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SPORTS

**Kelly, Hawkeyes win OT thriller**Behind sophomore Jake Kelly's "Oscar-esque" performance, the Hawkeyes defeat Michigan in overtime, 70-60. **1B****Hawks clinch first-round bye**The Iowa women's basketball team defeats Michigan, 68-64, and in the process, clinches a first-round bye in the Big Ten Tournament next month. **2B**

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School board mulling cutsThe Iowa City School Board may reduce staff and adjust school hours in response to a \$6 million budget cut. **7A****Flood experts to come together**The UI could house a number of flood experts who will work to prevent damage from future flooding. **4A****UI to pay less to frat**The Iowa Supreme Court rules that the UI will pay less to a ex-campus fraternity that sued the school in 2005. **2A**

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Have a question or a curiosity? Want to know the fastest way to get to the newly opened

Theatre Building or where to go to get help on this year's taxes?

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the following day.

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See Courtside on today's edition of Daily Iowan TV for more on the Hawkeye men's and women's basketball teams at

dailyiowan.com.**WEATHER**28° -2°C  19° -7°C

Mostly sunny, light winds, becoming breezy later.

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Cell-phone measure draws some opposition



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY AMY ANDREWS/THE DAILY IOWAN

Several bills are being discussed in the Legislature that would ban hand-held cell-phone use while driving. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, drivers who use cell phones are four times as likely to get into crashes that would be serious enough to injure themselves.

A bill prohibiting drivers from using hand-held cell phones faces opposition from civil-liberty activists.

By SHAWN GUDÉ

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UI junior Cara Rosch admits it would be difficult to restrain herself from talking on her cell phone while driving even if a proposal in the Iowa Legislature passes.

Still, she counted herself as a supporter.

"I might end up breaking it," she

said and laughed. "But it would definitely reduce accidents."

Touting the measure as a natural successor to other once-controversial mandated safety measures, such as seat belt use, Rep. Ako Abdul-Samad, D-Des Moines, proposes that the state bar drivers from using hand-held cell phones.

"I'm hopeful that we will get

this passed and people will see it as a safety step rather than an inconvenience," said Abdul-Samad, the sponsor of one of several bills on the subject.

Under the bill, Bluetooth technology and other hands-free devices would still be allowed. Conventional cell phones could only be used in emergency situations or if the driver pulled off to the side of the road.

Violators would receive a \$30 fine for the simple misdemeanor.

SEE **CELL PHONES**, 3A**Hand-held cell-phone ban**

Rep. Ako Abdul-Samad, D-Des Moines, has a bill in the hopper that would:

- Bar the driver of a motor vehicle from operating or using a cell phone without using a headset or hands-free adapter.
- Exempt drivers in emergency situations to call 911.
- Fine law-breaking drivers \$30 and charge them with a simple misdemeanor.

Source: Iowa Legislature

SEE **TUITION**, 3A**Information in COGS' new contract:**

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Source: COGS contract

Police sgt. hit with OWI

An Iowa City police sergeant was not on duty when he was charged with OWI, and officials will initiate an internal investigation, authorities said.

By REGINA ZILBERMINTS

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An Iowa City police officer is on administrative leave after allegedly driving drunk and refusing to cooperate with officers.

Iowa City police Sgt. Sidney Jackson was charged Feb. 21 at around 4 a.m. with OWI and interfering with official acts.

According to UI police, Jackson was sitting in a vehicle with the door open. He smelled strongly of alcohol and had bloodshot eyes, officers said.

Jackson admitted he had been drinking, but denied driving, though there were tire tracks in the fresh snow, according to police reports.

Authorities said Jackson walked away from the officer and refused to cooperate with testing, later refusing a breath test. Jackson was injured during the arrest.

Iowa City Police Chief Sam

Hargadine confirmed Jackson, a 20-plus year veteran of the force, was not on duty at the time and was driving his personal vehicle.

Jackson was a lieutenant at one time, but Hargadine said he couldn't comment on why he now has a sergeant title or when this change was made. Articles from July 2007 identified Jackson as a lieutenant.

An Iowa City police officer discovered Jackson, but requested assistance from UI police after he realized Jackson appeared intoxicated, Hargadine said.

Jackson's future with the department is pending while officials complete an internal investigation, Hargadine said. An internal investigation differs from a criminal investigation in that it's an administrative action, he said.

A blur of colors, sounds, foods, and music — a treat for all the senses — the UI's annual Cultural Diversity Festival celebrates another year Sunday.

By CAITLIN LOMBARDO

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tional clothing.



BENJAMIN ROBERTS/THE DAILY IOWAN

Six-year-old Roy (left) and older brother Jack Carter, 9, watch traditional Indian dance at the UI Cultural Diversity Fair on Sunday in the Field House.

and community groups sold products and food that represented their culture, among them the Hillel Foundation. The student organization offered traditional Jewish pastries, such as hamentashen, rugelach, and challah.

"Hillel is the Jewish foundation for student life at Iowa," Adina Hemley, the Jewish Student Life Coordinator, said. "Cultural Diversity Day is a way for us to raise funds for the orphanage we support."

Many student organizations

TAs to get tuition

Teaching assistants will receive more money, though how many will be around to receive it is still unknown.

By JUSTIN SUGG

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The UI will provide nearly 100 percent tuition assistance to teaching assistants by 2011 as part of the graduate students' new contract with the state Board of Regents, said Mark Salisbury, the president of the Campaign to Organize Graduate Students.

But despite this good news for the assistants, some worry their job won't be there next year.

Salisbury confirmed the university will provide teaching assistants with \$2,616 in tuition scholarships for nine semester hours of teaching in the 2009-10 term and \$3,612 — comparable to in-state tuition — for the 2010-11 term. This is only about a \$150 increase in the 2009-10 for teaching assistants, though in 2010-11 of the contract they would receive \$1,150 more, Salisbury said.

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tional clothing.

"We do it for fundraising and the experience," group president Arun Gupta said, who was selling popular Indian snacks. "We are one of the biggest student organizations on campus, and it's important to make a good showing."

The Indian Student Alliance raised money to use for annual events, such as Nachte Raho and Gathe Raho — which are dancing and singing competitions, respectively — and Diwali, a fall celebration known as the "Festival of Lights."

Many student organizations

SEE **FAIR**, 3A



Court reduces UI's penalty

A higher court put a UI lawsuit to rest last week after four years of litigation.

By OLIVIA MORAN
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The Iowa Supreme Court reduced the amount the UI will pay in damages and attorney fees to a university fraternity, whose members sued the UI in 2005 over the chapter's suspension.

The court ordered a district court last week to lower the amount from about \$165,000 to roughly \$110,000 in damages. Former Vice President for Student Services Phillip Jones will no longer have to individually pay \$5,000 in damages as originally

ordered by the district court. Jones couldn't be reached for comment Sunday.

The suit was filed by Phi Delta Theta, whose members challenged the validity of a secretly-made tape that recorded an alleged hazing. The tape led to the revocation of the fraternity's recognition at the UI by Jones.

UI spokesman Steve Parrott said although UI officials are disappointed with only a partial win, he's satisfied with the time the court took deliberating.

"We're especially happy Phillip Jones will have to pay no damages whatsoever," he said.

In 2001, a prospective member of the fraternity complained to Jones, claiming members of the fraternity violated hazing and alcohol policies.

Elmer Vejar presented as evi-

dence a digital tape recording of a hazing that allegedly occurred on Aug. 11, 2001. In 2002, Jones revoked the chapter's recognition by the UI for at least one year.

The hazing charges against the fraternity were eventually dropped, but the UI continued to impose sanctions for the alleged alcohol violation. The members appealed the sanction for the violation, and former UI President David Skorton determined in 2004 the years the fraternity went without recognition was a sufficient punishment.

On Feb. 4, 2005, Phi Delta Theta filed a lawsuit against the UI, the state, and Jones.

The chapter won, and the court awarded the fraternity \$100 per day between Nov. 19, 2001, and July 29, 2004 — the time the chapter was not recognized by the UI. The total came to \$98,300.

Jones was ordered to pay \$5,000, and the fraternity received an additional amount of \$61,660.43 in attorney fees.

In the Supreme Court's opinion last week, Judge David Wiggins wrote the fraternity could not recover both actual and liquidated compensatory damages. He also addressed the ruling against Jones, stating the fraternity failed to prove Jones acted recklessly and with an intentional violation of his legal duty.

"We are pleased that the court said directly there was no intentional wrong doing," Parrott said. "We knew all along the officials involved were doing what they thought was right for student safety."

Parrott said officials are not worried about paying the now \$110,000 in damages.

The UI's crown of 5 buildings



COURTESY OF UI SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

A view of the Pentacrest as seen in 1927, a few years after its name was chosen in a DI naming contest.

Get to know your campus
Although no longer serving as the geographical center, the Pentacrest is protected and preserved as the symbolic heart of the campus.

By LINI GE

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Other parts of campus are probably jealous.

Everyone is always talking about the Pentacrest — where this building is in relation to that

building and where your introduction to American politics meets.

Meaning "five on a place of prominence," the name "Pentacrest" was chosen by a naming contest sponsored by *The Daily Iowan* in 1924. The "five" referred to the Old Capitol and the other four limestone buildings laid out in a formal axial relationship to the Old Capitol, Schaeffer, Macbride, MacLean, and Jessup Halls.

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The site on which the Pentacrest was planned was at the

time occupied by several brick buildings, including the Science Hall, known today as the Calvin Hall. The Science Hall was moved to its current site in 1905 to make room for Macbride Hall in order to fulfill the symmetrical Pentacrest layout.

During the development of the five-building plan, other brick buildings on the site either burned down or were razed. The decisions were made by the Board of Regents and UI presidents at the time, beginning with President Charles Schaeffer. The Pentacrest layout was not fully realized until the last piece of the old Dental Building was razed in 1976.

The university's Campus Master Plan designates the Pentacrest as the symbolic and historical campus center to be preserved and protected, although it no longer serves as the geographical center of the campus. The entire Pentacrest block and its buildings are listed by the National Register of Historical Places, the nation's official list of cultural resources worthy of preservation.

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METRO

UIHC to continue construction

UI Hospitals and Clinics officials said construction plans will continue for the Children's Hospital, off-site clinics, and a new critical care tower despite the economy.

Although financing the project is becoming difficult, UIHC spokesman Tom Moore said overseeing the project in phases will be "the best course of action." UIHC officials will then discuss construction plans with the Board of Regents in April.

"We need to precede with plans for the well-being of the patients," Moore said.

The construction plans will now operate in two phases. An off-site hub of clinics will be launched in the Coralville's Iowa River Landing District. The cost is still unknown because UIHC officials are still in negotiation with Coralville officials.

Also included in the first phase is the completion of a large portion of the UI Children's Hospital.

In the second phase, a critical care tower will be built as well as converting all patient

rooms into private rooms.

Moore said he hopes completion of all the projects will finish by the original deadline, April 2013.

— by Jennifer Delgado

CR faces drug charges

A Cedar Rapids man was arrested after police allegedly found marijuana and methamphetamine in his car, authorities said.

Jacobi Kennedy, 25, was charged with second-offense possession marijuana and possession of meth.

According to the Johnson County Sheriff's Office, police stopped Kennedy for an equipment violation. He then consented to a K-9 search of the vehicle, according to police reports.

During a subsequent search, deputies observed a green, leafy substance spread across the center console, police said. Kennedy and both his passengers admitted the marijuana was Kennedy's and that he'd smoked in the car, deputies said.

Deputies also found a small baggy with

white rocks in a cigarette pack in the gas cap lid of the vehicle, authorities said.

The substance tested positive for methamphetamine and both passengers stated it belonged to Miller, police reports show.

Second-offense possession of marijuana is a serious misdemeanor, punishable by up to six months in jail and a maximum fine of \$1,000. Possession of methamphetamine is a Class C felony, punishable by up to 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$50,000.

— by Regina Zilbermints

Weiger representative files response

A representative of the late UI oboe Professor Mark Weiger filed a response last week to the sexual-harassment lawsuit filed against him, denying Weiger sexually harassed one of his former graduate students.

Melissa Milligan filed a federal suit against Weiger and the UI in November 2008, alleging Weiger subjected her to

verbal sexual harassment on a daily basis during the 2006-2007 school year. He committed suicide about a week after the suit became public.

Milligan is now seeking Weiger's estate, which is represented by UI assistant piano Professor Allen Huckleberry.

In his response, Huckleberry denies that Weiger made sexual remarks and crude jokes in classes in addition to denying Milligan's claim that he inappropriately touched another female student during class time.

He also denies the alleged incidents slowed Milligan's progress in completing her doctoral degree and caused her emotional distress.

A trial date in the case has not been set.

The suit is the second of its kind filed against Weiger. A former UI graduate student filed a suit in 6th District Court in 1994, also claiming Weiger sexually harassed her.

The woman dropped the suit after one year.

— by Olivia Moran

POLICE BLOTER

John Allen, 25, 1015 Oakcrest Apt. 81, was charged Sunday with keeping a disorderly house.

Chase Baker, 18, 511 S. Johnson St. Apt. 5, was charged Feb. 21 with PAULA.

Taylor Beswick, 20, 131 E. Davenport St. Apt. 2, was charged Feb. 21 with PAULA and unlawful use of another's ID.

Laurin Bishop, 18, Marion, was charged Feb. 20 with possession of a fictitious ID, public intoxication, and presence in a bar after hours.

Adam Bloom, 19, 935 Reinow, was charged Feb. 20 with unlawful use of another's ID.

Stephanie Boyle, 21, 457 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 2317, was charged Feb. 21 with keeping a disorderly house.

Adam Bucatan, 27, 321 Beachview Drive, was charged Feb. 21 with public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

Cody Bullis, 21, Cedar Rapids, was charged Feb. 20 with OWI.

Jarrod Daniel, 21, 511 S. Johnson St. Apt. 3, was charged Feb. 19 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Steven Downs, 28, Crawfordsville, Iowa, was charged Feb. 20 with fifth-degree theft.

Louis Ebert, 22, 621 N. Gilbert St., was charged Feb. 21 with public intoxication.

Michael Frigo, 19, Lockport, Iowa, was charged Feb. 21 with PAULA.

Matthew Furnish, 31, 410 Upland Ave., was charged Feb. 21 with interfering with official acts.

Dana Gardner, 24, Thiensville, Wis., was charged Feb. 21 with public intoxication.

Rebecca Goos, 20, West Liberty, was charged Feb. 20 with disorderly conduct.

Randal Heinle, 49, Hills, was charged Feb. 21 with OWI and driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Nicholas Herrick, 18, 541 Slater, was charged Feb. 2 with presence in a bar after hours.

Jordan Hostettler, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Feb. 21 with PAULA.

Patrick Juarez, 20, 35 W. Burlington St., was charged Feb. 20 with keeping a disorderly house, PAULA, and public intoxication.

Latasia Kos, 22, 4002 21st Ave. S.W. Apt. 2, was charged Feb. 20 with disorderly conduct.

Brian Mahoney, 19, 344 Reinow, was charged Feb. 19 with PAULA.

Erik Marks, 23, Norway, Iowa, was charged Feb. 20 with PAULA.

Megan Reynolds, 19, 637 Reinow, was charged Sunday with keeping a disorderly house and interfering with official acts.

Laura Martin, 18, 2417 Burge, was charged Feb. 19 with presence in a bar after hours.

Megan Mathiowetz, 22, 613 S. Dubuque St. Apt. 9, was charged Feb. 21 with OWI.

Aaron Mitchell, 31, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 2406, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Timothy Mooney, 19, Garwin, Iowa, was charged Feb. 20 with public intoxication and unlawful use of another's ID.

Christopher Mullis, 31, 4494 Taft Ave. S.E. Apt. 17E, was charged Feb. 20 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Michael Nelson, 18, Cedar Rapids, was charged Feb. 20 with unlawful use of another's ID.

Thomas Orr, 62, address unknown, was charged Aug. 25 with second-degree theft.

Anne Peterson, 24, North Liberty, was charged Feb. 21 with public intoxication.

Jacob Peterson, 19, 521 Slater, was charged Feb. 20 with PAULA.

Michael Phipps, 19, 1319 Burge, was charged Feb. 20 with PAULA.

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Kaytlyn Saethre, 18, 435D Mayflower, was charged Feb. 19 with presence in a bar after hours.

Suzan Shimmery, 20, 1015 Oakcrest St. Apt. 81, was charged Feb. 21 with disorderly conduct.

Philip Snyder, 26, Cedar Rapids, was charged Feb. 21 with OWI.

Tiffany Stevens, 26, 477 S. First Ave., was charged Feb. 20 with public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

Earl Surette, 48, address unknown, was charged Feb. 17 with public intoxication.

Anthony Vellema, 30, Coralville, was charged Feb. 20 with public intoxication and obstructing an officer.

Danielle Wauters, 21, 2444 Walden Road, was charged Sunday with fifth-degree theft.

Ashley Wilson, 20, address unknown, was charged Feb. 21 with fifth-degree theft.

Katie Witling, 20, Cedar Rapids, was charged Feb. 20 with disorderly conduct.

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Cell-bill considered

CELL PHONES

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UI freshman Sean Meyer acknowledged the benefits of increased safety but argued business and family calls can be important as well when driving.

Another opponent, Ben Stone, the director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Iowa, was wary of potential law-enforcement overreach if the bill was approved.

"There are many other things that are dangerous as well, so how do you define what is sufficiently dangerous to be criminalized?" Stone said. "There are a lot of things that we would not want people to do. That doesn't mean we want to make it a crime."

Sen. Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa City, who has drafted an essentially identical bill, echoed concerns akin to Abdul-Samad's.

"When you're putting other people in danger, it transcends the civil liberties" issue, he said.

Stone also pointed to a "special treatment" clause in the measure that would exempt law enforcement from the ban as fur-

ther reason for his opposition.

"If it's dangerous to use a cell phone while driving, it should be banned for everybody," he said.

Abdul-Samad said the installation of hands-free technology would be financially unfeasible.

Another House bill in the hopper would ban drivers under 18 from using hand-held cell phones.

Proponents of a hand-held cell-phone ban point to statistics that show use while driving significantly increases the chance of a crash. For example, drivers using cell phones are four times as likely to get into injurious accidents, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Opponents dispute the reliability of such studies, however.

Nationwide, numerous states have enacted hand-held cellphone bans for drivers.

According to the Governors Highway Safety Association, five states, as well as Washington, D.C. and the Virgin Islands, have laws on the books that bar talking on hand-held cell phones while driving. Seven

states bar drivers from text messaging.

Other states, such as Utah and New Hampshire, have opted to treat speaking on a cell phone as an offense only if a driver is guilty of another non-speeding moving violation.

In Iowa, critics of the proposal have also raised concerns about the ease law enforcement would possibly have in enforcing the potential ban. Stone said such an unenforceable regulation "really creates a disrespect of the law."

Johnson County Sheriff Lonny Pulkabek was unconcerned, however.

"It is just another traffic infraction that we would watch for," Pulkabek, who backs the bill, said in an e-mail.

Much of the law-enforcement community also backs the bill, and proponents have telephone giant AT&T on their side — "We have to be responsible with cracking down on accidents," lobbyist Robert Kreamer said.

Currently in committee, Abdul-Samad's bill has until the March 13 funnel deadline to get out of its House committee.

Police sgt. charged

OWI

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"We are not so much concerned with prosecution as much as whether a person should remain employed," Hargadine said.

When a police officer is accused of committing a crime, several sets of rules kick in, he said. Iowa City police have internal personnel rules and procedures, the City of Iowa City has its own personnel rules, and on the state level there is the Iowa Peace Officers

Bill of Rights. All these must be followed, and that's in addition to any criminal proceedings.

"Just like we have due process on the criminal side, there is due process on the employment side," Hargadine said.

But an internal investigation is conducted independently from the criminal proceeding, he said. The criminal case will likely stretch for several months, while most internal investigations take a few days.

Though anything that is admissible on the criminal side is admissible in the adminis-

trative hearing, that's not true the other way around. Nothing an officer says during an interview for an internal investigation can be used against him or her in a criminal hearing, according to the law.

Though no specific numbers were available, Hargadine said internal investigations are not uncommon, and the department conducts reviews often. Every weapons discharge, rudeness complaint, and each complaint to the Police Citizens Review Board is followed by an investigation, Hargadine said.

TAs get tuition assistance

TUITION

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In comparison, Iowa State University master's students receive \$1,611.50 at a half-time or greater appointment, and \$3,223 — equal to a year's tuition — for doctorate students at full-time appointment.

UI Provost Wallace Loh congratulated both the regents and COGS on reaching the new agreement.

Loh indicated the teaching assistant tuition assistance increase will be funded by future UI revenue, such as tuition and fees. He added university officials are looking at other ways to allocate the funds, noting the money may inevitably come from other departments.

"Some departments will grow, some will be stable, and some will shrink," Loh said, noting that the UI may consolidate smaller departments.

Some departments may ultimately balance budgets at the expense of teaching assistants. Sharada Price, a graduate student in the classics department, said she was told the department will not be hiring new teaching assistants next year.

Though Loh said there is



STEVE LEXA/THE DAILY IOWAN

Joshua Grimm, the TA for Social Scientific Foundations of Communications, prepares for his weekly discussion in the Adler Journalism Building on Feb. 20. TAs may be seeing cutbacks or even layoffs because of budget cuts.

likely to be a reduction in teaching assistants, any current figures are speculative.

Discussion of possible teaching assistant cutbacks has persisted throughout COGS officials' negotiations with the regents.

COGS office manager Jillian Moore said she has heard speculation officials at the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences plan to cut at least 40 teaching assistants.

Rumblings of teaching-assis-

tant reductions was enough to motivate COGS members to organize a demonstration on the T. Anne Cleary Walkway on Feb. 12 against the possible cuts.

Statistics lecturer Blake Whitten said if UI officials decide to reduce the number of teaching assistants, the impact will be significant and negative.

"It affects the quality of education," he said. "There's going to be bigger class sizes and less attention to students."

UI has fair day for diversity

FAIR

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The group planned to use the money raised on an orphanage that cares for Jewish girls from tough home situations.

The Association of Latinos Moving Ahead sold horchata and duritos to support their group. Horchata is a rice milk sweetened with sugar and cinnamon, and duritos are "glorified pork rinds," member Rosa Galindo said.

The American Indian Student Association sold fry bread and Indian tacos to raise money for a powwow the group will be sponsoring in April.

"There are a lot of dancers and arts and crafts," member Tyrone Peterson said. "We want to help promote our culture in Iowa City."

Vendors and performing groups were contacted as November to secure a spot in the Field House festivities.

"A lot of work went into planning the festival," Jessica Strom, a cultural festival committee member, said. Strom said they had to contact groups early and learn about cash-handling procedures.

The day was filled with performances and events, such as the Noopur Dance Group, the Kojokan Dojo Samurai techniques demonstration, and a piñata break.

Dan Coglan, owner of the Kojokan Dojo, said a lot of its events have a theme, such as Renaissance fairs and martial-arts competitions. This was Kojokan Dojo's 12th year at the diversity fair.

"Cultural Diversity Festival is a very fun venue because it is very diverse," he said. "Every one has a different thing going."

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BIJOU FILM:
HARVARD BEATS YALE 29-29
7pm, Bijou Theater, IMU



friday • feb 27

EXPLORING MAJORS FAIR
12:30-1:30pm, Main Lounge, IMU
Sponsored by Academic Advising Center

• PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA WITH THE MAIA QUARTET
7pm, 2nd Floor Ballroom, IMU
Sponsored by School of Music

MIDNIGHT MOVIE:
TWILIGHT
12am, Bijou Theater, IMU
Sponsored by UISG & CAB



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FREE FITNESS ASSESSMENTS
5-7pm, Field House
Sponsored by Health Iowa

JOIN THE PEACE CORPS
7pm, Lindquist Center
Sponsored by Peace Corps at U of I

BIJOU FILM:
HAPPY-GO-LUCKY
7pm, Bijou Theater, IMU



BIJOU FILM:
HARVARD BEATS
YALE 29-29
9pm, Bijou Theater, IMU

saturday • feb 28

THE MURDER OF EMMITT TILL WITH PANEL DISCUSSION
5pm, Bijou Theater, IMU
Free Admission

MIDNIGHT MOVIE:
TWILIGHT
12am, Bijou Theater, IMU
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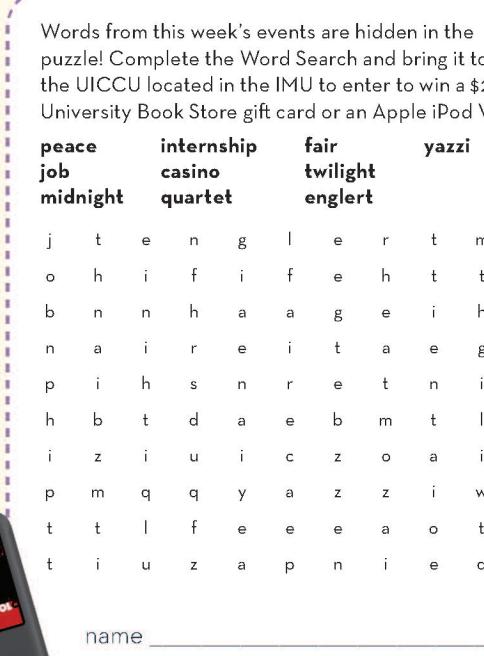
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Wage bill looks doomed

ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — Barring a last-minute change of heart that no one expects, the first major labor measure the Iowa Legislature has tackled will go down to defeat when lawmakers convene on today.

Democrats who control the House kept the chamber in session throughout the weekend after a measure that would force contractors bidding on public projects to pay the prevailing wage got 50 votes, one vote short of approval.

The House chamber took on the air of a college all-nighter as a small group of lawmakers chatted on their cell phones, read newspapers, and eyed each other warily.

"This isn't as much fun as a slumber party," said Rep. Linda Upmeyer, R-Garner. "It's a little more sedate than that."

The standoff began on the night of Feb. 20, when lawmakers cast their vote.

The tally was 50-46 — one vote shy of passage. House Speaker Pat Murphy, D-Dubuque, announced plans to leave the voting open all weekend to give lawmakers a chance to think about their votes. That means the House has to be in session until today, and somebody has to sit in the speaker's chair around the clock.

With Democrats in charge, Republicans weren't about to leave them alone — eyeing the cookie jar, if you will. "When I did this, I figured I'd let everybody go home, and have their weekend, and I'd just sit here," a bleary-eyed Murphy said at midday on Feb. 21.

Murphy perched in the chair until about 4 a.m. Feb. 21, when, to his surprise, other lawmakers volunteered to give him a break. "I didn't expect that when I did this," Murphy said.

Rep. Polly Bukta, D-Clinton, was one of those volunteers, grabbing a couple of hours sleep after filling in for Murphy.

"There's a couch in the speaker's office, and you can take a nap there," Bukta said.

Legislative leaders say there is no sign that someone will change their vote. The only lawmakers not casting ballots were publicly declared opponents, leaving the measure likely doomed. Murphy wasn't willing to accept that — at least publicly.

"I believe the cup is half full," said a bleary-eyed Murphy on Sunday. "I need one vote."

That means the measure likely will be declared dead Monday afternoon.

Rep. Greg Forristall, R-Macedonia, was headed to the Statehouse on Sunday to cast his vote against the measure, leaving the tally at 50-48.

"The outcome is not going to change," said House Minority Leader Kraig Paulsen, R-Hiawatha.

A small group of Republicans and Democrats spent the weekend whispering to each other, catching naps on couch-

es — and eyeing each other warily.

The politics of the standoff were already beginning to emerge.

Republican Party of Iowa Chairman Matt Strawn accused Murphy of delaying disaster-relief efforts while he sought to please big labor.

"While Speaker Murphy's defiance might please his big labor contributors, it is standing in the way of important efforts to help create jobs for both union members and nonunion members in Iowa and get needed resources to flood victims," Strawn said.

Murphy brushed aside the criticism.

"I'm not going to let it interfere with business," he said. "We've got other important state business."

If no one changes her or his mind by 1 p.m. today, House leaders said they'll accept defeat and record the vote. They will take procedural steps to allow the issue to be debated again.

There are a string of labor-backed measures awaiting debate, including efforts to allow unions to collect dues from nonmembers in a bargaining unit and to expand the topics for which public workers can bargain.

Paulsen said defeat of the prevailing wage signals those measures could be doomed as well.

"Prevailing wage is the lightest lift," Paulsen said. "My hope is they aren't going to be able to lift the others either."

Though Democrats control the House on a 56-44 margin, a group of five Democrats — mainly rural Democrats — voted against the measure. Rep. Geri Huser, D-Altoona, didn't vote but she's a vocal opponent.

Murphy said Democrats will continue to press on other labor-backed measures.

Also this week, lawmakers will sharpen their focus on the budget, sorting through details of a federal stimulus plan and moving toward setting spending targets that will determine where the budget will be cut the deepest.

"We're working on trying to have targets by the end of the month," said Senate Majority Leader Michael Gronstal, D-Council Bluffs. "That's still on our schedule, but I'm not positive we'll get that done."

The money flowing to Iowa from the stimulus plan — Gov. Chet Culver estimates it will be \$1.9 billion — is one of the keys for lawmakers looking to close a big budget shortfall. Many of their budget decisions depend on details of that federal package.

"I know some of the things in the federal stimulus package give us flexibility, and I know some of the things in the stimulus package don't give us flexibility," Gronstal said. "We're going to have to measure those things and figure out what our targets will be."

UI could house Iowa Flood Center

The flood center will cost about \$1.3 million for its first year in operation.

By TIFFANY HUNG
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When the 2008 floods hit, some said there was no "go-to" expert within the state to rely on.

The flood prompted Iowa senators, such as Rob Hogg, to ask the UI to draw up a proposal that would include an Iowa Flood Center at the UI.

"I think it's a fabulous idea," Hogg said. "I think it's a good thing to do, and in the long run, it has potential to save a lot of money due to flood damage."

Two UI professors — Larry Weber, the director of the Iowa Institute of Hydraulic Research, and Witold Krajewski, a research engineer — were instrumental in a collaborative effort to submit the proposal to the state Senate.

"The outcome of the flood center will be new research and technology for us to better understand and prepare for flooding in Iowa," Weber said.

The proposal asks for a grant of \$1.3 million the first year and about \$2 million to maintain in proceeding years.

The center is a program that will be housed in the Institute of Hydraulic Research, made up of faculty and research staff and will not require a new building.

The research is expected to fill the gaps in flood knowledge.

"Floods are rare events. You have to wait very long to really learn from the data," Krajewski said. "Current methods are purely based on statistical analysis and these methods are not connected to the physical processes."

The center will start in eastern Iowa, though the scope of the project is set to expand to the entire state and eventually reach a national level.

"We see the state flood center being a tremendous leverage for us as we're preparing for

this national flood center," Weber said.

A component the officials are hoping to add for the program is a real-time flood forecasting engine in sync with Google Earth.

This feature would allow property owners to access Google Earth and look at their property to forecast "water inundation levels."

The goal of Internet-based information access is not targeted for Iowa City alone and hopefully would be used by other small communities within flood zones.

"One of the challenges we have in flood mitigation is that it's not uniform access to everybody," Weber said. "Google is the platform — it's this wonderful technology that is there and any of us can access it."

State senators will decide whether to pass the grant by the end of April.

"It has been received really well and I think it's a matter of looking at the costs and determining how we can fit that [the

flood center] into our budget," Rep. Mary Mascher, D-Iowa City, said.

The center will require several years to be fully functional.

The scope of flooding affects a broad range of professionals, bringing together mathematicians, physicists, and biologists, among others, Krajewski said.

The UI was a desired place to house the flood center because of its resources, some officials said.

"The UI has a lot of expertise in engineering and water management, so it made a lot of sense for the UI to be the center of that," Mascher said.

The flood center will also be looking for graduate student participation along with UI researching staff. It will provide jobs and many opportunities for students to learn — what Mascher called "a double bonus" — in terms of prospective outcomes.

"I think it's our opportunity to truly cooperate and learn to live with the river," Mascher said.



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WORLD

Coal-mine rescue ends

GUJIAO, China — Rescuers ended efforts earlier today to find more survivors at northern China coal mine where at least 74 people were killed the day before in underground explosions in the country's deadliest mine disaster in a year.

Of the more than 300 survivors of the accident at the Tunlan mine, 114 remained in the hospital, five of them in critical condition, said an official with the Shanxi provincial government spokesman's office, speaking on condition of anonymity, citing policy.

The spokesman said the cause of the blast remains under investigation.

The mine's manager, chief safety officer and chief engineer have been removed from their posts as part of the investigation, the official Xinhua News Agency reported. Xinhua did

not identify the men by name or give other details.

A statement posted on the provincial government Web site said final checks on the mine were being conducted.

"The next step is to double-check at the bottom of the well ... to treat the injured and properly save all the data files in preparation for the investigation," the statement said.

A half-dozen ambulances stood parked Monday and a pair of policemen guarded the gates into the shaft of the mine in Gujiao near the provincial capital of Taiyuan — in contrast to the frenzied rescue operation that followed Sunday's pre-dawn explosions. Then, rescuers wearing headlamps and oxygen backpacks carried dozens of miners to safety.

But on Monday, cleaners simply swept up around the two stone lions marking the entrance to the mine.

Watchdog to be named

By PHILIP ELLIOTT

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama plans to announce today a former Secret Service agent who helped expose lobbyists' corruption at the Interior Department as his pick to oversee the \$787 billion economic-stimulus plan.

Obama is set to name Earl Devaney as chairman of the new Recovery Act Transparency and Accountability Board, an administration official said Sunday. Vice President Joe Biden also will be given a role coordinating oversight of stimulus spending.

The official spoke on the condition of anonymity because the White House had not made public the announcement.

Devaney, the inspector general of the Interior Department, helped turn up disgraced lobbyist Jack Abramoff's dealings at the department. The department's No. 2 official, Steven Griles, pleaded guilty to charges he lied during congressional testimony based in part on Devaney's investigation.

Obama has pledged the Recovery Act Transparency and Accountability Board to be an at-large body to oversee how the government spends billions allocated to help the flailing U.S. economy. But with dozens of agencies and departments involved, Obama wanted a central group to independently monitor where those funds are going.

Obama also planned to tap Biden to meet regularly with Cabinet members, governors, and mayors to make sure their efforts were quick and

effective. His reports to Obama are expected to be posted at the administration Website devoted to the bill, Recovery.gov.

Obama was set to announce Devaney during a Monday meeting with governors, who have largely supported the economic stimulus package because it will direct billions to their states for schools, roads and technology.

In addition to the Abramoff investigation, Devaney led a separate investigation into workers at the Minerals Management Service, part of the Interior Department. His review found a "culture of substance abuse and promiscuity" at the Denver and Washington offices of the service.

He has served as the inspector general — or in-house auditor — of the Interior Department since 1999.

Devaney worked as a senior official with the Secret Service, retiring in 1991. He then worked as head of criminal enforcement at the Environmental Protection Agency.

A native of Massachusetts, Devaney earned a degree from Franklin and Marshall College.

Dance Marathon still hard at it

The 24 hours of dancing is over, but the clock never stops for Dance Marathon organizers.

By ASHLEY HAUGO
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With only 347 days until Dance Marathon's Big Dance returns to the UI campus, there is little time for organizers to be idle.

"Dance Marathon is a 12-month program. The activities don't stop after the February event," said Mark Baccei, an assistant director of the UI Office of Student Life and the Dance Marathon adviser.

Indeed, less than a week after the Feb. 6-7 dance, executive-council applications for the next Dance Marathon began piling into the office.

On Feb. 13, Colette Forcier, a UI junior from La Grange, Ill., was one of the five contenders who submitted applications to become executive director.

Three days later, she learned she would run the show next year.

"I was so excited. I cried, and then I screamed, and then I was laughing," she recalled. "All the emotions you go through when you're at the event — it all just comes rushing out when you apply for something like this."



PATRICK LARKIN/THE DAILY IOWAN
A sleepy dancer performs onstage in the IMU Main Ballroom at 3:35 a.m. on Feb. 7.

And Forcier hopes a similar enthusiasm will spread campuswide when spring recruitment kicks off in April.

"It's kind of good to get back into it, because you're still on that elevated 'I love Dance Marathon' feeling," she said about the April and May efforts to get students to register.

Even though spring recruitment is only a 3-year-old addition to the event, former Dance Marathon Executive Director Katie Guckert sees it as a key process to the organization.

"It's very important, because we can get a lot of people signed up before they head home for the summer," she said. "I don't know why we never thought of it earlier."

This spring drive usually draws around 400 to 500 people

to pledge, most of whom are veterans and still riding on the excitement of the recent dance, Guckert said.

While the events for the spring recruitment will not be planned until the new 250-person leadership team is fully assembled, one program is underway: Dance Marathon the Marathon. For this, participants raise \$750 for the organization to compete in the Chicago Marathon in October.

"We now have a good 100- or 150-plus showing interest," said Sarah Rinehart, the chairwoman of Dance Marathon the Marathon. The UI junior was appointed to the position in early December.

Participants in the marathon will go through an 18-week training program, which begins

Dancing On

What's coming up this spring for Dance Marathon:

- A campuswide e-mail will be sent to remind students to sign up and get involved.
- An allocations meeting will be held in mid-April to distribute the funds raised over the past year.
- Early bird training for Dance Marathon the Marathon will begin in April.
- Stay tuned for more announcements in April.

Source: UI Dance Marathon

in early June and culminates on Oct. 11 with the race. But for those who want a head start in training, they can start their preparation in April.

Last year, Dance Marathon's inaugural run in the renowned Chicago event garnered around \$85,000, with 81 runners toeing the starting line, Rinehart said.

However, with increased organization and the addition of three coordinators to run the program, she said, she hopes this year will be bigger and better. She would like to get 150 runners to compete.

While planning is off to a running start for the next dance, organizers are confident Dance Marathon will continue to make strides.

"I have a comforting feeling that things can only get better," Guckert said. "I think I am leaving [Dance Marathon] in a good place."

NATION

Hawaii debates civil unions

HONOLULU (AP) — Hawaii, the state that adopted the nation's first "defense of marriage" constitutional amendment a decade ago, has now become the latest battleground in the fight for same-sex civil unions.

It would become the fifth state to legalize the alternative to gay marriage if the Democrat-dominated Legislature and Republican governor approve a civil-union law. The measure was passed by the state House this month, but it now faces the Senate, where a divided committee is to vote Tuesday.

Republican Gov. Linda Lingle has declined to comment on the issue; it's unclear whether she would veto the bill.

Gay-rights organizations argue that civil unions would promote basic equality in the nation's most ethnically diverse state, but opponents fear the erosion of an island culture that values conventional family ties.

"Society in general is becoming more accepting," said Suzanne King, a real-estate office manager who is raising her 9-year-old daughter, Shylar Young, with her partner of nearly 28 years, Tammy Young. "It's not unusual to come upon a gay family. There isn't this fear that by giving us rights, it's going to reduce the traditional family."

King and Young said they want a civil-union law so gay couples can more easily adopt children, share health benefits, and gain hospital visitation rights. They plan to enter into a civil union if the measure becomes law.

Religious groups have been taking out newspaper ads, setting up websites and holding rallies urging lawmakers to preserve traditional marriage.

One anti-gay website includes photos of two men kissing each other and others apparently in gay pride parades. It warns of a bad influence on Hawaii "keiki," the Hawaiian word for children.

The Mormon church, which campaigned in California last year for a gay marriage ban, has not openly rallied opposition to civil unions in Hawaii this year. But some members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints have been sharing e-mails urging people to call their legislators opposing the bill.

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International Classroom Journey volunteers are providing 'a face to go with a nation.'

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Standing in front of a large map of the Middle East, UI medical student Harb Harb presented the background and current situation of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict to a global-studies class of roughly 20 seventh-graders at North Central Junior High.

Harb is one of many UI volunteers — including international students and returned study-abroad students — who share their international experiences and perspectives with K-12 Iowan students through the UI's International Classroom Journey.

Sponsored by International Programs, the program affects the learning of more than 2,500 K-12 students annually.

A Palestinian-American who lived in Ramallah, on the West Bank, from 1996 to 2001, Harb shared with the students a brief history of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, as well as his own experience living in Ramallah under the tension.

Harb returned to Ramallah last summer to conduct research for his master's program in public health, which he



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Second-year medical student Harb Harb speaks to seventh-graders at North Central Junior High in North Liberty on Feb. 20. Harb told to the Global Studies Class about his personal experiences in Israel and the Palestinian areas and taught them some history of the controversies in that area.

has presented at various events. But it was his first time discussing the Middle East conflict with junior-high students.

"I believe exposing younger children to various perspectives of global issues will help alleviate any biases, prejudice, and discrimination in the future," the 24-year-old said.

Harb had his special trick to make the complex issues easier to understand for the students.

"A powerful technique that I use when speaking is relating the conflict to the audience as if they were there themselves," he said.

Harb used that technique when discussing checkpoints in the West Bank preventing transportation for Palestinian

refugees, paralleling it with students being unable to travel from Iowa City to Coralville.

Twelve-year-old Michael Clement said he learned a lot from Harb's presentation.

"All I really knew was there was a conflict between the Palestinians and the Israelis and that Palestinians weren't treated fairly because they were told what to do and couldn't live freely," he said. "I like Harb's presentation because it gives me an inside scoop on what's going on in Palestine and Israel."

But what Michael knew is already more than many of his fellow students do. Teacher Alisa Meggitt said it is alarming how little her students know about the Middle East.

"Just today, I had to convince an entire class that Osama bin Laden is not from Iraq and was not hanged," she said. "They have a very hard time distinguishing between Osama bin Laden and Saddam Hussein, even with many repetitions, reviews, and drills."

Buffy Quintero, an outreach coordinator for the International Programs, said the International Classroom Journey is beneficial to both the K-12 students and the UI presenters.

"K-12 students benefit from having someone put a personal face on the complex world that surrounds them," Quintero said. "It also gives our UI students a chance to get off campus and to connect with the local community."

Two days before Harb's presentation, Asila Mohammed Al Ma'Awali, a visiting Fulbright scholar from Oman who teaches an advanced Arabic class at the UI, spoke about Islam and Oman to the same class.

"I am in the U.S. for only one year," she said. "So it is good to have a chance to visit schools and speak about my religion, country, and culture."

"Authenticity" is what the students benefit most from the presentations, Meggitt said.

"I can't give voice to anyone from the Middle East as well as someone who has actually lived there," she said. "They provide a face to go with a nation, which is much more meaningful and memorable than a textbook or a Mrs. Meggitt PowerPoint."

Slumdog in film penthouse

By DAVID GERMAIN
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — *Slumdog Millionaire* took the best-picture Academy Award and seven other Oscars on Sunday, including director for Danny Boyle, whose ghetto-to-glory story paralleled the film's unlikely rise to Hollywood's summit.

The other top winners: Kate Winslet, best actress for the Holocaust-theme drama *The Reader*; Sean Penn, best actor for the title role of *Milk*; Heath Ledger, supporting actor for *The Dark Knight*; and Penelope Cruz, supporting actress for *Vicky Cristina Barcelona*.

A story of hope amid squalor in Mumbai, India, *Slumdog Millionaire* came in with 10 nominations, its eight wins including adapted screenplay, cinematography, editing and both music Oscars (score and song).

"Just to say to Mumbai, all of you who helped us make the film and all of those of you who didn't, thank you very much. You dwarf even this guy," Boyle said, holding up his directing Oscar.

The filmmakers accepted the best-picture trophy surrounded by both the adult professional actors who appeared among the cast of relative unknowns and some of the children Boyle cast from the slums of Mumbai.

The film follows the travails and triumphs of Jamal, an orphan who artfully dodges a criminal gang that mutilates children to make them more pitiable beggars. Jamal witnesses his mother's violent death, endures police torture and struggles with betrayal by his brother, while single-mindedly

Oscar Winners

Best Picture: *Slumdog Millionaire*
Director: Danny Boyle, *Slumdog Millionaire*
Actor: Sean Penn, *Milk*
Actress: Kate Winslet, *The Reader*
Supporting actor: Heath Ledger, *The Dark Knight*
Supporting actress: Penelope Cruz, *Vicky Cristina Barcelona*
Animated feature: *WALL-E*
Adapted screenplay: *Slumdog Millionaire*
Original screenplay: *Milk*
Art direction: *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*
Cinematography: *Slumdog Millionaire*

hoping to reunite with the lost love of his childhood.

Fate rewards Jamal, whose story unfolds through flashbacks as he recalls how he came to know the answers that made him a champion on India's version of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire."

As he took the stage to accept his prize for playing slain gay-rights pioneer Harvey Milk, Penn gleefully told the crowd: "You commie, homo-loving sons of guns."

He followed with condemnation of anti-gay protesters who demonstrated near the Oscar site and comments about California's recent vote to ban gay marriage.

"For those who saw the signs of hatred as our cars drove in tonight, I think it's a good time for those who voted for the ban against gay marriage to sit and reflect on their great shame and their shame in their grandchildren's eyes if they continue that support," Penn said. "We've got to have equal rights for everyone."

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District sees future issues

The Iowa City School District faces problems with budget and enrollment.

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With the Iowa City School Board's budget decreasing by \$6 million over the next two years, officials are considering staff cuts and a possible adjustment of school hours.

Because of inevitable staff cuts, officials will look at reorganizing positions to make operations as efficient as possible with fewer employees, Associate Superintendent Jim Behle said. The district at present employs approximately 1,650 people, roughly 900 of them teachers.

Along with staff cuts, officials believe doubling bus routes, and in turn changing bell schedules, will allow for the district to save hundreds of thousands of dollars per year. For example, high schools would start at 7:45 a.m., and elementary and secondary schools would begin at 9 a.m., Behle said.

"If we can run a different bell schedule for these schools, we can use the same bus for two routes opposed to one," Behle said, noting that it would save the district \$40,000 per double-route.

The School Board will discuss the district's fiscal 2010 budget during its meeting Tuesday night. Staff members will present the board with a preliminary proposal for what the district can do to reduce its budget.

"When we cut the budget, we have to look at personnel and transportation," Behle said.

Salaries and employee benefits, along with transportation and tuition, account for 87 per-

cent of the district's budget, which makes it hard to avoid cuts in these areas, he said.

Officials said they want to make sure the cuts won't have a significant effect on students.

"The priority is to minimize the effect on the classroom," Behle said, while admitting most cuts will inevitably have some repercussions on classrooms.

The board also plans to look at future high-school enrollment at its meeting. The district's current enrollment policy was reapproved for the 2009-10 school year at the board's Feb. 9 meeting, but the members will begin to discuss the long term.

Officials have projected by 2017, the district will have around 4,000 high-school students — for which the current schools do not have the capacity, Behle said.

The district currently spends \$3.2 million a year on high-school construction and operations. He estimated a new high school would increase annual costs for the district by \$1.9 million.

But, he said, the board members have to plan now in order to finance future construction.

"We don't have the funds for [a new school] right now," Behle said.

The board will set dates for public forums at its meeting. He said the members are looking for input on what school sizes the community would like, what difference in size people are willing to accept, what the district can afford to operate, and how a smaller school would affect class offerings and extracurricular activities.

2 escape prison on chopper



PETROS GIANNAKOURIS/ASSOCIATED PRESS

A police officer stands outside Athens' high-security Korydallos prison on Sunday. Convicted robbers Vassilis Paleokostas and Alket Rizaj escaped using a commandeered helicopter that picked them up from the prison courtyard. They had escaped from the same prison using the same means on June 4, 2006, but had been apprehended separately after committing more crimes. They were to appear in court Monday over their previous escape.

By DEMETRIS NELLAS
Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — For the second time, two robbers escaped from a high-security Greek prison on Sunday by scaling a rope ladder to a hovering helicopter, authorities said. The escape came amid a gunbattle with guards.

Vassilis Paleokostas, 42, and Alket Rizaj, 34, were picked up by a helicopter that flew over the courtyard of Athens' Korydallos prison on Sunday afternoon. The

inmates climbed a ladder thrown to them by a woman passenger, the Ministry of Justice said.

Guards on the ground opened fire, and the woman fired back with an automatic rifle, authorities said. No injuries were reported.

Paleokostas and Rizaj escaped from the same prison in the same manner only three years ago.

Later Sunday, an elderly couple found the helicopter abandoned near a highway north of Athens, police said. The pilot

was bound and gagged, and he had a hood over his head. He told police the helicopter was chartered by a couple who said they wanted to go from the town of Itea in central Greece to Athens. The couple had chartered the helicopter a number of times in the previous weeks.

Residents gave conflicting reports about the number of vehicles that sped away from the helicopter's landing site, police said. Police helicopters were scouring the vicinity for any sign of the escaped convicts.

Authorities had at first feared that up to four people might have escaped, but a second count of the prison's inmates confirmed that only two were missing.

Paleokostas and Rizaj were to appear before a magistrate today in connection with their previous escape by helicopter on June 4, 2006. That operation had been masterminded by Paleokostas' elder brother Nikos, himself a convicted criminal who escaped from the same prison in 1990 during a mass breakout.

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Editorial

Widening choices in prenatal planning

The UI Hygienic Laboratory is now the first state public-health institution to offer a new method of screening for early term birth defects. The test, called an "integrated screen" because it cross-references samples from first and second trimester pregnancies in the evaluation, is notable for its minuscule margin of error and is aimed in particular at the early detection of Down syndrome, Edwards Syndrome, and open neural-tube defects such as spina bifida. All three genetic disorders have a similar rate of occurrence, 1 in around 1,000, although because the rate of survival for Edwards syndrome (or Trisomy 18) is incredibly low, the occurrence among the successfully birthed is closer to 1 in 6,000. Having access to this early information is essential for new parents, because a positive in the Iowa Maternal Integrated Screen could mean a drastic reordering of life plans.

Down syndrome is caused by a malformation of the 21st chromosome, and among the condition's effects are cognitive disability and an increased risk of heart and thyroid defects. Edwards syndrome carries a lesser risk of manifesting, simply because the number of successful births is so low, but the expectations are comparable: Cognitive, heart, et cetera. "Open neural-tube defects" is a more general term, describing a number of conditions arising from a prenatal deformity of the young spinal cord. Before the integrated test, detection of these disorders would often come late in the pregnancy, resulting in a lack of choice or the controversial late-term

abortion, or false-positives prompted unnecessary and possibly damaging procedures, such as an amniocentesis.

Now, the new screens being offered don't solve the problem of whether to seek termination, but time to prepare is important in either case. The problems presented to a family raising a child with a congenital mutation are extremely varied, but rarely is it an easy situation to navigate. For those born along the spectrum of cognitive effect severity, education and social peer-grouping have to be approached creatively by parents, physicians, and teachers, as well as the individual themselves. For physical disability, an entire environment may have to be altered or created in accommodation. The earlier a parent knows the odds and risks, the better the child's, and parents', quality of life.

The ethics involved in this new, reliable, available branch of maternal medicine are not themselves that new. The battle for rights, for mother or child, for life, will go on as it has. But a family should have the right to as much detailed information as possible before concluding which commitment to make: Maybe a life-changing, lifelong struggle; maybe termination. Both are binding, after all. That such a valuable tool in family planning — with the cooperation and blessing of Iowa's Department of Public Health "Center for Congenital and Inherited Disorders" — exists in our community is a major achievement, for the university and for new parents all over the state.

Lenten sacrifice, in moderation



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I find it bitterly ironic that Cadbury cream egg season comes around right about the same time as Lent.

This year, I said I was going to give up refined sugar, but the sight of those delicious little sweet things in the checkout aisle of KMart caused me to rethink: Maybe this time, instead, it'll be ice cream. And then, again, I reconsidered. Why should anyone have to give up ice cream. I should just give up unreasonable eating, which usually strikes on the weekend.

You know what I mean: The Chinese takeout or the Pokey sticks as a backdrop for all the television I missed during the week now posted, for my convenience, on Hulu with limited commercial interruption by Wal-Mart.

Of course, if I give up those brief moments of ecstasy, I'm going to be a much less pleasant editor for those 40 days. And that's not really the be-kind-to-your-neighbor philosophy I'm also trying to fulfill lately.

Ugh. Lent is sort of a dilemma for me and has a long history of being such. I'm sure many of you out there feel the same way.

See, on the one hand, it does makes sense that we should all give up something we love for a month or so, a way of showing appreciation for all the things we have and take for granted. And after Fat Tuesday and all that king cake and whatever else it is people indulge in on Fat Tuesday, people should probably want to cut back a little anyway. Belt tightening is all the rage these days, I hear.

On the other hand, it

sort of feels like giving up having your bed for a week and saying you really know what it feels like to be homeless, despite your bank account and your family and your job. You can give up at any moment.

And I've done some excellent Lent sacrifice in my life. Once I rationalized that as long as I scooped all the fudge I could off my sundae at McDonalds, it still counted as having given up chocolate. And then there was the year I had the two or three French fries, despite having given them up. I'm not sure how I rationalized that one.

Then, in middle school, I had a friend who assured me that it's OK to eat whatever you give up on Sundays, because Sunday is a break day. I never really checked up on that one, but it seems awfully ridiculous: Give something up for 40 days, excepting every seventh. I'm not sure that's really in the spirit of the whole thing.

But then again, the whole idea of Lent seems a little fraudulent. I sort of feel (and I hope I'm not treading too close to blasphemy here) that any being capable of omniscience, or at least better reasoning than us humans (which doesn't really say a whole lot, by the by), would care in the slightest who gave up chips and who skipped the sugar, particularly me, you know, a well-employed college student in America. Even during this recession, I have zero idea of want.

So what I'm toying with for this year is giving up the things in my life I take for granted, except I'm not going to just do it for 40 days. I'm going to enjoy those Cadbury eggs and Pokey sticks and "House" reruns (in moderation; well, not the "House" part), all year. That's really the best way to appreciate what we have. ■



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Guest Opinion

The Gaza offensive: an Israeli tradition

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On April 10, 1948, the New York Times reported on the massacre of the Palestinian village of Deir Yassin thus: "200 Arabs killed, stronghold taken. A combined force of Irgun Zvai Leumi and the Stern group, Jewish extremist underground forces, captured the Arab village of Deir Yassin on the western outskirts of Jerusalem today. In house-to-house fighting, the Jews killed more than 200 Arabs, half of them women and children. The Irgunists and Sternists escorted a party of U.S. correspondents to a house near Deir Yassin, offered them tea and cookies, and amplified details of the operation. The spokesman said he regretted the casualties among the women and children at Deir Yassin but asserted

that they were inevitable because almost every house had to be reduced by force. Ten houses were blown up. At others, the attackers blew open the doors and threw in hand grenades." The exact numbers of the casualties have been contested, depending on whose side you are. Nevertheless, the details convey the policies adopted at the time by Israeli forces to expel Palestinians and acquire their land. The above attack was orchestrated by Menachem Begin, who later became prime minister of Israel.

In his book *The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine*, Ilan Pappé, an Israeli historian and professor of history at the British University of Exeter, describes the expulsion of the Palestinians orchestrated by Zionist leaders. In his preface he states, "The Zionist Policy

was first based on retaliation against Palestinian attacks in February 1947, and it transformed into an initiative to ethnically cleanse the country as a whole in March 1948. When it was over, more than half of Palestine's native population, close to 800,000 people, had been uprooted, 531 villages had been destroyed, and 11 urban neighborhoods emptied of their inhabitants (my mother's family being one of them). The plan decided upon on March 10, 1948, was a clear-cut case of ethnic cleansing, regarded under international law today as a crime against humanity." Where is the worldwide outcry against this injustice leveled against Palestinians?

The current 22-day attack by Israel on Gaza has claimed 1,300 lives and 5,300 injuries, half of whom

are women and children. This reprisal was allegedly in retaliation for Hamas' lobbing rockets into Israel. These rocket attacks are unacceptable by any standards. The root cause of these rocket attacks is the 18-month-old siege that Israel had applied on Gaza.

Hoping for a Hamas collapse, and in an attempt to replace Hamas' control of Gaza, Israel has opted for collective punishment. Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni, soon-to-be replaced Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, and Defense Minister Ehud Barak have chosen to resort to this bombardment.

It came at a time when George W. Bush was on his way out and in preparation for elections in Israel. This in accordance with Israel's past "iron-fist policies," "teaching the Arabs a lesson," and "breaking their bones." As far as the bombardment of a U.N. school

sheltering Palestinians, the bombing of a U.N. depot, and the illegal use of phosphorus bombs, Israel apologizes, and will conduct an investigation.

Sound familiar?

I wonder what the relatives of the 1,100 killed during the June 2006 Lebanese bombardment by Israel really think of their neighbors to the south? I wonder what the feelings are of the Gaza parents, brothers, and sisters of those who have been dismembered, disfigured, and killed by the Israel Defense Forces?

The root of the problem is Israeli aggrandizement and intransigence toward U.N. resolutions. Scores of U.N. resolutions have called for the withdrawal of Israel from occupied territories, repatriation and compensation of Palestinian refugees, dismantling the 200 illegal settlements, and the end of Israeli occupation. Thanks

to our administration's unconditional support of the Israeli war machine, these many resolutions have been vetoed.

Israelis should not have to take shelter from Hamas rockets. Also, Gazans and Lebanese children should not be taking shelter from Israeli phosphorus and cluster bombs. We have seen enough of blinded and dismembered Gazan children. We do not need any more apologies or investigations. Our unwavering support of Israel has cost us our image in the world. We are no longer viewed as an arbitrator but as a biased supporter of Israel at all cost.

It is time for us to stop dodging the shoes of disgruntled Arabs and instead reach for their extended hands searching for a congratulatory and friendly handshake. If we change our policies in the Middle East, this will happen.

Arts & Culture

Getting a Waka call

By DAN WATSON
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In the music industry, many small-time acts are always looking for their next big breaks. Most of these opportunities come about simply by good fortune, but on Tuesday, six Iowa bands will battle for a chance to play at the Wakarusa Music Festival at Mulberry Mountain, Ark. Talent, rather than luck, will dictate their success.

The Picador, 330 E. Washington St., will host the Waka Winter Classic battle of the bands on Tuesday, and acts from Iowa City, Cedar Rapids, and Des Moines will dominate the event's lineup. The Uniphonics, Cirrus Minor, Public Property, Dr. Z's Experiment, Ephraim Zenh, and Insectoid will musically fight in hopes of landing a spot on the Wakarusa stage.

The winning band will be decided by both audience feedback and direct voting. Crowd members will be able to use their tickets to cast votes for their favorite bands.

"Interest in [Waka] is always high for local bands," said Chris Wiersema, the Picador manager. "It's usually pretty crowded, because the bands really push for their fans to come."

Musicians submit their tracks to a Wakarusa committee, which decides on the bands appropriate for the competition.

Iowa City is one of 15 cities across the Midwest participating in the search. The winning bands of each town will not only be awarded with slots at Wakarusa on June 4-7, they will also have their music featured in an online competition on Wakarusa.com.

The top-two vote getters of the online showcase will play at one of Wakarusa's main stages, while the rest of the acts will play on one of the event's smaller performance areas.

"It's always great to be able to play at the large festivals," said Public Property guitarist Dave Bess. "Winning simply allows



PUBLICITY PHOTO

Public Property will be among the groups competing at the Waka Winter Classic battle of the bands Tuesday at the Picador. The winner will secure a spot at the Wakarusa music festival.

CONCERT

Waka Winter Classic battle of the bands with the Uniphonics, Cirrus Minor, Public Property, Dr. Z's Experiment, Ephraim Zenh, and Insectoid

When: 7 p.m. Tuesday
Where: Picador, 330 E. Washington
Admission: \$5

our music to be heard by new people from different places."

Public Property will play in its third Waka Winter Classic this year; it won in 2007. Although the band has only won the battle once, it received a consolation invitation to play at last summer's Wakarusa Music Festival.

Because six different bands are playing, set times are between 30 and 45 minutes, with around 15 minutes in between each act.

"Regardless of who wins, it is a great show to see some top local bands," Picador manager Kevin Coppers said. "The only thing we ask is for the bands not to jazz out the place and play too long."

Wakarusa is a grass-roots festival and doesn't share the corporate conglomerate sponsorship embraced by many larger summer music gatherings. Wakarusa's acts tend to lean toward the indie side of the rock spectrum, and many artists in past lineups are known for experimenting with unconventional sounds and techniques. The four-day long festival originated in Lawrence, Kan., in 2004, but it will migrate to Ozark, Ark., this year, causing the festival's name to shift to the Wakarusa Music Festival at Mulberry Mountain. Last year's attendance almost topped 15,000, and the Flaming Lips, Cake, and Wilco have all entertained Wakarusa crowds.

Buckethead, Les Claypool, and the Black Crowes are all scheduled to headline this year's event. At least one potential Wakarusa performer is excited about the opportunity to be on that bill.

"At the past festivals, we really could only just play our set and leave," Bess said. "But this year if the band wins, we will definitely make something of the opportunity and really chill and catch some great acts."

Mostly fired down



Members of the Tigers size up their fierce cheer-camp competition in *Fired Up*.

Hollywood's latest teen-sex comedy fails miserably to 'bring it.'

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The past few years of cinematic history have seen an onslaught of over-the-top, outrageously funny sex comedies, along the likes of *Knocked Up* and *Superbad*. The trailers for *Fired Up* indicate to eager audiences that they are in for more of the same — and boy, are they wrong.

Fired Up tells the completely unrealistic tale of two jocks, Shawn Colfax (Nicholas D'Agosto) and Nick Brady (Eric Christian Olsen), who are almost too witty for their own good. This dynamic duo are famous for their womanizing ways, with the power to quite literally charm the skirt off any girl they encounter. By summer, the boys are faced with two weeks of football camp. These guys have other plans, however — they decide to instead crash a cheer camp in the hopes of taking their collective "game" to the next level. Gee, boys, I didn't think you could get any smarter.

As much of a surprise as it may be, the rest of the film stops at nothing to provide the viewer with nearly every teen-sex-comedy cliché at its disposal, which viewers should expect upon entering the theater. It sucks to be able to sum up the rest of the

Fired Up
When: 1, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:40 p.m.
Where: Sycamore 12
★★★ out of 5

(John Michael Higgins), who many remember as the hysterical a cappella maestro in 2006's *The Break Up*, elicits laughs simply with his presence. The line referencing his exit from the womb "spirit fingers" first is an added bonus.

Quite possibly the comedic underdog of *Fired Up* is Poppy (Juliette Goglia), the young firecracker with a darker side likened to that of a miniature mobster. Poppy takes care of business, doesn't take shit from anyone, and yet is kind enough to help Shawn and Nick on their epic quest. Her snappy one-liners take this film up a notch at just the right moments, which it so desperately needs throughout.

Oscar-worthy it is not, but *Fired Up* is sure to become a guilty pleasure for many. Don't worry, Toros, Kirsten Dunst's role as America's favorite on-screen spirit queen is safe.

COOK IN PROGRESS

HOW TO ROAST VEGETABLES

It's a mantra you've heard since preschool from your mother, Marge Simpson, and every issue of *Fitness* magazine: Eat your vegetables. But that order can be tough to fill if you're not into spinach or baby carrots — even when they're drenched in ranch dressing. The solution to your veggie aversion may involve olive oil and lots of spices, both essential components to roasting vegetables. Following this simple formula won't tack five years onto your life, but at least your relationship with Farmers'

Markets will vastly improve.

What you'll need:
Non-leafy vegetables
Olive oil
Thyme
Pepper
Oregano

1. Heat the oven to 400 degrees
2. Combine a variety of non-leafy vegetables (potatoes, carrots, squash, peppers, mushrooms, and onions all work) and cut them into roughly 1-inch chunks.
3. Toss vegetables with 2 tbsp.



olive oil (or enough to coat the vegetables) and thyme, pepper, and oregano

4. Roast in the oven for one hour, or until tender

— by Katie Hanson

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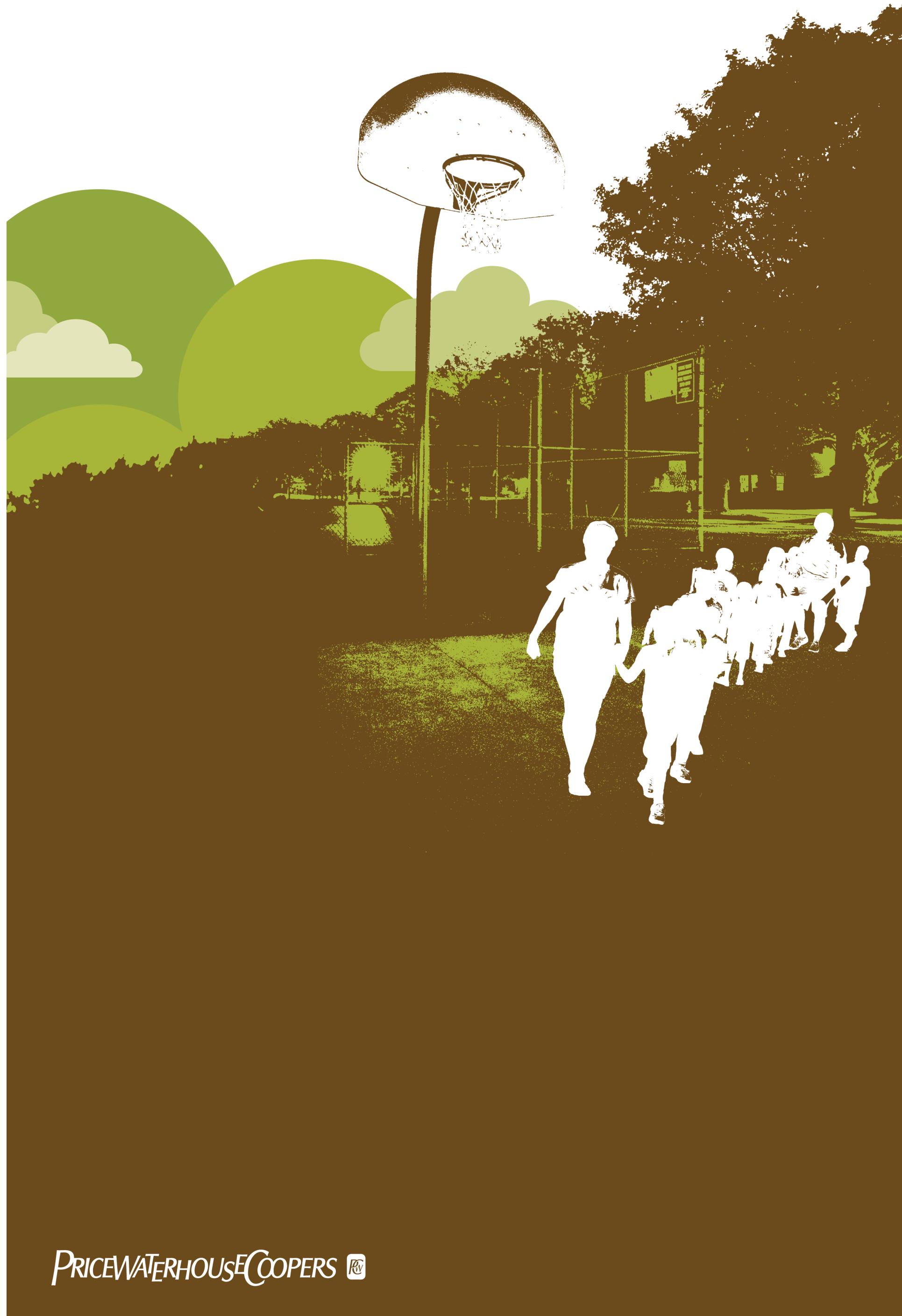
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Deidre Freeman

SWIMMING/DIVING

AquaHawks break 7 school records

While the Iowa women's swimming and diving team managed to break seven school records at the 2009 Big Ten championships in Ann Arbor, Mich., the new marks weren't enough to catapult Iowa out of ninth place.

Junior diver Deidre Freeman earned Iowa's Highest Point Award after finished eighth overall in the 3-meter dive with 301.65 points, added to the 253.50 points she scored in the 1-meter dive.

On the swimming side, sophomore Katarina Tour set school records in the 100 breaststroke (1:01.95) and 200 individual medley (2:01.33), and junior Christine Kuczek broke her own record (50.55) in the 100 freestyle with a time of 50.21.

The 400-freestyle relay of freshman Daniela Cubelic, Kuczek, Tour, and senior Alison Gschwend also posted a NCAA B cut school-record time of 3:21.27, good enough for eighth place.

Iowa's first school record to fall came on the first day of competition, when the 200 medley team posted a 1:41.33, while the 200 freestyle relay team swam a 1:32.37 the following day.

— by Evelyn Lau

SOFTBALL

Weil tosses another no-hitter

Iowa senior pitcher Brittany Weil threw her second career no-hitter Sunday, just a week after pitching her first.

Weil shut down host school Kennesaw State on the way to a 0-8 Hawkeye win at the K-Club Classic in Kennesaw, Ga. She is only the second pitcher in Iowa history to throw two no-hitters in a single season.

The first was former all-American Debbie Bilbao in 1997.

The no-hitter came after Weil nearly threw a perfect game against Miami (Ohio) on Feb. 21. She surrendered a RedHawk hit with two outs and two strikes in the bottom of the seventh which denied her perfection.

Weil's weekend also brought her career strikeout total to 822, 124 behind current Iowa record holder Lisa Biocchi, who played for the Hawkeyes from 2002-05.

Iowa went undefeated in five games in Georgia and now stands at 12-3 overall. The Hawkeyes will return to action on March 6, when they play in the Long Beach Tournament.

— by Mike Slusark

TV TODAY

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

- No. 7 Louisville at Georgetown, 6 p.m., ESPN

- No. 15 Kansas at No. 2 Oklahoma, 8 p.m., ESPN

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- No. 2 Oklahoma at No. 14 Texas A&M, 6:30 p.m., ESPN2

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- San Jose at Dallas, 7 p.m., VERSUS

Undefeated on the mats

No. 1 Iowa caps its season on Sunday with a 34-13 thrashing of No. 19 Northwestern.

By RYAN YOUNG

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It's official. Wrestling world's postseason field includes No. 1 Iowa and everyone else.

The top-ranked Hawkeyes routed No. 19 Northwestern on Sunday in Evanston, Ill., 34-13, claiming their second-straight Big Ten regular-season title. More significantly,

Iowa finished its dual-meet schedule with an undefeated mark (24-0) for the first time since the 1999-2000 season.

Tallying three pins, a technical fall, a pair of major decisions, and a decision against the Wildcats, Iowa took seven of the 10 matches in Welsh-Ryan Arena to extend its dual-meet winning streak to 38.

But with two weeks remaining before the Big Ten championships in State College, Pa., Iowa head coach Tom Brands is questioning his team's cohesion.

"I'm not sure that we've all come together yet this year," the third-year Hawkeye head coach said during a post-meet radio interview.

SEE WRESTLING, 3B

YEAR: AVG. MARGIN OF VICTORY: # OF WINS:

2008-09	25.88	24
1999-00	24.22	18
1995-96	23.70	17
1994-95	27.86	14
1991-92	36.94	16
1990-91*	32.19	25
1984-85	29.89	18
1981-82*	26.53	16
1978-79	27.05	19
1974-75*	25.94	17
1971-72*	14.16	11
1935-36	12.20	5

*Seasons that included ties

(All seasons have minimum of five meets; average margin of victory rounded to nearest hundredth)

source: Iowa wrestling media guide

IOWA 70, MICHIGAN 60

Kelly leads Hawks past Michigan



PATRICK LARKIN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa sophomore Jake Kelly struggles for possession under the Michigan basket near the end of the Hawkeyes' game against Michigan in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Sunday. Kelly scored a career-high 23 points and had nine assists and eight rebounds as Iowa defeated Michigan in overtime, 70-60.

Iowa needed 45 minutes and a relentless performance from sophomore Jake Kelly to surpass last year's win total of 13, beating Michigan.

By CHARLIE KAUTZ

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Iowa dressed for the Oscars in a game against Michigan featuring all the elements of an Academy Award winner on Sunday night.

There was red-carpet glitter when Iowa unveiled its new,

stunningly gold jerseys before tip-off. There was suspense in 16 lead changes and four crucial free throws at the end of regulation.

There was even a save-the-day scene from the unluckiest of characters in injured senior Cyrus Tate, who entered the game to an ovation

with 9:31 remaining.

Finally, there was drama in Manny Harris' last-second missed shot that sent the game into overtime, when the Hawkeyes used a 7-0 run to power past Michigan and earn just their fourth conference win, 70-60.

ON THE WEB

Go to dailiyowan.com for an exclusive photo slide show from Iowa's 70-60 overtime victory over Michigan on Sunday in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

For 40 minutes, Iowa and leading man Jake Kelly — who recorded career-highs with 23 points, eight rebounds, and nine assists — acted as heroes in what has been a deflating Big Ten season.

SEE RECAP, 3B

COMMENTARY

Hawks hang tough



SCOTT MILLER

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Despite their recent letdowns, the Hawkeyes have hung in there down the stretch.

Iowa trotted out onto the Carver-Hawkeye Arena floor Sunday afternoon with its new putrid-looking jerseys and fewer players to wear them.

Nine scholarship players dressed for the Hawkeyes' showdown with Michigan, with Jermain Davis and his bruised knee adding another bullet point to Iowa's seemingly endless injury list.

But none of that mattered.

SEE COMMENTARY, 3B

Women's tennis loses to DePaul, whips Kansas

The Iowa women's tennis team split a pair of dual meets at home this weekend against DePaul and Kansas.

By ROBBIE LEHMAN

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The Iowa women's tennis team proved the rankings to be true this weekend. The No. 58 Hawkeyes lost to No. 57 DePaul 5-2 on Feb. 20 but bounced back Sunday to defeat No. 75 Kansas, 5-2, at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex.

Iowa (5-5) fought all the way to the end against the Blue Demons in a meet nearly lasting four hours. The No. 2 doubles team of Lynne Poggensee-Wei and Kelcie Klockenga won, 8-7, but Iowa dropped the other two matches to give DePaul the doubles point.

The Hawkeyes then tied the score at 1-1 thanks to Sonja Molnar's 6-3, 6-0 takedown in the No. 1 singles match. Iowa was

then defeated in four singles matches before it earned its only other point on the day. Even though the meet had been determined, sophomore Alexis Dorr eventually wore her opponent out in a third-set tiebreaker to claim a 6-1, 4-6, [10-5] victory in the No. 3 singles match.

Against the Jayhawks, the Hawkeyes got off to a blazing start. Poggensee-Wei and Klockenga captured their second doubles win of the weekend, 8-6, and Dorr and freshman Ally Majercik netted Iowa the doubles point in their 8-8 (10-8) thriller to win in the No. 3 match and give the Hawkeyes the doubles point.

Iowa carried that momentum into a solid all-around singles performance in which it won four matches in a row. Molnar remained reliable with a 6-1, 6-1

win and Poggensee-Wei finished off her No. 3 opponent (6-2, 6-4). Klockenga won at No. 4 (6-3, 6-0), and Young prevailed (6-2, 6-2) in the No. 5 match.

Head coach Daryl Greenan thought his Hawkeyes played well overall during the weekend.

"I try not to get too excited about the losses," he said. "We're going to enjoy this win. The most important thing is we're going in the right direction."

Greenan tweaked both his doubles and singles lineups a week ago and decided to remain with them against DePaul and Kansas.

"Our doubles lineup has several combinations that could work. Several spots in singles are interchangeable," Greenan said.

SEE TENNIS, 3B



AMY ANDREWS/THE DAILY IOWAN
Iowa sophomore Lynne Poggensee-Wei returns a serve during her doubles match with teammate Kelcie Klockenga against Kansas at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex on Sunday. The Hawkeyes defeated the Jayhawks, 5-2.

SPORTS 'N' STUFF

MEN'S BIG TEN BASKETBALL

	Conference	All Games	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct				
Michigan St.	11	3	.786	22	5	.808	29	25	5	.63	165	182
Purdue	10	4	.714	21	6	.778	28	31	1	.57	165	186
Illinois	10	5	.667	17	8	.678	40	8	9	.89	199	140
Penn St.	8	6	.571	19	8	.704	29	22	7	.65	174	179
Minnesota	8	7	.533	20	7	.741	29	27	5	.63	173	177
Wisconsin	8	7	.533	17	10	.630	25	24	9	.53	155	170
Ohio St.	7	7	.500	17	8	.680	27	28	5	.58	155	184
Michigan	7	8	.467	17	11	.607						
Northwestern	5	9	.357	14	11	.560						
Iowa	4	10	.286	14	13	.519						
Indiana	1	13	.071	6	20	.231						

Saturday's Game

Sunday's Games

Iowa 81, Michigan 67

Iowa 70, Michigan 60, OT

Illinois 70, Ohio State 68

Michigan State 61, Wisconsin 50

Minnesota 72, Northwestern 45

Tuesday's Game

Penn State at Ohio State, 6 p.m. ESPN

Wednesday's Games

Iowa at Michigan State, 7:30 p.m. BTN

Northwestern at Indiana, 5:30 p.m. BTN

Thursday's Games

Minnesota at Illinois, 6 p.m. BTN

Purdue at Michigan, 8 p.m. ESPN

WOMEN'S BIG TEN BASKETBALL

Conference All Games

W L Pct W L Pct

Ohio State 13 3 .813 22 5 .815

Michigan State 12 4 .750 19 8 .704

Purdue 12 4 .750 19 8 .704

Iowa 11 5 .688 18 9 .667

Minnesota 10 5 .667 18 8 .692

Indiana 10 7 .588 12 9 .654

Wisconsin 6 11 .535 16 12 .571

Penn State 5 11 .313 10 16 .385

Illinois 4 12 .250 8 19 .296

Michigan 3 13 .188 10 17 .370

Northwestern 2 13 .133 6 20 .231

Sunday's Games

Iowa 68, Michigan 64

Wisconsin 54, Michigan State 51

Penn State 67, Illinois 56

Ohio State 79, Indiana 67

Today's Game

Minnesota at Northwestern, 7 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Illinois vs. Iowa, 8:05 p.m.

Michigan at Purdue, 6 p.m.

Minnesota at Michigan State, 6 p.m.

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Saturday's Games

Indiana 98, Chicago 91

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Boston 12, Phoenix 108

Milwaukee 120, Denver 117

Houston 99, Charlotte 78

Orlando 122, Miami 99

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L.A. Lakers 111, Minnesota 108

Cleveland 99, Detroit 78

Today's Games

Indiana at New York, 6:30 p.m.

Philadelphia at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.

Boston at Denver, 8 p.m.

Atlanta at Utah, 8 p.m.

New Orleans at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

Golden State at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

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Anaheim	29	27	5	63	173	177
Los Angeles	25	24	9	53	155	170
Phoenix	27	28	5	58	155	184

Sunday's Games

Washington 5, Pittsburgh 2

Carolina 5, Colorado 2

Tampa Bay 4, Boston 3

Minnesota 2, Chicago 1

Toronto 3, N.Y. Rangers 2, OT

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Hawks win thriller



PATRICK LARKIN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa freshman Matt Gatens throws a pass under the Hawkeyes' hoop early in the first half of Iowa's game against Michigan in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Sunday. Gatens scored 16 points for the Hawkeyes in their 70-60 overtime win over the Wolverines.

RECAP

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But 10th-place Iowa, which has held a double-digit lead in just three conference contests this season, persevered in the late moments of a terrific basketball game to leave with a win.

"I'm proud of them, but I expect it," said Iowa head coach Todd Lickliter, whose injury-plagued roster sent only seven players to the floor. "You only have so many opportunities and so many challenges ..."

"Nobody ever said it was going to be smooth sailing ..."

Nothing defined the performance like the final minute before overtime. Iowa erased a two-possession deficit when freshman Matt Gatens' fourth-straight free throw tied the game with 25.5 seconds left and endured Harris' NBA-range buzzer beater to survive regulation.

For all Kelly managed offensively, the sophomore guard's defense on Michigan's Harris during the final possession allowed Iowa to continue fighting for a 14th victory.

"[Harris] likes to drive right, and I was just kind of stepping on his right side there, not letting him go," Kelly said. "He decided to pull up a deep shot, fading away, and I like my odds with that one."

Playing the role of point

guard for the second-straight game, with injured sophomore Jeff Peterson again in street clothes, Kelly's 3-pointer with 2:54 left in overtime gave Iowa its seventh unanswered point and punctuated the win.

"Unbelievable," said junior Devan Bawinkel, one of four Hawkeyes to play all 45 minutes. "... He's a very talented player, and I think he's capable of anything."

Lickliter was quick to credit the 14,642 extras, Iowa's second-largest home crowd of the season, for the effect they had on a tight game in crunch time.

"It's really special to play in front of a crowd like that," he said. "I think that it's overrated, the hostile aspect of going on the road. But it's the support and energy that the hometown gives."

The energy was especially noteworthy considering Iowa needed 27 games to surpass Lickliter's first-year win total of 13 on Sunday night. The win was especially rewarding for a team playing without four key players — now including junior Jermain Davis, who suffered a bruised knee in practice last week — and 33 percent of its regular-season scoring.

Iowa needed a disastrous overtime start from Michigan to finish the win. The Hawkeyes will need to recover quickly with road dates at Michigan State and Northwestern coming up.

IOWA 70, MICHIGAN 60, OT

MICHIGAN (17-11)			
Sims	5-14	2-3	13
Novak	4-11	0-0	11
Douglass	4-9	2-2	14
Lee	0-5	0-0	0
Harris	3-13	2-2	9
Merritt	2-3	0-0	6
Shepherd	0-0	0-0	0
Lucas-Perry	2-7	2-2	7
Gibson	0-0	0-0	0
Totals	20-62	8-9	60
IOWA (14-13)			
Fuller	3-9	0-2	7
Cole	5-6	0-1	10
Gatens	4-10	7-9	16
Bawinkel	4-8	0-0	12
Kelly	8-17	4-4	23
Palmer	0-1	0-0	0
Tate	0-0	2-2	2
Totals	24-51	13-18	70
Halftime - Michigan 29-28.			
End Of Regulation-Tied 56.			
3-Point Goals - Michigan 12-34 (Douglass 4-9, Novak 3-8, Merritt 2-3, Sims 1-3, Harris 1-3, Lucas-Perry 1-5, Lee 0-3), Iowa 9-23 (Bawinkel 4-8, Kelly 3-6, Fuller 1-4, Gatens 1-4, Palmer 0-1).			
Fouled Out - None			
Rebounds - Michigan 33 (Sims 8), Iowa 40 (Bawinkel 9).			
Assists - Michigan 18 (Harris 6), Iowa 14 (Kelly 9).			
Total Fouls - Michigan 16, Iowa 9.			
A - 14,642.			

On Sunday night, they didn't need to act like winners. Iowa's defiance during an imperfect season has earned the label, and the respect, of its peers.

"This team ... don't underrate them because they're injured," Michigan head coach John Beilein said. "They've got guys out there who know how to play, and Todd's doing a great job with them."

shooting in the second half and overtime. They ran their motion offense and got good looks from deep. They hustled for loose balls and blocked shots in the lane.

This was a team with seemingly nothing left to play for that battled like it still had a shot at securing an NCAA Tournament bid.

"I'm proud of them, but I expect it," Lickliter said. "Why would you not? You only have so many opportunities, so many challenges, you're sure wouldn't want to miss out on any of them. ... Nobody's ever said it's going to be smooth sailing; you have to do it when things look kind of bleak."

"That's what should happen."

And that's what did happen in Carver-Hawkeye Arena Sunday afternoon.

It's hard to say what this means in the grand scheme of things. Maybe the Hawkeyes will go up to East Lansing on Feb. 25 and give Michigan State a game, or maybe they'll get blown out by 20.

All I know is that with everything this team has been through — the injuries, the suspensions, and even Kelly's mother passing away last summer — it deserves a few more wins down the stretch.

Not ready to mail it in

COMMENTARY

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It didn't matter that the end of the Hawkeyes' bench is starting to fill up faster than the Ped Mall after the bars close. It didn't matter that head coach Todd Lickliter was forced to play his players longer than he would've dreamed back in November. It didn't matter that the Wolverines made 12 3-pointers.

Yes, the Hawkeyes secured their 14th win of the season in a 70-60 overtime thriller against Michigan Sunday, but more than that, Lickliter's squad proved it wasn't going to be an easy win for anyone, especially when playing at home.

"We're a young team, but we really wanted to prove ourselves for sure," said sophomore Jake Kelly, who had a career-high 23 points against the Wolverines.

I heard this all the time over the Hawkeyes' dismal stretch that saw them lose 11 of 15 contests — this team was still going to compete, the injuries wouldn't affect this squad's approach, not having a true point guard wouldn't hurt this team's offensive efficiency.

The Hawkeyes said it all in the past few weeks, and, to be honest, I believed very little of it. How could a

team lose three of its most productive players and still compete in one of the deepest conferences in the country?

Maybe it was the pessimist in me, but I didn't see it happening. And, for the most part, I was right. Sure, the Hawkeyes competed from time to time — the home games against Northwestern, Purdue, and Wisconsin come to mind — but more often than not, they faltered against top competition.

Early on against Michigan, it seemed as if we were going to witness another competitive contest with the Hawkeyes losing the game down the stretch because of fatigue — even Kelly said, "I thought we were going to [be] too tired there." On the surface, it looked as if these were the same old Hawkeyes, just in different, less-flattering jerseys.

But, for whatever reason, Sunday was different for Lickliter's young squad.

"We just wanted to win," said junior Devan Bawinkel, who added 12 points and nine rebounds.

And Iowa did it by playing classic Lickliter basketball — a little bit like what Kelly called the "Iowa Way" earlier this season. The Hawkeyes defended — boy, did they defend, holding the Wolverines to 24 percent

AMY ANDREWS/THE DAILY IOWAN
Iowa teammates Sonja Molnar (left) and Jessica Young high-five each other during their doubles match against Kansas in the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex on Sunday.

Women's tennis splits

TENNIS

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"We needed a little spark, so I decided to change it up last week. I liked what I saw so I kept it the same."

— Daryl Greenan, head coach

She has a 9-1 record this spring, all at the top spot for a pair. The coaching staff even decided to cut down on the weight training last week to rest some tired bodies and minds. The team is more than ready to put its feet up before it hosts Minnesota on March 1.

"We took it easy this week," Molnar said. "It wasn't so much that we were physically tired, but we were mentally exhausted from all the traveling. We're not going anywhere for a while, so it'll be nice to relax and have some free time."

Brands not yet satisfied

WRESTLING

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"We were undefeated in dual meets, but we have to come together as a group and put a string of matches together as a group. And when that happens, real good things are in store."

Iowa faltered early in the meet, dropping the opening 125-pound bout between Northwestern's No. 4 Brandon Precin and senior Charlie Falck before seizing the three ensuing matches, including a 4:28 fall by defending 149-pound NCAA champion Brent Metcalf.

Falck, who toppled Indiana's defending NCAA champion Angel Escodebo, 3-1, in sudden victory on Feb. 20, got caught on his back during a second-period scramble and was slapped with a pin in 4:19.

"If you're Charlie Falck, you're going to have to realize when you're in trouble," Brands said. "You're going to have to also realize that when a guy gets in deep, you just don't keep digging yourself a bigger hole, and that's what he did."

Three matches later at 157, sophomore Matt

Ballweg found himself overpowered by Wildcat freshman Jason Welch, surrendering an 11-3 major decision that moved Northwestern closer to Iowa in the team score, 13-10.

But bonus-point wins by juniors Ryan Morningstar and Jay Borschel at 165 and 174 gave the Hawkeyes a momentum boost before the evening's marquee matchup between No. 3 Phillip Keddy and No. 1 Jake Herbert at 184.

Herbert managed an early 2-0 lead, but by the close of the third period, Keddy threatened to upset the former 2007 national champion with a last-second takedown.

Instead, the Vernal, Utah, native settled for a 3-2 defeat, and he isn't taking any moral victories out of his one-point loss.

"The ankle is fine, and he has the green light with everybody," the coach said in a post-meet radio interview on Feb. 20. "We just have to get him through where he is completely confident."

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Men tracksters dominate

The Iowa men's track and field team crowned 10 champions in a dominant performance at the Iowa Invitational.

By ZACH SMITH

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Heading into the Iowa Invitational on Feb. 20, men's track and field head coach Larry Wieczorek had billed the meet as a last chance for a bevy of Hawkeyes to prove themselves as contenders rather than pretenders.

Despite some subpar competition, Iowa did not lower its level of performance, crowning 10 individual champions on Senior Night.

Iowa was the victor in four field events, headlined by junior Alex Zona's victory in the pole vault. He cleared the bar at 16-0 1/4, a new collegiate best for the Dyer, Ind., native.

Mark Schaapveld added a victory in the weight throw with a season-best toss of 53-1 1/4, and Ryan Kelly added a season best of his own, winning the high jump by clearing the bar at 6-9 1/2.

John Hickey continued his streak of stellar showings winning the shot put with a throw of 58-13 1/4. He said after the meet that he was not fully satisfied with his performance, yet the defending Big Ten indoor shot-put



Iowa sophomore Cody Mixon flies through the air during the long jump at the Iowa Invitational in the Recreation Building on Feb. 20. Mixon finished fourth.

JOE SCOTT/THE DAILY IOWAN

champion is confident he will rise to the occasion this weekend at the Big Ten championships in State College, Pa.

"I still wanted to throw a lot farther than I did," the indoor All-American said. "For me, right now, if I'm not throwing over 60, it's not really worth marking. Having a bad performance this week will help fire me up for next week."

The Hawkeyes were the top five finishers in the shot put, with freshman Ryan Lamparek coming in second with a throw of 56-01 1/2. Schaapveld (third), Matt Banse (fourth), and Nick Brayton (fifth) were the other top finishers.

The team also posted several admirable times on the track.

Iowa went one-two-

three in the 3,000-meters — sophomores Mark Battista (second) and Bruce MacTaggart (third) followed Sam Bailin (first) to the finish line.

Multisport sprinter Paul Chaney Jr., claimed victory in the 60 meters with a time of 6.80, barely edging Lancford Davis, who finished in 6.81. Chaney, Jr.'s time ranks third all-time in Iowa history.

Senior All-American Eric MacTaggart and Tommy Tate finished first and second in the mile. MacTaggart finished in 4:14.67, a new collegiate best.

Sophomore James Paul trailed freshman Brian Marchese for most of 800 meters before surging past him for the win, finishing in 1:57.87. Marchese finished in

1:59.40, good for third.

Wieczorek noted that the performance of D'Juan Richardson, who competed in and won the 60-meter hurdles, was particularly pleasing considering the freshman has been nursing a sore leg for the past two weeks.

"I think the more work [Richardson] can get in the hurdles will benefit him," Wieczorek said. "He's not a tall guy. I think he's still making the adjustment from the 39-inch hurdles [used in high-school competition], where he was the state champion, to competing in the taller barriers in college."

"You give him a chance to focus on the hurdles and not doing some of the other events he's done in the past, so that was good as well."

Young Hawks lead women

Iowa women's track and field hosts Iowa Invitational.

By JAKE KRZECZOWSKI

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On a night when the Iowa women's track and field seniors were honored, two led the way in the Hawkeyes' first-place finish at the Iowa Invitational on Feb. 20 against Augustana, Bradley, Coe, North Central, and Simpson.

Seniors Mandy Chandler and Renee White won their events. Chandler claimed victories in the weight throw with a colle-

giate-best toss of 54-04 1/4 and the shot put with a throw of 42-09. White won the 60-meter hurdles with a season-best time of 8.60.

"I'm just trying to get my technique down and

my times down, so that when I go to the Big Tens, I'm in a position to score points for my team," White said.

Joining in on the Senior Night festivities was former Hawkeye All-American Peaches Roach, who won both the long jump and 60-meter dash in convincing fashion.

Also basking in the spotlight were the Iowa underclassmen. Sophomore Amanda Hardesty won the mile with a time of 5:05.26, her best time this season.

Freshman Betsy Flood continued the youth trend by winning the 600 meters with a time of 1:36.22, followed by a

cluster of five Hawkeyes who claimed the top-five spots in the event, all with collegiate bests.

With most of the more seasoned veterans sitting the meet out, the young corps of Iowa was able to have a chance to shine.

Senior Rachael Marchand, junior Rhonda-Kaye Trusty, and sophomores Karessa Farley and Bethany Praska all took a break from competition on Feb. 20 in order to concentrate on next weekend's Big Ten championships.

"The bulk of our scorers sat out," head coach Layne Anderson said. "For a lot of the kids, it was a chance to take another step forward in their career."

With the final home meet out of the way, the Hawkeyes are now

looking forward to the Big Ten championships, which will take place next weekend in Bloomington, Ind.

They will spend time building on the things they've done all season. The team will stay in what Anderson calls its "maintenance mode" all through this week in preparation for a strong showing in Bloomington.

"The most important thing is to stay in the routine we've been in all year," he said. "The work is done. This week is all about fine-tuning."

HAWKEYE SPORTS

Men's gymnastics falls to Sooners

The Iowa men's gymnastics team lost to top-ranked Oklahoma on Feb. 21 in Norman, Okla., 354.25-336.00. Iowa's score was its top road performance of the season, better than its 325.90 season-opening effort at the Windy City Invitational, as well as its 321.55 at Michigan on Jan. 30.

Despite the loss, the Hawkeyes were not without solid performances. Two individual season records were set for Iowa, both by junior captain Jonathan Buese. He won the all-around competition, scoring 84.05, and his 14.50 in high bar was also a new mark for Iowa.

Other strong showing for the Hawkeyes included senior Geoff Reins' 15.10 on floor and 15.95 on vault, earning third place in both events. Junior Reid Urbain's 14.35 secured him a fifth place finish in rings. A 14.05 in pommel horse put sophomore Ben Ketelsen in fourth place for the event.

Iowa will return to action on Saturday against Illinois. The competition is scheduled for a 7 p.m. start in Champaign.

— by Jordan Garretson

GymHawks drop dual in Utah

The No. 23 Iowa women's gymnastics team was unable to keep its two-meet winning streak alive, falling to Southern Utah on Feb. 20, 195.675-194.275.

In Cedar City, Utah, the GymHawks (8-4, 2-1) kicked off the meet on the uneven bars. Sophomore Arielle Sucich led the team with a 9.800, which earned her a tie for first. However, Iowa had some uncharacteristically low-scoring performances on the bars, causing the team to score a 47.850, while the Thunderbirds put up a school-record 49.275.

Iowa closed the gap after the second rotation — it scored a season-high 48.950 on the vault with senior Jenifer Simbhudas leading the way with

a 9.875, good enough for a second-place tie. Southern Utah's Lindsey Schultz won the event, setting a school record with a 9.950 vault.

On the floor exercise, Iowa sophomore Houry Gebeshian scored a 9.825, tying for fourth. The GymHawks wrapped up on the balance beam, where sophomore Rebecca Simbhudas put together a strong routine that earned her a 9.925, the highest score on any event by an Iowa gymnast since 2006.

Rebecca Simbhudas finished second in the all-around with a 39.250, followed by Gebeshian with a 39.200.

Iowa will return to action on Saturday evening, when it faces Maryland in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

— by Evelyn Lau

Baseball down and up in Florida

The Iowa baseball team went 1-2 at the inaugural Big Ten/Big East Challenge in Clearwater, Fla., this past weekend.

The Hawkeyes opened the three-day tournament with a pair of losses to Illinois (8-3) and St. John's (18-3), before seizing their first win on Sunday against Georgetown, 4-2.

Iowa senior Wes Freie, converted to pitcher after starting at first base in 2008, tallied the Hawkeyes' lone win on the mound, striking out seven batters in five innings while allowing one run. Freie also registered the team's first home run of the season, a solo shot that tied the game against Georgetown at 1-1 in the fourth.

Senior closer Mike Schurz returned to action on Sunday after spending last season recovering from Tommy John surgery and picked up his first save by retiring three hitters to end the game in the ninth.

Senior shortstop Justin Toole went a combined 2-for-13 over the weekend trip, tallying his two hits against the Hoyas. Senior third baseman Kevin Hoef — a Boston Red Sox draft pick last year — batted 0-for-9.

— by Ryan Young

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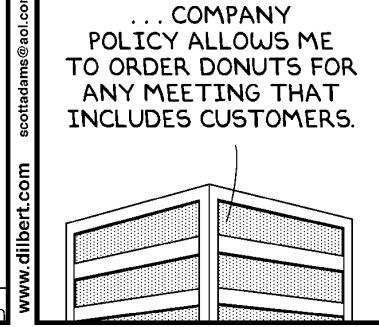
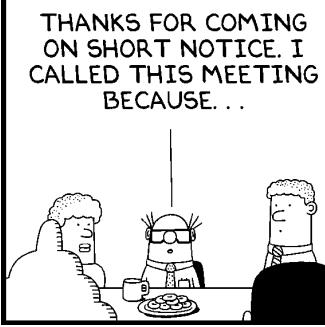
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- Andrew R. Juhl thanks Susan W, Brian T, Josh M, Jon M, and Matt G for contributing to today's Ledge.

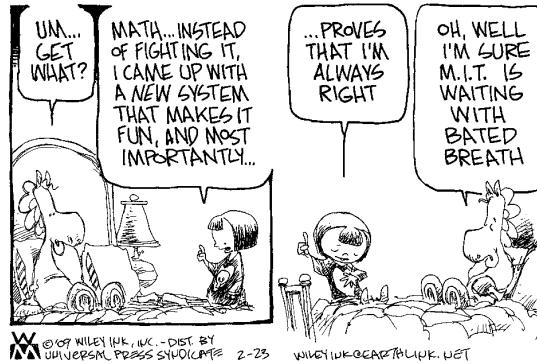
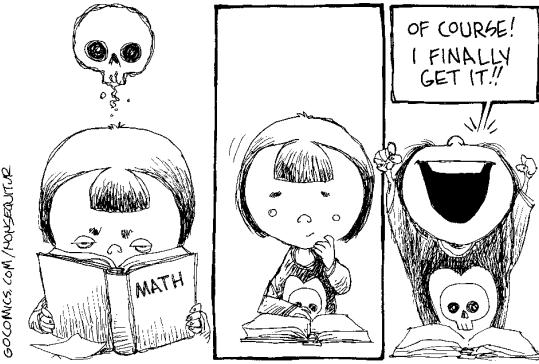
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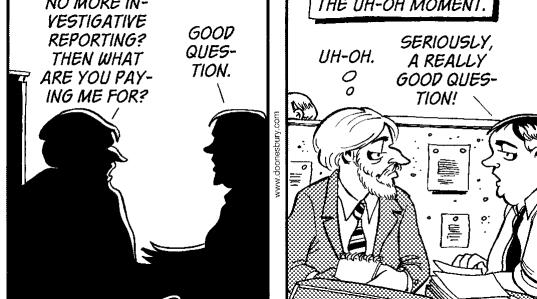
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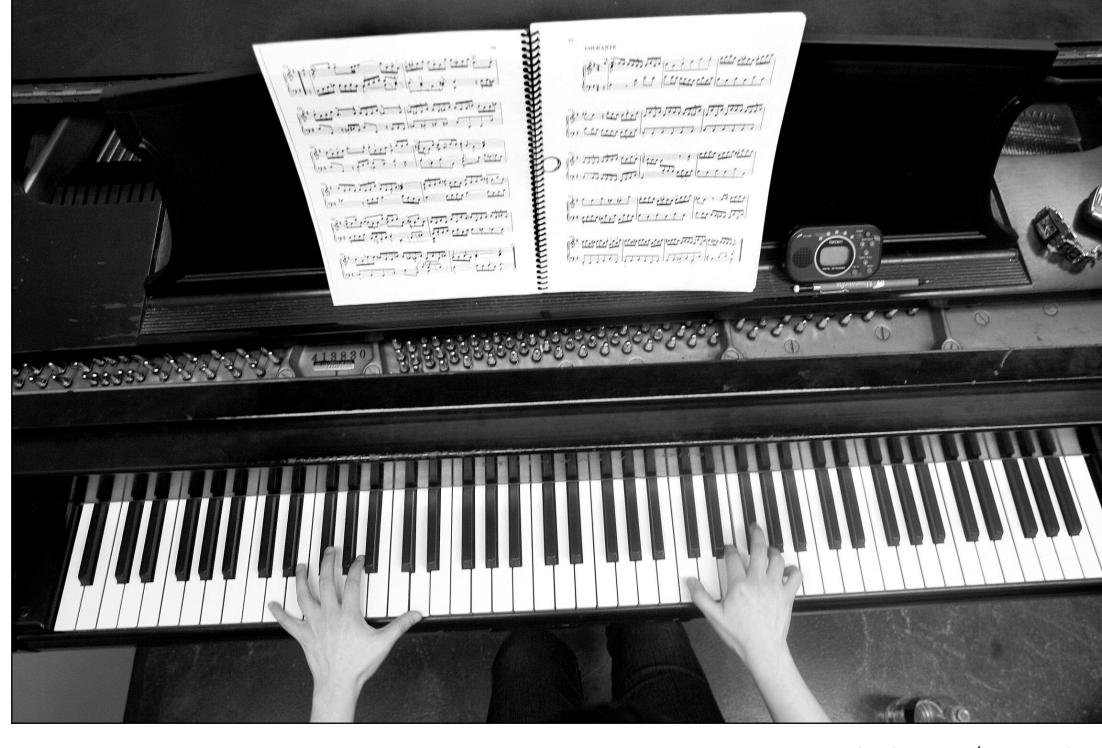


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- 12:30 p.m. News from Québec (in French)
1 "Prairie Lights" Archive, Kevin Brockmeier
2 News from Germany (in German)
3 Advocates of Liberty, Will Wilkerson, guest lecture
4:30 University Lecture Committee, Inga Muscio
6 Iowa Basketball with Coach Todd Lickliter
10:30 Daily Iowan Television News
10:45 University Lecture Committee, E.O. Wilson

- Wilkinson, guest lecture
8 University Lecture Committee, Inga Muscio
9:30 Daily Iowan Television News
9:45 "Java Blend" Encore, the Awful Purdies
10 Iowa Basketball with Coach Todd Lickliter
10:30 Daily Iowan Television News
10:45 University Lecture Committee, E.O. Wilson

today's events

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• **Toddler Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn

• **Fundraiser for Gaza**, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Thai Flavors, 340 E. Burlington

• **School-age summer camp information fair for parents**, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., 8008 UIHC Carver Pavilion

• **Euchre Club**, 2 p.m., Legacy Senior Living Community, 1020 S. Scott Blvd.

• **Lecture on modern Italian architecture, Terry Kirk, American University of Rome**, 5 p.m., 158 Van Allen Hall

• **All-you-can-eat Chili and Hot Dog Supper**, 5:30-7, Twain Elementary, 1355 Deforest Ave.

• **Wine Tasting**, Napa, 6:30 p.m., Devotay, 117 N. Linn

• **Learn to Knit**, 7 p.m., Home Ec. Workshop, 207 N Linn

• **Open Mike, with Jay Knight**, 8 pm, Mill 120 E. Burlington

• **Blues Jam**, 9:30 p.m., Yacht Club 13 S. Linn

• **Online auction to benefit the Domestic Violence Intervention Program**, www.dvipiowa.cmarket.com

• **Pooh Night**, play pool for 50 cents all day, every Sunday and Monday, Charlie's Bar & Grill, 450 First Ave., Coralville

ONGOING

• **Close Caption**, Public Space One, 129 E. Washington

• **Collecting Lincoln: Three Collectors' Perspectives**, Herbert Hoover Presidential

Museum, 210 Parkside Drive, West Branch

• **Contemporary Bookwork**, 4 p.m., Iowa Artisans Gallery, 207 E. Washington

• **Fresh Paintings**, Chait Galleries Downtown, 218 E. Washington

• **Lincoln's Legacy in Iowa: A Bicentennial Celebration**, UI Main Library

• **Lorna Larson's photographs and needlework** exhibit, Senior Center, 28 S. Linn

• **Mary GrandPre: Harry Potter and Beyond**, Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, 410 Third Ave. S.E.

• **No Roads Lead to Buxton**, African American Museum of Iowa, 55 12th Ave. S.E., Cedar Rapids

• **Oil Paintings of Kristin Stoeffer**, Corcoran House Gallery and Frame, 2735 First Ave. S.E., Cedar Rapids

• **Passages**, Kathleen Rash, Midwest One Bank, 10030 Highway 149, North English

• **Pack Your Bags, Journey to America**, National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, 30 16th Ave. S.W., Cedar Rapids

• **Persian Visions: Contemporary Photography from Iran**, Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, 410 Third Ave. S.E.

• **Photography Exhibit**, Lorna Larson, Senior Center

• **Recent Ceramics**, Margaret Bohls, AKAR, 257 Iowa

• **Student Exhibitions**, UI School of Art and Art History, Studio Arts Galleries, 1375 Highway 1 W.

• **The Fantastic Ride of the Abernathy Boys**, Antique Car Museum of Iowa, 860 Quarry Road

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Across

1 Prolonged attack

6 Pilot

11 Used a stool

14 Counting everything

15 Pigeon's perch

16 In favor of

17 "Splendor in the Grass" actress

19 Always, in verse

20 Like raw film

21 Fresh from the shower

23 One of 100 in D.C.

24 "Hold on a ___!"

25 Bleated

27 Telecommuter's need

31 Remove a fastener from

34 Emulates Eminem

35 Tampa Bay baseballer

36 Six years, for a 23-Across

37 "Lord, ___ this food" (grace words)

39 Kind of car seen at Indy

40 "___we there yet?"

41 Blockhead

42 Second-year students, for short

43 Drink with a marshmallow

47 Train's place

48 Pilot's announcement, for short

49 Some AOL communications

52 1993 Aerosmith hit with the lyric "Love is sweet misery"

54 Most kilt wearers

56 Atlanta, for Delta

57 Common remote control holder

60 "What was ___ think?"

61 Happen as a consequence

62 Critic Ebert

63 Freud subj.

64 Looks like Stockholm native

65 Stockholm native

Down

1 It may be blocked when you have a cold

2 Nonsensical

3 Consumed

4 Happy

5 Ralph who wrote "Invisible Man"

6 Sheep's coat

7 Smutty

8 Altar vow

9 Freud subject

10 Station porters

12 Geographical statistic

13 Of two minds

18 News bit

22 Romanian money

25 Feathery scarves

26 Concert equipment

27 That guy

28 Words to live by

29 Apiece

30 Leaves with seeds

31 Where the 2002 Winter Olympics were held

32 Adopted son of Claudius

33 Candidate for male modeling

37 Voting group

46 Perched on

49 Spitting

50 Parceled (out)

51 Sound asleep

52 Word that can follow the ends of 17-, 27-, 43- and 57-Across

53 What wagon wheels may make

54 Pond gunk

55 Pack away