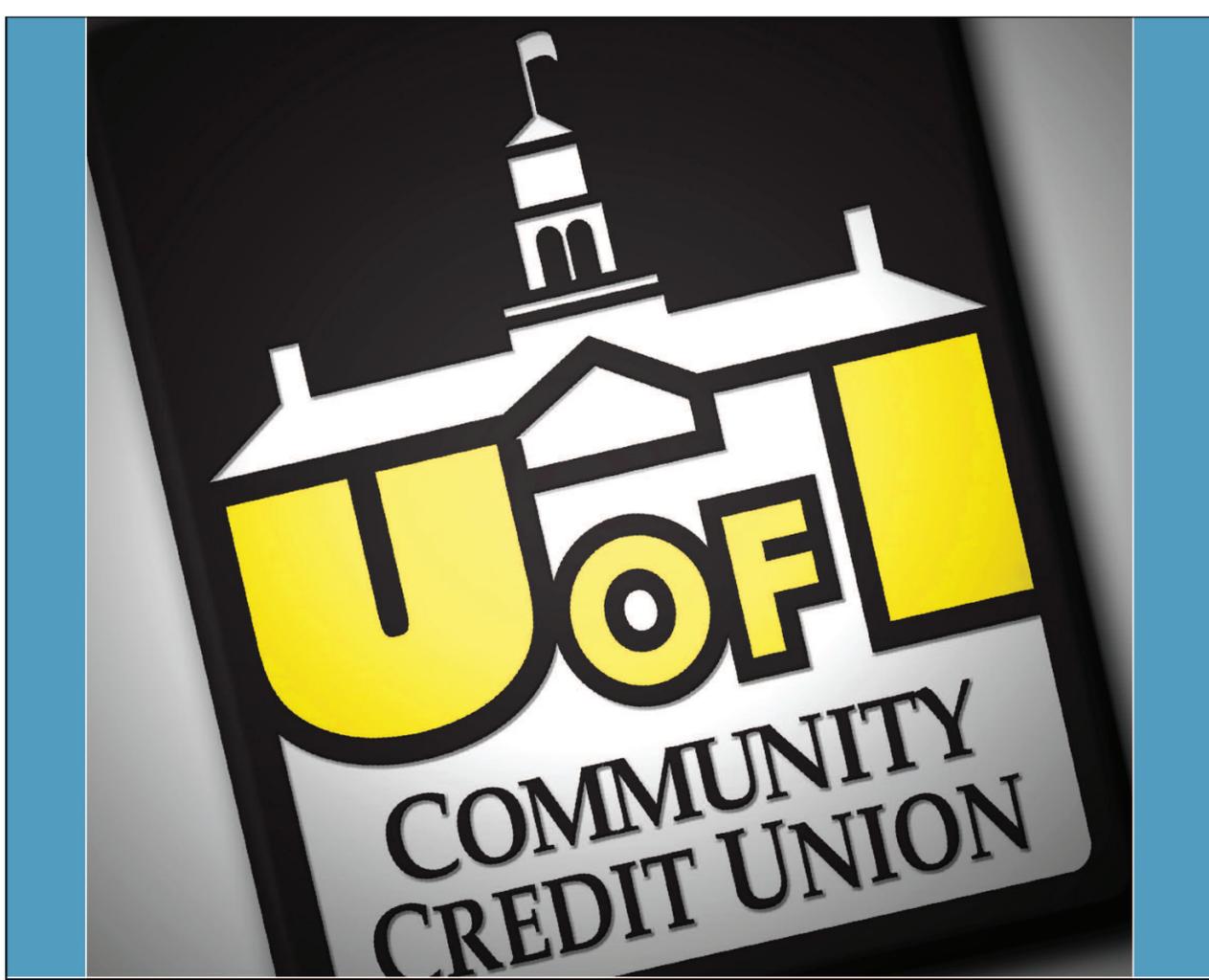
offender to prison or give her or him probation, Kendell said. And while somebody who would have gone to prison regardless may have to serve a longer time, offenders rarely serve their full sentences. So although penalties might increase by years on paper, in reality people may only serve a few extra months, he said.

According to reports from the Iowa Department of Public Safety, 842 people were charged with possession or use of cocaine in 2007, and 234 were charged with manufacturing or distributing the drug.

Arrests for powder cocaine increased 54 percent between 2002 and 2007. Arrests for crack increased between 2002 and 2005 but have dropped 36 percent since then, the report said.

Pulkrabek said it makes sense to make the penalties the same, and Pollack agrees.

"I don't know that someone on crack does more societal damage than someone on cocaine," Pollack said.



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IOWA 72, WISCONSIN 65

Hoopsters hold off Wis.



The Hawkeyes win their 10th Big Ten game of the season, defeating Wisconsin.

IOWA 72, WISCONSIN 65

WISCONSIN (15-12, 5-11)			
Steinbauer	6-12	0-0	13
Zastrow	4-5	2-2	11
D'Alie	4-8	0-0	10
Gant	6-12	2-3	15
Karel	6-18	1-2	14
Davis	0-1	0-0	0
Russell	0-2	0-0	0
Thomas	0-0	0-0	0
Covington	1-3	0-2	2
Gibson	0-1	0-0	0
Totals	27-62	5-9	65

IOWA (17-9, 10-5)			
Alexander	5-7	5-6	15
Ausdemore	7-10	0-0	15
Skouby	5-9	5-6	15
Wahlin	2-5	4-4	10
Smith	4-9	4-4	13
Krei	0-0	0-0	0
Draxton	0-1	0-0	0
Hamlin	1-1	2-4	4
Totals	24-42	20-24	72

Halftime - Wisconsin 32-30
3-Point Goals - Wisconsin 6-13 (Steinbauer 1-2, Zastrow 1-1, D'Alie 2-3, Gant 1-1, Karel 1-4, Davis 0-1, Russell 0-1), Iowa 4-9 (Ausdemore 1-2, Wahlin 2-3, Smith 1-3, Draxton 0-1)
Fouled Out - None
Rebounds - Wisconsin 22 (Steinbauer 15), Iowa 35 (Alexander 12)
Assists - Wisconsin 16 (D'Alie 6), Iowa 17 (Alexander 5)
Total Fouls - Wisconsin 20, Iowa 12
A - 2,925

ON THE WEB

Go to dailyiowan.com for an exclusive photo slide show from the Hawkeyes' 72-65 victory over Wisconsin on Thursday evening in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

STEVE LEXA/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa senior Wendy Ausdemore runs past a Wisconsin defender during the Hawkeyes' game against the Badgers in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Thursday. Ausdemore racked up 15 points in the Hawkeyes' 72-65 win.

up, 41-32. The Badgers didn't get their first point of the game until Teah Gant sank a free throw with 14:43 left.

"That was huge," Ausdemore said. "We talked about it in the locker room how we had to come out with more energy and more intensity and be the aggressors."

"I think we responded well to that." Ausdemore was an integral part of the opening spurt, scoring six points. 11 of the senior's 15 points came in the second

SEE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL, 3B

Back home, finally

After playing their last six meets away from Iowa City, the Iowa women's tennis team will return home to face DePaul and Kansas this weekend.

By **ROBBIE LEHMAN**
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The Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex has never seemed more cozy to the Iowa women's tennis team than it will when the squad faces DePaul at 3 p.m. today and Kansas on Feb. 22.

After three long weekends of road competition in which the team traveled from Texas to Wisconsin to Alabama and Mississippi, the Hawkeyes are happy to be home.

"It's a relief just to play at home and not be traveling again," sophomore Alexis Dorr said. "It's so good; it's great."

Iowa went 2-4 during the stretch, and head coach Daryl Greenan

echoes his players' feelings about being back in Iowa City. "It has been quite a grind traveling the past three weekends, and a few matches at home will be nice," he said.

The Hawkeyes (4-4) are back to their normal routine. Now that they are home, they are able to reflect on the trips and evaluate where they stand.



Young
sophomore

SEE TENNIS, 3B

Iowa women's tennis dual meets

Who: DEPAUL (TODAY) AND KANSAS (FEB. 22)
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Go to dailyiowan.com to hear more from the Iowa women's tennis team as the members prepare for dual meets against DePaul and Kansas this weekend.

SEE TENNIS, 3B

BASEBALL

Baseball opens in Florida

The 2009 season will begin today for the Iowa baseball team.

Starting with a scheduled "nonconference" game against Illinois in the inaugural Big East/Big Ten Challenge, the Hawkeyes are scheduled for three games at various major-league spring-training facilities around St. Petersburg and Clearwater, Fla.

Aside from the Fighting Illini, Iowa will also face St. John's and Georgetown.

The Hawkeyes will see the return of senior closer Mike Schurz, who spent last season recovering from Tommy John surgery, as well as Tyson Blaser. The junior catcher underwent two surgeries over the summer - one to repair a torn left meniscus and another to remove bone spurs.

"We are going to use this tournament to really see where we're at as a club," Iowa head coach Jack Dahm said, in a statement. "This will be our first time outside in a while, which is tough. Our plan is to give everyone a chance and evaluate from there."

- by Ryan Young

SWIMMING

Freeman dives through pain

A week ago, junior diver Deidre Freeman was on crutches.

However, as Day Two of competition finished at the Big Ten championships in Ann Arbor, Mich., she managed to put behind the pain of the cyst on her foot and finish in 12th place in the 1-meter diving event with a score of 253.50.

Freeman was the lone AquaHawk to qualify - she placed 11th in the preliminaries with a score of 255.65.

In the 200 freestyle relay, the quartet of juniors Christine Kuczek, Julie deBruin, freshman Daniela Cubelic, and senior Alison Gschwend

placed eighth in the event with a time of 1:32.37, breaking the school record (1:32.95) set in last year's Big Ten championships.

Iowa stands in 10th place with 49 points, with Indiana in first with 226 points.

Day Three action today will include the 400 individual medley, 100 butterfly, 200 freestyle, 100 breaststroke, and 100-backstroke and 400-medley relays. The 3-meter diving Big Ten title will also be crowned.

- by Evelyn Lau

TV TODAY

NBA
• Dallas at Houston, 7 p.m., ESPN
• Denver at Chicago, 7:30 p.m., CSN
• New Orleans at LA Lakers, 9:30 p.m., ESPN

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL
• Illinois State at Niagara, 6 p.m., ESPN2

By **MIKE BROWNLEE**

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The Iowa women's basketball team used balanced scoring and solid free-throw shooting to take down Wisconsin, 72-65, Thursday night in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

All five starting Hawkeyes finished in double-figures, led by seniors Megan Skouby and Wendy Ausdemore and sophomore guard Kachine Alexander, who scored 15 points apiece. Alexander finished with her sixth double-double of the sea-

son, adding 12 rebounds, and Skouby had nine boards.

Iowa (17-9, 10-5) led for most of the second half but never put the Badgers away.

A Tara Steinbauer transition lay-up and an Alyssa Karel 3-pointer pulled Wisconsin to within six points with 39 seconds to go. The Badgers got no closer, though, and Iowa went 6-for-6 from the charity stripe over the final 38 seconds to pull out the victory.

Iowa finished the game 20-for-24 from the line, including 18-

for-22 in the second half. The Hawkeyes lead the Big Ten in free throws made and percentage. Wisconsin went 5-for-9 from the free-throw line.

"That was a big difference," Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder said. "That is part of our plan. We're a good free-throw shooting team. We want to get to the free-throw line."

The turning point in the game came early in the second half.

After trailing by two at the break, Iowa opened with an 11-0 run to start the second half to go

Hawks ignore What if?

As injuries pile up, in addition to an ineligible player, the Iowa men's basketball squad is forced to try to move on against Michigan.

By **SCOTT MILLER**

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Before Iowa's practice Thursday, Anthony Tucker was shooting jumpers and making most of them.

Just slightly more than three months ago, Tucker - the quick-triggered freshman who was declared academically ineligible for the second semester - put up 21 points and nailed seven triples against the Citadel.

It was all a part of a roller-coaster first semester on campus for the Minnetonka, Minn., native who was also arrested, suspended, and sick with mono in his first months on campus.

As Tucker hit jumper after jumper, Jermain Davis and David Palmer walked down the Carver-Hawkeye Arena steps. Maybe the two ignored the swishes in the background or maybe their minds drifted into thought.

How much different would we be with Tucker - not to mention the injured Cyrus Tate and Jeff Peterson - in the lineup?

It's a question Jake Kelly has



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa sophomore Jake Kelly shoots against Purdue in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Feb. 14. Kelly and the Hawkeyes will play host to Michigan on Feb. 22.

thought about, but not one that he has dwelled on.

After all, the sophomore now has two roles to play with Peterson sidelined: playmaker and point guard. And when Iowa (13-13, 3-10) hosts

SEE MEN'S BASKETBALL, 3B

Michigan (16-10, 6-7) at Iowa (13-13, 3-10)

When: 4:05 P.M. FEB. 22
Where: CARVER-HAWKEYE ARENA
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Wrestlers try to stay unbeaten

In pursuit of a second Big Ten regular-season title, No. 1 Iowa will end its 2008-09 regular-season schedule on the road against No. 18 Indiana and No. 19 Northwestern.

By **RYAN YOUNG**
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Around the Dan Gable Wrestling Complex, automatic isn't a word the No. 1 Iowa wrestling team likes to throw around heedlessly.

But 125-pounder Charlie Falck is feeling pretty good about the Hawkeyes' chances against No. 18 Indiana and No. 19 Northwestern this weekend.

"We're not going to lose," the senior said before



Brands
coach

SEE WRESTLING, 3B

No. 1 Iowa (22-0, 6-0) vs. No. 18 Indiana (15-5-1, 2-3-1)

When: 6 P.M. TODAY
Where: UNIVERSITY GYM, BLOOMINGTON, IND.

No. 1 Iowa (22-0, 6-0) vs. No. 19 Northwestern (9-6-1, 2-3-1)

When: 2 P.M. FEB. 22
Where: WELSH-RYAN ARENA, EVANSTON, ILL.

ON THE WEB

Hear more from the No. 1 Iowa wrestling team on its upcoming meets with Indiana and Northwestern at dailyiowan.com.

SPORTS 'N' STUFF

Tracksters in tune-up

The Iowa women's track and field team will host the Iowa Invitational this afternoon.

By **JAKE KRZECZOWSKI**
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Today will also be a prime opportunity for some of the younger members to get a chance to compete.

With freshmen Betsy Flood, McKenzie Melander, Lindsay Anderson, and Nicole Erickson and sophomore Bethany Praska running well in recent weeks, this meet will provide another chance at continued improvement.

It will also give such athletes as freshman Josie Takes, Jackie Laesch, Jordan Williams, Brittany Dlhay, and Danielle Berndt a chance to get valuable experience.

"Everybody competing has a chance to step up," said Layne Anderson, and he expects his younger athletes to take advantage of an opportunity to score some points.

Last weekend's meet, while highlighted by the provisional qualifiers, had several personal bests and outstanding races, something the team hopes to follow up on.

Among the top performers were Praska in the 600 meters, senior Renee White in the triple jump and hurdles, junior Rhonda-Kaye Trusty in the 200 meters and 60 meters, and Lindsay Anderson in the 3,000 meters.

With the team healthy, Coach Anderson feels good about the squad as the Big Tens approach.

"If you can't get up for that competition, then you shouldn't be in the sport," he said. "That's what we prepare for, and that's what we train for."

WOMEN'S BIG TEN BASKETBALL

Conference	W		L		Pct.	
	W	L	W	L		
Ohio State	12	3	.800	21	5	.808
Michigan State	12	3	.800	19	7	.731
Purdue	12	4	.750	19	8	.704
Minnesota	10	5	.667	18	8	.692
Iowa	10	5	.667	17	9	.654
Indiana	10	6	.625	17	8	.680
Wisconsin	5	11	.313	15	12	.556
Penn State	4	11	.267	9	16	.360
Illinois	4	11	.267	8	18	.308
Michigan	3	12	.200	10	16	.385
Northwestern	2	13	.133	6	20	.231

Colorado	27	30	1	55	159	180
Pacific	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	38	8	9	85	192	137
Dallas	29	21	7	65	173	176
Anaheim	28	26	5	61	166	170
Los Angeles	25	22	9	59	150	160
Phoenix	26	28	5	57	150	181

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.

Thursday's Games
Philadelphia 6, Buffalo 3
Pittsburgh 5, Montreal 4
Carolina 6, N.Y. Islanders 2
Columbus 5, Ottawa 2
Chicago 4, Florida 0
New Jersey 3, Tampa Bay 2, SO
Columbus 4, Toronto 3, SO
Calgary 3, Minnesota 2, OT
St. Louis 2, Nashville 1, OT
Dallas 4, Edmonton 2
Phoenix 4, Atlanta 3, SO
Los Angeles at San Jose, late
Today's Games
Tampa Bay at Carolina, 6 p.m.
Colorado at Washington, 6 p.m.

MEN'S BIG TEN BASKETBALL

Conference	W		L		Pct.	
	W	L	W	L		
Michigan St.	10	3	.769	20	5	.800
Purdue	9	4	.692	20	6	.769
Illinois	9	5	.643	21	6	.778
Penn St.	8	6	.571	19	8	.704
Wisconsin	8	6	.571	17	9	.654
Ohio St.	7	6	.538	17	7	.708
Minnesota	7	7	.500	19	7	.731
Michigan	7	7	.500	17	10	.630
Northwestern	5	8	.357	14	10	.583
Iowa	3	10	.231	13	13	.500
Indiana	1	12	.077	6	19	.240

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

EASTERN CONFERENCE			
Atlantic	W	L	Pct
Boston	44	11	.800
Philadelphia	27	26	.509
New Jersey	24	31	.436
New York	22	31	.415
Toronto	21	35	.375

TOP 25 COLLEGE BASKETBALL

#9 Duke	76	St. John's	69
#12 Villanova	82	Rutgers	72
Charlotte	65	#16 Xavier	60
#17 Cozaca	91	Loyola-Marymount	54
#20 UCLA	85	#22 Washington	76

WOMEN'S SCORES

#18 Vanderbilt	73	#3 Auburn	70
#4 Stanford	72	Oregon State	43
#6 California	vs. Oregon	late	
#7 Duke	62	Virginia Tech	46
#9 Maryland	67	Georgia Tech	79
#10 North Carolina	92	Boston College	68
#11 Florida State	75	Clemson	58
Kentucky	66	#13 Tennessee	56
Arkansas	83	#15 Florida	74
#20 Ohio State	73	Minnesota	62

San Antonio	36	17	.679
New Orleans	32	20	.615
Houston	33	21	.611
Dallas	32	21	.604
Memphis	15	39	.278
Northwest	W	L	Pct
Denver	37	17	.685
Portland	33	20	.623
Utah	31	23	.574
Minnesota	18	35	.340
Oklahoma City	13	41	.241

Pacific

L.A. Lakers	44	10	.815
Phoenix	30	23	.566
Golden State	19	36	.345
L.A. Clippers	13	42	.236
Sacramento	11	44	.200

Thursday's Games

San Antonio 83, Detroit 79
Boston at Utah, late
Today's Games
Orlando at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Toronto at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at Houston, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Washington at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Denver at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Atlanta at Portland, 9 p.m.
New Orleans at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
Atlantic	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	38	18	3	79	182	147
Philadelphia	31	16	9	71	185	164
N.Y. Rangers	31	22	6	68	147	163
Pittsburgh	28	25	6	62	178	182
N.Y. Islanders	17	35	6	40	140	198

Chicago	33	15	8	74	190	140
Columbus	30	23	6	66	163	164
Nashville	27	28	4	58	141	168
St. Louis	25	26	7	57	165	177
Northwest	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	34	18	6	74	184	171
Vancouver	21	8	66	178	168	
Edmonton	29	25	4	62	183	179
Minnesota	28	24	4	60	144	132

TRANSACTIONS

By The Associated Press
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
BOSTON CELTICS—Recalled G.J.R. Giddens from Utah (NBADL). Traded C Patrick O'Bryant to the Toronto Raptors as part of a three-team deal that sent G Will Solomon to the Sacramento Kings and a future conditional second-round draft pick from Sacramento in exchange for cash considerations to Boston.
CHICAGO BULLS—Traded G Larry Hughes to the New York Knicks for F Tim Thomas, F-C Jerome James and G Anthony Roberson.
MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES—Traded G-F Rashad McCants and C Calvin Booth to Sacramento for F Sheldon Williams and G Bobby Brown.
NEW YORK KNICKS—Acquired F Chris Wilcox from Oklahoma City for F Malik Rose.
OKLAHOMA CITY THUNDER—Acquired G Thabo Sefolosha from the Chicago Bulls for a 2009 first-round draft pick. Waived C Mouhamed Seno.

Men's track looks for identity

The Iowa men's track and field team is set to host the Iowa Invitational this afternoon.

By **ZACH SMITH**
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Larry Wiecezorek knew most of what to expect from his men's track and field team at the beginning of the indoor season last month. But unlike many past seasons gone by, the jury is still out on the 2009 version of the Hawkeyes, despite some already memorable moments and milestones.

"[Our season] is yet to be determined," the Iowa head coach said. "We have had some different situations with that trip to New York [the Millrose Games]. We started with a dual meet against Illinois, and that was a little different for us. We really are happy with the people in our program. We feel there is a lot of promise with the athletes we have."

The veteran coach knew his team would be solid in field events with such imposing figures as returning indoor All-American and school-record holder John Hickey as well as multi-event powerhouse A.J. Curtis.

Wiecezorek also had at his disposal a handful of veteran distance runners looking to finish their careers on a high note, including Eric MacTaggart, who was an All-American at the 2006 NCAA outdoor championships in the 10,000-meters. Junior Jesse Luciano, the lone All-Big Ten representative for the Iowa men's cross-country team in the fall, would like a repeat performance.

A handful of Hawkeyes are still trying to make the breakthrough they have been working toward this season.



Iowa men's 4x800 team members Erik Sowinski (center) and Adam Hairston (right) work on their weightlifting routine in the Recreation Building following practice on Feb. 4. Both the men's and women's track and field teams will participate in the Iowa Invitational today at 4 p.m.

Those athletes, including junior middle-distance specialist Adam Hairston and freshman sprinter DJuan Richardson, will get their final chance to clock season bests when Iowa hosts the Iowa Invitational this afternoon in the Recreation Building.

Despite a step down from the Hawkeyes' recent competition, Bradley, Coe, Simpson, Augustana, and North Central College will push Iowa in the right direction.

Wiecezorek said that his team's drive is anything but deterred, though, with just one week until the Big Ten indoor championships in State College, Pa. "We're coming off a couple big meets — the Mevo Invitational and the Iowa State Classic. We thought those were pretty important meets to make improvements with our team, and I think we did," Wiecezorek said. "This is just a final tune-up for the Big Ten championships."

Iowa Invitational
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When: 4 P.M. TODAY
Where: RECREATION BUILDING
Admission: FREE

It's a little more low-key meet; the competition isn't quite as tough as it is other times. It's just a chance for our guys, I think, to get a final tune-up."

Joey Woody, Iowa's sprints and hurdles coach, also believes his athletes will rise to the occasion regardless of who they are competing against.

Woody said for his guys, the meet is all about taking the right steps toward next week's meet.

"My main concern is just getting these guys tuned up and

ready to go for the conference meet," Woody said. "It's just like coming off an off-week before the big game. We've got a couple guys who still have to prove themselves to go to the conference meet."

Richardson, who has been nursing a sore leg for the past two weeks, will only compete in hurdles today, taking a break from his regular sprinting duties at the request of the Iowa coaches.

Yet the freshman said he was excited about narrowing his focus, if only for just one meet.

"I've been training really hard to get down a few technical things I've been working on," he said. "[Running hurdles] is a lot less stressful. Usually, I have three races, and so I have to be prepared to run numerous races.

"In this meet, because I only have one race, I only have to focus on hurdles."

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Iowa sophomore Kachine Alexander breaks toward the hoop during the Hawkeyes' game against Wisconsin in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Thursday. Alexander tallied 15 points in Iowa's 72-65 victory over the Badgers.

Hoopsters prevail

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
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half, and she also finished with four assists.

"When [Ausdemore] gets hot, she's hard to stop," Wisconsin head coach Lisa Stone said. "I think she's a great player and I'm really glad she's a senior."

After grabbing the lead, the Hawkeyes never relinquished it and led by as many as 14 with 3:48 to go.

"Our senior leadership really showed [tonight]," Bluder said. "We picked it up in the

second half."

Iowa shot 57 percent from the field, going 24-for-42 from the floor, and out-rebounded the Badgers 35-22. Not every number in the stat sheet was positive, as Iowa turned the ball over 18 times, including 10 times in the first half.

Senior guard Kristi Smith finished with 13 points for Iowa, and freshman guard Kamille Wahlin had 10 points and eight rebounds.

Wisconsin also had all five starters in double-figures, led by the junior Gant. Steinbauer had

a double-double with 13 points and 15 rebounds.

The win is the ninth in 11 games for Iowa, and coupled with Minnesota's loss to Ohio State, puts the Hawkeyes in a tie with the Gophers for fourth place in the Big Ten.

"You want to be playing well at the end of the year," Bluder said. "That's one of the things the [NCAA Tournament] selection committee looks at, is 'How are you playing your last 10 games?' We want momentum going strong here at the end of the year."

Grapplers remain focused

WRESTLING
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Wednesday's practice.

Indeed, an untimely upset is something Iowa cannot afford with the Hawkeyes seeking to secure its second-straight Big Ten regular-season title outright with an unblemished overall record.

Falck, however, has his own mission when Iowa (22-0, 6-0) grapples with the Hoosiers (15-5-1, 2-3-1) at 6 p.m. today, and the Wildcats (9-6-1, 2-3-1) on Feb. 22.

Tonight against Indiana, he faces defending NCAA champion Angel Escobedo — ranked No. 3 at 125 and perhaps the No. 1 seed in the upcoming Big Ten championships. Two days later, Falck is slated to wrestle Northwestern's No. 4 lightweight Brandon Precin.

Escobedo, also the defending conference champion, is currently on a five-match winning streak and stands 18-2 overall. His last victory came on Sunday in sudden victory against Precin, who was the previous No. 3 in the weight class having won 21 of his last 22 contests.

"You know, it's good, because it gears you up," Falck said. "You have back-to-back tough matches, and that's what is going to be like in the Big Tens and nationals."

"It's boom, boom. It's two hard matches in a row, and it kind of hardens you for the battles."

For the final two battles of the season, the Hawkeyes may once again be without their No. 7 heavyweight in junior Dan Erekson.

Erekson has missed the past three dual meets after suffering an ankle sprain on Feb. 6 against Michigan State. Iowa head coach Tom Brands called the injury a "low-priority injury," and he was mildly confident Erekson would return to competition over the weekend.

The 285-pounder had his ankle taped at practice on Wednesday, and he is listed alongside redshirt freshman Jordan Johnson on Iowa's probable lineup. Johnson managed his first victory of the season against Purdue on Feb. 13.

"I would say [Erekson is] going to go," Brands said. "He's sore, though. We're not putting him in harm's way."

Meanwhile, with two weeks remaining until the Big Ten meet, Brands said, emphasis has been placed on development.

Once ranked No. 1 at 141 pounds before dropping a 5-0 decision to Wisconsin's Zach Tanelli in January, senior Alex Tsirtsis knows the pains of progression.

He worked himself sweaty on Wednesday, executing short situational drills with the coaching staff to prepare for the upcoming March tournaments.

PROBABLE LINEUPS:

Iowa vs. Indiana
125 - No. 5 Charlie Falck (I) vs. No. 3 Angel Escobedo (IN)
133 - No. 1 Daniel Dennis (I) vs. Matt Ortega (IN)
141 - No. 2 Alex Tsirtsis (I) vs. Andrae Hernandez/Scott Kelly (IN)
149 - No. 1 Brent Metcalf (I) vs. Nick Walpole (IN)
157 - Matt Ballweg (I) vs. No. 12 Kurt Kinser (IN)
165 - No. 3 Ryan Morningstar (I) vs. Paul Young (IN)
174 - No. 4 Jay Borschel (I) vs. No. 15 Trevor Perry (IN)
184 - No. 3 Phillip Keddy (I) vs. Eric Cameron/Seth Parker/Nick Avery (IN)
197 - No. 15 Chad Beatty (I) vs. Matt Powless (IN)
Hwt - No. 7 Dan Erekson/Jordan Johnson (I) vs. Nate Everhart (IN)

PROBABLE LINEUPS:

Iowa vs. Northwestern
125 - No. 5 Charlie Falck (I) vs. No. 4 Brandon Precin (IN)
133 - No. 1 Daniel Dennis (I) vs. Eric Metzler/Bobby Joyce (IN)
141 - No. 2 Alex Tsirtsis (I) vs. No. 15 Keith Sulzer (IN)
149 - No. 1 Brent Metcalf (I) vs. Andrew Nadhir (IN)
157 - Matt Ballweg (I) vs. No. 14 Jason Welch (IN)
165 - No. 3 Ryan Morningstar (I) vs. Dominic Marella/Kyle Bertin (IN)
174 - No. 4 Jay Borschel (I) vs. Robert Kellogg (IN)
184 - No. 3 Phillip Keddy (I) vs. No. 1 Jake Herbert (IN)
197 - No. 15 Chad Beatty (I) vs. John Schoen (IN)
Hwt - No. 7 Dan Erekson/Jordan Johnson (I) vs. Paul Rands (IN)

"You just have to be continuing to look to improve," Tsirtsis said. "That's a mentality that you have to have if you want to keep evolving yourself and getting better."

"That's what really makes a sport worthwhile. If you're just going to go out there and worry about records and stuff like that, I don't think you're going to reach the potential that you're capable of reaching."

Men face tough task

MEN'S BASKETBALL
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Michigan (16-10, 6-7) on Feb. 22, Kelly will also defend one of the Big Ten's most explosive scorers in Manny Harris.

With a bench that only stretches nine healthy scholarship players deep, head coach Todd Lickliter said on Thursday it even crossed his mind to play his son John, who is redshirting for Iowa, against Purdue on Feb. 14.

"When you've got a guy who you're playing 40 minutes and he's your point guard and he goes down, you start thinking about everything," he said.

For Lickliter's squad, things seem to be getting worse before they get better. Peterson, who injured his hamstring against Wisconsin on Feb. 11, is "sore but working hard," Lickliter said.

And Tate, who hasn't practiced this week, is still listed as "day-to-day." On Thursday, the 6-9 senior wouldn't speculate

whether he would be healthy enough to return to the hardwood by the end of the season.

"There's still hope," he said.

With his absence, the Hawkeyes have been forced to play a smaller lineup — which has been a problem in conference play. Against Michigan on Feb. 22, however, Iowa will match up nicely with John Beilein's squad, because the Wolverines don't field a player taller than 6-8.

But the Wolverines do have Harris — a dynamic 6-5 guard who scores 17.5 points and grabs 7.2 rebounds per contest — and Kelly said it will be imperative to hold Harris under the 18 points he scored against the Hawkeyes in Michigan's 64-49 victory on Jan. 11.

"I guarded him last game, but it's going to be a team thing because we're going to have to switch a lot because of the way they run their sets," Kelly said.

Having a few extra bodies would certainly help in defend-

ing Harris, but Lickliter is trying to not focus on what he can't control.

Through all the suspensions and the injuries and the rehabs, the second-year head coach's message has stayed constant. Lickliter contends he can't worry about what the future might hold with his young team — he has to stay focused on the present. And right now, the present includes six more guaranteed games with a battered team desperately in need of a victory.

"I'm just going to prepare to win every game," Lickliter said. "It's interesting because our focus is improve today, use today, get better today, prepare for the next game. But as you get into February now, you start to broaden your vision just a little bit so you can grasp what it means to utilize the time well."

"But we're going to compete this year. This is important for us."

Tennis happy to be home

TENNIS
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hawks will provide a good measure of where the team is at in its development.

"It was difficult to know what to expect coming into this season," Greenan said. "Being 4-4 after the schedule we have played is pretty good with such a young team."

Only one upperclassman, junior Kelcie Klockenga, has competed in Greenan's top-six lineup this spring. Five freshmen and sophomores are in the rotation, including the first three singles spots. Sophomore Jessica Young thinks the team gained valuable experience during the road trips, even though it was not as successful as it would have liked.

"I think we expected to do better," she said. "We had some tough losses, but they were to good teams, eventually probably tournament teams."

The Hawkeyes have a goal of making the NCAA Tournament themselves, along with cracking the top 40 in the team rankings and finishing in the top four of the competitive Big Ten. Iowa has missed the post-season the last two years.

"We want to make the NCAAs," Young said. "However we do that, whether it's the Big Ten Tournament or rankings or whatever, that's what we want to do. We really have to go in with confidence and play our game."

Currently ranked at No. 58, several players, including Dorr and Young, are tweaking aspects of their games to become more versatile.

"We really have to improve our games and get momentum going into the Big Ten season," Dorr said. "I think we will do very well."

Greenan is more focused on his Hawkeyes than their opponents, but he knows the Blue Demons and Jay-

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HAWKEYE SPORTS

GymHawks head to Utah

Traveling to Cedar City, Utah, the No. 23 Iowa women's gymnastics team (8-3, 2-1) will take on Southern Utah (6-3) in a dual meet.

In their last meet, on Feb. 16, the GymHawks defeated Iowa State, 194.675-194.000, in the annual Pink Meet to win the season series for the first time since 1992.

Sophomore Rebecca Simbhudas won her first collegiate all-around title with a score of 39.225. She was a replacement on the floor exercise after sophomore Kristen Ward was injured during warm-ups. Simbhudas finished with a solid 9.800, good enough for fourth on the event.

Freshman Jessa Hansen also had an impressive showing, scoring a career-high 9.900 on the floor exercise and winning the event. On balance beam (9.850) and uneven bars (9.825), Simbhudas led Iowa, and senior and older sister Jenifer Simbhudas tied for first on the vault a 9.800.

Head coach Larissa Libby views the injuries to Ward and senior Kara Pinjuv as difficult obstacles but believes the team can come together and be successful.

"Right now, we got to go back to the gym and figure out what we're going to do with our lineups. Clearly, Kristen is not going to be able to go," Libby said.

- by Evelyn Lau

Men gymnastics meets No. 1 Sooners

The Iowa men's gymnastics team will travel to Norman, Okla., to take on the top-ranked Oklahoma Sooners on Saturday.

Iowa will enter the meet ranked 10th in GymInfo's latest weekly poll. Oklahoma has been ranked No. 1 since Jan. 19.

The Hawkeyes will try to build momentum from their latest performance at home last week in which they scored 341.60 - a 20-point improvement over their loss at Michigan on Jan. 30. Iowa finished third behind both Nebraska (343.50) and Minnesota (345.90).

Oklahoma, the defending 2008 national champion, hasn't competed since Jan. 31, when it defeated Texas, 349.05-304.95, in Norman.

Saturday's dual with the Sooners is the first of three-straight road meets for Iowa in the run-up to the Big Ten championships on April 3 in Ann Arbor, Mich.

"We got to get our score up into the 350 range," Iowa head coach Tom Dunn said following the Feb. 14 triangular. "Hopefully, we can get it done in the next couple of weeks."

Iowa may need that type of performance on Saturday if it is to avenge last season's 357.75-338.05 loss to the Sooners in Iowa City.

- by Jordan Garretson

Softball off to Georgia

The Iowa softball team will be on the road this weekend for its third tournament in as many weeks when it travels to Kennesaw, Ga., for the K-Club Classic.

The Hawkeyes have been led by a trio of seniors so far this season. Senior transfer (from South Dakota State) Sam Heinzman leads the team in batting average (.318), home runs (2), and slugging percentage (.636).

Brittany Weil is on pace to rewrite the entire record book for pitchers in Hawkeye history. Last week, the senior pitched her first collegiate no-hitter and struck out a career-high 19 batters. Weil, a perennial All-Big Ten selection, was drafted by the Akron Racers of the National Pro Fastpitch league on Tuesday.

Erin Riemersma had a solid tournament last weekend at shortstop when the Hawkeyes went 4-1 at the Littlewood Classic in Tempe, Ariz. The senior hit .400, stole a base, and maintained a perfect fielding percentage.

Iowa will play Drexel, Memphis, Miami (Ohio), Buffalo, and host Kennesaw State during the three-day tournament. The Hawkeyes enter this weekend at 7-3, and they are in a run of 29-straight road games to open the season.

- by Jon Linder



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Tiger Woods tees off on the seventh hole while practicing for the US Open at Torrey Pines Golf Course in San Diego on June 9, 2008. Woods said on his website Thursday that he will defend his title next week in the Accenture Match Play Championship after a 253-day break from competition following knee surgery.

Tiger to stalk again

By DOUG FERGUSON Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Eight months after winning the U.S. Open on one good leg, a healthy Tiger Woods is returning to golf.

Woods said on his website Thursday that he will defend his title next week in the Accenture Match Play Championship, believing his reconstructed left knee and his game are good enough to win.

"I'm now ready to play again," Woods said.

The Match Play Championship, in Tucson, Ariz., will begin Feb. 25.

Players whom Woods has beaten so often while compiling 65 victories were happy to hear he was coming back.

"He was ready to go weeks ago," Stuart Appleby said at Riviera. "I don't think he needs to do a couple of laps around the track. He'll be on that horse, and he'll be whipping it."

The timing for Woods to end his 253-day break from competition could not be better for the PGA Tour, which has seen television ratings plunge after the world's No. 1 player had to miss the second half of the season, including two majors, the Ryder Cup, and the FedEx Cup playoffs.

"We are delighted that

Tiger is returning to competition and look forward to watching him compete next week," Commissioner Tim Finchem said in a statement.

The last shot Woods hit for real was a short par putt on the 91st hole of the U.S. Open at Torrey Pines, where he defeated Rocco Mediate in a playoff to capture his 14th major. Woods described it as "probably the best ever" under the circumstances.

He had surgery after the Masters last year to repair cartilage damage in his left knee, and suffered a double stress fracture in his left leg while preparing for his return.

He limped badly over the final few days of the U.S. Open, later saying the swelling was so bad at night that he couldn't see his kneecap. A week after winning, he had reconstructive surgery, the third operation on his left knee in five years.

What to expect? "He's human," swing coach Hank Haney said. "He has played one tournament in 10 months. I would think he would be a little rusty, but I really don't know what to expect. Nothing with Tiger ever surprises me."

Woods began hitting short irons toward the end of December, and friends such as Mark O'Meara and John

Cook said he had been playing plenty of golf over the last few weeks at his home course in Florida.

The last big obstacle to his return was the birth of his son, Charlie Axel, on Feb. 8.

"Elin and our new son, Charlie, are doing great," Woods wrote. "I've enjoyed my time at home with the family and appreciate everyone's support and kind wishes."

He will be under even greater scrutiny when he returns at Match Play, a tournament that is unpredictable even with two good legs. The eight-month break is his longest ever, and there are questions of rust and whether he had to modify his swing after surgery.

Haney said the swing hasn't changed, but there might be one difference.

"He's working on the same stuff that he's always been working on, but he'll be able to do it with a strong leg now," Haney said. "It will be a little different in the finish because his knee doesn't give way."

Woods is a three-time winner of the Accenture Match Play Championship, but no tournament is more unpredictable. Even on two good legs, Woods once lost in the first round to unheralded Peter O'Malley of Australia.

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Bulls' Paxson says he's staying

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"I'm the GM of the Bulls. I'm not resigning," he said Thursday. "I'm here

and I'm going to be here, and that puts an end to it."

"It's over with. I'm the GM of the Bulls, and that's final."

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the ledge

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I like my coffee like I like my women:

- ... Strong and black.
- ... A little bit Irish.
- ... A little sweet and not too bitter.
- ... Whenever I have a bagel.
- ... With a nice mug.
- ... Ready to go in five minutes.
- ... On the counter at a Dunkin Donuts.
- ... Available at work.
- ... Three of four times, every morning.
- ... Hot, but not so hot that I'll end up getting burned.
- ... With the ability to stay warm and ready for 1 1/2 -2 hours.
- ... Thoroughly liquid.
- ... Nestled between my thighs during my morning commute.
- ... Not to be the product of a man and his mule.
- ... Paid for by a friend, whenever possible.
- ... If procured from a gas station, had better be cheap.
- ... With no contradictory opinions on politics or religion.
- ... Free of large, hairy moles.
- ... Not wearing granny panties.
- ... Always within an arm's reach, so as not to be stolen by another man (you better watch your back, Erik).
- ... Beside me on the couch while I write the Ledge.
- ... Rich, with nice big boobs.

- Andrew R. Juhl notes that this Ledge was inspired by Eddie Izzard, who likes his coffee like he likes his women: COVERED IN BEES!

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TABLE MOTION



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Nick Vance (left) and David Calacci (right) play table tennis at the Iowa City Recreation Center on Thursday. Vance, a City High graduate, and Calacci, a Regina High graduate, play around three times a week. They said competition can be intense, with the lead changing many times.

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SOLUTION TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE

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

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UITV schedule

Campus channel 4, cable channel 17

- 12:30 p.m.** News from Québec (in French)
1 "Live from Prairie Lights" Archive, Lauren Herwaldt
2 News from Germany (in German)
3 "Know the Score," 2/6/2009
5 Piano Sundays Concert, 2/1/2009, Fine Arts Performance from the Old Capitol
6:30 Dance from Space/Place Summer Dance, June 2008
8 Saxophone Quartet Concert, Fine Arts Performance from the Old Capitol
9 "Know the Score," 2/6/2009, Lively Conversation and Music
11 Cabaret at the Englert

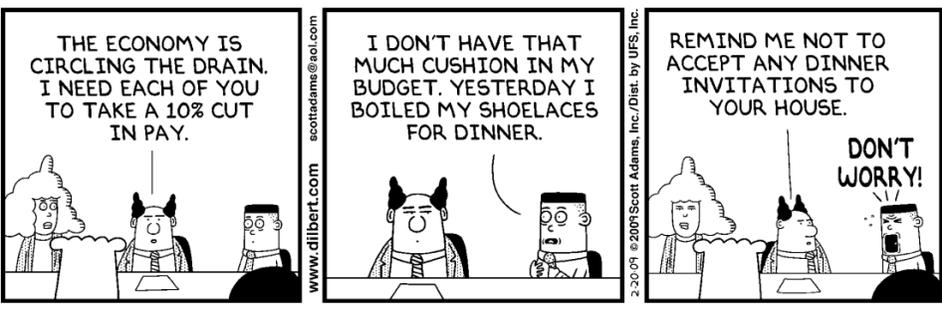
today's events

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- **Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems Annual Symposium**, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Boyd Law Building
- **Design Inspirations**, 10 a.m., Iowa City Landscaping & Garden Center, 520 Highway 1 W.
- **English Conversation Group**, 10 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **"Java Blend," She Swings, She Sways**, noon, Java House 211½ E. Washington
- **Noon Knit**, noon, Hardin Library, Health Sciences, 600 Newton Road
- **Knitting Nurse**, 2 p.m., Home Ec. Workshop, 207 N. Linn
- **Student Recital**, 2 and 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.
- **Guys On Ice: An Ice Fishing Musical Comedy**, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Theatre, 213 N. Gilbert
- **Queer Practica**, 7:30 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E. Market
- **UI Museum of Art "Word Painter" Reading, Gabriel Houck and Xu Xi**, 7:30 p.m., Old Capitol Senate Chamber
- **10-Minute Play Festival**, 8 p.m., Theatre B Theater Building
- **Andy Carlson and Casey Cook, with guests from Big Wooden Radio and Burlington Street Bluegrass Band**, 8 p.m., Mill, 120 E Burlington
- **Mason Jennings**, 8 p.m., Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington
- **Chicago Afrobeat Project**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- **Friday Night Karaoke, with Gemini Karaoke**, 9 p.m., American Legion Post No. 17, 3016 Muscatine Ave.
- **Sublime Tribute/Bradley Nowell's Birthday, with Second-Hand Smoke**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- **The Slats, with the Wheelers, Liberty Leg, and Teddy Boys**, 9 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
- **William Elliott Whitmore, with Shadow Government and T Wehrle**, 9 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
- **Karaoke Night**, 9:30 p.m., Saloon, 112 E. College

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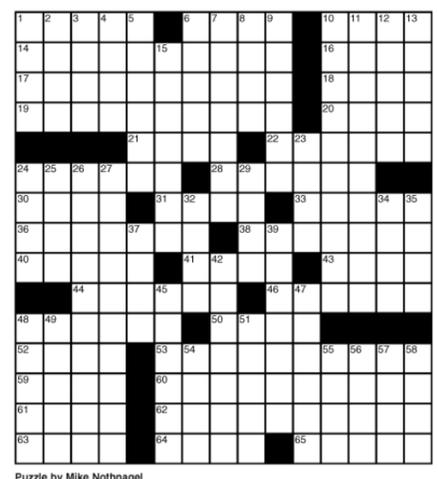
BY GARRY TRUDEAU



The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0109

- Across**
- 1 Romp
 - 6 Scotch flavorer
 - 10 Soprano ____ Huang
 - 14 A raise may raise it
 - 16 Novel about its author's experiences on Tahiti
 - 17 When many shots are taken
 - 18 ____ snuff
 - 19 Not letting go
 - 20 Many a Kirkuk native
 - 21 Some livestock
 - 22 Regatta setting
 - 24 "A Writer's Life" writer, 2006
 - 28 Some singing villains
 - 30 PBS station with a transmitter on the Empire State Building
 - 31 Spin cycles?
 - 33 Upland inhabitant
 - 36 Response to "I have a question for you"
 - 38 Tinseltown is part of it
 - 40 Cul-____
 - 41 He fought Robin on an episode of "Batman"
 - 43 "An Enquiry Concerning the Principles of Morals" philosopher
 - 44 Since
 - 46 Verne of Austin Powers films
 - 48 Reno's county
 - 50 Break
 - 52 Michigan's ____ College
 - 53 Arnold Schwarzenegger ____ four times
 - 59 Somewhat dense
 - 60 Match point?
 - 61 Government largesse
 - 62 It requires spin control
 - 63 ____-Ball
 - 64 See 48-Down
 - 65 Ringer of some necks
- Down**
- 1 Steward's domain
 - 2 Poet who wrote "Hope springs eternal in the human breast"
 - 3 Penitent
 - 4 Birds with "meat cleaver" bills
 - 5 "The Two ____" (Martha Finley children's book)
 - 6 Run on
 - 7 Passes gingerly
 - 8 Greatly
 - 9 Addition column
 - 10 Unnamed individual
 - 11 Many an item at a checkout line
 - 12 Our counterpart in France?
 - 13 Small perk
 - 15 Reply to "Have you got that in stock?"
 - 23 Brand named after the pronunciation of its parent company's initials
 - 24 Flat
 - 25 Huber of women's tennis
 - 26 "Keep it simple"



Puzzle by Mike Nothnagel

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

B	E	G	O	R	R	A	S	P	R	P	A	T				
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- 27 Oscar nominee for "Training Day," 2001
- 29 Kind of ed.
- 32 Aleutian island
- 34 Torch site
- 35 Israel's Weizman
- 37 Prefix with -pod
- 39 Béchamel sauce ingredient
- 42 Adapts
- 45 Confines
- 47 Leak
- 48 With 64-Across, sight under the eaves, at times
- 49 Perfectly good
- 51 Not just jitters
- 54 Force through a sieve
- 55 Is in Spain?
- 56 Sluggers' stats
- 57 ____ fil (wireless, in Paris)
- 58 Conclusion lead-in

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