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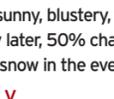
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More than 1,000 Iowa students fill the IMU main ballroom on Wednesday during the Spring Job and Internship Fair. One hundred-ten companies and around 1,500 students attended the fair.

Job fair not depressed

Despite the troubled job market, the UI Spring Job and Internship Fair was successful for many.

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With graduation approaching, UI senior Ashley Danielson had applied at a handful of companies, but she didn't land an interview until Wednesday's Spring Job and Internship Fair.

"Before the fair, I was getting really nervous because I

wasn't hearing back from companies," she said. "But after the fair, I felt a lot better about my job search."

And she wasn't the only student vying for employment in the unstable job market.

Roughly 1,500 of her peers lined up in the IMU on Wednesday, dressed in business attire, carrying résumés, sporting name tags, and donning

nervous smiles. They anxiously waited to file into the room filled with colorful display boards, balloons, and hundreds of potential employers.

The annual fair is sponsored by the Pomerantz Career Center.

Angi McKie, the Pomerantz Center director of marketing and public relations, said 110 companies set up shop in the IMU Main Ballroom to meet with students about opportunities the business could provide.

The fair was slightly less crowded than the one in the fall, McKie said, which had more than 130 companies.

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— Ashley Danielson, senior

She doesn't necessarily blame the poor state of the job market for this, though.

"Our career fairs vary from semester to semester," she said. "But still having more than 100 organizations in one room is just a fantastic opportunity for students."

Danielson agreed the economy isn't keeping businesses away from the fair.

"There are still companies out there that are doing well and still looking to hire, so I'm glad for that,"

SEE **JOB FAIR**, 3A

No intoxic defense, attys. say

Prosecutors say there is no evidence a 75-year-old man provoked a 22-year-old to allegedly beat him to death last year.

By **OLIVIA MORAN**
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Prosecutors requested on Thursday that a judge order the attorneys for Curtis Fry to not use intoxication as Fry's defense in the killing of a 75-year-old Iowa City man.

Police arrested 22-year-old Fry — of Wilton, Iowa — in February 2008 and charged him with second-degree murder for allegedly beating Patrick McEwen to death in McEwen's South Van Buren apartment.

In the motion, Johnson County chief prosecutor Janet Lyness and county assistant prosecutor Meredith Rich-Chappell asked a judge to also instruct the defense not to use "testimony regarding [Fry's] ability [or intent] to strike, beat, or otherwise injure Jerome Patrick McEwen" as affected by his drinking.

The defense should also omit testimony that Fry was suffering from a blackout caused by his alcohol consumption the night of the killing, which would disprove the argument that Fry acted intentionally, the attorneys wrote.

They requested that testimony about acts of violence by McEwen also not be used.



Fry
accused

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To furlough or not up in the air

UI faculty and staff may be looking at furloughs and temporary reductions of pay to fend off budget cuts.

By **ANNA LOTHSON**
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While weighing possible alternatives to combat rigid statewide budget cuts, furloughs at the UI may be a option — but not without plenty of complicated logistics.



Loh
provost

Preparing for Gov. Chet Culver's proposed budget cuts of up to \$26 million for the university, Provost Wallace Loh iterated that furloughs — unpaid days off — or other salary cuts are merely options, among many others.

Linda Maxson, the dean of the UI College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, spoke to the school's Faculty Assembly on

Wednesday about the furlough option but didn't say officials were making any decisions.

The looming uncertainty has kept some unsure of how to receive the news.

"I'm not so in favor of it," said Celesta Albonetti, the head of the sociology department, noting that it is difficult to take a full position on the issue until officials determine the specific number of furloughs that will be required.

"It's still abstract," she said, and most her colleagues have not focused their attention on the issue because the details have not been solidified.

Still, she said, furloughs would have a different meaning for faculty and staff because faculty would have to plan days off around their teaching schedules.

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Juggling a lot more than classes

It's one, two, three balls into the air for juggling sensation Luther Bangert, a UI senior.

Faces of the UI

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

By **KATHLEEN SERINO**
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Since he let go of his Elvis Presley obsession and guitar hobby, Luther Bangert has become a major juggling enthusiast — juggling everything from flaming torches to bowling balls.

Bangert, who picked up juggling three years ago, described his personality as addictive.

And juggling isn't the only passion the Donnellson, Iowa, native is known for.

The 6-4 UI senior can often be spotted riding around campus on his unicycle sporting a shapely mustache, a standard uniform of colorful garb — custom-made by Indian tailors — and a pair of dilapidated cowboy boots.

"I see him riding that thing



UI senior Luther Bangert juggles with roommate Andy Fullhart on Tuesday. Bangert is a philosophy major and president of the UI Juggalos juggling club.

everywhere," Rian Elshclager said, noting that she once saw him riding the unicycle up the steep hill on College Street.

Last summer, Bangert and his friends organized Cirque Stupendo, a circus-type production complete with live music, art, and various talent acts, such as breathing fire,

acrobatics, and juggling.

Visiting UI philosophy Assistant Professor Kenneth Williford brought his family to Cirque Stupendo, where his kids had as much fun as he did — "which is pretty rare," he said.

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The juggling wizard of IC

PROFILE

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Williford, who has taught Bangert in three courses, said they have a mutual appreciation for musician John Prine and strange-looking hats.

"You notice him," Williford said. "It's cool to have [Bangert] around."

After Cirque Stupendo, the 23-year-old philosophy major left the UI to study and trek around India. But first, he made a pit stop in Karlsruhe, Germany, to attend the European Juggling Convention.

At the conference, Bangert, who often practices juggling for more than two hours each day, enrolled in workshops on how to contort his body while juggling and three-ball juggling, which he says is his favorite.

But he can juggle up to six with balls his girlfriend Meera Gessner fashioned out of tube tops and lentils.

"I think he's brilliant," said Cortnie Widen, a co-owner of White Rabbit, 109 S. Linn St.

Widen has known Bangert and his relatives for six years.

After the German convention, the vegetarian Bangert headed for Karnataka, India, where the only American food he missed was peanut butter, he said.

Bangert has difficulty relating his experiences abroad, particularly because of the language barrier.

But it was easy for him to make friends, because he was equipped with treasures he said the locals had never seen.

"If I went into town and juggled, I could instantly talk to 50

ON THE WEB

See a photo slide show of juggler and UI student Luther Bangert at dailyiowan.com.

people," he said and laughed.

Sitting in his cluttered living room with tattered sofas and a coffee table covered in empty bottles, cigarette butts, and bright red juggling balls, Bangert recalled riding his unicycle into town in India.

"Because I was a tall foreigner, it blew their minds," he said of the "bewildered" locals. "There was a motorcycle procession behind me."

But the motorcade didn't last long. As Bangert uncycled in rapid circles for the crowd, one of his pedal legs snapped in half.

The rest of his journey was, "absolutely mind-boggling," he said. He rented a scooter to travel into the Himalayas alone for eight days and intensively studied sitar, a string instrument, as well.

Since his return from India, Bangert has reclaimed his position as president of Juggalos — the UI's juggling club. The Juggalos members perform at numerous sideshows and concerts.

Bangert is also in his third year of working part-time as a counselor for Systems Unlimited, a nonprofit human-service organization assisting Iowans with physical or intellectual disabilities.

"It's not an easy job, but it suits me well," he said.

Systems Unlimited employee and UI alumnus Jake Yezek said Bangert would often juggle up to six or seven balls at work



PATRICK LARKIN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Luther Bangert rides his unicycle up the Washington Street hill on Wednesday. Bangert is capable of juggling while on his unicycle.

— sometimes performing for one of the young clients who Yezek said "got a kick out of it."

Bangert, who will graduate in December with a degree in phi-

losophy, plans to perform in a March installment of Alley Cabaret at the Englert Theatre with friend and fellow Juggalo member Justin Parsons.

Some friendly engineering jousting

Former champion West High competes with newcomer City High in the Test of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics, and Science at the IMU.

By JUSTIN SUGG

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Roller coasters aren't part of the Iowa City skyline.

But with just office chairs and construction paper, students from Iowa high schools, including West High and City High, turned an IMU ballroom into a makeshift amusement park on Thursday.

The activity was part of the annual Test of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics, and Science. The competition, sponsored by the Junior Engineering and Technology Society, is familiar territory for West, which has sent teams for the last nine years.

"[The competition] uses more of the skills [students] will use in college in the future," said West High coach and physics teacher Matt Harding. "Most of the kids are going into engineering, and this is a good intro to the types of tasks they'll encounter."

In West's nine years competing, the school has performed well, often placing in the top 20 nationally and even finishing first two years ago, Harding said.

For City High, though, it's a different story. The school sent its first team ever. Dominic Audia, City High's coach, said the students prepared with practice tests provided by Junior Engineering and Technology Society.

Despite their different experience and their traditional rivalry in other competitions, Audia said West has been quite helpful to City.

"It's been very collaborative. [Harding] has offered a lot of help with tests, giving advice and suggestions," Audia said. "It's all good-natured."

The competition consisted of two exams taken throughout the day. In between, students applied content related to the testing to the roller coaster assembly activity.

Rebecca Whitaker, coordinator for the competition and the UI College of Engineering K-12 outreach coordinator, said the exams were open book, open note, open discussion, and theme-based.

This year's theme was amusement park, Whitaker said. Both coaches said the test questions were related to issues in creating and



AMY ANDREWS/THE DAILY IOWAN

City High students begin part one of a competition sponsored by the Junior Engineering and Technology Society at the IMU on Thursday. The questions are based on this year's theme of amusement parks.

managing a theme park — such as managing traffic flow, Audia said.

Themes are often topical — last year's was the Beijing Olympics, Harding said.

Coordinators grade the exams and award the team with the highest score individual scholarships of \$500. Then they send a separate part of the exam to be graded at a national level, where schools are ranked.

"The school that ranks No. 1 nationally gets a big, shiny trophy," Whitaker said.

Harding joked tardy students have to polish the trophy West has already won.

ON THE WEB

See students and teachers speak about the event at dailyiowan.com.

For the students, the benefits extend beyond the \$500 scholarship and trophy.

"The competition gives me more insight to what engineering is about," said Aaron Heise, a City High senior.

Heise, who plans to study Aerospace Engineering, said he enjoyed taking the exams.

"It's a pretty big mental challenge," he said. "It's a lot of fun to come down for a full day here with friends solving complex equations."

METRO

Textbook tax exemption out of subcommittee

An Iowa Senate sales-tax exemption bill moved one step closer to reaching the floor for debate, passing out of subcommittee Thursday morning.

The bill would provide a sales tax exemption on textbooks for individuals who present a valid college ID. While such supporters as Sen. Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa City, tout the measure as a way to help struggling students, they've remained cautious.

"I think we have significant financial issues in putting together the state budget, and I think we're going to pay attention to that," said Bolkcom, who was on the bill's subcommittee. "We'll just have to see where this falls in. We'll have to see if there are

resources for this." Two similar bills are under consideration in the House.

The measure has until the March 13 funnel deadline to pass out of the Senate Ways and Means Committee.

— by Shawn Gude

STATE

Lightning blamed for West Des Moines accident

WEST DES MOINES (AP) — Authorities

said a lightning strike Thursday likely caused a chunk of concrete to crash through a van's windshield on Interstate 80 in West Des Moines, injuring the driver.

Sgt. Nathan Fulk of the Iowa State

Patrol said the woman was driving in a heavy thunderstorm when the concrete smashed into her windshield.

"Traffic was moderately heavy and it was pretty heavy rainfall. She was driving in the center lane of traffic and

heard a loud boom and saw a flash and the debris flew into the windshield," Fulk said.

Fulk said the woman was struck in the shoulder. She was being treated for minor injuries at a Des Moines hospital.

POLICE BLOTTER

Andrew Baney, 21, 629 S. Johnson St. Apt. 5, was charged Dec. 3 with possession of marijuana.

session of a controlled substance. Ryan Gleason, 18, 1234 Burge, was charged Wednesday with presence in a bar after hours and PAULA.

Dominic Emery, 21, 36 West Court, Apt. 413, was charged Feb. 19 with pos-

Marisa Graham, 19, Cedar Rapids,

was charged Dec. 24 with unlawful use of another's ID.

Faride Helms, 54, 31 Pondview Court, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication.

Brittany Schur, 20, 728 E. Washington

St., was charged Wednesday with unlawful use of another's ID.

Christine Webering, 19, 924 E. Washington St., was charged Wednesday

with unlawful use of another's ID.

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Lyness and Rich-Chappell concluded testimony regarding books, magazines, writings, videos, DVDs, computer programs, computer games, computer printouts, or video games in McEwen's apartment should also not be presented as evidence.

The prosecutors argue that in order for Fry's intoxication defense to be relevant, his attorneys must prove McEwen

provoked Fry into acting. To present evidence of provocation, Fry must file a notice he plans to rely on self-defense, and he has yet to do so, Lyness and Rich-Chappell stated.

Police reported Fry was heavily intoxicated the night of the incident, which was Fry's 21st birthday. His attorneys, public defenders Peter Persaud and Quint Meyerdirk, filed an intoxication defense in October 2008.

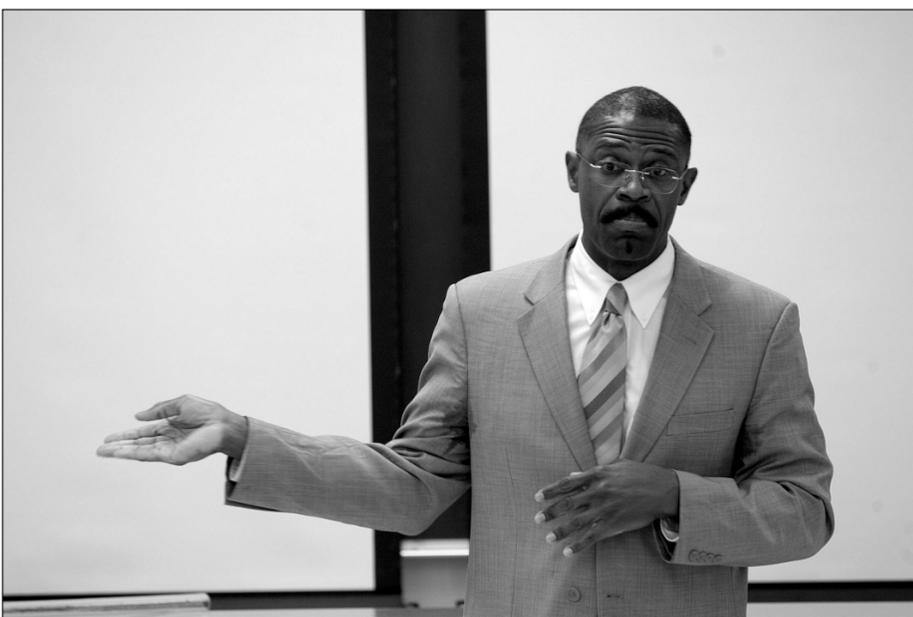
"The state is not aware of any specific acts of violence by

Jerome McEwen or any evidence that he had a reputation for violent behavior," the prosecutors wrote.

Lyness did not return calls seeking comment on Thursday.

Autopsy results showed McEwen died from blunt-force to his head and other parts of his body. There were also defensive wounds on his hands.

Fry's final pretrial conference is set for today at 1:30 p.m., and his trial is scheduled for March 9. He faces 50 years in prison if convicted of second-degree murder.



ROBIN SVEC/THE DAILY IOWAN

James Matory, a Harvard professor of anthropology and African American Studies, gives a lecture in Van Allen Hall on Thursday. Matory's upcoming book concerns the diverse experiences and identities of ethnic groups at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

Of, and above, diversity

A Harvard professor spoke to an audience of 30 about diverse ethnic experiences.

By MEGAN DIAL
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The friendly, relaxed demeanor of James Matory immediately engaged the audience at his guest lecture Thursday — he held a beer bong and asked, "Does anyone know what this is?"

The Harvard professor of anthropology and African American studies presented issues from his upcoming book, *Of the Race but above the Race: Racial Stigma, Ethnicity, and the Hidden Social Curriculum of the University* as part of the UI African American Studies Seminar Series.

"Food and drink and the way we consume them reflects a great deal about our society," Matory said in his presentation to a crowd of about 30.

He emphasized the ways in which beer bongs and pizzas — two items commonly found on a college campus — are evidence for the communal atmosphere of universities.

This view of community as well as the interactions between people of different ethnicities held the focus of Matory's speech.

He discussed different ethnicities, such as Nigerians, African Americans, Jamaicans,

Trinidadians, and Louisiana Creoles, and the ways in which people of these ethnicities interact in such social settings as universities.

UI sophomore Annischa Cook said she had looked forward to hearing Matory speak and learning more about his book.

"I was particularly interested in the Caribbean African diaspora and how he related it to the topic, because I came from the Caribbean," she said.

Richard Turner, a UI associate professor of African American world studies, said Matory's book, *Black Atlantic Religion: Tradition, Transnationalism, and Matriarchy in the Afro Brazilian Candomble*, has significantly affected teaching and research on African diaspora religions and identities in the Americas.

Matory said people's identities are based upon the desire to remain distinct from other cultures, though noted it is extremely difficult for people to stay culturally distinct the more they interact with others.

He said students cannot help losing some of their ethnic diversity when they come to a predominantly white college like the UI, but feels it is a "win-win" situation.

Matory drew examples of this good cultural interaction from his own Iowa City bar crawl Wednesday evening. The professor's high level of acceptance was evident as he told stories of conversations he had with strangers in different restaurants.

"I love being around people different from me," he said. "It's wonderful."

But Matory admitted stereotypes are still crippling present in society.

"The opportunities kids are given are what they take up," he said, concerning the issue of the high number of black student athletes. "There is much in the discriminatory structure in society and the media in the society that convinces black kids they are under-qualified for achievements in school."

The professor also commented on the number of sexual assaults on college campuses, such as the alleged incident involving former Iowa football players Cedric Everson and Abe Satterfield.

He said long running cultural stereotypes suggest black students are more inclined to be involved in sexual violence, but on college campuses there is actually a disproportionate number of assaults by athletes, regardless of ethnicity.

"When you expect to see something, you are more inclined to see it," he said.



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Registration lines for the Spring Job and Internship Fair wrap around corners inside the IMU on Wednesday. Partially reflecting the current economic situation, more students and fewer companies attended the job fair compared with previous years.

Fair packs 'em in

JOB FAIR

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she said and noted that she has an upcoming interview with Wells Fargo, a company she visited at the fair.

Alan Moorhead, a recruiter from HNI Corp. in Muscatine, said he thinks students might find increased competition at career fairs now.

"We noticed that there were fewer companies than in previous fairs," he said. "We also noticed more students were in attendance."

The average number of students in the fairs is between 1,300 and 1,600, McKie said.

Jane Schildroth, the senior director of corporate and com-

munity relations at the Pomerantz Career Center, said the UI's upbeat students keep companies coming back each year, despite the economy.

"There were fewer employers at the fair, but it wasn't a huge drop-off," she said.

Companies may not send representatives to the fairs because of high travel costs, she said.

"I also hear companies say they are being cautious, which might mean they are delaying hiring until they know what will happen with the economy," she said. "Other companies are saying they still have jobs, maybe not the same number of jobs, but they still need to continue."

Scott Carlson, a recruiter from Command Transportation in Skokie, Ill., offered an encouraging word for nervous graduating seniors.

His company is growing very quickly, he said, and it is looking to hire students right out of college.

"We came to the Iowa fair last fall and hired one student," he said. "I think it takes a few semesters to really get your presence on campus, and Wednesday was great."

Carlson received roughly 55 résumés.

"But I would love to have gotten more," he said. "I would love to meet more and more Iowa students."

UI furloughs a possibility

MAXSON

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"Most wouldn't want to reduce their time in the classroom," Albonetti said.

And with furloughs come more legal tie-ups, Loh said.

"It's a mandatory vacation where you don't get paid," he said. "[Faculty and staff] can't come to work voluntarily" even if they wanted to, because it would be in violation with the Department of Labor regulations.

In comparison, a temporary reduction in pay is being looked at as an alternative solution — something Loh said allows every department's officials to choose how they want to handle the cuts.

"Dollar-wise, you are out the same," he said. Furloughs are much more complicated, he said, because the resulting difference in pay could be an infraction on some faculty and staff members' contracts.

UI Staff Council President Martha Greer said the "unprecedented budget issues" have led to discussion between

a variety of groups.

"Certainly in the conversations I have had with staff, they would prefer to see furloughs instead of layoffs," she said.

There is no doubt whether the university community will face tough choices, she said, and it will likely come down to

choosing "the lesser of two evils."

Taking a certain number of days off without pay to avoid layoffs would be positive, she said, but the decisions is still unknown.

"We're certainly looking at the budget from a variety of perspectives," Greer said.

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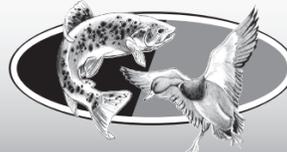
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Perchance to dream

University of Dreams draws mixed reactions from UI students.

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Though taking an internship through University of Dreams was an "awesome" experience for some participating UI students, others don't believe the internship organization is playing fair.

But with the pressure to get a summer internship looming, dropping a little green for a fatter résumé may seem increasingly appealing.

UI senior Natalie Onken acquired an internship through University of Dreams during the summer of 2008. Her parents paid the \$9,000, but she'll reimburse them for half after she graduates, she said.

"You're paying for a lot more than just a premier internship," she said. "If you were to go out to a new city, you would never know where to live or how to get around."

After students pay University of Dreams anywhere from \$5,500 to \$9,500, the private program provides guaranteed internships in a variety of major cities across the globe, including New York, Los Angeles, Barcelona, and London.

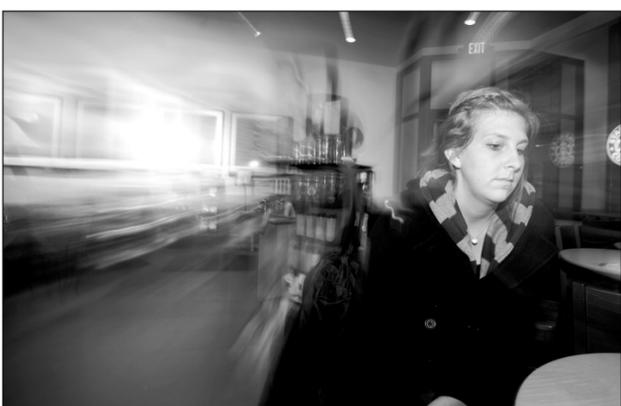
The company also supplies housing, a meal plan, planned weekend activities, weekly seminars, and daily transportation to and from work, according to the program's website.

Onken, a communications major, interned in the art department of Celestine Agency — a hair and makeup artist agency — in Los Angeles. She primarily made portfolios for the artists working at the agency.

Unlike most internships provided by the University of Dreams, hers was paid.

But UI junior Elizabeth Falk still doesn't think it's worth the money.

"I think it's ridiculous you have to pay for the internship,"



STEVE LEXA/THE DAILY IOWAN

UI senior Natalie Onken used the University of Dreams organization to gain an internship in the fashion and modeling industry. Onken got an internship with the art department of Celestine Agency in Los Angeles in the summer of 2008.

A 'Dream' internship

Facts about University of Dreams:

- Founded in 2000
- Offers internships in nine cities and countries
- Will offer spring and fall internships as of 2009
- Costs \$5,500 to \$9,500, depending on the location
- Offers internships with companies such as DreamWorks, Pepsi, 20th Century Fox, Nordstrom, and Sony BMG

Source: University of Dreams website

she said, noting the UI has internship programs of its own. "I'm doing the Washington, D.C., internship [through the Pomerantz Career Center] this fall, and I think it is a much better deal."

Sean Halbmaier, a UI marketing major, admitted his \$8,000 internship with University of Dreams, which his parents paid for, was a bit expensive. But he still felt his two-month stay in Los Angeles in the summer of 2008 was well worth it.

"I definitely recommend it," he said. "It was definitely the best experience ever."

The UI junior interned with marketing company Buzztone. Halbmaier's biggest marketing

job was for the movie *Step Brothers*, he said, which entailed researching high-trafficked locations to plan for movie-related events.

Though both University of Dreams interns considered their experiences valuable, Falk still doesn't like the idea of having to pay.

"It kind of looks like you're buying an internship instead of getting it by merit," she said. "I think it would look bad [for future employers]."

Sara Burden, the career education associate director and coordinator at the Pomerantz Career Center, said although there may be potential for future employers to disapprove of paying for an internship, University of Dreams interns can opt to exclude that information from their résumé.

"Money is a personal thing," she said. "Personal information isn't necessarily the best information to put on a résumé."

UI graduate student Kathryn Fox, said many students might not consider internships through programs like University of Dreams because of economic factors.

Falk agreed. "I think [the program] definitely excludes people that can't afford it," she said. "It's not really an opportunity for everyone."

Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio.

Vice President Joe Biden, Defense Secretary Robert Gates and Adm. Michael Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, had also been expected to attend as well.

Rep. John McHugh, the top Republican on the Armed Services Committee, said Obama promised him to reconsider the new strategy if violence rises. McHugh said he was worried the situation in Iraq remained fragile, especially as it approaches elections in December.

"Our commanders must have the flexibility they need in order to respond to these challenges, and President Obama assured me that there is a 'Plan B,'" McHugh, R-N.Y., said in a statement.

Some Democrats, too, are skeptical, but because they say it would leave too many troops behind.

"I have been one for a long time

that's called for significant cutbacks in Iraq, and I am happy to listen to the secretary of defense and the president," Reid told reporters before the briefing. "But when they talk about 50,000, that's a little higher number than I had anticipated."

Iowa leaders cut \$133 million from budget

DES MOINES (AP) — Democratic legislative leaders unveiled budget targets Thursday that call for cutting an additional \$133 million from a spending plan proposed last month by Gov. Chet Culver.

The lawmakers said the extra cuts were needed because Iowa's economy had worsened since Culver offered his proposed budget. The new target calls for spending \$6.07 billion in the budget year beginning in July, down from the \$6.2 billion under Culver's plan.

Administration reverses war-dead coverage

By **ANNE GEARAN**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration is reversing an 18-year ban on news coverage of the return of war dead, allowing photographs of flag-covered caskets when families of the fallen troops agree, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Thursday.

"My conclusion was we should not presume to make the decision for the families," Gates said in announcing results of a quick review of a ban that had stood through Republican and Democratic administrations.

Although details are being worked out, the new policy will give families a choice of whether to admit the press to ceremonies at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware, the entry point to the United States for the caskets of overseas war dead.

President Obama asked for a re-examination of the blanket ban, and he supports the decision to change it, White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said.

"I have always believed that the decision as to how to honor our fallen heroes should be left up to the families," Vice President Joe Biden said. "The past practice didn't account for a family's wishes, and I believed that was wrong."

Critics including some Democrats and liberal groups claim the government was trying to hide the human cost of war by preventing modern versions of an iconic image from long-ago wars: a line of flag-wrapped coffins coming home.

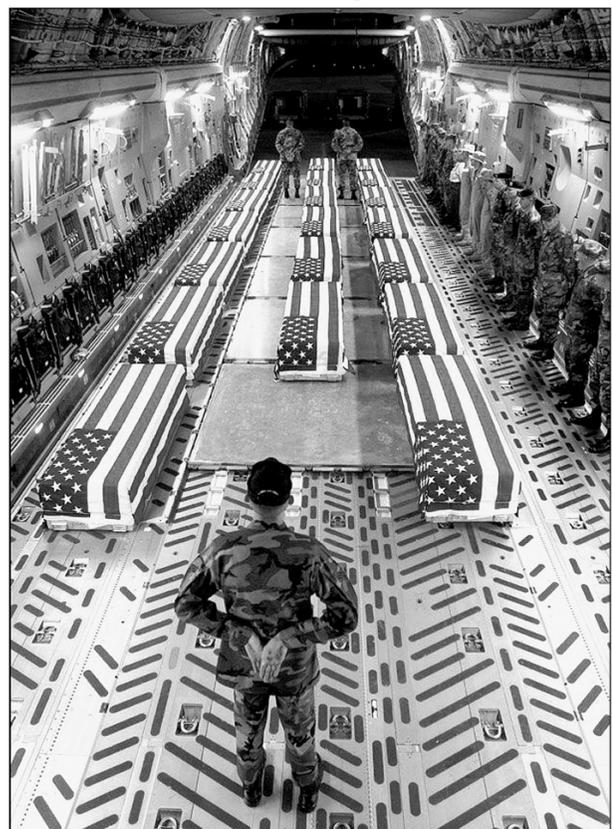
"We should honor, not hide, flag-draped coffins," said Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J. "They are a symbol of the respect, honor and dignity that our fallen heroes deserve."

Lautenberg had written Obama this month asking him to consider lifting the ban put in place by President George H.W. Bush in 1991, at the time of the Gulf War.

From the start, the ban has been cast as a way to shield grieving families.

Advocates for veterans and military families are split on the issue; some say they want the world to honor fallen troops or see the price of defending the country.

"There has never been a greater disconnect between those who serve in harms



DEFENSE DEPARTMENT VIA THEMEMORYHOLE.ORG/ASSOCIATED PRESS

This undated photo released by the U.S. Department of Defense and obtained by thememoryhole.org shows flag-draped coffins of U.S. war casualties aboard a cargo plane in Dover, Del. News organizations will be allowed to photograph the homecomings of America's war dead if the family has no objection under a new Pentagon policy, Defense and congressional officials said Thursday.

warm and those back home," said Paul Rieckhoff, executive director of Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America. "All too often, the sacrifices of our military are hidden from view."

But John Ellsworth, who lost a son in Iraq in 2004, said photographs of the coffins could be used as anti war propaganda. "It's pretty obvious that the Pentagon did not discuss this with us," said Ellsworth, president of Military Families United.

He said lifting the ban was arbitrary and poorly thought-out. His organization asked, for example, what would happen if different members of the same family disagree on news coverage.

Gates said he is setting up a team to address such questions. It is not clear when the new policy will be fully in effect.

Gates is the only member of Republican President George W. Bush's Cabinet asked to

stay in his job under the new Democratic administration. Gates said he was "never comfortable" with the media ban and had looked at lifting it more than a year ago, under the old administration.

Gates said that at the time, he deferred to advisers inside the Pentagon who argued that the prospect of media coverage could be an onus on vulnerable families.

"I was much happier with the answer I got this year," Gates said.

Gates said there remains a division of opinion inside the Pentagon about whether the ban is appropriate. But he dismissed as "ancient history" a question about whether the ban originated as a public relations strategy.

As of Wednesday, at least 4,251 members of the U.S. military had died in the Iraq war since it began in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

NATION

Officials: Obama says Iraq pullout by Aug 2010

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama told lawmakers on Thursday he plans to withdraw most American troops from Iraq by August 2010 but leave tens of thousands behind to advise Iraqi forces and protect U.S. interests, congressional officials said.

Obama is expected to announce the new strategy today during a trip to Camp Lejeune, N.C.

In a closed-door meeting with Republican and Democratic leaders, Obama and his top advisers estimated that 35,000 to 50,000 troops would remain. Among those attending the meeting were House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and House Minority



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Courts look for ways to cut

Numerous scenarios are being discussed to reduce the budget for Iowa's courts.

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Judicial officials are even more fearful after recently hearing about some additional budget cut scenarios.

Iowa Supreme Court Chief Justice Marsha Ternus held a press conference on Feb. 19, warning the state courts of additional temporary layoffs, possible permanent layoffs, and fewer judges.

In the most recent Iowa Judicial Branch Operating Budget update, officials announced a proposed \$3.8 million cut for the remainder of fiscal 2009 and an estimated \$15.4 million reduction for fiscal 2010 — roughly 8 percent of the budget.

Expenditures for books, travel, and equipment maintenance, among others, could be reduced by \$1.3 million, a cut Johnson County Clerk of Court Lodema Berkley said seems ridiculous.

"It's things that are out of our control," she said. "That just shows to me we're going to let it break. It just makes no sense to me."

The \$1.3 million cut would also include spending on supplies, communications, postage, contractual services, and furniture. The budget update listed potential drawbacks to the cut, including impaired court operations.

For fiscal 2009, 6th District Chief Judge David Remley announced in a supervisory order earlier this month the district will make the majority of its budget cuts in travel expenses. The reductions will delay trials; priority will only be given to child custody cases.

Cases could be further

delayed if the state decides to enact another scenario, which would leave open judge positions vacant instead of hiring someone new.

"If the vacancy were in Johnson County, there certainly would be some effect," Remley said.

Berkley said fewer judges would hurt the public more than anything.

"We must remember our judges need to be fresh," she said.

But fewer judges doesn't necessarily mean fewer trials per year. Berkley said the Johnson County Courthouse already lacks enough courtrooms to house every judge.

"If we had the room, yes it would hurt our caseloads, but it's not going to hurt us any worse," she said.

Some drawbacks listed in the report included that Iowa has a shortage of judges and the scenario would add to their already heavy workload, further delaying cases.

The state has decided to study before implementing another scenario, which would replace court reporters with an electronic system.

Kristina Sickels, the executive director of the Iowa Court Reporters Association, said court reporters have benefited from the system for more than 100 years.

"The primary concern we have is that the record could be in jeopardy," she said.

None of the budget-saving scenarios are final. Final decisions will be made when the Iowa Legislature announces official cuts to the budget.

Obama unveils big budget

By **ANDREW TAYLOR**
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WASHINGTON— President Obama charted a dramatic new course for the nation Thursday with a bold but contentious budget proposing higher taxes for the wealthy and the first steps toward guaranteed health care for all — accompanied by an astonishing \$1.75 trillion federal deficit that would be nearly four times the highest in history.

Denouncing what he called the "dishonest accounting" of recent federal budgets, Obama unveiled his own \$3.6 trillion blueprint for next year, a bold proposal that would transfer wealth from rich taxpayers to the middle class and the poor.

Congressional approval without major change is anything but sure. The plan is filled with political land mines including an initiative to combat global warming that would hit consumers with considerably higher utility bills. Other proposals would take on entrenched interests such as big farming, insurance companies and drug makers.

Obama blamed the expected federal deficit explosion on a "deep and destructive" recession and recent efforts to battle it including the Wall Street bailout and the just-passed \$787 billion stimulus plan. The \$1.75 trillion deficit estimate for this year is \$250 billion more than projected just days ago because of proposed new spending for a fresh bailout for banks and other financial institutions.

As the nation digs out of the most serious economic crisis in decades, Obama said, "We will, each and every one of us, have to compromise on certain things we care about but which we simply cannot afford right now."

Signaling budget battles to come, Republicans were skeptical Obama was doing without much at all.

"We can't tax and spend our way to prosperity," said House GOP leader John Boehner of Ohio. "The era of big government is back, and Democrats are asking you to pay for it."

Obama plans to move aggressively toward rebalancing the

tax system, extending a \$400 tax credit for most workers — \$800 for couples — while letting expire President George W. Bush's tax cuts for couples making more than \$250,000 a year.

Thursday's 134-page budget submission, a nonbinding recommendation to Congress, says the plan would close the deficit to a more reasonable — but still eye-popping — \$533 billion after five years. That would still be higher than last year's record \$455 billion deficit.

And the national debt would more than double by the end of the upcoming decade, raising worries that so much federal borrowing could drive up interest rates and erode the value of the dollar.

Also, to narrow the budget gap, Obama relies on rosier predictions of economic growth — including a 3.2 percent boost in the economy next year — than most private sector economists foresee.

There is already resistance from Democrats who are upset with the budget's plan to curb the ability of wealthier people to reduce their tax bills through deductions for mortgage interest, charitable contributions and state and local taxes.

That tax hike would raise \$318 billion over the upcoming decade toward a down payment on Obama's high-priority universal health care plan. Cuts to the Medicare and Medicaid federal health programs would supply an additional \$316 billion, but that still wouldn't provide enough money to guarantee coverage for all, and Obama wants Congress to come up with hundreds of billions of dollars in additional hard-to-raise revenues to pay for the rest.

Then there is the proposed clampdown on the Pentagon budget, which would get a 4 percent boost, to \$534 billion next year, but would then get increases of 2 percent or less over the next several years. Domestic programs favored by Democrats would, on average, receive a 7 percent boost over regularly appropriated levels — even as many agencies are already swimming in cash from the just-enacted economic stimulus plan.

Getting an early dose

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The characteristic worm-like grooves were there. The tiny cerebellum was there. Even the beginnings of a spinal cord could be seen. But this plastic-feeling organ was no replica.

It was a real human brain and it sat in the un-gloved hands of 13-year-old Eleya Raim on Tuesday as she participated in the UI's Junior Mini Medical School.

"I liked actually seeing human organs. It's really cool to know it was inside someone," Eleya said, burying her hand in the white lab coat that designated her as a "future medical student."

Raim was one of 24 students who visited the UI medical campus this week to partake in the Junior Mini Medical School, a UI initiative launched in September 2008.

The outreach program aims to get students in grades seven

A Taste of Medicine

UI's Junior Mini Medical School provides young students with various ways to explore medicine and science.

- UI Gross Anatomy — a video that highlights four procedures performed at the UIHC: cataract removal eye surgery, da Vinci robotic surgery, Ponseti method to treat clubfoot, and cochlear implant surgery
- Performance-Based Assessments — an interaction with patient actors, both in and out of character
- Patient Simulation — an experience with computer-controlled mannequins to see real-life reactions to drugs

Source: UI's Mini Medical School website

through 12 enthused about medicine and science, said Jackie Williams, the director of the Mini Medical schools for UI Carver College of Medicine.

"Students can hold a human brain or hold a human heart and really get excited about

the fact that they just held a brain in their hands," she said.

With a white-coat ceremony to kick off the activities, the students spent the day touring different areas of the medical school and the UI Hospitals and Clinics.

Highlights of the experience include a video demonstrating four procedures performed at the UI, an anatomy overview where students examine plastinated human organs, and a tour of the UI Heart and Vascular Center.

While it was difficult for these self-proclaimed future historians, doctors, teachers, and football players to decide what was the stand-out moment of the day, Williams believed the highlight was their reactions.

"You could see those 'Aha' moments, and that's what we're looking for," Williams said.

And it is these realizations — this exposure to new realms of medicine — that West High

advanced-placement biology teacher Doug Herman believes is needed in today's education.

"I think there are a lot of kids interested in medicine but their perception of medicine is pretty limited," Herman said.

A teacher in Iowa for 43 years, Herman believes most students think medicine only involves physicians, and they don't realize the wealth of other professions in the field.

For this reason, he has invited professionals like researchers, doctors, genetic counselors, and laboratory technicians into his classroom to give his students a varied exposure to the science and biology fields.

Even though the program has not been specifically advertised, Williams said many are interested in the information and are seeking it out. She estimated approximately 250 students will have participated in the program by mid-March.



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Editorial

Don't pay-to-play for summer internships

As the summer months approach, many UI students are faced with a difficult decision on how to efficiently use their summer vacation. While some students are happy with returning to their high school jobs, others seek out internships for academic credit and practical work experience. Finding the right internship can be an onerous task; even after jumping through all of the application hoops a student may not be selected for the position. Enter the University of Dreams.

The University of Dreams program strives to provide students with a guaranteed internship in one of the world's major cities. According to its website, the all-inclusive seminar and internship-placement program offers connections with "more than 750 companies and has successfully placed students in more than 20 industries." The pitch is certainly enticing, so what's the catch? An unpaid internship through University of Dreams will cost you between \$6,000 and \$9,000, depending on where you want to work. By selling internships to the highest bidder, the University of Dreams undermines the foundation of the internship market.

Internships are designed to provide students with "real world" experience. Most students earn academic credit and thus, are not paid for their work. The companies get free work, and the students earn bullet points on their résumés. The key word is "earns."

Internships, like scholarships, should go to the most qualified and most deserving candidates. The University of Dreams turns a meritocracy into a lesson on cutthroat capitalism.

Its website states a student must hold a GPA of 2.5 or higher and be between the ages of 18-26 to be eligible for the program. Of course, the applicants must also have the ability to pay to play as well. What about the 27-year-old non-traditional students with 3.8 GPAs? According to the University of Dreams, they aren't qualified.

The biggest loser is the average student who is paying her way through college with two jobs and still maintains a GPA of 3.8. That hard work is undercut by the kid next to her in class who cheats off her during a pop quiz and whose parents have the money to buy their son's way into a Fortune 500 company.

The University of Dreams program may offer experience and seminars on how to network, but is that experience going to impress a future employer when the interviewee has to explain all it took to get the internship was the enough cash? Employers want to know that they are hiring a qualified and hard-working individual; a beneficiary of a silver-spoon program could find future employers are reluctant about viewing such a résumé as legitimate.

If students are having trouble finding jobs or want more information on how to seek internships, they should go to the Pomerantz Center and speak with Career Services. They can save the \$7,500 they would have spent on the University of Dreams program for a down payment on a house and use the free advice from the Career Center to actually earn internships instead of taking advantage of affirmative action for the rich.

Embracing the collapse



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As the global economy slides into ever-deeper recession, a growing chorus of doomsayers are predicting the end of life as we know it. And maybe that would be a good thing.

Unsurprisingly, most elite voices continue to urge calm and feign confidence as they assure the masses that everything will work out in the end. The higher up in the current power structure a person is, the more insistent he or she seems to be that the ongoing crisis can be prevented from spiraling completely out of control.

In his address to Congress and the American people on Feb. 24, President Obama did his best to fulfill the role of cheerleader-in-chief.

"But while our economy may be weakened and our confidence shaken," the president said. "Tonight I want every American to know this: We will rebuild, we will recover, and the United States of America will emerge stronger than before."

But what if he's wrong?

Eight disastrous years under President Bush ought to have been enough to convince people that the president, far from being infallible, can in fact turn out to be utterly clueless. The ultimate result of Obama's economic-stimulus plan won't be known for years, but denying that it could turn out to be a complete bust is merely wishful thinking.

What if the stimulus does fail? What if America and the world fall into a full-blown depression? And what if political systems around the world follow the global economy down into a complete state of collapse? Well, we'd all be pretty much screwed.

Or would we? As counterintuitive as it seems, it's possible that the end of life as we know it could also be the beginning of something better.

It's not just anarchists who might embrace such a turn of events. Regardless of a person's place on the political spectrum, there are benefits to be found in the prospect of society's unwinding.

Those who identify with standard left-wing causes would have plenty to celebrate. On the

environmental front, the implosion of the global economy could lead to a radical decrease in pollution levels. There would be no more debates about how best to phase out coal power plants or switch to vehicles that run on renewable resources. A sufficiently severe economic catastrophe could reverse the rapid industrialization of recent decades and bring carbon-dioxide emissions back down to much more environmentally friendly levels faster than the political process could ever hope to accomplish. Activists who bemoan the treatment of vulnerable workers in greedy capitalists' factories would also quickly find themselves with little to complain about. If the factories aren't running, then their workers can't be exploited.

People who fall into the right-wing side of the spectrum likewise have cause to embrace a total system crash. No longer would hard-working entrepreneurs be forced into handing over their money to unaccountable bureaucrats in Washington, D.C. Instead, the headquarters of the Internal Revenue Service would stand abandoned in the ruins of that city of parasites. But perhaps it's social conservatives who stand to gain the most from the dissolution of modern society. The most socially liberal parts of the country are urban areas with high population density. While those who denounce the immoral lifestyles of homosexuals and other sinister city folk often live in areas that produce their own food, the degenerates they despise do not. If the oil were to stop flowing, so would all essential supplies. It wouldn't be long before the residents of Manhattan were reduced to cannibalism.

To anyone who thinks such events would be unimaginably horrible, I have only one question: Haven't you seen *Fight Club*? It's a rare college student who hasn't watched that movie and cheered as Tyler Durden demolished America's decadent consumerism and sought to replace it with a distinctly antimodern new order. Though the collapse of the financial industry taking place in real life isn't quite as literal as the collapse Durden brings on in the movie, it's happening nonetheless.

So why aren't we all dancing in the streets and begging for more?

Sure, millions of people would almost certainly die if our consumer culture were to thoroughly immolate itself, but at least we'd be rid of the Snuggie. ■

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Guest Opinion

In policy, Obama finds the Bush center

JONAH GOLDBERG
LA Times

Here's something President Obama's biggest fans may need to hear: He's just not that into you.

Recall that during the primaries, Obama was probably second only to Dennis Kucinich as an anti-Iraq war and anti-Bush candidate. But he has kept President Bush's Defense secretary and appointed a secretary of State, Hillary Rodham Clinton, who voted for the war. His vice president, Joe Biden, also voted for the war. Obama himself seems to be in less of a hurry to leave Iraq than we might have expected from listening to him over the last couple of years.

The new president has ordered that his predecessor's rendition policies remain largely intact, even to the point of using the "state secrets" privilege to

block a rendition lawsuit. Obama may have stated categorically that America "will not torture," but outsourcing it is still OK.

The White House also defends the Bush policy of imprisoning, without trial, enemy combatants captured abroad. Obama's lawyers argued in a court case brought by Afghan prisoners at the U.S. Air Force base at Bagram, Afghanistan, that the "government adheres to its previously articulated position" — the one articulated by those evil Bush lawyers.

Meanwhile, a new Pentagon study commissioned by Obama has found that the prison at Guantánamo Bay meets the standards of the Geneva Convention. One can only guess how the White House will make use of that finding. At the least, it should provide cover while the administration looks for alternatives to Gitmo that might not be

all that alternative.

On the domestic front, Education Secretary Arne Duncan has decided that Bush's signature No Child Left Behind Act should be retained and moderately reformed. His boldest suggestion so far? "Let's rebrand it. Give it a new name." Now, that's change even cynics can believe in.

In a rare instance of consistency between his campaign and his presidency, Obama is keeping Bush's Office of Faith-Based Initiatives, though he's renamed that one.

There are many lessons one could draw from Obama's actions. You might conclude that the famous pragmatist recognizes that this is a center-right country after all. Or that he is a hypocrite, a statesman, or both, now that the buck stops with him.

You could say that this all shows that Bush's war-on-ter-

rorism policies weren't nearly so outrageous as his opponents, Obama included, said they were. Some conservatives might argue that it demonstrates how centrist, even liberal, Bush's domestic policies were. Obama supporters might claim it proves that conservative fears that Obama was a crazy left-winger were always unfounded.

But how do Obama's biggest fans reconcile his contradictions? The slickest approach is to chalk up every about-face and inexplicable decision to Obama's abiding genius.

"Mr. Obama is like a championship chess player, always several moves ahead of friend and foe alike," explained *New York Times* columnist Bob Herbert. Translation: The One may move in mysterious ways, but that's no reason to doubt him.

Self-described conservatives who supported Obama in the election have made a similarly non-falsifiable argument about his qualifications (given that his record was patently unconservative): He simply has a superior presidential "temperament."

Such rationalizations reveal more continuity between Bush and Obama. Their biggest fans and foes seem driven by emotion rather than reason. We've seen this before. Bill Clinton moved his party to the right, but a lot of conservatives and liberals couldn't stomach acknowledging it. Bush was mostly a moderate Republican, but his liberal enemies hated him, and anything they hated had to be "right-wing." Even Republicans who admired Bush couldn't bring themselves to admit that the subject of their adoration might not in fact be a true-blue

conservative.

Indeed, thanks in part to the lazy framing of the media and the pressure cooker of partisan Washington, conservatism became defined as Bushism, liberalism as not-Bushism, even though Bush had campaigned as a "different kind of Republican" and said over and over that "compassionate conservatism" was a sharp break with conventional conservatism.

It's early yet, but I think we're seeing with Obama what happened with Bush. The chess master is really just a man who's figuring it out as he goes along. Sometimes he'll be right; other times, horribly wrong. But whether he's right or wrong, left-wing or centrist, liberalism will likely mean whatever Barack Obama says it means.

This column appeared in Tuesday's *LA Times*.

Hades, Persephone, and following Basho

An award-winning poet will take a break from a whirlwind year to read at Prairie Lights.

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Craig Arnold has an important slice of advice to offer aspiring poets.

"Don't start smoking," the poet said. "I found I had to relearn everything all over again."

This lifestyle change conveniently took place roughly six years ago — four years into the decade it took him to write his latest poetry collection, *Made Flesh*, from which he will read at 7 p.m. today at Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St.

"Smoking is especially bad for artists," Arnold said. "You become dependent on it to structure your work life. After I quit, I didn't write a word for three years. I couldn't write without a cigarette."

Subsequently, he said, his smoking-obsessed psyche made him inadvertently dot his poems with images of cigarettes, fire, and crackling paper. But a slender cancer stick isn't the only thing smoldering within the pages of *Made Flesh*. Originally planned as a long, almost epic poem, every phase of love unfolds throughout the lines, from delirious happiness to tumultuous frustration and soul-stripping despair.

"They don't make great long stories, but they make great swooning short things," Arnold said about his pieces. "After all, sonnets are only 14 lines."

Made Flesh is his second book of poetry. A Yale University graduate who received a doctorate in creative writing from the University of Utah, his first book, *Shells*, was published in 1999. Since then he has won numerous awards, including the Rome Prize Fellowship and the National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship, and his poems have appeared in *The Best American Poetry* three times.

A large part of Arnold's current collection is inspired by the mythological characters Hades and Persephone, the god of the underworld and the bride he kidnapped.

"I think of them as what is called a dyad, sort of a mutually reflecting relationship," Arnold said. "You can't talk about one without the other."

While many writers today focus on Persephone or her bond with her mother Demeter — the goddess of fertility and the harvest — he said he was drawn to the relationship between the brooding husband and his lonely wife.

"It takes two to tango," he said. "You can get into this sick fantasy world with a population of two, and what's scary is that it resembles our ideal of what a marriage or a



PUBLICITY PHOTO

University of Wyoming Professor and poet Craig Arnold will read from his latest collection, *Made Flesh*, a tumultuous chronicle of love's many facets, tonight at Prairie Lights.

couple is ... The things we call sane and things we call insane can be very similar."

Although he calls his life "extremely boring," this past year has been a thrilling break from his normal occupation as a creative-writing professor at the University of Wyoming.

He recently arrived back in the United States after spending a semester in Colombia on a Fulbright Scholarship. Along with translating the verses of Colombian poets, he also continued his three-year research for a book about volcanoes. Following a "whirlwind book tour in every sense of the word," he will travel to Japan for a five-month residency to write another work. This book will retrace the steps of the 17th-century Japanese poet Matsuo Basho.

"They're wonderful travel diaries," Arnold said about Basho's famous work, *The Narrow Road to the Deep North*. "He wrote what he saw when he went to see sights. It was like the first travel blog."

Arnold said Basho wrote in the style called haibun, which involves prose paragraphs imbedded with haiku.

"It's a hybrid form I find fascinating," the poet said. "It's also a form that is contemporary."

READING

Craig Arnold

When: Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
Where: 7 p.m. today
Admission: Free

While Basho traveled on foot, Arnold said, it's hard to make a similar journey with such modern obstacles as highways, trains, and buses. Not only is he interested in chronicling how Basho's path has changed even in the past 30 years, Arnold wants to witness the culture of pilgrimage in Japan.

"The Japanese are obsessed with pilgrimage," he said. "It's like a fun holiday for them — there are stores by the sites, with pilgrim garb and walking sticks — there's a cute, kitsch element."

Even though *Made Flesh* focuses on the development and decay of love, he is clearly comfortable discussing an array of subject matter and has many adventures to share.

"One just can't talk about love all day long," he said.

'Fun' fundraiser returns

A private plane ride, a Moroccan dinner with a live belly dancer, and a private reading with Maggie Conroy are all up for auction tonight at Riverside Theatre's largest event of the year.

By **JED MILLER**
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Tonight, a community of people who usually sit shoulder to shoulder and stare straight ahead will get a chance to meet face to face.

The hotelVetro, 201 S. Linn St., will serve as the setting for Riverside Theatre's largest annual fundraiser, *Diamonds or Denim*. Tickets are \$45, and the event will begin today at 6 p.m.

The name "Diamonds or Denim" was chosen to show that this soiree is no black-tie event.

"It's really just a fun party," said Jody Hovland, the Riverside Theatre artistic director.

Riverside started *Diamonds or Denim* as a fundraiser to help the theater purchase a heating and air conditioning system. Seventeen years later, the event is now its primary yearly fundraiser.

Riverside's development director, Sara O'Leary, estimated the event will raise between \$55,000 and \$60,000, around half of Riverside's budget. The rest of the theater's funds come from other small benefits, grants, and donor solicitations.

Diamonds or Denim will start out with a silent auction. Maggie Mowery will play piano, and a barbershop quartet will serenade guests. There will be artwork, tickets to entertainment venues, and items autographed by such celebrities as Daniel Radcliffe, Dallas Clark, and, of course, Ashton Kutcher and Demi Moore.

The night's main event will be the live auction. Sharpless Auctions will run that portion of the evening, and Hovland described the auctioneers as "auction-entertainers." They will auction 25 attention-grabbing items in 90 minutes, including a giant ampersand from the former Iowa State Bank and Trust, a concert in which guests choose the set list, and trips across the country. Riverside chose Sharpless Auctions because of its ability to get the audiences hyped and ready to bid.

"We had a sushi-making party at Takanami one year that was valued at maybe \$300, and it went for \$1,500, because



PUBLICITY PHOTO

A vacation to Maine, complete with a lobster welcome dinner, is just one of the many items on the auction block at tonight's Riverside Theatre fundraiser *Diamonds or Denim*.

we had six different people in the ballroom who wanted that sushi party," O'Leary said.

The live auction will focus more on experiences rather than items, she said.

"It's not just something that you can go to a store and buy," she said. "We try to have some unique items that you can't get anywhere else."

Hovland credits *Diamonds or Denim*'s success to contributions from Iowa City businesses and individuals.

"The community is remarkably generous," she said. "Sometimes, we get calls from businesses or individuals who we thought we were giving a break by not asking them for something, and they'll say 'Aren't you going to ask for something this year?'"

O'Leary shares Hovland's sentiments and appreciates residents' eagerness to contribute

FUNDRAISER

Diamonds or Denim

When: 6 p.m. today
Where: hotelVetro, 201 S. Linn
Admission: \$45

in light of recent hardships.

"I was concerned this year because of the flood and the general condition of the economy — it's just overwhelming how generous this community is," she said. "I think they appreciate what Riverside Theatre does for the community, and I think they want to see this event and the theater itself succeed. That's just incredibly heartwarming each year, the number of yesses we get."

TRENDSPOTTER

WEARING FLIP-FLOPS TOO SOON

The recent smattering of warmer weather calls for many things: leaving bulky winter coats at home, playing basketball outside, and maybe even walking home from class instead of taking the bus. But some people must always take things too far, which explains the rash of foolish merrymakers wearing their brightly colored flip-flops too soon.

On Thursday, it rained, and yawning puddles dotted campus on Wednesday. While your cute little toes might feel particularly claustrophobic in boots in 40-degree weather, they're not exactly dying to go for a swim. Late February and early March are awkward times to decide on a shoe, when boots are too chunky in the morning but so cozy when the sun goes down and the wind picks up. My advice: Pull on a pair of rain boots or put on some practical sneakers — it's better to be safe than silly.

— by Katie Hanson



EDITOR WANTED

An aggressive, talented individual is sought as editor of *The Daily Iowan*, Iowa City's largest news organization, with an editorial staff of more than 100 young professionals, an editorial budget exceeding \$300,000 and readership of over 60,000. The board of Student Publications, Incorporated and the publisher of *The Daily Iowan* will soon interview candidates for the position of editor for the term beginning June 1, 2009 and ending May 31, 2010.

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Spring break in Mexico? Not so fast, some say

By AMANDA LEE MYERS
Associated Press

PHOENIX — The U.S. State Department and universities around the country are warning college students headed for Mexico for some spring-break partying about a surge in drug-related murder and mayhem south of the border.

"We're not necessarily telling students not to go, but we're going to certainly alert them," said Tom Dougan, the vice president for student affairs at the University of Rhode Island. "There have been Americans kidnapped, and if you go you need to be very aware and very alert to this fact."

More than 100,000 high school- and college-age Americans travel to Mexican resort areas during spring break each year. Much of the drug violence is happening in border towns, and tourists have generally not been targeted, though there have been killings in the big spring-break resorts of Acapulco and Cancun, well away from the border.

The University of Arizona-Tucson is urging its approximately 37,000 students not to go to Mexico. Other universities — in the Southwest and far beyond, including Penn State, Notre Dame, the University of Colorado, and the State University of New York-Buffalo — said they would call students' attention to the travel warning issued Feb. 20 by the State Department.

The State Department stopped short of warning spring breakers not to go to Mexico but advised them to avoid areas of prostitution and drug-dealing and take other commonsense precautions.

"Sage advice," said Tom Mangin, a spokesman for the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. "We have had documented violence, attacks, killings, shootouts with the drug cartels involving not only the military but law-enforcement personnel. It is indiscriminate violence, and certainly innocent people have been caught up in that collateral damage."

Mexico's drug cartels are waging a bloody fight among themselves for smuggling routes and against government

forces, carrying out massacres and dumping beheaded bodies in the streets. More than 6,000 people were killed in drug violence in Mexico last year.

But Mexican Attorney General Eduardo Medina Mora said in an interview with The Associated Press: "There is no major risk for students coming into Mexico in general terms. It is always important to advise the youngsters to behave."

Despite the bloodshed, the number of foreign tourists visiting Mexico surged to 23 million in 2008, up 5.9 percent from the year before, spurred in part by the tumbling value of the peso against the dollar, according to the country's Tourism Department. The department estimates 80 percent of tourists in Mexico come from the United States.

"Cancun has always been one of our most popular destinations, and that hasn't changed this year," said Patrick Evans of STA Travel, one of the biggest spring-break travel agencies. "Many of the packages we offer include lodging on the beach and in very nice resorts that take the utmost pride in making sure customers are safe."

Some students said the warnings are unlikely to deter them.

University of Arizona sophomore Daniel Wallace is going to Puerto Penasco, or Rocky Point, for spring break, saying he is not worried about violence there. Besides, the 19-year-old said: "It's relaxing, it's warm, I'm a big fan of the beach, and the drinking age is lower. It's a fun place to go."

Amanda Corbett, a sophomore at North Carolina State, said she is going snowboarding in Virginia because she couldn't afford Cancun. But three of her roommates are going there.

"They really wanted to go," the 20-year-old said. "Honestly, they probably think nothing will happen to them. That's the way I would look at it."

"If anything is going to deter people," said Danielle Jones, a North Carolina State student who is staying close to home because of a family emergency, "it's the recession."

AP writers Jackie Stone, Felicia Fonseca, Nancy Rabinowitz, Elliot Spagat, Barbara Rodriguez, and Lorinda Toledo contributed to this report.

Consul general wants better U.S.-French ties

The French consul general in Chicago addresses improving U.S.-French relations through correcting American misconceptions of France's views on religion.

By SHANE ERSLAND
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How Americans perceive France's religious conceptions is detrimental to good relations between the two countries, says Jean-Baptiste Main de Boissiere, the French consul general in Chicago.

Main de Boissiere addressed French-American relations and the manner in which European institutions are perceived in the U.S. as part of the UI's 10th-annual Crossing Borders Convocation. The theme of this year's lecture series is "Europe in the World: Identities, Networks, Challenges." The conference, at the Congregational United Church of Christ, 30 N.



Iowa City Cable TV Division records a lecture by Jean-Baptiste Main de Boissiere at the Congregational United Church of Christ on Thursday. Main de Boissiere, the French consul general in Chicago, presented his lecture as part of the UI's 10th-annual Crossing Borders Convocation.

Clinton St., was the first event sponsored by the UI European Studies Group.

Main de Boissiere said he believes many Americans think France should be more leery of its various religious groups and have stricter views on global terrorism.

"The problems we have in France are related to social status," Main de Boissiere said. "We have no problems related to religious issues."

There is a high degree of tol-

erance for all religions in France, where 1 percent of the people are Jewish, and 6 percent are Muslim, Main de Boissiere said.

France has a separation of church and state code that meets the requests for all of the religions, and it has adopted tough laws regarding anti-Semitism.

UI Associate Professor Michel Laronde asked him to come to the UI after attending a speech Main de Boissiere gave at the University of Nebraska.

Laronde, the head of European Studies, agreed with Main de Boissiere there is a misunderstanding in America that national-security issues are connected primarily to religious groups, specifically Muslims. "To link terrorism to religion is easy," Laronde said.

Main de Boissiere said restructuring the United Nations needs immediate attention. There should be a better representation for certain countries in the organization, such as Brazil, India, and African countries.

UI student Kaytlin Moeller, an International Studies major, said she agrees the U.N. needs reforming.

"The current structure is extremely flawed," she said.

The election of Barack Obama was a strong symbol that America is promoting diversity, Main de Boissiere said, and French citizens support the new president.

"We have deep convictions about democracy and human rights," Main de Boissiere said.

A CSA telephone poll conducted in October found 93 percent of French citizens support Obama.

The UI will continue the Crossing Borders Convocation with events today and Saturday.

County would see 4-year tax

By SHANE ERSLAND
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In a contentious decision, the Johnson County Board of Supervisors voted 3-2 in favor of a four-year plan for the proposed local-option sales tax in the event that voters approve it.

Voters will decide whether they will pay an 1 cent in sales tax at a special May 5 election. If approved, the tax will go into effect July 1 and run through June 30, 2013.

The money raised would go toward repairing infrastructure projects that were damaged as a result of last summer's flooding.

The way the measure is set up, the supervisors are responsible for deciding how long the sales tax would be implemented.

Supervisor Chairman Terrence Neuzil voted against the four-year plan, arguing it would delay the proposed Justice Center project.

"People need to realize that the



Rural farmland south of Iowa City sits among the floodwaters on June 10, 2008.

Justice Center needs to be a part of any initiatives for infrastructure improvements," he said.

There would not be many opportunities to address the Justice Center project until the tax issue is off the books, he said.

Supervisor Pat Harney originally thought the sales tax would last three years, but the extra year Supervisor Sally Stutsman proposed will make a big difference in addressing the Justice Center project, Harney said.

"If residents are already pay-

ing for an extra sales tax, it's going to be difficult to come back to them and say 'We want another penny for the Justice Center,' he said.

Johnson County Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek agreed that the Justice Center needs to be a bigger priority right now.

"By voting for the sales tax, the cities would be implying that the Justice Center is not a critical infrastructure," Pulkrabek said.

A new justice center is important, he said, because the current jail is over capacity and it costs \$300,000 to \$400,000 a year to transport inmates to other detention facilities.

Neuzil said he will vote against the sales tax in the election, and he will advocate that residents do the same.

"If it fails, I hope Iowa City, Coralville, North Liberty, and Johnson County can sit at a table and prioritize all the infrastructure projects and figure out how we're going pay for them," Neuzil said.

STATE

Senate OKs biker 'Bill of Rights'

DES MOINES (AP) — The Iowa Senate Thursday approved a "Bill of Rights" for bicyclists that backers said gives them additional protections as they squeeze onto roads with cars and trucks.

Sen. Matt McCoy, D-Des Moines, said eight to 10 people a year are killed in accidents between cars and bicycles. "You do have a problem and we should spend some time on it," said McCoy. "It's not a perfect bill and we'll be back here in a year or two addressing some other issues."

The Senate approved the measure on a 30-17 vote, sending it to the House and an uncertain future.

The measure gives bicyclists the right to pedal along state roads and gives them a series of protections. Cars would have to give bicycles at least a 5-foot berth when passing and would guarantee that a bicyclist could use an entire lane of the road.

It also requires motorists to stop when crossing sidewalks or bike trails, and gives bicyclists the right-of-way at uncontrolled intersections.

"Common sense really is a major piece of this," said McCoy. "We're try-

ing to recognize that the bicycle is the most vulnerable vehicle on the road."

McCoy said greater protections are needed now as biking becomes more popular.

Critics said the measure would make bicyclists, in effect, king of the road, when the greatest protection is educating bicyclists on safety.

"We still have to educate people," said Sen. Larry Noble, R-Ankeny, a retired highway patrol trooper. "I'm afraid that people will have a false sense of security and that could cause a tragedy."

Supporters of the measure said bicyclists still must act responsibly.

"This certainly is not a license to be dumb," said Rep. Herman Quirnbach, D-Ames. "People have to use common sense."

Sen. Bill Dotzler, D-Waterloo, said he's an avid biker who has had a lot of bad experiences and brushes with cars.

"Deaths on bicycles have gone up every year for the past few years and they continue to go up," said Dotzler. "There are plenty of people in Iowa who hate bicyclists."

Both sides agree that the safest place to ride is on a bike trail, but lawmakers said many rural areas lack any trails.

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GYMNASTICS

The Hawkeye women's gymnastics team hopes to overcome its losses to injuries when it hosts Maryland on Saturday. **2B**

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L.A. Lakers 132, Phoenix 106

NHL
Boston 6, Anaheim 0
Carolina 2, Buffalo 1, SO

Washington 4, Atlanta 3
New Jersey 4, Colorado 0
Florida 2, N.Y. Rangers 1
Toronto 5, N.Y. Islanders 4, SO
San Jose 2, Ottawa 1
Nashville 4, Phoenix 1
St. Louis 3, Dallas 1
Columbus 1, Edmonton 0

IOWA 69, ILLINOIS 56

Hoopsters golden



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa senior Wendy Ausdemore shoots during the Hawkeyes' game against Illinois in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Thursday. Ausdemore scored 10 points and hauled in seven rebounds in her final regular-season game in Carver, which Iowa won, 69-56.

The Iowa women run their Senior Night winning streak to five.

BY JEFF PAWOLA
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The Iowa women's basketball team won its fifth-consecutive game on Senior Night Thursday, defeating Illinois, 69-56, in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

The Hawkeyes (19-9, 12-5) also won their fifth-straight game, the longest victory streak of the season, and in the meantime, moved into a tie for third place in the conference with Michigan State after the Spartans fell at home to Minnesota.

"Right now, we're on a run ... our defense is in a groove," sophomore Kachine Alexander said. "It's the end of the season; it's go time. We had to come out and get

for seniors

'Right now, we're on a run ... our defense is in a groove. It's the end of the season; it's go time. We had to come out and get it for our seniors.'

— Kachine Alexander, sophomore

Last call for five

One Night Only — The five Iowa seniors see the court together one last time.

By MIKE BROWNLEE
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With 3:11 left in what turned out to be the Hawks' 69-56 victory over Illinois, the five Iowa basketball seniors took the floor together for the first time since they were all freshmen — and for the last time in their Hawkeye careers.

"It was fun," Iowa senior forward Wendy Ausdemore said. "It was special to have us all out there."

Iowa coach Lisa Bluder had senior forward Nicole VanderPol, who missed most of the season with a leg injury and was cleared to see limited action, and little-used senior guard Lindsey Nyenhuis check into the game to a standing ovation by the Carver-Hawkeye Arena faithful.

The pair joined Ausdemore, point guard Kristi Smith, and center Megan Skouby on the court, making it the first time the class was on the floor at the same time since a contest against Purdue four years ago.

"That's what we dreamed about," Bluder said. "We thought it would be so special if we could get all five of them on the floor at the same time."

With the five, Smith missed a lay-up, and Illinois forward Lacey Simpson

IOWA 69, ILLINOIS 56

ILLINOIS (8-20, 4-13)

Simpson	5-15	0-0	10
Smith	7-15	6-6	20
Josil	6-7	1-1	13
McCully	1-5	0-0	2
Blinn	3-9	0-0	8
Toone	0-1	0-0	0
Mitchell	1-1	0-2	3
Rukavina	0-0	0-0	0
Totals	23-53	7-9	56

IOWA (19-9, 12-5)

Alexander	4-10	5-7	13
Ausdemore	4-11	2-2	10
Skouby	3-7	2-2	8
Wahlm	5-12	0-0	13
Smith	2-10	4-4	9
Jones	0-0	0-0	0
Krei	0-0	0-0	0
Cermak	0-0	0-0	0
Draxten	2-3	2-2	8
VanderPol	0-0	0-0	0
Hamlin	4-5	0-0	8
Nyenhuis	0-2	0-0	0
Totals	24-60	15-17	69

Halftime — Iowa 32-19

3-Point Goals — Illinois 3-10 (Smith 0-1, McCully 0-2, Blinn 2-6, Mitchell 1-1), Iowa 6-18 (Ausdemore 0-4, Wahlm 3-7, Smith 1-1, Draxten 2-3, Hamlin 0-1, Nyenhuis 0-2)

Fouled Out — None

Rebounds — Illinois 29 (Simpson 9), Iowa 38

(Alexander 11)

Assists — Illinois 11 (Simpson 4), Iowa 18 (Smith 6)

Total Fouls — Illinois 12, Iowa 10

A — 3,194

ON THE WEB

Go to dailyiowan.com for an exclusive photo slide show from Iowa's 69-56 victory over Illinois Thursday evening at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

it for our seniors."

Alexander finished with her seventh double-double of the season — scoring 13 point and grabbing 11 rebounds. Seniors Wendy Ausdemore, Megan Skouby, and Kristi Smith carried their weight as well in their final regular-season game in Carver,

SEE RECAP, 3B

WRESTLING

Redshirt frosh wrestler suspended

Redshirt freshman Montell Marion has been suspended indefinitely from the Iowa wrestling team for his alleged involvement in an incident in Indianola on Sunday.

According to an Indianola police report, the 20-year-old was under the influence of alcohol and admitted to using a chair from a friend's apartment to shatter the windows in two vehicles.

The report also said Marion first lied about being responsible for the damages in order to stay out of trouble because he is on a Hawkeye wrestling scholarship.

He later said he would pay for the damages if it kept him from being charged. In a statement released Thursday, Iowa head coach Tom Brands expressed his displeasure with the reported incident.

"I'm very disappointed in the recent actions of Montell Marion," he said. "I am suspending him from the team for an indefinite period of time. Montell has already expressed regret for his actions. I will meet with Athletics Director Gary Barta and Associate Athletics Director Fred Mims to determine what course of action will be taken."



Marion
freshman

— by Ryan Young

TV TODAY

NBA
• Chicago at Washington, 6 p.m., CSN+
• Detroit at Orlando, 6 p.m., ESPN
• Cleveland at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m., ESPN
NHL
• Pittsburgh at Chicago, 7:30 p.m., CSN

Tracksters like their chances

The Iowa women's track and field team heads to Bloomington, Ind., this weekend for the 2009 Big Ten indoor championships.

By JAKE KRZECZOWSKI
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Leading up to a championship meet, it is a given that coaches would stress to their athletes about good technique and taking care of their bodies.

Iowa women's track and field head coach Layne Anderson has added confidence to the list of things needed to prepare his team for this weekend's Big Ten indoor championships in Bloomington, Ind.

"We've been looking at the season as a whole, just really reflecting on the successes we've had," Anderson said.

There has been plenty to reflect on. Since the beginning of the season on Jan. 17, the team has competed well, with almost everyone on the team earning a personal best in her event.

One of those top performers, senior Mandy Chandler, feels her best performances are still to come after a great meet a week ago at the Iowa Invitational.

"I feel like I've been training well and peaking at the right



JOE SCOTT/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa senior Renee White of Jamaica clears a hurdle during the women's 60-meter hurdles at the Iowa Invitational on Feb. 20.

ON THE WEB

Go to dailyiowan.com to hear more from the Iowa women's track and field team as it prepares for this weekend's Big Ten indoor championships in Bloomington, Ind.

time." Chandler said. "It'd be great to beat some people who

SEE WOMEN'S TRACK, 3B

2009 Big Ten Women's Track and Field Indoor Championships

When: COMPETITION STARTS AT 9 A.M. SATURDAY
Where: HARRY GLADSTEIN FIELD HOUSE; BLOOMINGTON, IND.

Hickey leads Hawkeyes

The Iowa men's track and field team expects strong performances in State College, Pa., for the 2009 Big Ten indoor championships.

By ZACH SMITH
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John Hickey's showing at the 2008 Big Ten indoor championships in Minneapolis, in which he captured his second Big Ten title in the shot put with a toss of 61-9½, is not one he will soon forget.

As only the fourth Hawkeye in history to win a Big Ten championship in the shot put, Hickey has further cemented his legacy in Iowa track and field lore by breaking Jeremy Allen's school record of eight years at the Iowa State Classic on Feb. 14, with a colossal toss of 63 feet.

The senior will try to duplicate both of those performances this weekend as he and the rest of the Iowa men's track

2009 Big Ten Men's Track and Field Indoor Championships

When: 9 A.M. SATURDAY; 9:20 A.M. MARCH 1
Where: ASHENFELTER MULTI-SPORT FACILITY, STATE COLLEGE, PA.

and field team travel to State College, Pa., for the Big Ten indoor championships.

Hickey has never been worse than a top-two finisher at the conference championships, placing second as a freshman before back-to-back title runs as a sophomore and junior. The Piermont, N.Y., native said he is extremely focused on winning a third-consecutive Big Ten crown in

SEE MEN'S TRACK, 3B



SPORTS 'N' STUFF

Last shot at road victory

Iowa's puts its 0-8 road record on the line Saturday at Northwestern in a game with possible Big Ten Tournament implications.

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Nothing sums up a difficult yet valiantly fought season for the Iowa men's basketball team quite like its winless Big Ten road record — a blemish the Hawkeyes can change Saturday at Northwestern.

It has been a lopsided year for the win-loss column away from Iowa City, a margin (0-8) that tilted further with the Hawkeyes 62-54 loss at No. 9 Michigan State on Wednesday night.

For as many times as Iowa has stayed close, losing four road bouts decided by eight points or fewer, head coach Todd Lickliter's team has been picked apart by healthier, more experienced rosters in three double-digit losses.

Only two weeks from the conference tournament, however, the 10th-place Hawkeyes might find special incentive in overcoming the road woes at Northwestern this weekend — Iowa trails the Wildcats by just two games.

If Iowa were to trump Northwestern (15-11, 6-9) Saturday and the teams finished tied at the end of the regular season, the Hawkeyes' series advantage — they beat Northwestern by five on Feb. 7 — would give them a No. 9 seed in the post-season tournament.

"We're holding up fine," Iowa sophomore Jake Kelly said in a release after Wednesday's defeat in East Lansing. "We're just looking forward to the next game. We know we fought hard and aren't going to hang out

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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE	
Atlantic	W L OT Pts GF GA
New Jersey	39 19 3 81 186 151
Philadelphia	33 17 9 75 195 171
N.Y. Rangers	31 24 8 70 153 174
Pittsburgh	30 26 6 66 186 191
N.Y. Islanders	18 36 7 43 148 204
Northeast	
W L OT Pts GF GA	
Boston	42 12 8 92 212 138
Montreal	32 22 7 71 187 184
Buffalo	31 24 7 69 182 173
Toronto	24 26 12 60 187 224
Ottawa	23 28 9 55 149 172
Southeast	
W L OT Pts GF GA	
Washington	39 18 5 83 207 179
Florida	31 22 8 70 169 166
Carolina	32 26 5 69 166 181
Tampa Bay	20 29 12 52 155 196
Atlanta	22 34 6 50 183 218

WESTERN CONFERENCE	
Central	W L OT Pts GF GA
Detroit	40 13 8 88 232 178
Chicago	34 17 8 76 197 148
Columbus	31 25 6 68 167 173
Nashville	30 28 4 64 151 172
St. Louis	27 26 8 62 170 180
Northwest	
W L OT Pts GF GA	
Calgary	36 18 6 78 191 174
Vancouver	30 22 7 65 176 185
Minnesota	30 24 5 65 152 137
Edmonton	30 26 5 65 170 186
Colorado	28 33 1 57 168 194
Pacific	
W L OT Pts GF GA	
San Jose	42 9 9 93 203 145
Dallas	29 24 7 65 175 183
Anaheim	30 25 5 65 176 195
Los Angeles	26 25 9 61 157 173
Phoenix	27 30 5 59 158 190

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

Thursday's Games
Boston 6, Anaheim 0
Carolina 2, Buffalo 1, SO
Washington 4, Atlanta 3
New Jersey 4, Colorado 0
Florida 2, N.Y. Rangers 1
Toronto 5, N.Y. Islanders 4, SO
San Jose 2, Ottawa 1
Nashville 4, Phoenix 1
St. Louis 3, Dallas 1

Today's Games
Montreal at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Los Angeles at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Calgary, 8 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

PGA MATCH PLAY RESULTS

Thursday
At The Ritz-Carlton Golf Club at Dove Mountain Marana, Ariz.

Second Round
(Seeds in parentheses)
Phil Mickelson (5), United States, def. Zach Johnson (28), United States, 1 up.
Stewart Cink (21), United States, def. Lee Westwood (12), England, 23 holes.
Justin Leonard (27), United States, def. Davis Love III (59), United States, 1 up.
Olivier Wilson (43), England, def. Anthony Kim (11), United States, 2 and 1.
Geoff Ogilvy (8), Australia, def. Shingo Katayama (40), Japan, 19 holes.
Camilo Villegas (9), Colombia, def. Miguel Angel Jimenez (24), Spain, 5 and 4.
Peter Hanson (58), Sweden, def. Stephen Ames (39), Trinidad & Tobago, 2 and 1.
Paul Casey (23), England, def. Matthew Goggin (5), Australia, 3 and 4.
Luke Donald (36), England, def. Vijay Singh (4), Fiji, 19 holes.
Ernie Els (13), South Africa, def. Steve Stricker (20), United States, 3 and 2.
Ross Fisher (35), England, def. Pat Perez (62), United States, 6 and 5.
Jim Furyk (14), United States, def. Martin Kaymer (19), Germany, 4 and 2.
Tim Clark (32), South Africa, def. Tiger Woods (1), United States, 4 and 2.
Rory McIlroy (16), Northern Ireland, def. Hunter Mahan (48), United States, 1 up.
Ian Poulter (31), England, def. Charl Schwartzel (63), South Africa, 1 up.
Sean O'Hair (47), United States, def. Boo Weekley (50), United States, 2 and 1.

TRANSACTIONS

FOOTBALL
National Football League
DALLAS COWBOYS—Released QB Brad Johnson.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Signed C Jeff Saturday to a three-year contract.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Tendered contract offers to OT Willie Colon, CB Anthony Madison, TE Sean McHugh, FB Carey Davis and OT Jeremy Parquet. Released G Kendall Simmons and LB Mike Humpal.

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Iowa at Northwestern, 2 p.m.
Purdue at Michigan State, 11 a.m.
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Illinois at Minnesota, 2 p.m.
Penn State at Ohio State, 3 p.m.
End of Regular Season

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Iowa at Northwestern, 1 p.m. BTN
Ohio State at Purdue, 3 p.m. ESPN
Indiana at Penn State, 5 p.m. BTN

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Michigan at Wisconsin, 1 p.m. BTN
Michigan State at Illinois, 3 p.m. CBS

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Atlantic	W L Pct GB
Boston	46 13 .780 —
Philadelphia	28 28 .500 16½
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Houston 93, Cleveland 74
L.A. Lakers 132, Phoenix 106

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W	L	Pct	W L Pct
Ohio State	14	3	.824 23 5 .821
Purdue	13	4	.765 20 8 .714
Iowa	12	5	.706 19 9 .679
Michigan State	12	5	.706 19 9 .679
Minnesota	11	6	.647 19 9 .679
Indiana	10	7	.588 17 9 .654
Penn State	6	11	.353 11 16 .407
Wisconsin	6	12	.333 16 13 .552
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Michigan St.	12	3	.800 22 5 .815
Illinois	11	5	.688 23 6 .793
Purdue	10	5	.667 21 7 .750
Ohio St.	8	7	.533 18 8 .692
Penn St.	8	7	.533 19 9 .679
Wisconsin	8	7	.533 17 10 .630
Minnesota	8	8	.500 20 8 .714
Michigan	8	8	.500 18 11 .621
Northwestern	6	9	.400 15 11 .577
Iowa	4	11	.267 14 14 .500
Indiana	1	14	.067 6 21 .222

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Illinois 52, Illinois 41
Michigan 57, Purdue 78

Saturday's Games
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GymHawks hope to trip Terps

The No. 21 Iowa women's gymnastics team hopes to get back to its winning ways by hosting No. 25 Maryland.

By EVELYN LAU
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Some teams rely heavily on a single performer for a lift.

The Iowa women's gymnastics team is lucky enough to not have to follow that formula.

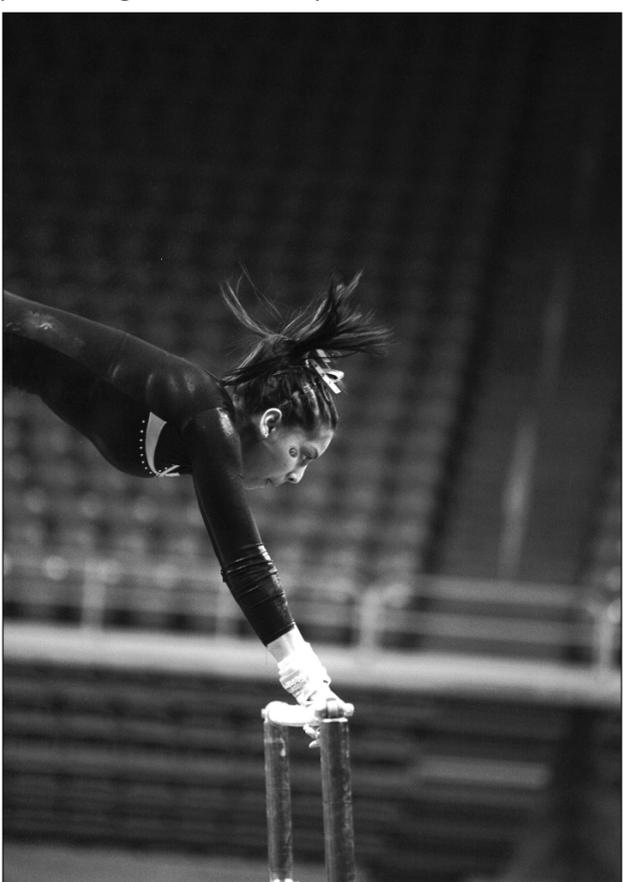
Despite losing gymnasts to injuries over the last few weeks, others have stepped up to help the GymHawks stay focused on the task at hand — striving to become better each week.

The GymHawks (8-4, 2-1) recently had their two-meet winning streak snapped by Southern Utah, but they hope to return to their winning ways when they host No. 25 Maryland in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Saturday.

Iowa will be led by sophomore Rebecca Simbhudas, who finished second against Southern Utah last week in the all-around competition with a 39.250, which includes a 9.925 on the balance beam, one of the highest marks scored by an Iowa gymnast since the 2006 season. She was honored by being named co-Big Ten Gymnast of the Week, an accomplishment that head coach Larissa Libby believes is well-deserved.

"I am so happy for her, I am so pleased for her," the coach said. "She's been working really hard, and I think she just has this little internal demon that constantly tells her she's not good enough."

"I'm hopeful that with the last couple of wins she's had, and some really consistent high performances, and finally a Big Ten Gymnast of the Week — which is very, very difficult to have in our conference — that'll she gain that confidence she needs to know she's a wonderful, wonderful gymnast and not just a good gymnast for Iowa but a contender in the Big Ten."



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Iowa sophomore Rebecca Simbhudas performs a bar routine during the GymHawks' Pink Meet against Iowa State on Feb. 16 in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. The 21st-ranked GymHawks will host No. 25 Maryland on Saturday night in Carver.

ular season, Libby is making sure her team isn't looking ahead at the Big Ten championships quite yet but rather focusing on each meet at hand.

"I don't want them to think about it, because I feel like last year and the years past, we really

focused on Big Tens we're capable of winning, and while I think the team has the potential to win, as I think many teams," Libby said. "If you look at the rankings, the Big Ten is all crunched in together between 14 and 21, all of us. So I don't think there's a lot of dispari-

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No. 21 Iowa vs. No. 25 Maryland

When: 7 P.M. SATURDAY
Where: CARVER-HAWKEYE ARENA
Admission: FREE WITH STUDENT ID
Last meet's best: SOPHOMORE REBECCA SIMBHUDAS (NAMED CO-BIG TEN GYMNAST OF THE WEEK; FINISHED SECOND IN THE ALL-AROUND WITH A 39.250)

ty between the teams, and whoever hits the best on that night is going to win."

Sophomore Houry Gebeshian and senior Jenifer Simbhudas are also expected to keep up their usual solid performances and challenge the younger Simbhudas in the all-around competition.

However, at the last competition, Jenifer Simbhudas fell off the uneven bars and was unable to finish her performance, which resulted in a 7.700. She believes her mentality is what she needs to work on the most.

"I basically figured out I need to have a more stable mindset," she said. "I think I just need to be more mentally tough on each event."

Iowa has averaged a 194.162 team, good enough for third in the North Central Region, but Libby believes there is potential to still go even higher. However, she believes the GymHawks will need to learn to have more consistent performances in order for that to happen.

"We can't get to that magical 24-for-24 because we have random falls here and there," Libby said. "I think beam in gymnastics is always a concern."

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Hawks whip Illini

RECAP

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totaling 27 points and 14 rebounds — if Iowa makes the NCAA Tournament on March 22, the Hawks will host the first two rounds in Carver.

"I think it's great just the fact that we have so many scoring threats," Skouby said. "When you only have one scoring threat, it's easier to shut a team down. And clearly we have three, even so, the other members of the team can score as well."

The Hawkeyes trailed early but grabbed the lead for good at 9-7 with a 3-pointer by freshman Kamille Wahlin with 15:12 remaining in the first half. Those were the only three points for Wahlin in the first half, but she finished with 13 points and was a major catalyst in the second half.

"[Alexander and Wahlin] are

the next generation, and it's nice that we have people that are playing who are younger with that quality," Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder said. "It sure makes the ease of losing five seniors a little bit easier when you see your younger classmen playing like they did."

Iowa finished the first half on a 10-0 run sparked by Ausdemore, who scored six of her 10 points in the final 5:24, giving the Hawkeyes a 32-19 lead at the intermission.

The run was promptly ended at the start of the second half when Illini freshman Macie Blinn made a 3-pointer from the top of the key to cut the lead to 32-22. But Iowa answered, specifically Wahlin, scoring five-straight points and pushing the Hawkeyes' lead to 15.

"In the first half, I wasn't in too good a rhythm," the freshman from Minnesota said. "The second half, in my mind, I just wanted to get back in rhythm

and stay confident."

Illinois (8-20, 4-13) cut the lead to four at 47-43 with 9:57 left in the game, following an onslaught of points by Illini junior Jenna Smith. Smith scored seven points in a two-minute span and looked to bring Illinois back in the game.

"Once we got it down to four, I think we made two crucial mistakes," said Illinois head coach Jolette Law, a former Hawkeye basketball player. "We turned the ball over, and that's when they smelled blood."

Iowa capitalized and scored on its next three possessions to open up the lead up to 10 at 53-43.

"This was a must-win," Wahlin said. "You want the seniors to go out with a win. We were going to get a win at [any] cost."

Hickey eyes 3rd title

MEN'S TRACK

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his final trip to the indoor championships.

"The atmosphere of the meet really helps my performance," he said. "Just knowing that anyone could pop a big throw and win really helps me focus on what I need to do."

"[This meet] is all about maintaining the highest level there is in the Big Ten and I'd like to go out on top as a senior."

Hickey, however, isn't the only Hawkeye with high expectations.

Iowa also has a handful of other athletes hoping to earn all-conference honors.

Sprinter Paul Chaney, Jr. finished eighth at last year's meet in both the 60-meters and the 200-meters. The multi-sport athlete has already eclipsed his 60-meters time

from last year's Big Ten indoor championships (6.92) by winning the Iowa Invite on Feb. 20 with a time of 6.80 which ranks third all-time in Iowa history.

Sophomore Dan Rolling also hopes to regain all-Big Ten status after finishing third in the high jump last year.

Coming off last year's eighth place finish, Iowa head coach Larry Wiecezorek thinks the 2009 Hawkeyes are an improved team from a year ago.

As the season has progressed, Wiecezorek has observed his team making the kinds of gains he would expect from any competitive track and field team.

"[Before the Iowa Invitational] we talked about how we need to get better in those big meets — the Meyo meet and the Iowa State meet — and we did," Wiecezorek said. "I think we got a little bit better [at the

Iowa Invite]. We won near every event there and that's always good, against any competition."

Adam Hairston hopes to improve on his second place finish in the 800-meters a year ago (1:53.30).

The junior expects to repeat his all-Big Ten performance as an individual, but he will also play a key role in the Hawkeyes' 4x400-meter relay team. Hairston said his focus on the conference meet has not altered since the opening weekend of the season.

"[Winning the 800] was the goal coming into the season and that hasn't changed," he said. "When it comes to championship races, I think I perform well. I bring that competitive attitude."

"I think just being at the Big Ten championships, being at that level of competition will really bring out the best in me."

Special night for seniors

BASKETBALL

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received an outlet pass in transition for an easy lay-up, but missed. VanderPol grabbed the rebound, making the Iowa stat sheet for the final time.

Bluder called a time-out to pull VanderPol right after the board.

"I was so happy that Coach Bluder allowed me to go back in there," VanderPol said. "It was fun to be out there with all five seniors. It was so fun to do it again."

"It really means a lot to me." Ausdemore led the Hawkeye seniors with 10 points, followed by Smith (9) and Skouby (8). The three sit at 4,085 points

combined, 25 points shy of the Big Ten record for three players from one class. The trio have one regular-season game, the Big Ten Tournament, and a probable date in the NCAA Tournament left to break the record.

"It says a lot about our class," Ausdemore said. "It says a lot about the three of us and how consistent [we've been] over the years."

The three seniors trail the 2004 Purdue senior set of Shereka Wright, Erika Valek, and Beth Jones at 4,110 points.

Ausdemore said being a Hawkeye has been a great and important part of her life.

"It's hard to believe that four years have come and gone that

fast," the Neola native said. "It's been fun."

For all the joy of the postgame Senior Night activities, Skouby said, getting the win made the night perfect.

"It was great to come out with the win," she said. "It's been a great experience [to play at Iowa]. The four other seniors are great people, and I love them to death. It's indescribable."

Bluder said the seniors have been great for the Iowa women's program, on and off the court.

"I'm so thankful for what they've done for us the last four years. A lot of hard work; a lot of leadership," the ninth-year Iowa head coach said. "They've led in the way that we want them to lead."

Tracksters set sights high

WOMEN'S TRACK

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have finished higher than me in the past."

Sophomore Bethany Praska went to the Big Ten meet last year and feels more relaxed going into the weekend.

"I definitely know what to expect with the atmosphere and everything else that goes along with a meet like that," Praska said.

Someone who will feel right at home this weekend is senior Renee White, last year's Big Ten indoor triple jump champion. By winning last year White became one of 30 Big Ten champions in Iowa's history.

When asked about the meet, White was cool and collected.

"I trust my preparation, and I trust my coach, and I'm just excited to see what the team and I do this weekend," she said.

The Hawkeyes have traditionally done well at the championships, finishing as high as third as a team in 2004.

This year, Iowa hopes to add a few more names to that list of champions and have a good chance with such runners as senior Racheal Marchand and sophomore Karessa Farley performing well in their events lately and being well rested after not competing Feb. 20 at the home meet.

Joining those two will be 16 other Hawkeyes, all of whom make Anderson feel confident himself.

"We're excited about the 18 we're taking," Anderson said. "They've put themselves in a

position to compete well."

Anderson and his staff have been doing all they can to ensure that those going perform as well as they can.

"We're doing everything we can to give them a boost of confidence," Anderson said.

Now coming into the biggest meet of the season, the Hawkeyes have been focused, enjoying the light workouts before heading to Bloomington on Thursday.

While confidence is an important component, the athletes still have to run their races and Anderson knows this.

"We'll see where we're at when we load up the bus on Sunday to come home," he said.

SPORTS

Dodgers, Giants resume rivalry in Arizona

(AP) While the Dodgers and Giants found another place to renew their heated rivalry, Jose Reyes took a liking to his new spot in the lineup.

Longtime adversaries first in New York, then California, and now in the Cactus League, the Dodgers and Giants squared off again Thursday in a fresh locale: Scottsdale, Ariz.

Russell Martin homered off Matt Cain and drove in three runs as Los Angeles spoiled San Francisco's spring-training home-opener with a 16-7 victory.

Both teams are now in Arizona after the Dodgers left their longtime home in Vero Beach, Fla., to open their new facility in the Phoenix area this year. The Giants have trained in Arizona since 1952.

"It was pretty weird," Cain said. "It's good to see these guys, but it's always also kind of nice to go into a season when they haven't seen us and we haven't seen them. Sometimes you think you have an advantage if you are a pitcher."

The game was played before a placid crowd of 5,803 at Scottsdale Stadium and was a pale comparison with what Dodger manager Joe Torre saw in another famous rivalry in previous springs.

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Looking to tame Demons

Iowa men's tennis expects to be 'just fine' against DePaul.

By AMIE KIEHN
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Doubles partners junior Reinoud Haal and senior Greg Holm are on the same level when on the tennis court — literally.

The two Hawkeye tennis players both stand more than six feet tall, and then some. Haal is 6-3, Holm 6-5.

"We're both pretty tall ... so it works out," Holm said, smiling.

Their height advantage showed during their most recent doubles match against Drake, an 8-4 win.

"We kind of have a similar game, big serve, big reach," Haal said. "We are volleying a lot better than last year and returning a lot better. We feel comfortable playing together, so it's going well."

The No. 2 pair, along with Iowa's other doubles mates — No. 1 senior Christian Bierich and sophomore Nikita Zotov, No. 3 freshman Will Vasos and junior Tommy McGeorge — have dominated throughout the season. Iowa has yet to lose the doubles point in its 5-1 season, which is why the Hawkeyes are confident in their ability to prevail against DePaul on Saturday in the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex.

Although DePaul's head coach is former Iowa assistant coach Matt Brothers, the team is still reveling in last season's 6-1 victory over the Blue Demons.

"We played them last year



Iowa senior Christian Bierich and sophomore Nikita Zotov shake hands with their opponents after winning their doubles match against Drake on Wednesday in the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex. Iowa will host DePaul on Saturday.

Iowa (5-1) vs. DePaul (9-1)

When: 11 A.M. SATURDAY
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and beat them pretty decisively," Haal said. "They basically have the same team. [DePaul] has done well so far this year, so it will be a good match. [Brothers] knows most of us, what we like, what we don't like — we'll be fine."

Iowa head coach Steve Houghton has good words for his former protégé.

"I've got a lot of respect for Matt," said Houghton, who is in his 28th year at the helm

for the Hawkeyes. "He was here for five years and was a very good assistant coach. He's done a great job at DePaul. It had some good wins last year under his direction and this year, too.

"I'll expect the match to be similar to Drake in terms of intensity."

The win over Drake Wednesday had Houghton impressed with the direction his program is heading, especially with Bierich at the top spot. The senior came back to win his singles match after losing his first set (3-6) against the Bulldogs' Maor Zarkin.

"[Wednesday] night, Christian was the one I felt best about," Houghton said. "He, of course, has played at

a high level since he's been here, but really, even though he has won a couple matches, he has kind of struggled the last two, three or four matches.

"He just so happened to be playing probably as good of a guy as he played all year — if not better. I was pleased with him that he put it together and got a boost of confidence out of it."

Finishing each match with same amount of vigor has something Haal said the team is improving on.

"I think in singles, me and some other guys, can improve on closing out matches," Haal said. "We came out firing in doubles [against Drake], and we should do the same in singles."

DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Women's tennis wants rebound

The Iowa women's tennis team wants to climb back up in the rankings when it opens Big Ten play at home Sunday against Minnesota.

By ROBBIE LEHMAN
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The latest rankings of top-75 women's tennis teams did not include the Iowa Hawkeyes for the first time this spring. Iowa (5-5) was ranked No. 58 last weekend, but after splitting dual meets against DePaul and Kansas found itself off Monday's updated list.

The Hawkeyes were tied at No. 75 with two other teams but got pushed back when a team jumped them. Head coach Daryl Greenan estimates his team is sitting at No. 76, ready to prove it deserves back in. The team set a goal of getting inside the top 40.

Iowa certainly has a chance to ascend the rankings as it opens up the Big Ten portion of its season Sunday morning at home against Minnesota (6-3).

Nine of the Hawkeyes' remaining 11 opponents are ranked, and Greenan thinks this is a golden opportunity for his team to pick up some quality wins.

"We need to have confidence down the stretch and take advantage of our opportunities," he said. "To get to 40, we will have to beat some good, ranked teams."

"For us to come out of this schedule with a winning record would be a huge accomplishment. That's what we're shooting for, and that's what I



Iowa women's tennis fans watch the Hawkeyes' dual meet against Kansas in the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex on Sunday. The Hawkeyes will be home again on March 1 at 11 a.m., when they open Big Ten play against Minnesota.

ON THE WEB

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think we're capable of."

Since becoming Iowa's coach, Greenan is 4-0 against the Golden Gophers, including a 6-1 victory in Minneapolis last spring. However, this will also be the first time during Greenan's tenure the Hawkeyes will enter a dual meet against Minnesota as underdogs — the Golden Gophers come in ranked 52nd nationally.

Iowa looks at the Big Ten season as a fresh start. The

coaching staff knows that the women get more motivated for conference matches, and the players know how crucial the conference season is to their chance at postseason play.

"It's our most important season," Iowa sophomore Jessica Young said. "All of our matches working up to this, and all of the training we've had was for this purpose. These are the matches that mean the most to us, so hopefully, we can start off on the right foot."

"The most important thing is for everyone to show up. We need everyone to show up with everything so we can take out all the Big Ten teams, hopefully."

Iowa didn't get off to the

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kind of start it was hoping for, but the Hawkeyes aren't dwelling on past losses or being unranked.

"If you look at it on paper, our only losses are to tournament teams," Young said. "We haven't had any technically bad losses. We're not freaking out; we should get back into the rankings after this weekend."

Iowa assistant coach Mira Radu agrees with Young 100 percent.

"It's still early in the season," she said. "We're not worried about it; the rankings kind of come and go. I have total confidence that we are going to climb up there again."

Although the early portion of the Hawkeyes' season has been up-and-down, there is one thing that has been consistent for Iowa — having fun.

"We're having a great time," Radu said. "I'm definitely looking forward to the Big Ten season. We've been having fun so far, and I think we're going to keep it up."

Ideally, Greenan would have liked a stronger start before Big Ten play.

"It would've been nice to come in with a winning record," Greenan said. "But we take it one day at a time, one point at a time, even."

and is coming off a 354.25-335.90 loss to No. 2 Oklahoma in Norman on Feb. 21, while No. 5 Illinois finished in fifth place out of seven teams at the Pacific Coast Classic in Oakland.

The Hawkeyes will be seeking their first victory since a 329.55-326.55 dual win against Illinois-Chicago on Jan. 24 in Iowa City. The Fighting Illini have won their last two dual meets with Big Ten foes at home including a narrow 351.950-349.050 victory over Ohio State on Jan. 24 and a 345.500-339.800 win against Penn State on Feb. 14.

Iowa senior Geoff Reins will lead the charge for the Hawkeyes in what will be their last chance at capturing a Big Ten dual victory this season. Reins is coming off a performance at Oklahoma in which he placed third in both the vault and floor exercise. Reins' 15.95 in vault tied his previous season high in the event. Junior Jonathan Buese will look to carry momentum from a strong performance last week when his 84.05 in the all-around earned the Hawkeye captain first place.

Competition is scheduled to start at 7 p.m. in Huff Hall.

— by Jordan Garretson

HAWKEYE SPORTS

Extra Cambus routes for hoops game

When Iowa and Ohio State square off on March 3, fans will have a slightly easier time making it to Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

In light of the 8 p.m., start slated for the men's basketball contest, the athletics department announced there will be additional Cambus Blue and Red Routes in place to accommodate students planning to attend.

According to a release from the athletics department on Thursday, the added buses will begin routes to Carver-

Hawkeye Arena at 6:30 p.m., 90 minutes before the scheduled tip-off. The release said the regular bus stop outside the arena will be used pregame and postgame.

— by Brendan Stiles

Men's gymnastics meets Illini

The men's gymnastics team is set to square off in Champaign on Saturday against Illinois.

Iowa enters the meet ranked 11th

BASEBALL

Baseball heads to Florida

After starting the season 1-2 at the Big Ten/Big East Challenge a week ago, the Iowa baseball team is slated to compete at the Stetson Tournament this weekend in DeLand, Fla.

The Hawkeyes will face Stetson today before playing South Alabama and Southern Illinois on Saturday and March. Stetson is 0-4 to begin the season after getting trounced at home by Boston College; it is led by senior Jeremy Cruz, who batted .404 last season with 15 home runs and 57 RBIs.

During Iowa's three-game road trip, sophomore Trevor Willis is expected to make a transition to right field after being originally recruited as an infielder.

Last season, Willis appeared in 21 games for the Hawkeyes and started 10.

Iowa head coach Jack Dahm may step significantly closer to tying previous Hawkeye coach Dick Schultz for the third-most victories in Iowa baseball history.

Dahm owns 125 wins at Iowa and needs five more to meet the mark.

— by Ryan Young

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Re-examining a few more well-known sayings

- "Cleanliness is next to godliness." Or, when you have two cats, as I do, it's next to impossible.
- "Practice makes perfect." No, practice makes you pissed off when you still suck at something.
- "If you can't stand the heat, stay out of the kitchen." Also, you should probably do a good deed or two on your way home.
- "I slept like a baby." You awoke screaming and crying every 90 minutes while wearing a diaper full of your own piss and excrement? Good for you.
- "History repeats itself." Doubtful.
- "Time heals all wounds." Ohhhh, I always thought it was thyme heals all wounds. This explains the constant, painful stinging sensation beneath all of my scabs and probably why nobody will sit next to me on the bus, as well.
- "History repeats itself." Doubtful.
- "Christ on a crutch." One might argue that, in its simplicity, this saying compares the cross on which Jesus died to a simple and utilitarian crutch, surreptitiously (and perhaps superciliously) implying that those choosing to display crosses/crucifixes as a marker of their personal faith do little more than advertise their own inability to function in contemporary society without the "crutch" of organized religion supporting their otherwise meaningless existence. I disagree with this argument on many levels, not the least of which being its lack of comedic possibilities. Um ... so ... have a good weekend?

- Andrew R. Juhl knows that money talks. Also: honey's sweet. But he'd much rather be forever in blue jeans, babe.

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RAINY DAY WOMEN AND MEN



UI students David Dellsperger and Lindsay Dileo escape the rain and wait for the Cambus in a covered bus stop near Bowen on Thursday.

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horoscopes

Friday, February 27, 2009
- by Eugenia Last

ARIES March 21-April 19 Your emotions will get the better of you if you engage in disagreements with someone over money or work. Don't give in to demands or show how upset you really are. A poker face will be far more effective for winning.

TAURUS April 20-May 20 Don't get stuck doing everything for everyone when you should be taking a little time to work on your own projects. A serious look at your life will allow you to realize what's missing. You may have to make a few alterations.

GEMINI May 21-June 20 You have to balance everything out so that you can enjoy the luxury of staying on top. Someone is likely to throw a wrench in your plans, but if you act fast, you can counteract whatever happens and stay on schedule.

CANCER June 21-July 22 Don't trust your emotions to lead you in the right direction. You are likely to make a poor choice if you give in to someone and neglect something you should be handling with care.

LEO July 23-Aug. 22 You have all the answers and the energy to make things happen. Partnerships and positive change can help you jump from one area of expertise to another. Your emotional high will magically draw good things your way.

VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22 An investment will pay off if you take action. Sudden changes in your relationship with someone you've known for a long time will baffle you at first but liberate you in the end. Taking control will pay off.

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22 You are in the driver's seat, and as long as you don't let go of the wheel, no one will be able to stand in your way. You must terminate poor relationships and develop positive ones that will help you realize your true potential.

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21 You can't give in to threats, demands, or letting others compromise your own needs and objectives. Someone with more experience will help you. Changes within your personal life will be required if you want to move forward.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Give some thought to how you see your life unfolding from this point on. Working from how to balance out your time and will allow you to think calmly about how to handle the many decisions ahead of you.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Don't give in to someone's emotional whims. Minor mishaps will arise if you aren't thinking about what you are doing. Proceed with caution. Take care how you navigate your way through talks, detours, and family situations.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18 If you touch enough people with your story, you will gain some positive feedback that can help you move ahead with your plans. You'll be able to take action and gain greater control over your life.

PISCES Feb. 19-March 20 A secret meeting with someone from your past will clear up a lot of issues. Once you understand where you stand, moving forward will be easy. Make a go of something that means a lot to you.

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today's events

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- "As Iowa Goes, So Goes the Nation: *Varnum v. Brien* and Its Impact on Marriage Rights for Same-sex Couples," conferences and workshops, 290 Boyd Law Building
- Crossing Borders and European Studies Convocation, conferences and workshops, 8 a.m.-10 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Centre
- Noon Knit, noon, Hardin Library, Health Sciences, 600 Newton Road
- Exploring Majors Fair, 12:30 p.m., IMU Main Lounge
- Knitting Nurse, 2 p.m., Home Ec. Workshop, 207 N. Linn
- The Opera Studies Forum, "Mascagni and 'The New Cinema-Lyric Art' Rapsodia satanica (1914-17)," Alessandra Campana, speaker, 3:30 p.m., E105 Adler
- Lenten Fish Fry, 4:30 p.m., Knights of Columbus Family Center, 4776 American Legion Road
- Alleyscape reception, 5 p.m., 181 IMU
- Regina Fish Fry, 5 p.m., Regina High, 2150 Rochester Ave.
- Fish fry, 5:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 225 Highway 1 W.
- Second UI Computing Conference, 6 p.m., 1505 Seamans Center
- Diamonds or Denim Fundraiser for Riverside Theatre, 6 p.m., hotelVetro, 201 S. Linn
- "Snow City," Iowa City for kids, 6 p.m. Home Ec. Workshop, 207 N. Linn
- Friday Night Film, *Iron Man*, 7 p.m.,

- Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- "Live from Prairie Lights," Craig Arnold, poetry, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
 - Philharmonia Orchestra, with the Maia Quartet, Benjamin Coelho, bassoon, David Greenhoe, trumpet, and student conductors, 7 p.m., IMU Main Ballroom
 - Queer Practica, 7:30 p.m., Old Brick, 26 Market
 - 1964: The Tribute, 8 p.m. Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington
 - Painted Skin, University Theatres Gallery Series, 8 p.m., Theatre Building Theatre B
 - Summer Camp Battle of the Bands, 8 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
 - Sean Boarini, 8:30 p.m., Piano Lounge, 217 Iowa Ave.
 - Friday Night Karaoke, with Gemini Karaoke, 9 p.m., American Legion Post No. 17, 3016 Muscatine Ave.
 - Nethervoid, with the Horde and Larry "The Wizard" Seivers, 9 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
 - Pokey Lafarge Duo, 9 p.m., Mill 120 E. Burlington
 - Silent Light, 9 p.m., Bijou
 - Karaoke Night, 9:30 p.m., Saloon, 112 E. College
 - No Shame Theatre, 11 p.m., Theatre B
 - Alley Cabaret, *The Vagina Monologues*, midnight, Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington
 - Twilight, midnight, Bijou

UITV schedule

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- 12:30 p.m. News from Québec (in French)
1 "Prairie Lights" Archive, Richard Price
2 News from Germany (in German)
3 Liszt Festival Concerts, Solo Piano Music Recital
4:30 Liszt Festival Concerts, Gala Concert Program
- 6 "Know the Score," 2/6/2009
8 Liszt Festival Concerts, Solo Piano Music Recital
9:30 Liszt Festival Concerts, Gala Concert Program
11 Alley Cabaret at the Englert, 1/30/2009, Fine Arts Performancee

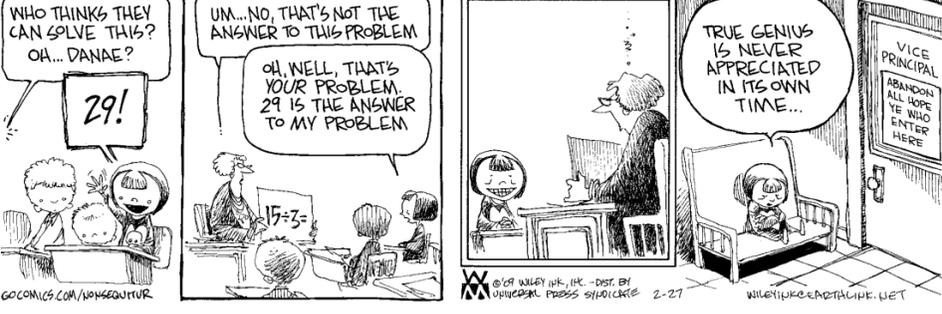
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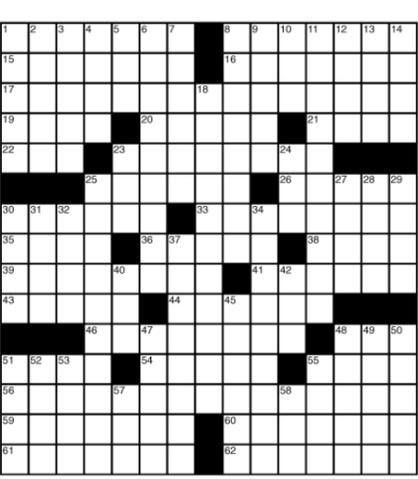
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 - "The Appeal" novelist
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 - Film with the line "By the authority vested in me by Kaiser William II, I pronounce you man and wife. Proceed with the execution"
 - Equipment for strokes
 - ___ lot (was telling)
 - Observing things
 - Home of Sault Ste. Marie: Abbr.
 - Recipient of a trade discount
 - Withdraw
 - Not be generous
 - King of Naples in "The Tempest"
 - One way to recoil
 - Sported
 - Ill-gotten
 - Prefix with marine
 - Jesus, Mary or Joseph
 - Like some DVDs in DVD players
 - Burning evidence
 - Evidence that one is an alien
 - Opening for an anchor
 - Toy store inits.
 - Asian au pair
 - Have ___ (not be trapped)
 - U.S. org. with over 39 million members
 - Fantastic flight
 - Cheat
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