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A student smokes a cigarette outside Schaeffer Hall on Monday. Though the smoking ban is in its ninth month, none of the \$50 citations the law provides for have been given; instead, police officers have asked smokers to put out their cigarettes or move to a different location.

Where there's smoke, NO FINES

UI and Iowa City officials say they will not write smoking-violation tickets if individuals stop smoking when asked.

By **JENNIFER DELGADO**
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Police officers have caught more than 140 people violating the smoking ban on the UI campus since the law went into effect in July 2008 — but they have yet to issue any tickets.

Officials said they will continue educating individuals about the ban, now in its ninth month, rather than writing the \$50 citation. But there is no end date for this learning period.

"It would have to be pretty

egregious for an officer to write a citation," said Charles Green, the assistant vice president for the UI police. "My directions to my officers are to not write citations."

UI police officers have different options when they encounter individuals breaking the policy — ask them to put out their cigarettes or walk to a different location, speak with their supervisors if the smokers work for the UI, or write tickets. Green said police officers use their discretion when

deciding which action to follow.

But citing individuals is the last resort for the UI police — Green said ticketing will only be used for those who refuse to comply with the policy. He knows of only one case in which police officers consulted an individual's supervisor, he said, and the violator then quickly cooperated.

Police will also continue to inform individuals about the policy because the university hosts many who may be new to campus, Green said.

"We're trying to educate everyone on this, especially when we have visitors to the campus or hospital," he said.

SEE **SMOKING**, 3A

Smoking violations

Here are the state and county violations since the smoking law began:

State

- First notice of potential violation — 685
- Second notice of potential violation — 127
- Third and subsequent notice of potential violation — 64

Johnson County

- First notice of potential violation — 6
- Second notice of potential violation — 2
- Third and subsequent notice of potential violation — 1

Source: Iowa Department of Public Health

UI shuns most background checks

The UI only conducts criminal background checks for certain jobs, officials say.

By **REGINA ZILBERMINTS**
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Green
assistant vp



Parrott
UI spokesman

The UI is the only regent university not conducting criminal background checks on all employees and not asking incoming students about their criminal backgrounds, a comparison of the three schools' policies shows.

Last week, a UI student and staff-member was arrested on charges of third-degree sexual abuse for allegedly having sex with a 15-year-old Newton girl. Andreas Benford, 28, previously had a criminal record, including a conviction for third-degree sexual abuse stemming from a 1999 incident, court records show.

Benford was suspended from the UI last week, and he no longer works at IMU information services, UI Spokesman Steve Parrott said. He said university officials could not comment further on the incident because of the on-going investigation.

If a student is arrested while attending the UI, the university can place interim sanctions on the individual while the criminal investigation is ongoing, according to the school's policy.

University officials only conduct background checks for certain jobs, particularly those in sensitive areas or those requiring an employee to work with patients or other dependent individuals.

UI police use the same nationally linked system to conduct background checks when hiring officers as they do when making an arrest, said Charles Green, the assistant vice president for UI police. But the rest of the UI can't use that system.

Iowa State University officials conduct checks on all employees, with the exception of temporary employees, postdoctoral appointees, and students who are employed incidental to their enrollment.

SEE **BACKGROUNDS**, 3A

ITC printers seeing double

UI students welcome the new double-sided printing default on the ITC printers.

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The Instructional Technology Center printers' switch to double-sided printing contributes to the UI's effort to go "green" — without helping students save any money.

But not everyone is complaining. "With the economy the way it is right now, I don't blame them for keeping [the price] the same," UI freshman Hillary Block said. "I think the price right now is pretty fair, especially since you get \$10 of free printing."

UI nursing major Beth Van Toorn agreed. "[The price] is pretty decent," she said. "It's more any other place."

During spring break, all capable ITC printers defaulted to printing on both sides as part of the UI Student Government's plan to create sustainable computing on campus. According to the ITC website, the switch will save an estimated 1.75 million sheets of paper per semester and lessen the



REBECCA MNUK/THE DAILY IOWAN

UI senior Jenna Smalley examines her double-sided paper after removing it from the printer in the Main Library on Monday. Using duplex printing as a default is one of the university's efforts to be more environmentally friendly.

environmental effect of printing on campus.

Chris Clark, the UI's manager of Learning Spaces Technology, said the switch has been in the works since the fall of 2008. He said both he and UISG officials preferred a switch mid-semester. "We wanted to do it in the middle of the semester instead of at the beginning to increase awareness," Clark said.

Block said the switch is beneficial, although she didn't know about it until she printed something Monday morning.

"I like it because I have a

More cuts ahead

New budget target would crop another 4.3 percent from state education funding.

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Economic downturn or not, UI fifth-year senior Andy Biasin balked at the proposed cuts to the state education budget, which could potentially include money for financial aid.

"That's ignorant," he said. "The whole reason we're here is to get an education."

Regardless, state universities are now facing even steeper budget cuts in response to last week's paltry revenue estimates. The state's education budget must be cut an additional 4.3 percent — on top of the initial 6.5 percent proposed by Gov. Chet Culver — Sen. Brian Schoenjahn, D-Arlington, said on Monday.

"Bad news is bad news," said the chairman of the Legislature's education appropriations subcommittee. "We'll do what we have to do and move on."

The new budget targets came on the heels of last week's jarring news that state revenue for fiscal 2010 is projected to drop by an estimated \$270 million.



Dvorsky
senator



Schoenjahn
senator

SEE **BUDGET**, 3A

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To watch the UI's new double-sided printing in action visit dailyiowan.com.

class that has 20 to 25 pages of notes," she said. "[Double-sided printing] means less paper I have to waste and carry around."

According to the ITC website, paper is the least expensive component of printing — a single sheet of paper costs the UI around \$0.004.

SEE **PRINTING**, 3A

Center pushes e-cycling

The Iowa City Senior Center earns nearly \$3,000 in almost three years through a recycling program.

By MEGAN DIAL
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Iowa City Senior Center officials are leading a local effort to make sure people's discarded electronics don't end up in limbo at the landfill.

They've caught on to the environmentally friendly movement of recycling electronics.

Susan Rogusky, the Senior Center's volunteer specialist, said the center has sent donated cell phones to Cellular Recycler since 2007. In January, both organizations began accepting smaller electronic devices, such as computers, digital cameras, MP3 players, and video-game consoles.

"It's a win-win situation," Rogusky said. The center gets 90 percent of the income — in two and a half years, it has accrued \$3,000 — and the rest goes to the National Council on Aging.

The center receives a different amount of money depending on the electronic device recycled — ranging from 25 cents to \$20.

According to the Cellular Recycler website, approximately 80 percent of recycled phones are refurbished and reused.

Around 20 percent are recycled for the different metals. The number of devices recycled locally has remained fairly steady since the program started, Rogusky said.

"I know that people were thrilled to have some place to take their cell phones," she said, but it's still too early for



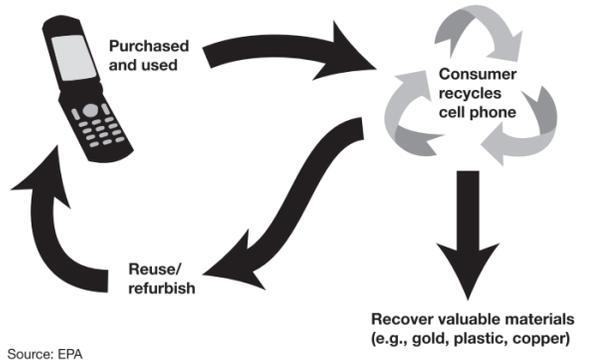
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The electronic-recycling area of the Iowa City landfill is shown on Monday. Electronics ranging from cell phones to computers and televisions can now be disposed through the Iowa City Senior Citizen's recycling program.

Cell-phone recycling

With environmental concerns on the rise, recycling is a trend. Cell phones, along with other small electronic devices, can be recycled to cut down on non-biodegradable trash.

Recycling process



Source: EPA

Dan Ambrisco/The Daily Iowan

her to gauge the amount of enthusiasm about recycling other electronics.

To collect the devices, volunteers from the Senior Center place boxes in different locations in Iowa City. When the boxes are full, the electronics are packaged and mailed to Cellular

Recycler in Boulder, Colo. "It couldn't be easier," Rogusky said.

Jennifer Jordan, the recycling coordinator at the Iowa City Landfill and Recycling Center, said some electronics at the landfill are sent to the Senior Center rather than sitting and not decomposing.

Recyclable cell phones

The main benefit of recycling cell phones is the reduction of greenhouse gasses:

- Remove 33 cars from the roads each year or recycle 1 million cell phones — either option results in an equal amount of greenhouse-gas emissions removed from the atmosphere.

Source: Environmental Protection Agency

In 2003, Iowa City residents deposited 26.04 tons of electronics at the site. This number increased each year, peaking in 2007 at 83.93 tons.

In 2008, the amount dropped 3.73 tons from the previous year to 80.2, and Jordan said this is probably because Environmental Protection Agency officials collected the items during last summer's flood.

Only 10 percent of cell phones are recycled nationally each year, according to the EPA. The agency leads a program called "Plug-In To eCycling," which partners with leading cell-phone manufacturers to encourage recycling.

The push to reuse electronics is spurred by the potential harmful effects the metals in the devices could have in landfills.

"It's a human-made capsule of garbage, and at some point in the future, there is the potential of it leaching," Jordan said.

She said landfill officials are legally bound to monitor the area several times each year to minimize the chances of contamination.

Jordan said the Senior Center's program appears to be making a difference in the number of electronics in the local landfill.

"Any cell phone it takes and gets paid for is one fewer that we have to take and pay to get rid of," she said.

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4. NCAA wrestling title tainted by lack of individual champions
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METRO

2 N. Liberty businesses fail alcohol check

Two Johnson County businesses failed alcohol compliance checks conducted by the Johnson County Sheriff's Office on March 19.

Eggy's and Casey's General Store, both in North Liberty, were found to be noncompliant.

Eggy's employee Joseph Fitzgerald and Casey's General Store employee Tamara Elliott were both charged with providing alcohol to a person under the legal age. That charge is a simple misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of \$715.

Nineteen businesses, none of which were in Iowa City, were found to be compliant with the law.

— by Regina Zilbermints

Iowa finds unemployment buster

Iowa's three public universities help cities keep unemployment rates down, officials say.

By TESSA McLEAN
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The UI, Iowa State University, and the University of Northern Iowa are doing more than educating college students — they may be helping Iowa survive during tough economic times.

Three Iowa cities placed in the top 10 with lowest unemployment rates in the nation, according to figures released by the U.S. Labor Department last week. The three metropolitan areas — Iowa City, Ames, and Cedar Falls-Waterloo — each house one of the state's public universities.

While Iowa had three in the top 10, no other state had two cities in the top 20 of areas with lowest unemployment.

UI spokesman Steve Parrott said he didn't know how much longer low unemployment rates will last because of state budget cuts, but the university helps keep Iowa City stable.

"All these people that [the UI pays] pay taxes and do business here in Iowa City. It has quite an effect of creating other jobs for other people," he said. "We are all in it together, the fact that the university can create so many jobs beyond what we get from state funding is pretty amazing."

Beyond the university employing large numbers of workers, UI students contribute to the economy by spending money and living in the city, Iowa City City Councilor Mike O'Donnell said.

"The university is a huge economic tool," he said, and Iowa consistently sees low unemployment. "We are a state that's been run very, very well."

O'Donnell noted the presence of the Iowa City Veterans Affairs Medical Center and UI Hospitals Clinics as other great employers.

In January, the national unemployment rate rose 3.1 percent compared with that month the previous year. But Iowa

Low unemployment in Iowa

The three cities that house Iowa's public universities are in the top 10 with lowest employment rates in the country. Here are unemployment rates across the state:

- State of Iowa: 5.8 percent
- Ames: 3.8 percent
- Iowa City: 4.1 percent
- Waterloo-Cedar Falls: 4.4 percent
- Sioux City: 5.0 percent
- Des Moines-West Des Moines: 5.3 percent
- Cedar Rapids: 5.5 percent
- Dubuque: 6.6 percent

Source: U.S. Department of Labor

remained in the top 10 of states with low unemployment.

Gov. Chet Culver's press secretary, Troy Price, said that though Iowa has one of the nation's lowest unemployment rates, the governor is still striving to put jobless Iowans back to work. Culver's IJOBS plan — a \$750 million bonding proposal that would invest in Iowa's crumbling infrastructure and create jobs — is awaiting approval from the state legislature.

Nationally, unemployment rates were higher in January compared with the same time in 2008 in all but one of 372 metropolitan areas in the nation.

Cedar Falls-Waterloo was the only city to maintain the same rate at 4.4 percent.

"It is one more sign that our world-class regents' universities are the engines that help keep our economy running," Price said in an e-mail.

Iowa City Mayor Regenia Bailey said universities and health-care units are industries less affected by a struggling economy and Iowa City is lucky to have both.

"It is sort of an insulating factor," she said. "People continue to consume higher education even in a difficult economy — some might even go back to school."

METRO

Man charged with robbery

An Iowa City man is accused of assaulting an ex-girlfriend and attempting to steal her car, authorities said.

James Dampier, 41, 902 N. Dodge St. Apt. B12, was charged Sept. 6, 2008, with second-degree robbery.

According to Iowa City police, an argument started after Dampier

arrived at the woman's residence. He pulled her hair and bit her left cheek, officers alleged.

As he allegedly assaulted her, Dampier reportedly took the woman's house and car keys from her hand.

Second-degree robbery is a Class C felony, punishable by 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000.

— by Regina Zilbermints

Man charged with 3rd OWI

A Swisher man was arrested March 21 after allegedly driving drunk.

Kevin Hartin, 41, was charged with third-offense OWI and driving while revoked.

According to the Johnson County Sheriff's Office, deputies following the vehicle saw Hartin drive off of the road and onto the shoulder twice

before pulling him over.

When deputies pulled Hartin over, he reportedly had slurred speech and bloodshot, watery eyes. Hartin refused field sobriety tests and breath tests.

Third-offense OWI is a Class D felony, punishable by up to five years in prison and a maximum fine of \$9,375. Driving while revoked is a serious misdemeanor, punishable by one year in jail and a fine of \$1,000.

— by Regina Zilbermints

POLICE BLOTTER

Samuel Bowhay, 20, Western Spring, Ill., was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Chanel Causey, 27, Coralville, was charged Sunday with interference with official acts and disorderly conduct.

Marcia Collins, 50, 453 N. First Ave., was charged Sunday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Alex Huberty, 19, 430 Wales St., was charged March 21 with possession of marijuana.

Kari Kutcher, 24, 1334 Bristol

Drive, was charged Sunday with OWI.

Frank Peterschmidt, 24, 28 Regal Lane, was charged Sunday with driving with a canceled/suspended license.

Carlton Smith Jr., 18, Sioux City, was charged Sunday with OWI.

David Sundberg, 24, 21 N. Seventh Ave., was charged Sunday with OWI and possession of marijuana.

Chavela Tamayo, 35, Cedar Rapids, was charged March 20 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

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Budget outlook grim

BUDGET
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Sen. Nancy Boettger, R-Harlan, acknowledged the difficulty of the task at hand, but she was unsure what education areas will be slashed.

"It's gonna be a challenge," said Boettger, the ranking Senate Republican on the joint subcommittee. "How are we going to do it? I'm not sure yet. We're definitely going to think outside the box."

Previously deemed as untouchable by subcommittee members and university presidents alike, student aid likely won't be left off the cutting board.

"I can't make any guarantees now without talking to the committee," said Schoenjahn, noting that he hopes the budget will pass out of committee and reach the floor by next week. "I think right now, in light of the figures, nothing is going to be left untouched in the governor's budget."

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— Sen. Nancy Boettger, the ranking Senate Republican on the joint subcommittee

Other subcommittees are facing essentially the same 4.5 percent cuts, Sen. Bob Dvorsky, D-Coralville, said, although Democratic leaders are looking to "allow as much latitude as possible" for different appropriations subcommittees.

Still, Dvorsky, the chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, said the budget remains a "moving target," with federal stimulus money set to pour in.

That funding could help avert some of the more draconian cuts, as Culver highlighted in a post-revenue estimate statement. Specifically, he pointed to education and health-care funding, as well as public sector layoffs

that could be avoided with an influx of stimulus cash.

But lawmakers must submit a balanced budget to the governor.

"I have to come out with a balanced budget, however egregious that might be," Schoenjahn said. With deep cuts necessary, "there is no discretion, or very little discretion."

Lawmakers such as Dvorsky concede that the budget will be an "ugly process" but maintain its importance.

UI spokesman Steve Parrott was unavailable for comment Monday.

As for Schoenjahn, he was stunned at the enormity of the state's budget woes.

"I don't think anyone could have foreseen this," he said.

No smoking fines yet

SMOKING
CONTINUED FROM 1A

Some people said they believe the ban and the educational period hasn't changed much — UI students still walk with lit cigarettes on the Pentacrest, and employees sometimes can be found on smoke breaks next to university buildings.

UI sophomore Tim Kelley said although the ban changed where he smokes, he sometimes lights up on campus because he knows he won't get fined.

"I really don't think it works," the 19-year-old said. "For most people I know, it doesn't deter them from smoking on campus."

County and city officials are also continuing the learning period. Johnson County sheriff's deputies and Iowa City police officers follow the same

'The goal of this law is not to write citations. The goal of this is to get people to stop smoking.'

— Janet Lyness, Johnson County prosecutor

practice when enforcing the state's smoking law.

"The goal of this law is not to write citations," said Johnson County prosecutor Janet Lyness. "The goal of this is to get people to stop smoking."

Since the law began last year, Iowa Department of Public Health officials have issued more than 600 letters of potential violations to state businesses — they sent six letters to businesses in Iowa City, including the UI. These possible infractions are being investigated, officials said.

In Iowa City, it is illegal to smoke in businesses, public parks, and on the Pedestrian Mall near the playground equipment. Iowa City police

Sgt. Denise Brotherton said when she sees people smoking, she asks them to move.

She thinks the law has been successful because of increased peer pressure, she said.

"I've noticed a change," she said. "Many citizens are taking a stand without having to get law enforcement involved."

Brotherton said she was unaware of anyone receiving a ticket for violating the state law.

Though there is no final date for the educational period, police officers will ticket repeat offenders, Brotherton said.

In the meantime, the ban may not deter some from smoking.

"People will do what they want to do," Kelley said.

Double-prints day comes

PRINTING
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Clark said the change could save the UI up to \$7,000 a semester, but replacement costs for printer parts specific to duplex printing — the double-sided printing — may eat up some of the savings.

"We expect those [parts] to break more easily," he said, noting printers that used to do approximately 5,000 duplex printing pages a month will now print an estimated 100,000.

Even with the switch, UI faculty, students, and staff can still print one-sided if they choose — what Block says she'll do if she has something to hand in for a class.

But Van Toorn said she'll still use duplex printing, including for assignments that are turned in.

"They can just as easily read it on the back side," she said. "I've never had a teacher complain about it."

Block, a communication-studies major, also said she'll use the ITCs more now that the printers default to double-sided.

"It will definitely be an incentive to use it in the future," she said — ITCs are her primary source of printing since her computer broke.

All ITC printers with a green sticker reading "reduce your carbon footprint" are duplex-ready, Clark said, but he noted that some departmental computer labs may not be duplex capable.

Color printers will continue to



REBECCA MNUK/THE DAILY IOWAN
A UI printer releases a double-sided sheet of paper in the Main Library on Monday. The switch to double-sided printing is part of a university-wide effort to go green.

print one-sided, unlike the rest of ITC printers, because most color printouts are intended to

be only one page, according to the ITC's website. Color duplex printing will still be available.

UI doesn't use checks

BACKGROUNDS
CONTINUED FROM 1A

The University of Northern Iowa conducts criminal background checks on all full- and part-time employees, said Nick Bambach, UNI's director of human resource services.

The UI is also the only one of the three state universities that doesn't ask applicants about previous criminal convictions. Stu-

dent applications ask whether the applicant has been in non-academic-related trouble at another university but doesn't ask about "infractions in general," Parrott said.

But ISU and UNI both ask student applicants if they have been convicted of any criminal activity, not solely those involving another university, said Phil Cafrey, the ISU senior associate director of Admissions. But in

most cases, an affirmative answer will not trigger a background check unless the student's infraction could pose a risk to campus safety, he said.

While not a universitywide policy, certain professional colleges at the UI conduct regular background checks, particularly for those who will be involved with patients in the health sciences, including the UI Carver College of Medicine.

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Group airs concerns on high-school balance

A local group is concerned about the balance of high-school enrollment in Iowa City.

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Some Iowa City residents are concerned that the district's high-school enrollment — an issue the Iowa City School Board has discussed for years — is polarizing the city.

Members of the Citizens for Outstanding Public Education in Iowa are pushing for a solution that would make the community more balanced.

For the 2009-10 school year West High's enrollment is projected to be above its 1,800-student capacity, and City High's enrollment is projected at 1,414 — well below its 1,600-student capacity.

"What happens every year at this time is they count up the projections and conclude City High will have no growth and West High will have gained," group member Ed Stone said. "The result is another teacher is lost from City High."

The difference in enrollment creates a disadvantage for students at City High because they have fewer opportunities to take the classes they want, Stone said. His concern is not with the type of classes offered at each school but the number of times each class is offered during the school day.

"What is happening at City High is students have to make a choice between two separate classes because they are offered at the same time," he said. "At West High, students do not have that issue."

One option the district discussed — building an addition to West High — could create a long-term divide in the community, Stone said. And the option of constructing a third high school is not realistic due to the district's financial constraints, Superintendent Lane Plugge said.



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City High is shown on Monday. The group Citizens for Outstanding Public Education in Iowa recently formed to push for equal enrollment and academic programs in both of Iowa City's high schools.

intendent Lane Plugge said.

He is assembling a committee of community members to weigh in on the enrollment issue, he said.

The citizen-group members worry that if West High's enrollment continues to grow, it could affect the decisions of families who move to the area.

"If someone is deciding between two similar homes, but one of them is in an area where people are telling them their kids will have more opportunities, they are going to pick that one," Stone said.

But School Board President Toni Cilek said she believes there are satisfactory opportunities at both schools.

"When we talk about what to do with the high schools, the discussion will be focused on capacity and enrollment," she said. "I feel confident that there are excellent opportunities at both schools."

The citizen-group members are pushing for the district to change enrollment boundaries so there is a reasonable balance at each school, both demographically and in size, Stone said.

Plugge said no specific boundary changes have been discussed, but he noted it will be a factor the committee will consider.

"I think if a boundary change is implemented, our board will also look at socioe-

High-school enrollment projections

West High:
Capacity: 1,800 students
• 2009-10: 1,817
• 2017-18: 2,534

City High:
Capacity: 1,600 students
• 2009-10: 1,414
• 2017-18: 1,490

Source: Iowa City School District

conomic balance," he said.

West High provides free or reduced-price lunches to 17 percent of its students; City High provides the support to 27 percent of its students, according to the citizen-group website.

While the members understand pushing for boundary changes is an emotional issue for some, Stone stressed they are not trying to take resources away from anyone.

"Some people are casting this as a group who wants to do this for their own children, but that is not the issue at all," he said. "This is about the polarizing of the community and making sure equal public resources are available for everyone."

The Iowa City School District will hold a public forum on high school enrollment at Parkview Church, 15 Foster Road, on March 30 at 7 p.m.

Bombers kill 32 in Iraq

By **ROBERT H. REID**
Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A suicide bomber struck a tent filled Monday with Kurdish funeral mourners, unleashing a huge fireball that killed at least 23 people in a northern town where Kurds and Arabs are competing for power.

Also Monday, Turkey's visiting president pressed the Iraqi government to crack down on Kurdish rebels who stage cross-border raids into Turkish territory from sanctuaries in northern Iraq.

The provincial security office said 23 people were killed and 34 wounded in the suicide attack in the town of Jalula some 80 miles northeast of Baghdad.

A member of the provincial security committee, Amir Rifaat, said 24 people were killed and 28 wounded. The difference could not be immediately reconciled.

Karim Khudadat, whose father was being mourned, said he was receiving visitors when the bomber struck.

"I was with my relatives outside the tent receiving people who came to offer condolences when suddenly the explosion took place," Khudadat said. "Suddenly, a huge flame engulfed the tent, and I was wounded in my head and legs."

Elsewhere, eight people were killed and 10 wounded in a bombing near a bus stop west of Baghdad, and a policeman died and eight people were wounded in a suicide blast at a market in the northern town of Tal Afar.

A series of high-profile bombings this month has raised concern that insurgents may be regrouping as the U.S. begins to scale down combat operations and hand over

security responsibility to the Iraqis ahead of a planned American troop withdrawal by the end of 2011.

The attack in Jalula was noteworthy because it points to rising tensions in the north between Kurds and Arabs over control of a swath of territory that the Kurds want to incorporate into their self-ruled region.

U.S. officials believe Kurdish-Arab tension is among the major flashpoint issues threatening Iraqi stability now that the threat posed by Sunni and Shiite insurgents has been diminished.

In August 2008, a suicide bomber killed 25 people, mostly police volunteers, in Jalula, a predominantly Arab town where the Iraqi army forced out Kurdish fighters of the self-ruled Kurdish government last year after a standoff that U.S. officials feared would lead to armed conflict.

A Jalula resident who was wounded in Monday's blast blamed Al Qaeda in Iraq, a Sunni Arab organization that typically carries out suicide bombings. He identified himself only by his nickname Abu Holman.

"Al Qaeda is targeting the Kurds because it believes that we are involved in the political process and collaborating with the Americans," Abu Holman said from his hospital bed. "There are still many Qaeda hotbeds in our area."

Kurdish issues were at the forefront of talks in Baghdad between Iraqi officials and Turkish President Abdullah Gul, who arrived Monday for the first visit here by a Turkish head of state in more than 30 years.

Gul urged the Iraqis to close down the Kurdistan Worker's Party, or PKK, which launches

attacks in southeastern Turkey from sanctuaries in northern Iraq.

"The time has come to remove the element that is a source of trouble," Gul said during a joint news conference with Iraqi President Jalal Talabani, himself a Kurd.

"We need to engage in a joint struggle to completely eradicate terrorism," Gul said. "A comprehensive cooperation is required. There is no doubt whether a greater role falls to the [place] where the terrorist organization's leadership and camps are based."

For his part, Talabani said the removal of the PKK rebels was in Iraq's interest as well and called on the rebels to lay down their arms. The rebels have been fighting for autonomy in Turkey's southeast since 1984. The conflict has killed tens of thousands of people.

"Either they will lay down arms or they will leave our territory," he said.

Turkey has carried out several cross border air strikes against rebel targets and is pressing Baghdad and the Kurdish regional government to step up efforts against the Kurdish rebels from their side.

Tensions escalated last year after the rebels killed about two dozen Turkish soldiers in attacks in October.

The areas where the PKK operates are under control of the Iraqi Kurdish regional administration rather than the Arab-dominated central government in Baghdad.

Gul was to discuss the issue with the prime minister of the Kurdish region, Nurchirvan Barzani, in Baghdad today.

AP Writers Qassim Abdul-Zahra, Yahya Barzanji, and Suzan Fraser contributed to this report.

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Wall Street loves bank plan

By STEVENSON JACOBS AND DANIEL WAGNER
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street gave the new bank-rescue plan an enthusiastic embrace. Whether it will actually work — restoring solvency to the banks, restarting lending, and ultimately lifting the economy out of recession — is far less clear.

One big question is a conundrum that stumped the last administration: how to determine a price for the thicket of mortgage-related securities so banks can move them off their books and then ramp up lending to consumers and businesses.

And even more critical to investors: Will the boiling anger over Wall Street bailouts and bonuses lead Congress to impose harsh restrictions on would-be buyers of toxic assets, making them shy away from doing a deal?

The new program unveiled Monday by Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner aims to entice investors to buy up to a half-trillion dollars of bad assets, to shore up banks' capital and unlock credit. The program could later be expanded to \$1 trillion.

Among the investors who endorsed it was Bill Gross, a respected bond manager and founder of the Pimco investment firm. Gross said Pimco, which has more than \$840 billion in client assets, would start buying troubled assets possibly within 45 days.

Another well-known investor, billionaire Wilbur Ross Jr., a specialist in distressed assets, said he plans to invest \$1 billion in the plan. He said it would help banks earn the "maximum rational price" for their hard-to-value assets.

"It's a better way than to keep pumping equity in," Ross told the Associated Press.



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The ABC news ticker in New York's Times Square is shown on Monday. Wall Street got the news it wanted on the economy's biggest problems, banks and housing, and celebrated by hurtling the Dow Jones industrials up nearly 500 points.

Wall Street responded with its best day of 2009, sending the Dow Jones industrial average soaring almost 500 points, a rally of almost 7 percent.

Other investors are more leery. They first want to see guarantees from Congress, well attuned to the epic backlash against bonuses paid out at bailed-out financial firms, that it won't punish investors who buy bank assets and later turn a profit.

"There's a lot of fingers flying around, and I'm very worried about having a high profile right now," said Steven Persky, a Los Angeles hedge fund manager who has already invested \$400 billion in toxic mortgage-backed securities.

Before investing any new money in toxic assets with government help, Persky said he'd want an ironclad contract guaranteeing that his profits or compensation wouldn't be threatened later. He added: "The level of animosity is so high."

So are the stakes. The Bush administration

abandoned its own toxic-asset purchase plan last fall because of the complexity of valuing the securities. It had proposed creating a reverse auction in which banks burdened with bad loans would accept the lowest-price bids for the assets.

By contrast, the Obama administration will try to lure hedge funds, private equity firms and other big investors to buy assets by offering them low-interest loans drawn from the \$700 billion financial bailout and backed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. and the Federal Reserve.

The new plan leaves it up to investors to figure out a price. The value of banks' mortgage-related securities imploded last year after the housing crisis worsened and foreclosures soared.

The government's goal is to get investors to pay a price at a financial sweet spot: high enough that banks will sell — but low enough that the government won't absorb too much

risk in financing the deals. But the new plan offers few specifics on how that will be done.

"The original plan floundered on the issue of how to price the assets, and this new plan doesn't fundamentally solve that problem," said William Poole, former head of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. "Pricing these assets is still going to be very complicated."

That's because not all toxic assets were created equal. Some are simply home loans offered by banks that have since soured as people fell behind on their mortgage bills. The more pernicious assets are those backed by home loans that were chopped up and packaged into securities and sold to investors across the globe.

Putting a value on those securities means going through each one and figuring out the status of the loan. That process will be time consuming and expensive, experts say.

Eugene Ludwig, a former comptroller of the currency, said it was crucial that the Treasury Department establish the private sector partnerships quickly "so this thing doesn't drag on for another six months."

Ludwig, now chief executive of Promontory Financial Group, noted that the \$700 billion bailout fund is mostly exhausted, meaning that the Treasury and Federal Reserve must make best use of the remaining money and whatever private money they attract.

"It's like Hamburger Helper," he said. "It's a way to stretch the hamburger as much as possible."

But success in attracting that private cash will depend on soothing investors who have been spooked by the uproar over AIG's bonuses and other government interventions they see as heavy-handed.

Council aims at flood \$

Community challenges fuel tonight's council meeting.

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Iowa City may receive funding for continued flood relief with the application for a federal grant.

The Iowa City Council will announce its application tonight for the money from the Economic Development Administration for the replacement of the Park Road Bridge, the elevation of Dubuque Street, and the relocation of the North Wastewater-Treatment Plant. All were damaged in last summer's flood. The council will discuss the funding tonight at its meeting.

Estimated cost for the three projects is between \$80 million and \$90 million. Representatives from the council presented the projects to officials in Washington, D.C., in February in hopes of additional federal funding, but federal officials have not made a decision.

"When we were in D.C., there was mention that the economic administration may be able to help fund our projects," Iowa City Mayor Regenia Bailey said. "Of course, it wouldn't be the whole cost, but any portion would help greatly."

Some vendors have expressed concern over moving the market, noting weather issues.



Bailey
mayor



O'Donnell
councilor

Volcano erupts 5 times in Alaska

By MARY PEMBERTON
Associated Press

WILLOW, Alaska — Alaska's Mount Redoubt volcano erupted five times overnight, sending an ash plume more than nine miles into the air in the volcano's first emissions in nearly 20 years.

Residents in the state's largest city were spared from falling ash, though fine gray dust was falling Monday morning on small communities north of Anchorage. The ash began falling around daybreak and continued into midmorning. They were supposed to end by noon.

"It's coming down," Rita Jackson, 56, said early Monday morning at a 24-hour grocery store in Willow, about 50 miles north of Anchorage. She slid her fingers across the hood of her car, through a dusting of ash.

Ash from Alaska's volcanos is like a rock fragment with jagged edges and has been used as an industrial abrasive. It can injure skin, eyes, and breathing passages. The young, the elderly, and people with respiratory problems are especially susceptible to ash-related health problems. Ash can also cause damage engines in planes, cars, and other vehicles.

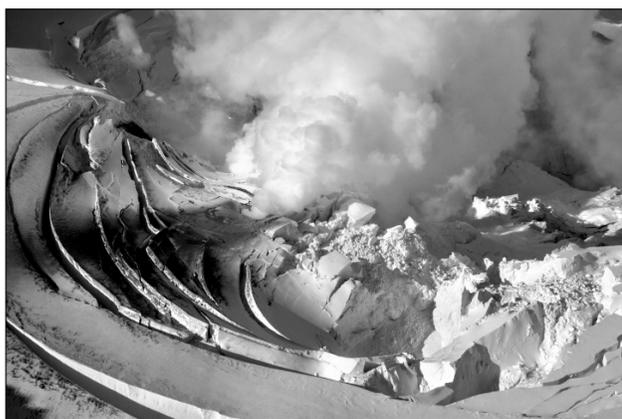
Alaska Airlines on Monday canceled 19 flights in and out of the Anchorage International Airport because of the ash.

Elmendorf Air Force Base in Anchorage told only essential personnel to report to work. The Air Force says 60 planes, including fighter jets, cargo aircraft, and a 747 commercial plane, were being sheltered.

The first eruption, in a sparsely area across Cook Inlet from the Kenai Peninsula, occurred at 10:38 p.m. Sunday and the fifth happened at 4:30 a.m. Monday, according to the Alaska Volcano Observatory.

The wind was taking the ash cloud away from Anchorage, toward Willow and Talkeetna, near Mount McKinley, North America's largest mountain in Denali National Park.

Dave Stricklan, a hydrometeorological technician with the National Weather Service,



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In this photo released by the Alaska Volcano Observatory/U.S. Geological Survey, steam rises from the top vent in the summit crater of Alaska's Mount Redoubt on March 21. The Mount Redoubt volcano erupted five times Sunday night and early Monday morning, sending an ash plume more than nine miles.

expected very fine ash. "Just kind of a light dusting," he said. He said the significant amount of ash probably dropped immediately, right down the side of the volcano.

"The heavier stuff drops out very quickly, and then the other stuff filters out. There's going to be a very fine amount of it that's going to be suspended in the atmosphere for quite some time," he said. "The finer ash is

going to travel farther, and any ash can affect aviation safety."

Jackson said she was taking a sip of coffee when she tasted something funny on her lips — ash. She was experiencing other affects, too.

"My eyes are itching really bad," she said as she hurried to get out of the store and to her car.

Jackson, who unexpectedly got the day off, hurried home

from the grocery store to secure a motorcycle, snowmachine, and vehicles under protective blue tarps.

The 10,200-foot Redoubt Volcano, roughly 100 miles southwest of Anchorage, last erupted during a four-month period from 1989-90.

In its last eruption, Redoubt sent ash 150 miles away into the path of a KLM jet and its four engines flamed out. The jet dropped more than two miles before the crew was able to restart all engines and land safely. The plane required \$80 million in repairs.

Meanwhile, the volcano became restless earlier this year. The observatory had warned in late January that an eruption could occur at any time.

Increased earthquake activity over the past 48 hours prompted scientists to raise the alert level for Mount Redoubt on Sunday.

On Sunday morning, 40 to 50 earthquakes were being recorded every hour.

A steam plume rising about 1,000 feet above the mountain peak was observed Saturday.

AP writer Mark Thiessen contributed to this report.

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Agriprocessors auction moves forward

DES MOINES (AP) — The auction of an embattled kosher slaughterhouse in northeast Iowa will likely

last until late Monday night.

Officials say the courtroom where the auction is taking place is closed to the media, but a live broadcast of the proceedings is available in the building.

On Tuesday, a judge will discuss the bids and give details about the auction results.

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Editorial

Spring into action

All across Iowa City, spring is here. Temperatures are rising, the days are getting longer, and the flowers are blooming. Now is the perfect time for the community to get out and enjoy the sunny skies and warmer weather. Even the couch potato and habitual exercise procrastinator have run out of reasons to stay indoors.

Let's face it: Most of us are unhealthy. After a winter of frequenting the McDonald's dollar menu and consuming other fast-food undesirables, quite a few of us could benefit from dropping those few extra pounds and shedding our coats of winter blubber. And this stride to healthfulness starts with simple things, such as taking a walk, going for a jog, or even bicycling to class instead of driving. What better way to enjoy the nice weather than to enjoy it on foot instead of in the confines of a car? Why not save a few dollars in parking and avoid those dreaded Iowa City parking tickets by walking or biking to class?

We can learn a variety of lessons from those die-hard bikers and runners who can be found out on the street in even the most inclement weather. However, one group of people is missing from the streets during these bouts of warmer weather: children. In the years before video games and satellite TV, children would have been found outdoors playing from dawn to dusk. But now that video games can simulate practically any environment, children have a much lower desire to leave the house. Seven NFL players hope to curb childhood obesity by getting

sedentary children up and moving. They are voicing their support for the FIT Kids Act. According to an article in *USA Today*, the proposed bill would require schools, districts, and states to report on the physical activity of their students and to offer students health and nutritional information.

The need for a bill of this kind is reflected in any set of childhood obesity statistics. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that obese children and adolescents are more likely to have risk factors associated with cardiovascular disease, such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and Type 2 diabetes, than other children and adolescents. They also found that obese children and adolescents are more likely to be obese adults — around 80 percent of overweight children aged 10-15 years were overweight as adults at the age of 25.

This is preventable. We should encourage children to get outside and exercise whenever possible, instead of permitting them to lounge around indoors slurping soda and playing Xbox. The future health of our nation depends on it.

We can serve as role models for these children. As a country, we have become dependent on health care to cure the problems brought on by our own unhealthy recklessness. We continually complain about the rising costs of health care, yet we do nothing to facilitate a solution. Go to the park. Take a ride down the bike trail. Spring is here, and now is the perfect opportunity to get healthy.

1-on-1 with Mr. B



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Some week, huh?

Well, yeah, I know — many of you spent the last week in blissed-out wonderment (Performance-enhanced? Hmmm.) in some exotic location, Texas, maybe, or Florida. Perhaps Mexico.

In any case, somewhere south of the Mason-Dixon Line is what passes for exotic these days. (As I recall from my elementary-school days, Maryland is directly south of the Mason-Dixon, and Maryland doesn't seem all that exotic. Of course, when I was in elementary school, the invention of the printing press was all the rage.)

No offense to Maryland, of course. It's just that I lived there once, and if you want to take the exotic out of exotic places, live there. As an old pal of mine once wrote in a song, There's no place to go that's not here.

So I took a gander at the economy, which more and more seems to resemble a pigsty without the pigs (well, OK, there's AIG — with the pigs), and decided I'd leave my money under my mattress and travel only to Hoopsland.

(Actually, I don't own a mattress, so good luck breaking into my place and finding the money. I was speaking metaphorically about the mattress. And the money.)

Hoopsland, which also goes by the moniker men's basketball NCAA Tournament, is indeed an exotic place, a country you can visit for very little or no money and discover how ignorant and silly you are.

Luckily, it only comes around once a year — discovering how ignorant and silly you are all the time would begin to seem like a comp-lit class.

This year, just to make things more exotic, I decided to challenge President Barack Obama in the tourney. I mean, he's famous for his jump shot (I am not, but I was moderately famous for my behind-the-back passes with either hand, back shortly after the invention of the printing press), and his NCAA picks are posted online at ESPN.com, so I said, Game on, Mr. B.

Well.

I have to admit, I didn't quite get off to the jackrabbit start I'd been dreaming of — that gorgeous 32-of-32 that leaves your opponent with eyes the size of a Harvest Moon, because you're doing the harvesting and he's going, Were those AIG bonuses that just plowed me under?

No, I rather stumbled out to a 23-of-32 start. In Hoopsland, that's somewhere below pedestrian. Actually, it's worse than that — it's like trying to play ball with your shoes tied together. And if I'm being honest, I had some moments playing ball in which I couldn't have played any worse had my shoes been tied together.

But Mr. B of the famous jump shot? In all honesty, he looked like a genius in dealing with the AIG brouhaha compared with his first round in the tournament: 19-of-32, which, in the way these things are calculated (according to Aristotle's formula, 2 points for the first round, 4 points for the second, etc.) gave him 38 points to my 46.

Hah, I thought. Where's that jump shot now? You're going to wish you'd stuck to AIG. I chest-bumped my ceiling.

(Don't try that at home. For one thing, you probably don't live in an attic.)

Of course, the thing about the tournament (and, for that matter, life) is that it doesn't stop after the first round. There's this thing called the second round.

Well.

I admit, I got a little nervous on the first day of the second round when Mr. B went 8-for-8, and I went — ahem — 5-of-8. Some jump shot, huh?

The rest of the second round didn't go much better; Mr. B wound up 14-of-16 in the Sweet Sixteen, and I ended up 11-of-16 in the Semi-Sour Sixteen, giving him 94 points to my 90.

I didn't chest-bump my ceiling. My shoes seemed to be tied together.

Well, there's always the third round, I said. Besides, isn't Mr. B supposed to be worrying about those AIG bonuses?

(Actually, he already has — he took the money out of the latest AIG bailout. I wish I could get a bailout — then I'd have more than metaphorical money.)

That's Hoopsland for you — exotically demonstrating how ignorant and silly you are.

I sure am glad I'm not taking a comp-lit class. ■

Letters

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Embryos are people, too

As someone who has been pro-life all his life, I believe life begins at the point of conception and that those conceived under the laws of the United States are protected by the Constitution and therefore are entitled to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Now has come the day in which science has made it possible to freeze an embryo outside the body of a human female. The embryo's natural development into a fully functioning human being is then blocked by being frozen until the time arrives when it will eventually be transferred back to a woman in order to have a baby. The natural progression begins again, and results in the birth of a child no different from any other human being.

The controversy surrounding stem-cell research concerns the idea of using "leftover" embryos as a means of repairing or replacing damaged tissues or organs of those who suffer daily. It has been said there is no greater sacrifice than to lay down one's life for the life of another. As much as I am pro-life, I am also pro-quality-of-life and see this as an

opportunity for one life that may be discarded as "leftover" to serve to improve another's life and hence allow that healed person to not only continue living but live her or his life to also help life to continue. I know that if I was to be discarded as "leftover" rather than be given the chance to help my fellow human being, then all would have been in vain. Many of us are called to perform extraordinary feats as we experience this existence called the human race. I can think of no greater feat than to go from being a "leftover" to someone who was able to lighten the burden of another person and perhaps extend her or his life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness.

Joe Bialek
Cleveland

Leave Farmers' Market alone

City councilors — I have worked at the Farmers' Market for six years. Moving the market one Saturday a month to Iowa Avenue seems like it might be worth a try except for:

1) No one will want to walk three blocks from Iowa Avenue to the parking ramps with a bag of groceries. If

you don't believe me, try an experiment before you vote on this. Drive with a bag of groceries and park on Iowa Avenue. Then walk with your full bag of groceries to the parking ramp. In a more perfect world, we could say people should not mind walking three blocks with a full bag of groceries, but in reality, they do mind. The reality is that people will not want to do it. (That they can park in the ramp for free for two hours is irrelevant). The Farmers' Market underneath the ramp has hundreds of parking spaces very close by: in the Chauncey Swan ramp, in the lot to the south of market (adjacent to the Recreation Center), and in the City Hall lot.

2) There is the obvious extra cost to the vendors for some sort of covering for their stalls. A recession year is not the time to ask the vendors for this.

3) Rainy or intense sun and heat days are not going to be good days for vendors to be outside.

4) It really doesn't matter that other cities have successful outdoor farmers' markets. What matters is that we already have a very successful Farmer's Market — leave it alone.

5) I am a huge advocate for downtown Iowa City, and this idea may or may not help downtown, but it surely will hurt the market. And the proposed Saturdays aren't even on the same Saturday each month, which would make it easier for people to remember the change of location. (If you pass this proposal, I would like each of you who vote "yes" to stand at Chauncey Swan ramp on Saturday morning telling Saturday shoppers that the market has moved — and it was your vote that moved it.)

6) This the big one — this move was done without consulting more than a handful of vendors. If every Saturday vendor were given a secret ballot on this decision, the vote would be overwhelmingly "No." And you know why — because for the vendors this isn't a little Saturday morning lark, or a hobby. It's their LIVELIHOOD.

Shy to put yourselves in their shoes — who are you to make this gamble with people's livelihoods in a recession? — think about it, and vote "No" on this proposal.

Gary Sanders
Iowa City

Guest Opinion

Correalina, the way to spell 'protectionism'

By LAWRENCE DE GEEST

There are those in Ecuador who say that life is too short to be the bull in a bullfight. But in South America, the lessons of the bullfight are fading as the popularity of the sport wanes and the popularity of Ecuadorian President and economist Rafael Correa rises. The 2008 Feria de Quito — the 10-day celebration of the founding of Quito and largest taurina competition in the Americas — saw more anti-bullfighting advertising and less television and radio coverage than in previous years, while trade barriers imposed by Correa ensured that the only expensive imports entering the country were

Spanish matadors. Correa does not publicly praise or condemn bullfighting and regularly ignores warnings from the World Bank against protectionism. But his most fervent supporters do not mind. Largely illiterate, unemployed, and preferring Ecuavolley (a variation of volleyball played with a football) to bullfighting, they maintain that Correa should be trusted. Sadly, they are likely to be disappointed.

Correa took power of the historically unstable South American polity in 2007 promising reform and rejuvenation, but his "citizen's revolution" has since found itself facing unfavorable circumstances in the role of the bull. High unemploy-

ment, inflation, and public debt, combined with an overdependence on oil revenues and remittances, make Correa's promises of wealth redistribution and free education through university increasingly untenable. His self-appointed ministers assure the people that improvement will only come through government intervention, and in this, he has endeavored zealously. His trade barriers are the toughest in the world — they restrict the entry of 627 types of goods, many of which are not produced in Ecuador. The World Bank now worries that neighboring countries will adopt similar policies and undo the pained efforts of trade organizations such as

MERCOSUR and the Andean Community, and with reason: The International Monetary Fund — which has loaned extensively to Ecuador — recently reported the first contraction in global trade in 30 years.

Correa wants a society of entrepreneurs to re-engineer Ecuador into a regional leader, and novice microgravity and aeronautics programs, the first of their kind in Latin America, are frequently championed. But like oil, entrepreneurship is a scarce resource. Ecuadorians with capital and innovative ideas are discouraged by potential government interference, and many foresee an increase in black-market activity as a

result. To them, these are ominous signs of past decades. Rather than reform and rejuvenation, Correa has led Ecuador back to its querencia, the place in the bullring in which the bull feels most secure and laboriously protects. Such security is short-lived — the bull who holds his querencia is a bull who dies of his own accord.

Policymakers argue that no economy in today's world can survive alone. If so, then Correa must abandon his present thinking. It may even be time to for him consider reinstating a new domestic currency to replace the weakening dollar, adopted in 2000 to alleviate hyperinflation. But he may be president until 2017, and for

now, he does not appear to be changing his course. Since the credit crisis began, he has expelled U.S. diplomats and foreign businesses, refused to pay interest on the nation's foreign debt, shut down the U.S.'s anti-narcotics trafficking operation, seized two private television stations, banned live-bullfight broadcasts at the Feria de Quito, and even distanced himself from allies Hugo Chavez and Evo Morales. In bullfighting, original techniques are named after their matador's, such as manolitina or dosantina. Much as "21st-century socialism" has been attributed to Chavez, "21st-century protectionism" may one day be remembered as Correalina.

CD REVIEWS

The Decemberists delivers its most intricate story yet

What makes indie-folk band the Decemberists stand out from the crowd is its distinct ability to tell a story with its albums. After more than two years since the band's last release, new album *The Hazards of Love* offers a new narrative with poetic lyrics and a plethora of instruments.

What is most evident from this album is how the Decemberists approaches the style of the music from many different angles, including the way tracks transition through each other, each lyric's diction, and the album's overall tone. By fitting these aspects together, the band's members truly show their creative skills as musicians.

The Hazards of Love follows a girl named Margaret and "true love" William while introducing other characters along the way, among them a forest queen and a promiscuous acquaintance.

"Prelude" is the first thing listeners hear and is the most haunting track on the album. It provides a hint to the organ and string instruments that are present in the rest of the album's tracks. "Prelude" then sinks into the first rendition of "The Hazards of Love," which sets up the lovers' story with more of a folk tone behind the intricate lyrics, which are then carefully placed in a kind of verse or rhyme.

As the tale continues, the Decemberists triumphs on more lyric-less tracks while experimenting with a diverse group of instruments, including the bouzouki — an instrument similar to a mandolin that gives off a signature folk sound — and the banjo.

The Hazards of Love also has its rough spots. "The Wanting Comes in Waves/Repaid," a confrontation between William and the forest queen, represents the two characters with different beats, going back and forth in the song, competing to overpower the other. Both rhythms are strong by themselves and would work better as two individual tracks.

The Hazards of Love is a representation of the imaginative ways music can be interpreted. The album shows the Decemberists creating a style all its own and offering a different kind of musical experience to its listeners.

Kelly's Picks: "The Hazards of Love 1," "Interlude," and "The Rake's Song"

— by Kelly Diggins

Papa Roach is morphing into something all too familiar

The world first saw Papa Roach come barreling into the rap-rock scene that was so fertile at the end of the last millennium. Since then, the band has tried to adapt to the ever-changing face of popular music, but it has been struggling to do so these past few years.

Let's face it, hard rock has gotten quite limp as of late, and with *Metamorphosis*, Papa Roach really isn't doing too much to help salvage it.

In fact, if you listen to *Metamorphosis* from start to finish, it begins to sound like a perfect hybrid of Buckcherry and Hinder. Just what the world needs.

Metamorphosis starts out fairly strong, with tracks that are much more guitar-heavy — and consequently less radio-friendly. You most likely won't hear a song such as "Change or Die" making its way onto the airwaves. "Live This Down" and "Carry Me" are two other standout tracks that have the melodic prowess to garner a decent amount of interest from music fans.

The rest of this album is not inventive in the slightest. Papa Roach seems like it has a lot to say, but doesn't quite know how to say it. There is very little depth, save for maybe a couple requisite tracks about love gone sour.

One may stop to ponder, "Have I heard this song before?" Chances are you have, only with a different name attached to it. The mainstream radio vibe of *Metamorphosis* is a bit overwhelming, making it hard to believe this band was much more ferocious back in its heyday.

Whether this new sound will work for Papa Roach is hard to tell. This formula has obviously worked for others of the same musical vein, but this band may be just enough past its prime that not a whole lot of people will really take notice.

Rebecca's Picks: "Change or Die," "Carry Me"

— by Rebecca Koons

A tough-guy shell with a sweet, mama's-boy center

Eric Church has presented himself as a charming Southern gentleman with a tough exterior since his introduction to the country world in 2006. This genuine approach to his music has made him successful, along with peers such as Dierks Bentley, Keith Urban, and even more legendary acts along the lines of Alan Jackson.

Church's sophomore album, *Carolina*, is a continuation of the roller coaster of emotions that fans heard on his debut

release, *Sinners Like Me*. The image of a regular guy with everyday problems, joys, and heart-breaks rings loud and clear, which is ultimately his most appealing attribute (aside from those puppy-dog eyes). The sound of this album is fresh and upbeat and definitely shows potential for major crossover appeal, as he often toes the line between country and rock.

Carolina kicks off with "Ain't Killed Me Yet," an ode to the woman who did him wrong, the mantra of "what doesn't kill me only makes me stronger" ever present. Fortunately love on the rocks isn't the only way he talks about the subject, as "Love

Your Love the Most" clearly states.

Of course, as you probably anticipated, this regular Joe is certainly rough around the edges. Tracks such as "Young and Wild" and "Longer Gone" paint this image perfectly. It is clear just from the lyrical content of *Carolina* that Church is — or at least knows of — a man who is respectable and hard-working but also knows not to take himself too seriously.

Church is the epitome of a good guy looking for a good time — not to mention a pure, no-frills musician who deserves much more acclaim for his honest outlook.

Rebecca's Picks: "Ain't Killed Me Yet," "Longer Gone," "Carolina"

— by Rebecca Koons

Ten rocks harder almost 20 years later

Here's a chance to relive the days of flannel shirts, long hair, and teenage angst, complete with a soundtrack by the Seattle band Pearl Jam, which came to prominence in the early 1990s.

Pearl Jam reissues its 1991 debut album, *Ten*, allowing fans to choose from four different packages. *Ten* is widely acclaimed as one of the most significant and successful rock debuts of the past 20 years — with legendary tracks such as "Alive," "Jeremy," and "Even Flow."

Each new reissue package includes a digitally remastered version of the original *Ten* as well as a new remix of the CD by the band's long-time producer, Brendan O'Brien. His interpretation of *Ten* is refreshing for fans who have grown weary of the original album's sound. The remix generally stays true to the original but is much more refined. The guitar is less muddled, and listeners actually may appreciate guitarist Mike McCready more than before.

O'Brien's remix also includes six previously unreleased songs, including an early version of "State of Love and Trust" that is sure to make long-time Pearl Jam fans smile. Vedder also improvises lyrics on "2,000 Mile Blues" and shows off his amazingly distinct voice.

The *Deluxe* edition includes both the remastered original and O'Brien's remix along with the band's 1992 episode of "MTV Unplugged." The performance has become rock lore, as Vedder wrote "pro-choice" on his arm while standing on a bar stool during the song "Porch." Seeing a young and beardless Vedder belch, grunt, and groan will give hard-core Pearl Jam fans goose bumps.

All four of the *Ten*'s reissue packages are part of the band's 20th-anniversary celebration.

The reissue offers anyone who was too young when *Ten* was first released to now become a fan of the classic album. Although it is a reissue, it is refreshing to hear rock and roll with an edge.

Dan's Picks: "State of Love and Trust," "Black," and "Brother"

— by Dan Watson

BOOK REVIEW

Giving good cheer

A new book about the 'hidden' world of cheerleading is the ultimate guilty pleasure, even though it shouldn't be.

By KATIE HANSON

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People who think cheerleading isn't a sport should Google "Stephen F. Austin NCA 2007" and watch the accompanying video. Then they should shut up.

On a late-night show appearance years ago, Jerry Seinfeld once joked about why he respected baseball players and not NASCAR drivers, saying, "I can't do that."

After watching this national championship video and reading *Cheer! Inside the Secret World of College Cheerleaders*, I can definitely say, "I can't do that." Competitive cheerleading is super-human.

It's easy enough to initially scoff at Kate Torgovnick's 346-page book. The cover sports four pair of cheerleaders. The men are shirtless and rippling, the women flashing megawatt smiles as they twist in the air. *Oh please*, I thought. *They can't really do that.*

In fact, they can. Over the course of a year, Torgovnick, a writer for the *New York Times* and former *Jane* magazine editor, shadowed three college cheerleading teams: the Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks, the Southern University Jaguars, and the University of Memphis All-Girl Tigers.

As they progress from tryouts to football season to national championships, Torgovnick captures victories and downfalls. Somewhere in the chapters "I'm Shit-My-Pants Nervous" and "I Was Addicted to the Attention, Not the Cocaine," readers get sucked in and flipped about right along with the tiny women who are sent in the air. This is not a book you can put down easily.

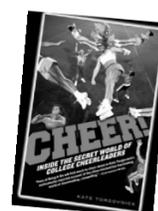
Torgovnick thankfully provides a glossary of cheerleading moves — you have to flip back repeatedly to double-check the

meanings of "Awesome" and "Scorpion" — as well as a photo section featuring not only the main cheerleaders but some of the teams' flashiest pyramids.

The author alternates her narrative among the three squads yet manages to cover everything. The reporting is extensive: It frankly seems as though she witnessed each team's entire year.

The Lumberjacks face enormous pressure to continue their streak of four national titles, led by super-cheerleader Sierra Jenkins, with a platinum-blond head so big it belongs on Mount Rushmore. The team's challenges are completely different from the Jaguars', who placed second at nationals in 2002 but haven't returned since because they can't raise the money. And these co-ed teams can't relate to the Tigers, who consistently place among the best in the country but can't seem to earn the respect — or the monetary support — of their school's counterparts.

While some cheerleading stereotypes are confirmed — the women who do stunts in the air, known as "fliers," usually weigh between 80 and 100 pounds and often turn to either drugs or eating disorders to stay skinny — other misconceptions are blown away. The black squad might have been the badasses in *Bring it On*, but predominantly white universities are typically top-of-the-heap. Plus, cheerleaders work



Kate Torgovnick
Cheer! Inside the Secret World of College Cheerleaders



PUBLICITY PHOTO
Author Kate Torgovnick began researching *Cheer!* in 2006. She's also clocked column inches at *Newsweek*, *Glamour*, and *Radar* magazines.

out a lot. "You guys are college cheerleaders, which means you have to be a picture of certain things," Tiger coach James Smith lectures his team at the beginning of the season. "So get off the sweets. No more Coke — drink water. You gotta start running, and when you're done running, run again."

Just as the elaborate, unreliable pyramids can make or break these teams, *Cheer!*'s quality relies on Torgovnick's uneven prose. She goes the distance to paint her sources as authentic and human, but sometimes it's too much, as evidenced in these sentences about Tiger co-captain Jasmine Smotherman: "She is so pretty that it would be easy to hate her for her stunning genetics. But she happens to be down-to-earth and genuine, one of those women who is impossible not to like."

Clunky narrative aside, *Cheer!* is an energetic, engrossing read, and one that made me a tad envious. Not everyone can shake a pair of pompoms and look this spectacular.

ARTS

Letterman marries longtime girlfriend

LOS ANGELES (AP) — David Letterman said he and longtime girlfriend Regina Lasko had a bumpy trip

to matrimony last week.

During a taping Monday of CBS' "Late Show," Letterman said he and Lasko married March 19 at the Teton County Courthouse in Choteau, Mont., but only after their truck got stuck on a muddy road.

Letterman and Lasko, whose son, Harry, was born in November 2003, didn't take an immediate honeymoon. The late-night host was back at work in New York on Monday to deliver the news — and a few jokes about the marriage.

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School for militants

By CHRIS BRUMMITT
Associated Press

BAHAWALPUR, Pakistan — The compound bore no sign. Residents referred to it simply as the school for “jihad fighters,” speaking in awe of the expensive horses stabled within its high walls — and the extremists who rode them bareback in the dusty fields around it.

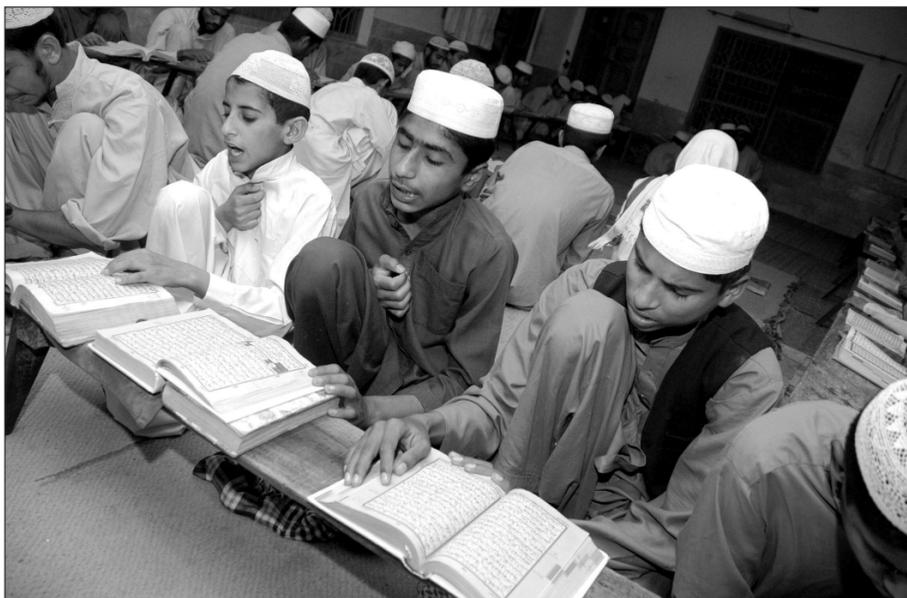
In classrooms nearby, teachers drilled boys as young as 8 in an uncompromising brand of Islam that called for holy war against enemies of the faith. Sitting cross-legged on the floor of the Dar-ul-uloom Madina school, they rocked back and forth as they recited sections of the Koran, Islam’s holy book.

Both facilities are run by an Al-Qaeda-linked terror network, Jaish-e-Mohammed, in the heart of Pakistan, hundreds of miles from the Afghan border that is the global focus of the fight against terrorism. Their existence raises questions about the government’s pledge to crack down on terror groups accused of high-profile attacks in Pakistan and India and of having ties to global terror plots.

Authorities say militant groups in Punjab are increasingly sending out fighters to Afghanistan and the border region, adding teeth to an insurgency spreading across Pakistan that has stirred fears about the country’s stability and the safety of its nuclear weapons.

The horse-riding facility, discovered by the Associated Press during a visit to this impoverished region where miles of dusty, wind-swept desert spread out in all directions, had never before been seen by journalists.

There, would-be jihadi fighters practice martial arts, archery, and horse-riding skills and get religious instruction, according to a former member of Jaish-e-Mohammed, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because he did not want to be identified by



Pakistani religious students memorize the Koran in Darul-Uloom Madina religious school in Bahawalpur, southern Punjab, Pakistan, on March 20. Officials say terror network Jaish-e-Mohammed and other outfits in Punjab are increasingly sending fighters to Afghanistan and the frontier region.

KHALID TANVEER/ASSOCIATED PRESS

ex-comrades or authorities.

Horse-riding is considered by many extremists to be especially worthy because the pursuit is referenced in Islamic teachings on jihad.

Pakistan has seen a string of attacks, including the ambush this month of Sri Lankan cricketers in the Punjab capital, Lahore, and a truce with extremists in Swat less than 100 miles from the capital, Islamabad, that have heightened alarm in Washington and other Western capitals that the country is slipping into chaos.

Amid the near daily onslaught of violence, the country’s president and opposition leader have been locked in a bitter political dispute that has exposed the weakness of the civilian government less than a year after it took over following years of military rule by Gen. Pervez Musharraf.

Pakistan outlawed Jaish in 2001 but has done little to enforce the ban, partly out of fear of a backlash but also because it and other groups in Punjab were created by the powerful intelligence agencies

as a proxy force in Afghanistan and Kashmir, a territory disputed with rival India.

“You can say Jaish is running its business as usual,” said Mohammed Amir Rana, from Pakistan’s Institute for Peace Studies, which tracks militant groups. “The military wants to keep alive its strategic options in Kashmir. The trouble is you cannot restrict the militants to one area. You cannot keep control of them.”

Apart from the martial-arts and horse-riding center, Jaish militants openly operate two imposing boarding schools in Bahawalpur, a dusty town of 500,000 people. Food, lodging, and tuition are free for their 500 students, paid for by donations from sympathizers across the country.

A top police officer said the schools and other hard-line establishments in the area were used to recruit teens and young men for jihadi activities in Pakistan’s northwest or in Afghanistan. He spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the

sensitivity of the issue.

A guard wielding an automatic weapon stood at the gate of the Usman-o-Ali school and turned a visiting AP team away. But the head teacher at nearby Dar-ul-uloom Madina school allowed the group a tour and an interview.

Ataur Rehman said none of the students were allowed to be recruited for jihad while studying there, but added that he could not stop them joining up after they graduated.

“We have made it clear: Our focus is teaching, teaching, and teaching,” he said in his damp threadbare office as a student served sweet, milky tea, and biscuits. “But if someone does something independently, we cannot be held responsible.”

In classrooms, students ranging in age from 8 to their mid-20s sat shoulder-to-shoulder along wooden planks as they chanted Koranic verses; one of the youngest boys broke off briefly from his studies and grinned at a visiting reporter.

AP writers Asif Shahzad and Rahim Faiz contributed to this report.

A UI cup of kindness

Career Leadership Academy students will perform random acts of kindness throughout the week.

By MAGGIE PETERS
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After grabbing a snack at Pat’s Diner in the Pappajohn Business Building Monday, UI sophomore Chelsea Fields decided to cover the purchase for the woman behind her in line, too.

“Then I explained a little about our event to her, and she seemed excited,” the accounting major said.

Fields, 19, was referring to the Random Acts of Kindness Week, which began on campus Monday and will run through Friday. A class in the UI Career Leadership Academy created the initiative, nicknamed A-OK Week. The five days are all about passing on simple, kind deeds to other students and community residents, said UI junior Lauren Drew, one of the event’s creators.

Fields and the other 19 students in her class will start each day this week with five pink “Pay It Forward” cards to pass out throughout the day. The goal is for the cards to be spread around through all of campus and the Iowa City community, said UI junior Mallory Snitker.

The group also created a Facebook event that allows students to share the kind acts they performed.

“We’re really hoping people will go on Facebook and spread the word,” Fields said.

Some benevolent examples listed on the site are holding doors open, paying parking meters, and offering a classmate a ride home.

The class that invented the A-OK week is just one of many classes in the Career Leadership Academy.

The academy involves four

Acting kind

Random Acts of Kindness Week will run through Friday, during which time UI students are hoping others on the UI campus and in the city will “pay it forward” by doing something nice for someone else.

• Check out the group’s Facebook event and group by searching “A-OK Week” in the search box.

phases, said Angi McKie, the director of marketing and public relations for the Pomerantz Career Center. Students generally move from one phase to the next each semester.

A-OK week students are in the third phase of the program, which has around 100 students.

“Phase three involves the class working together to create a service project based on the community’s current needs,” McKie said.

This specific class targeted on the status of the economy when coming up with their service project, Snitker said.

“We knew we wanted to do something that could be done for free,” Snitker said. “We decided that could be done with something along the lines of ‘pay it forward.’”

Drew said she thinks the project will show people that even the smallest benign acts can help lift spirits during these economic times.

Other phase-three classes have come up with a variety of community projects. One class this semester is reading to elementary-school students, and another is working with senior citizens in Greenwood Manor, 605 Greenwood Drive, McKie said.

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BASEBALL

The Iowa softball team looks to extend its winning streak this afternoon when it hosts William Penn at Pearl Field.

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NCAA WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

A No. 1 acting like an underdog

No. 1 Oklahoma has something to prove.

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A powerhouse on most accounts, top-seeded Oklahoma feels it has a lot to prove.

Two of this year's No. 1 seeds have never won a national championship, the Sooners and Duke, making the 2009 tourney important for both teams, especially Oklahoma — Maryland won in 2006 and Connecticut in 1995, 2000, 2002, 2003, and 2004.

Oklahoma senior All-American Courtney Paris previously has said she would repay her scholarship if this year's team does not win the national championship. The former National Player of the Year said the university brought her in to win a championship, and if she could not live up to the expectations, then it would not be right for her to keep the scholarship.

"We're going to win a national championship," Paris told the *Tulsa World* following the Sooners' 61-49 win over Texas Tech on March 4. "We're going to win one. And if we don't, I will pay back my scholarship."

"I feel that strongly about it. The university has given me so much that I want to give back. If I can't do it with the national championship I promised, I'll pay back my scholarship because I haven't earned it. I've

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Top: Georgia Tech head coach Machel Joseph gathers her team before the Yellow Jackets' game against Iowa on Sunday in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. After defeating the Hawkeyes, 76-62, Georgia Tech will try to upset the top-seeded Sooners tonight during the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

Bottom: Oklahoma sophomore Jenny Vining searches for an open teammate during the first half of the Sooners' contest against Prairie View A&M during women's NCAA first-round action on Sunday in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. The Sooners will face Georgia Tech today in Carver at 8:30 p.m.

Tech still unfazed

Georgia Tech not afraid of tough competition or hostile environments.

By **MIKE BROWNLEE**
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All season long, the Georgia Tech women's basketball team has shown it's not afraid to step out of its comfort zone.

The Yellow Jackets traveled to Storrs, Conn., in its second game of the year to take on No. 1 Connecticut and gave the Huskies their third-closest game of the year, losing 82-71.

They also played Oregon and Texas during the season, in addition to their daunting ACC schedule, which included games at NCAA Tournament No. 1 seed Duke and against No. 1 seed Maryland and No. 3 seed North Carolina.

"One of the things we did was upgrade our [nonconference] schedule," Georgia Tech head coach Machel Joseph said. "We went and played UConn in front of 10,000 fans, and we're used to playing in front of huge crowds in the ACC."

After playing in front of the basketball-rabid Huskie fans, along with the other treacherous home environments encountered during the year, Joseph said, playing in Iowa City against the Hawkeyes

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OLYMPICS

Chicago leaders hope Obama will be at IOC meeting

DENVER (AP) — The committee trying to bring the 2016 Olympics to Chicago has invited President Obama to be in Copenhagen for its final presentation but doesn't yet have a firm commitment.

Pat Ryan, the chairman of the Chicago 2016 bid, said Monday that Obama planned to attend the meeting in October barring an emergency. Later, however, he said he wasn't positive about the president's schedule but was optimistic Obama would be there.

Heads of state have been present at meetings more frequently in the past few years. When London overcame favorite Paris to land the 2012 Games, a strong, in-person push by British Prime Minister Tony Blair was viewed as one of the reasons.

BASEBALL

Toole honored

Iowa senior shortstop Justin Toole was named Big Ten Player of the Week, conference officials announced on Monday.

Toole tallied four multi-hit games in the Hawkeyes' six contests last week, batting a combined .440 with a .680 slugging percentage and a .533 on-base percentage.

The last member of the Iowa baseball team to receive the Big Ten weekly honor was Wes Freie on March 3, 2008.

In Iowa's 25-6 thumping of Tennessee-Martin on March 18, Toole managed four extra-base hits. Against Austin Peay the next day, Toole went 3-for-5 with a RBI in his team's 10-3 win.

During the Hawkeyes' home-opener against Western Illinois over this past weekend, the Council Bluffs native batted 2-for-4 with a run and a walk in the nightcap of the March 21 double-header, and he went 2-for-4 again with a double and a walk on Sunday.

"Moving Justin to leadoff gave an extra spark to our offense and definitely set a tone for us offensively last week," Iowa head coach Jack Dahm said in a release. "Besides hitting well, Justin played solid defense and turned a lot of double plays this past week. His efforts definitely did help us win four games."



Toole shortstop

— by Ryan Young

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MLB

• Spring training, Chicago White Sox vs. Cleveland, 3 p.m., CSN

NIT

• Baylor at Auburn, 6 p.m., ESPN
• Penn State at Florida, 8 p.m., ESPN

GymHawks look to regional

Iowa women's gymnastics team finishes seventh at the Big Ten championships, and Jenifer Simbhudas and Houry Gebeshian are named to All-Big Ten first team.

By **EVELYN LAU**
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The multitude of injuries and inexperience finally caught up.

Unfortunately for the Iowa women's gymnastics team, they caught up during the Big Ten championships last weekend in Champaign, Ill.

Despite boasting the second highest team total of the season, 195.450, the GymHawks (10-5, 2-2) only managed a seventh-place finish. No. 15 Michigan repeated as Big Ten champions with a 197.075 team score.

Head coach Larissa Libby was impressed with her team's resiliency after a subpar performance on the balance beam involving two falls and some minor missteps. However, the feeling of what could have been lingered — she felt the GymHawks had competed well in the other events.

"I was disappointed with the fact that we took ourselves out of it before we ever had a



Simbhudas senior



Gebeshian sophomore

shot," she said. "We were great on three events, it was the second highest score of the season, so it wasn't like the gymnastics wasn't great, but we woke up too late."

The GymHawks received a bye in the first rotation and kicked things off on the balance beam during the second. Senior Jenifer Simbhudas led Iowa with a 9.800, earning her 12th place. Freshman Jessa Hansen also had a good debut at the championship with a 17th-place score of 9.775, second best on the team.

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Rowers happy with start

The Iowa rowing team looks to build off the 16 races won last weekend at the Longhorn Invitational.

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The Iowa women's rowing team got its spring season off to a fast start last weekend, competing in the Longhorn Invitational in Austin, Texas.

The Hawkeyes' varsity and novice squads both finished with strong performances winning 16 of their 24 races, with the first varsity 8 boat winning all four of its competitions.

"I felt really good about it," Iowa head coach Mandi Kowal said. "Our varsity did well going undefeated over the weekend."

While the first varsity 8 boat had a clean sweep, the rest of the Hawkeyes hit a few bumps dropping races against Central Florida, Texas, Wisconsin, and Oklahoma.

The Hawkeyes were over-matched in some races, making the losses a little easier to swallow.

Iowa's second varsity 4 boat lost to Oklahoma's first varsity 4 in the first race of the weekend, and the Iowa second novice 4 boat lost to Wisconsin's first novice team.



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Hawkeye rowing coach Mandi Kowal shouts commands at the Coralville Reservoir on Sept. 17, 2008. The Hawkeyes will face Minnesota and Creighton on Lake Macbride Saturday.

"Some of the losses make sense against who we were competing," Kowal said.

The meet was the team's first since Nov. 16, when the Hawkeyes participated at the Rivanna Romp in Charlottesville, Va.

"I thought we did really well and have made a lot of improvements from last year," senior rower Laura Kanaris said. "I felt like we made a statement."

After going to Austin on March 14 for a scrimmage with No. 14 Wisconsin, the Hawkeyes headed right back down to the Lone Star State the following week.

The constant racing, along with the chance to compete with

some of the best competition in the country, are two things Kowal sees as advantages for her team as it delves further into its schedule.

"The most pleasing thing was having races back-to-back," she said. "You can really improve drastically from race to race."

Southern teams don't have winter to deal with, which allows them to practice year-round, something Kowal would love to have but admits is not a huge advantage.

"In the beginning of the season, they are faster, but by the end of the season, it should be equal," she said.

SEE ROWING, 3B

SPORTS 'N' STUFF

NCAA WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT

TRENTON REGION
Second Round
Monday, March 23
 At Arena at Gwinnett, Duluth, Ga.
 Arizona State (25-7) vs. Florida State (24-7), 6 p.m.
 At Galen Center, Los Angeles
 California 99, Virginia 73
Today's Games
 At Harry A. Gampel Pavilion, Storrs, Conn.
 Connecticut (34-0) vs. Florida (24-7), 6 p.m.
 At Joyce Center, South Bend, Ind.
 Texas A&M (26-7) vs. Minnesota (20-11), 6 p.m.
Regional Semifinals
 At Sovereign Bank Arena, Trenton, N.J.
Sunday, March 29
 Connecticut-Florida winner vs. California (27-6), TBA
 Arizona State (25-8) vs. Texas A&M-Minnesota (24-7), TBA

NATIONAL INVITATION TOURNAMENT

Second Round
Monday, March 23
 Kentucky 65, Creighton 63
 Davidson (27-7) at St. Mary's, Calif. (26-6), 11:30 p.m.
Quarterfinals
Today's Games
 Auburn (24-11) vs. Baylor (22-14), 6 p.m.
 Florida (25-10) vs. Penn State (24-11), 8 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
 Kentucky (22-12) at Notre Dame (20-14), 6 p.m.
 San Diego State (25-9) vs. Davidson-St. Mary's, Calif. winner, 8 p.m.

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x-Boston	54	18	.750	—
Philadelphia	36	33	.522	16½
New Jersey	30	40	.429	23
New York	28	42	.400	25
Toronto	25	45	.357	28
Southeast				
W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Orlando	52	18	.743	—
Atlanta	42	29	.592	10½
Miami	38	32	.543	14
Charlotte	31	39	.443	21
Washington	16	56	.222	37
Central				
W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Cleveland	57	13	.814	—
Detroit	34	35	.493	22½
Chicago	33	38	.465	24½
Milwaukee	31	40	.437	26½
Indiana	29	42	.408	28½
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Dallas	42	28	.600	4
Memphis	17	53	.243	29
Northwest				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Denver	45	26	.634	—
Utah	43	26	.623	1
Portland	44	27	.620	1
Oklahoma City	20	50	.286	24½
Minnesota	20	51	.282	25
Pacific				
W	L	Pct	GB	
x-L.A. Lakers	55	14	.797	—
Phoenix	39	31	.557	16½
Golden State	25	45	.357	30½
L.A. Clippers	17	54	.239	39
Sacramento	15	55	.214	40½

x-clinched division
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Monday's Games
 Philadelphia 4, New Jersey 2
 Carolina 3, Florida 2, OT
 Calgary 4, Detroit 3
Today's Games
 Minnesota at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
 Washington at Toronto, 6 p.m.
 Atlanta at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
 Columbus at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
 Anaheim at Nashville, 7 p.m.
 Los Angeles at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.
 Vancouver at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
 Detroit at Edmonton, 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
 Florida at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
 Ottawa at Carolina, 6 p.m.
 Minnesota at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.
 Calgary at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
 San Jose at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
 Anaheim at Colorado, 8 p.m.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

Monday's Games
 Philadelphia 4, New Jersey 2
 Carolina 3, Florida 2, OT
 Calgary 4, Detroit 3
Today's Games
 Minnesota at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
 Washington at Toronto, 6 p.m.
 Atlanta at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
 Columbus at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
 Anaheim at Nashville, 7 p.m.
 Los Angeles at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.
 Vancouver at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
 Detroit at Edmonton, 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
 Florida at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
 Ottawa at Carolina, 6 p.m.
 Minnesota at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.
 Calgary at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
 San Jose at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
 Anaheim at Colorado, 8 p.m.

WOMEN'S NIT

Second Round
Monday, March 23
 Boston College 68, Boston University 53
 Kansas 79, Creighton 64
 Arkansas 61, Oklahoma State 60, OT
 Marquette 58, Butler 49
Today's Game
 Louisiana Tech (21-12) at Illinois State (24-7), 7 p.m.
Wednesday's Game
 Nebraska (15-15) at New Mexico (23-10), 8 p.m.
Third Round
Thursday, March 26
 Indiana (20-10) at Bowling Green (29-4), 6 p.m.
 Boston College (21-11) at St. John's (19-14), 6 p.m.
 Mississippi (18-14) at South Florida (23-10), 6 p.m.
 Richmond (24-9) at Georgetown (19-13), 6:30 p.m.
 Arkansas (18-13) at Kansas (19-13), 7 p.m.

Smith: I'm a Gopher

Basketball coach Tubby Smith says he's very happy' at Minnesota.

By DAVE CAMPBELL
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — After taking Minnesota to the NCAA Tournament in his second year at the school, Tubby Smith says he plans to coach the Gophers next season, too.

Because he's at a program not among the nation's most prominent, Smith's high profile and successful past naturally push his name through the rumor mill when there's a vacancy with another major conference team. The recent resignation of Dave Leitao at Virginia prompted speculation the Cavaliers would pursue Smith, who was raised in Maryland and has family in the area.

But Smith said in a phone interview Monday he's happy at Minnesota, pleased with the direction of the program, and focused on the future. He praised university President Robert Bruininks and Athletics Director Joel Maturi for their commitment.

"That's all you can really ask for, in most jobs and in most situations," Smith said. "That's better than a lot of situations where there's change in administration and turmoil. There's been a lot of consistency and continuity here over the years."

The Gophers lost to Texas in the first round and finished 22-11 after making the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2005. It was also only their second appearance in 10 years. They lose two seniors, both reserves, and they have a well-regarded recruiting class featuring Twin Cities natives Royce White and Rodney Williams arriving in the fall.

"We set the bar. The bar is moving to another level," Smith said. "I don't expect anything but the best from these guys. My expectations are to be here as the coach of the University of Minnesota."

Like most coaches at major colleges, Smith has skipped around, from Tulsa to Georgia to Kentucky and now here. It's not a given that he'll retire with the Gophers, of course.

"I'm never sure about anything," he said. "You never say never to anything."

It's not as though Smith believed he could escape the spotlight by moving north. Being favored for other jobs can be a distraction, but "it beats the alternative," he said. "They're just what they are: rumors. People are going to write what they write, and I can't do much about that."

Maturi, speaking from Indiana where the women's team was between NCAA Tournament games Monday, said he's certain Smith has been contacted more than once about openings at other places since he was hired here two years ago.

"There's no question in my mind he's one of the top coaches in America," Maturi said. "I don't think anybody debates that. I think some people are surprised that he's at Minnesota. What they don't realize is he's happy at Minnesota. I think he's excited about the future. He loves the community. The community loves him. ... I think he realizes he can win at Minnesota."

Smith has asked for a practice facility on campus to supplement Williams Arena, which is shared by the men's and women's teams. Maturi promised him the university would begin to ask donors for help toward the project once fundraising was complete for the new football stadium, which will open this fall. Maturi declined to put a timetable on the process, but said the goal is to build the facility adjacent to the existing arena.

"I suspect in the next couple of months we will seriously begin looking," Maturi said.

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Softball tries for 10 in a row

Iowa softball's nine-game winning streak is on the line today against William Penn.

By JON LINDER
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The Iowa softball team (26-5) looks to push its current win streak to double digits this afternoon when Division II's William Penn visits Pearl Field. The nine-game stretch — which started with an 11-3 knockout of Cornell in five innings on March 14 — is the longest of the season.

The Statesmen (14-10) are currently tied for first in the Midwest Collegiate Conference with Iowa Wesleyan. Iowa head coach Gayle Blevins has emphasized that no matter what level of competition, the Hawkeyes need to play with same mindset.

"We try to play Iowa softball every game out," she said. "William Penn is going to play tough. They'll come in and play inspired."

Iowa saw some inspired play of its own this weekend in a home double-header with South Dakota. Senior Colleen McGlaughlin went 3-for-5 on the afternoon with five RBIs, and sophomore Chelsey Carmody collected five hits in six at-bats. Freshman Liz Watkins added five RBIs in just three at-bats.

The Hawkeyes are aiming for their third-straight shutout and their sixth in the last 10 games when the Statesmen make their way up from Oskaloosa for the 4 p.m. start.

Iowa senior Brittany Weil tossed a one-hit shutout in the first game of Sunday's twin bill against South Dakota, and junior Amanda Zust followed with the first no-hitter of her career in game two.



Iowa infielder Colleen McGlaughlin bats while her teammates watch during the Hawkeyes' double-header against South Dakota at Pearl Field on Sunday. The Hawkeyes will ride a nine-game winning streak into today's home contest with William Penn.

on ourselves and what we can control," Zust said. "With Big Tens coming up, we need to focus on where we are right now, and not on our opponents. That's been our mindset."

Blevins said both pitchers will likely see action today in preparation for the Big Ten opener this weekend at Ohio State. The duo has a combined ERA of 1.05 after posting the seventh-best combined ERA in the country a year ago.

Weil was drafted by the Akron Racers in February to play professionally after graduation. She currently sits just 37 strikeouts short of former Hawkeye Lisa Birocci's career mark of 946, set in 2005. Weil also needs 13 more wins to overtake Hawkeye great Debbie Bilbao for the most wins in school history. If she breaks Bilbao's record of 99 victories, she will become the first Hawkeye to reach the 100-

career-win plateau.

Iowa's wealth of experience in the pitching circle stands in stark contrast to the level of experience behind the plate for the Hawkeyes this season, although it has yet to show.

Watkins, a freshman from Taylor Ridge, Ill., has filled the void at catcher left by the departure of Emily Nichols. Nichols was drafted by the Chicago Bandits following her senior year; she had started the previous four years at catcher and setting the school record for career home runs at 37.

Blevins said Watkins has stepped into one of the toughest roles to play on a softball team — being a young catcher — and performed admirably. Watkins leads the team in home runs (four), slugging percentage (.578), and on-base percentage (.429).

"For these two pitchers to have a young player at catcher and have her learning so

Iowa (26-5) vs. William Penn (14-10)
When: 4 P.M. TODAY
Where: PEARL FIELD
Where to listen: KKIC 800 AM
Quick Hits: Iowa has won nine straight coming into today's game; Amanda Zust threw her first career no-hitter against South Dakota on March 22; Colleen McGlaughlin leads the team in batting average (.354), hits (35), and RBIs (29).

well on the job has made a big difference," Blevins said. "She goes out and improves every game."

Watkins isn't the only freshman to have an immediate effect this season — Katie Keim has played in all 31 games this season, with 28 starts — mostly at third base. Missy Mazur has also started four times for the Black and Gold in her freshman campaign.

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Sooners seek title

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thought about this for a couple of years.”

Paris' performance on Sunday night in Carver-Hawkeye Arena showed just how serious she was; she scored 11 points, grabbed 16 rebounds, and blocked four shots in the Sooners' 76-47 victory over No. 16 seed Prairie View A&M. The double-double was her 126th of her career, the most ever in NCAA women's basketball history.

Despite the 29-point victory, it matched the lowest margin of victory of No. 1 seeds in this years field — Duke won by 41 over Austin Peay, Connecticut by 39 over Vermont, and Maryland over Dartmouth by 29.

The Sooners led by only eight points early in the second half before pulling away, and Oklahoma head coach Sherri Coale credited the Southwestern Conference champions.

“They are one of the best 16 seeds in the tournament this year,” she said. “[I] have a lot of respect for how they competed

and the way they performed [Sunday].”

On the opposite end of the spectrum, Prairie View head coach Cynthia Cooper-Dyke gave Oklahoma comparable respect.

“I would definitely say that any team that runs up against Oklahoma will have its work cut out for it,” she said. “I don't know if they're the best, but they wouldn't have been one of the No. 1 seeds if they weren't one of the best.”

A true test for Oklahoma in determining if it is championship material will be tonight, when the Sooners face off against No. 9 seed Georgia Tech — not only because the Yellow Jackets come from the ACC and breezed past No. 8 Iowa in the first round but because they have played against every No. 1 seed in the tournament.

The Ramblin' Wreck are 0-3 against the other No. 1's — they lost, 82-71, to Connecticut on Nov. 16, 60-34 against Duke on Jan. 25, and 87-79 against Maryland on Feb. 19.

“We went and play UConn

‘We went and play UConn the second game of the schedule in front of 10,000 fans. Now, we get to play the fourth No. 1 seed.’

— Mabelle Joesph, Georgia Tech coach

the second game of the schedule in front of 10,000 fans,” Georgia Tech head coach Mabelle Joseph said. “Now, we get to play the fourth No. 1 seed.”

Not only does Oklahoma need to win in order to continue its pursuit of a national championship, but it needs to win convincingly in order to prove to the rest of the country it can win the title.

“We will begin immediately by looking at what we did well and what we need to do better,” Coale said. “We talked about it for about five minutes, and then it's over. For now, our focus is on [Georgia Tech].”

Tech up for challenge

GEORGIA TECH

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Sunday night was “like just another road game.”

Georgia Tech was able to take care of Iowa, 76-62, in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Sunday in front of a very anti-Yellow Jacket crowd of 5,615 fans.

“This is what we prepared for all season long,” Joseph said. Whenever Iowa and its crowd seemed to be inching back into the game, “we've played through those spurts before, so we can revert back to that, and that's what we talked about in the time-outs. I said, ‘We've weathered these storms before.’”

The Yellow Jackets were also familiar with Carver-Hawkeye Arena — they beat the Hawkeyes, 76-57, in Carver last season as part of the ACC/Big Ten Challenge.

Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder said the confidence gained from last season definitely helped the Yellow Jackets.

“I think it helped them because they knew they were

coming in here 1-0 on our home court against us,” Bluder said. “So I think, mentally, that was a good edge for them.”

Joseph agreed. “To some degree, the fact that we've been here before was an advantage, because we'd heard that crowd before,” she said. “One of the things we talked about before [the] game was earning some respect for our program. We really feel like we played ourselves into a better seed than a nine seed [during the regular season].”

Joseph has made Georgia Tech become relevant in the ACC. The victory against Iowa was the second in six NCAA Tournament games all-time for the Yellow Jackets, all of which have come under Joseph.

Her record in six seasons in Atlanta sits at 106-73 and the team has matched its win total from a year ago (22), which is the highest number of victories since the program joined the ACC in 1979-80. The Yellow Jackets have won 20 games for the third-straight year after never posting back-to-back 20-

win seasons before.

Georgia Tech (22-9) will face another challenge tonight, taking on No. 1 seed Oklahoma (29-4) at 8:30 p.m., meaning the Yellow Jackets will end up playing each No. 1 seed this season. In addition to Connecticut, the Yellow Jackets lost to the Blue Devils, 60-34, and to the Terrapins, 87-79.

The starting front court of Georgia Tech — forward Iasia Hemingway, forward Brigitte Ardossi, and center Sasha Goodlett — combined for 30 rebounds, matching Iowa's team total, and the Yellow Jackets outscored the Hawkeyes in the paint, 46-12.

Georgia Tech will face a much tougher challenge down low Tuesday, taking on the Paris twins — center All-American Courtney and forward Ashley — along with forward Abi Olajuwon, who are one of the best in the nation.

“[We] just want to go out and work on our game plan [against] Oklahoma,” Hemingway said. “Attacking the rim off the dribble and keep attacking it and attacking it.”



REBECCA MNUK/THE DAILY IOWAN

Hawkeye sophomore Houry Gebeshian performs a floor routine while fellow GymHawks watch during the meet against Maryland in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Feb. 28. Gebeshian's floor routine earned her a score of 9.8.

GymHawks eye regional

GYMNASTICS

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However, sophomore Houry Gebeshian and senior Brandi Loffer both suffered falls during their routines and earned only a 9.325 and a 9.150. The GymHawks recorded a 48.225 on the event, putting their run at a Big Ten title in seriously doubt.

“With the conference being as strong as it is right now, and with seven teams vying to be in the national championships, you just have no room with error,” Libby said.

Iowa regrouped as it moved onto the floor exercise. All six GymHawks' routines scored a 9.800 or higher, with Simbhudas putting up a 9.900 to finish tied for fifth. Iowa scored a 49.250 as a team, the fourth highest team tally on the event.

The GymHawks moved onto the vault, scoring a solid 49.125. Freshmen Rachel Corcoran and Annie Szatkowski put up scores of a 9.825 and 9.800, and sophomore Arielle

Sucich led the team with a 9.850, giving her a tie for ninth place.

Wrapping up competition, Iowa finished on the uneven bars. Simbhudas again paved the way for the GymHawks with a 9.800, good enough for 15th place, and Hansen and Gebeshian followed closely behind with identical scores of 9.775, tying for 21st place in the meet.

In the all-around, Minnesota's Carmelina Carabajal won with a 39.500. Simbhudas finished seventh overall with a 39.300, and younger sister and sophomore Rebecca Simbhudas came in 14th with a 39.050. Rounding out Iowa's all-around contention was Gebeshian, who finished in 16th place with a 38.700.

The previous night, Jenifer Simbhudas and Gebeshian were named first team All-Big Ten, the second time for Simbhudas and the first for Gebeshian.

“It's a pretty big honor to be in the first team All-Big Ten, so I was pretty surprised and honored,” Gebeshian said. “It's

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— Houry Gebeshian, sophomore

a good thing to be recognized by other coaches.”

Despite the disappointing finish, Iowa will get a chance for some redemption when it hosts the NCAA North Central Regional Meet in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on April 4. The GymHawks will welcome No. 6 Florida, No. 7 UCLA, No. 17 Minnesota, No. 25 Denver, and No. 24 Iowa State along with five other all-around competitors whose teams did not qualify, as well as four event specialists.

Even with the tough competition awaiting them in Iowa City, the Iowa gymnasts are looking forward to the meet.

“It's actually pretty exciting,” Loffer said. “I'm really excited. You just have your home crowd there and there's more excitement. It's going to be a good competition.”



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Hawkeye Laura Kanaris (right) races down the Coralville Reservoir on Sept. 17, 2008. Iowa's varsity and novice squads won 16 of their 24 races at the Longhorn Invitational in Austin, Texas, last weekend.

Rowers set for Macbride race

ROWING

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The Hawkeyes supplement not being able to get in the water with plenty of indoor practice, much of that spent on rowing machines. Of the seven schools in the Big Ten with women's rowing teams, five of them are ranked nationally in the top 20.

With that kind of competition right in their backyard, the Hawkeyes look forward to some good races.

“It is always beneficial for us to row against higher-ranked teams,” Kanaris said.

Iowa's schedule from here does not get any easier. Next week, the Hawkeyes return home for competition against Minnesota and Creighton on Lake Macbride. The Golden Gophers are ranked 19th nationally.

“Minnesota is strong, and I expect it to compete well,” Kowal said.

After its lone home competition of the spring, the team

will head to San Diego for the San Diego Crew Classic, where it will do battle with some of the best crews from across the country.

Kowal isn't worried about the pedigrees of the other teams, though.

“Some teams rise to the occasion and have some of their best performances against better competition,” she said.

The Hawkeyes look to continue working toward becoming the team that rises to the occasion.

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Xavier the mid-major model

By **JOE KAY**
Associated Press

CINCINNATI — The only time that Xavier coach Sean Miller mentions his record-setting days as Pittsburgh's point guard is when he's getting on his inexperienced guards to pass the ball more.

How good was he?
"He had 746 assists or something like that?" sophomore guard Dante Jackson said Monday, turning toward teammate C.J. Anderson for clarification.

"I don't know how many it is," the senior forward responded.

Off by two. Miller had 744 assists from Pittsburgh from 1987-92, a school record until Brandin Knight topped it a decade later. He was big stuff in those days, a Pennsylvania boy who became Pittsburgh's steadying force on offense. Now, those Panthers are in his way.

With another appearance in the Sweet 16, third-seeded Xavier has become the model for how a non-BCS school can turn itself into a national basketball power, one that's trying to reach the Elite Eight for the third time in six years. The Musketeers have to beat No. 1 seed Pittsburgh on Thursday in Boston to get there.

Quite a reunion, huh?
"Pitt holds a special place for me," Miller said Monday. "I had a great experience as a student-athlete there. I was treated like you want to be treated. The friendships I have today, so many of my close friends really stem from that four- or five-year experience there."

"And it really stops there. In terms of this NCAA Tournament, the focus is really on our players and on our team. To be back in the Sweet 16 in consecutive years, that's where the focus should be."

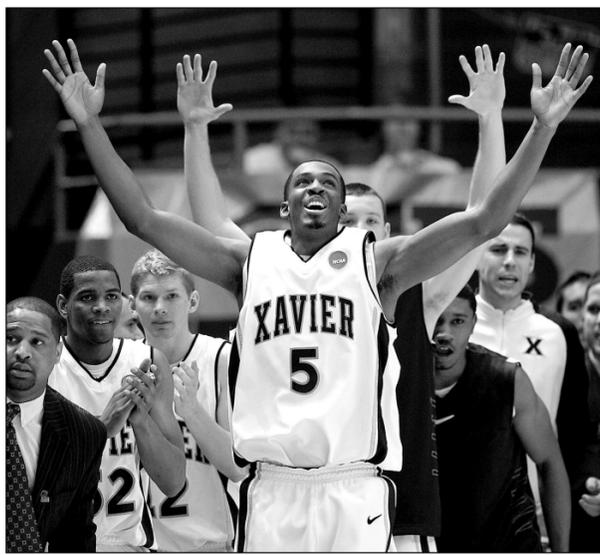
No worry there. Xavier has become one of the programs — along with Gonzaga — that small schools look to emulate so they can become one of the big boys in basketball. The Musketeers have won three-straight Atlantic 10 regular-season titles, reached the NCAA Tournament in five of the past six years, and advanced to the round of 16 for the third time in that span.

In the 1980s, Xavier was one of those mid-major programs that was just happy to make the tournament occasionally. The Musketeers reached the Sweet 16 for the first time in 1990 under coach Pete Gillen, who got the program headed to where it is now.

Instead of hoping to making the tournament every season, the Musketeers expect to compete for league titles, reach the tournament, and make a deep run. That's the reason for the envy that seems to be going around.

"I think honestly our goal is to be a Gonzaga or a Xavier," Siena coach Fran McCaffery said, before his team lost to Louisville in the second round in Dayton on Sunday. "We have made steps in that direction, but I don't think we have accomplished as much over the same length of time. You're talking about programs that are over 10 years — and in Xavier's case, almost 15 years — they've been successful in their conferences."

How did Xavier pull it off? The small Jesuit school made a financial commitment to the program, picked the right coaches, and attracted the caliber of player it needed to compete at a high level. Its state-of-the-art Cintas Center opened in 2000 and became a recruiting tool. An impressive line of coaches — Gillen, Skip Prosser, Thad Matta, and Miller — has steadily elevated the program.



Xavier forward Derrick Brown (5) celebrates during a second-round men's basketball NCAA Tournament game in Boise, Idaho, on Sunday. Xavier defeated Wisconsin, 60-49.

David West won the national player of the year award in 2003, giving the program a high profile nationally. The Musketeers reached the Elite Eight for the first time a year later, bringing greater expectations.

"When that's in place, as long as we're recruiting the right kids, then success can really be consistent," Miller said. "People want to be Xavier, but very few want to have the commitment that Xavier has to our program across the board. I don't know if that's necessarily understood."

Xavier raised the ante this season by putting together its toughest nonconference schedule. The Musketeers beat Missouri, Virginia Tech, and Memphis at the Puerto Rico Tip-Off, won at Cincinnati, Virginia, and Louisiana State, and lost to Duke in East Rutherford, N.J. They also beat Auburn at the Cintas Center and lost to Butler there.

All those games against top teams in tough places have prepared the Musketeers for another NCAA Tournament run that lasts for more than one weekend.

"When they sign up to come here, they sign up to have moments like this," Miller said. "It's very fulfilling. We have so many guys who have been in big games. It's one of the reasons we've been able to advance this year. I think it's a strength of our team."

The foundation is set for the run to continue beyond this season. The Musketeers lose only two players — Anderson and B.J. Raymond — and their freshman-laden bench will be much further along next season. The next step is to reach a Final Four, something they have a chance to do this week in Boston.

"We just look at it as a great opportunity to make another big stamp on our season and make another stamp for our program," Anderson said.

MLB

Schilling retires after 3 World Series titles

BOSTON (AP) — From bloody sock to bum shoulder, Curt Schilling rarely left the Red Sox spotlight.

On the field, the husky right-hander pitched through pain to help end the club's 86-year championship drought in 2004 — then contributed to another World Series title three years later.

Off the field, the opinionated observer appeared at a congressional hearing on steroids use and campaigned for former President George

W. Bush.

From a Thanksgiving dinner in 2003 at his Arizona home, where Boston general manager Theo Epstein lured him back to the team that drafted him in 1986, to his retirement Monday, Schilling made his mark in a city of demanding fans.

"I think in the end, we really didn't need to sell it," Epstein said Monday. "The Red Sox were perfect for him, because he likes the big stage, the history of the game. He likes to be the center of attention. It was a good fit."

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NFL

Steelers, Titans to open NFL season

DANA POINT, Calif. (AP) — Steelers get their opening-night showcase as Super Bowl champions. The oldest rivalry in football has a first-week renewal in prime time. An old AFL-style double-header closes out the weekend.

That's how the NFL will begin the 2009 season, starting with as juicy a matchup as possible: Pittsburgh hosting the Tennessee Titans, who merely had the league's best record in 2008 and who beat the Steelers 31-14 in the 15th game of the season.

Opening kickoff is the evening of Sept. 10 on NBC, which also gets the 178th meeting between the Bears and Packers, in Green Bay on the evening of Sept. 13.

For those surprised that the Cowboys, who open their palatial new stadium this season, are not featured in a night game in Week 1, well, baseball got in the way. So Dallas, the NFL's biggest TV draw, which is moving to Arlington, Texas, near the Rangers' ballpark — the Rangers are home that weekend — will have to wait until the second week, when the Cowboys are expected to host the Sunday nighter.

"We have the chance to get on the national game the second weekend with not being able to get on the first weekend," Cowboy Vice President Stephen Jones said Monday at the owners' meetings. "We're having to work with the league on some things."

The Cowboys and Lions get to keep their traditional Thanksgiving host slots.

The Lions go back to meeting the Packers that day, a matchup that occurred every year from 1951-63 and will happen for the 19th time. The Raiders will be at the Cowboys following that, and the NFL Network night game will feature the New York Giants at Denver.

"The Thanksgiving game is a tradition, and we're proud to have it and to continue it in the new stadium," Jones said. "It's very important to us."

Commissioner Roger Goodell acknowledged there continues to be discussions about rotating the Thanksgiving afternoon contests.

"We did not feel it was appropriate at this time," he said, and the league's competition and broadcast committees were looking into the matter.

The Monday night double-header on ESPN on Sept. 14 will feature Buffalo, with Terrell Owens, at New England, with the Patriots hope, a returning Tom Brady. That game will be followed by San Diego at Oakland — all original AFL franchises.

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A few more things I learned from a lifetime of watching movies

- Watching the road while one is driving is as unnecessary as worrying if there's anything sharp or rusty in a Dumpster one is about to dive into.
- The pinnacle of human technology will be spacecraft conveyed through the vast recesses of the universe via the power of steam and CO₂, both of which will vent from any severed tube should such a ship suffer damage.
- It is possibly to survive a fall from any height, provided one lands in a body of water. For this reason, waterfalls are the safest method of rapid vertical descent known to mankind.
- All bombs can be defused. The idea of a bomb that isn't able to be defused is ridiculous, for terrorists — as a group — are safety-conscious types.
- A nearly-diaphanous skintight leather body suit is the perfect female attire for any assassination attempt, burglary, or reconnaissance work because it offers considerable physical protection, provides for a fantastic range of motion, is completely silent as it shifts, is incredibly forgiving to a person's physique, and allows the body to breathe during sustained physical activity. Also: BOOBIES!
- Any photograph can be enhanced thousands of times beyond the resolution it was originally taken. This is why the Hubble Space Telescope was a needless government expenditure.
- Sports victories are only satisfying if they are come-from-behind wins; soundly defeating one's opponent over the course of an entire game is considered the lowest form of sportsmanship.

- Andrew R. Juhl dedicates this Ledge to Erik J and Susan W.

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CURBING THEIR ENTHUSIASM



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Javar Gomon (left) and Brian Christiansen finish laying cement on the curb of Dubuque Street on Monday. Construction crews are finally enjoying some warm weather to work in, but that will change later this week.

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SOLUTION TO MONDAY'S PUZZLE

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

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UITV schedule

Campus channel 4, cable channel 17

- 12:30 p.m. News from Québec, in French
- 1 "Prairie Lights" Archive, Massimo Pigliucci
- 2 News from Germany, in German
- 3 Women at Iowa, Interview with Isabel Barbuza
- 4 University Lecture Committee, Naomi Klein
- 5:15 Piano Sundays, 3/2008 performance
- 5:55 University Lecture Committee, E.O. Wilson
- 7 Women at Iowa, Interview with Isabel Barbuza

- Isabel Barbuza
- 8 University Lecture Committee, Naomi Klein
- 9:15 Piano Sundays, Best of ... performances
- 9:30 Daily Iowan TV News
- 9:45 Piano Sundays, 3/2008 performance
- 10:30 Daily Iowan TV News
- 10:45 "Java Blend" Encore, Public Property
- 11 Women at Iowa, Interview with Isabel Barbuza

today's events

Want to see your super special event appear here? Simply e-mail the name, time, date, and location information to: daily-iowan-calendar@uiowa.edu

- Eye and Vision Assessments for Infants, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 1150 Foth St. Suite 160
- Story Time: Tough Chicks, 10 a.m., Barnes & Noble, Coral Ridge Mall
- Tot Time, 10 a.m., North Liberty Community Library, 520 W. Cherry
- Pharmacology Faculty Seminar, "Mouse Models of Human B Cell and Plasma Cell Neoplasms," Siegfried Janz, 10:30 a.m., Bowen Spivey Auditorium
- Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m., Coralville Public Library, 1401 Fifth St.
- Toddler Story Time, 10:30-11 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- Bereaved Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Okobojo Grill, 1857 Lower Muscatine Road
- Department of Biochemistry Research Workshop, "Dorsal axis formation in Xenopus: Control of microtubule organization and cortical rotation by a localized Trim protein," Douglas Houston, 12:30 p.m., Bowen Spivey Auditorium
- Microbiology Seminar, "Francisella tularensis surface antigens: their role in virulence and as potential vaccine candidates," Thomas Inzana, Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine, Virginia Tech, 3 p.m., Bowen Auditorium 3
- Library Community Writing Center,

- 4-6 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- Level 3 Mandarin Chinese Community Class, 5:30 p.m., 1100 University Capitol Centre
- Aviation Movie Night, 6:30 p.m., Alexis Park Inn & Suites, 1165 S. Riverside Drive
- Peacebuilding in Colombia and Central America, Val Liveoak, 6:30 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E. Market
- Adult Open Studio Weekly Classes: Painting, 7 p.m., Weinstein Studio, 3880 Owl Song Lane S.E.
- An Introduction to Buddhist Meditation, Kelsang Wangden, 7 p.m., Java Juice, 122 E. Washington
- DivorceCare, 7 p.m., First Mennonite Church, 405 Myrtle
- Inclusive Ballroom, 7 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E. Market St.
- "Live from Prairie Lights," Kevin Holden, poetry, 7:30 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
- Iowa Friends of Old-Time Music Tuesday Night Jam Session, 8:30 p.m., Hilltop, 1100 N. Dodge
- Big D's Karaoke Jamz, 9 p.m., Big Ten Lounge, 701 First Ave., Coralville
- UI Jazz Performance, 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington

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AND A VIDEOGRAPHER SO I CAN SEE THE PLAYBACK WHEN I WAKE UP.

'NON SEQUITUR

BY WILEY

HEY, HERE'S A LITTLE TIP TO PASS ALONG... DON'T WALK ACROSS THE STREET WHILE TWITTERING.

HE'S... HE... FAMILY FRIEND! PURE SER... SER...

SER... TAKE YOUR TIME, LEO.

SER-ENP-ITY!

GOOD WORK, BUP. BUT IT'S NOT A WORD.

TRY AGAIN, HONEY.

Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

MOM, LOO... LOO... KNOWS ALEX!

YOU'RE KIDDING! HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE?

SER... SER...

TAKE YOUR TIME, LEO.

SER-ENP-ITY!

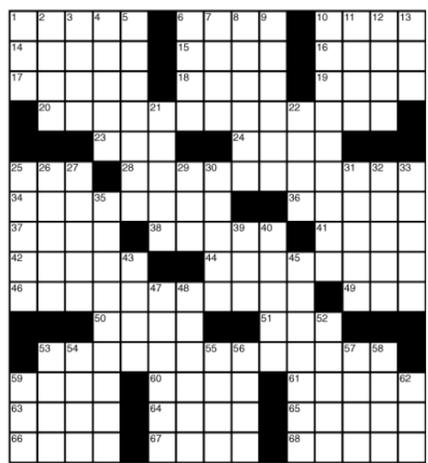
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The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0210

- Across**
- 1 God, with "one's"
 - 6 Airport guesses, for short
 - 10 Word after matinee or teen
 - 14 Quick, like a cat
 - 15 "Whip It" rock group
 - 16 Zilch
 - 17 Shouted the fat
 - 18 Shootout shout
 - 19 Cereal "for kids"
 - 20 Umber or chocolate brown
 - 23 Pre-K enrollee
 - 24 Org. for boomers, now
 - 25 Early 10th-century year
 - 28 Military treatise by Sun Tzu
 - 34 Bathroom dispenser refill
 - 36 The Velvet Fog
 - 37 Trademarked citrus
 - 38 Thing in a sling
 - 41 Party with techno music, perhaps
 - 42 Friars Club event
 - 44 Gave a makeover
 - 46 Captain's "Listen up!"
 - 49 Pig's pad
 - 50 Gold medalist Lipinski
 - 51 Profs' helpers
 - 53 Sad, like 20-, 28- and 46-
 - 54 Across?
 - 59 Shoot up
 - 60 Year-end air
 - 61 Built-up
 - 63 Adviser, say
 - 64 A person may have one of
 - 65 Qaddafi's land
 - 66 Suffer from sunburn
 - 67 Lee of Marvel Comics
 - 68 Big name in printers
- Down**
- 1 Hot Lips
 - 2 Houlihan's rank: Abbr.
 - 3 Petri dish stuff
 - 3 Fuzzy fruit
 - 4 Give a seat to
 - 5 Candy that makes your mouth bum
 - 6 Ancient Icelandic work
 - 7 U.S. Virgin Is., e.g.
 - 8 PC user's self-image
 - 9 "Who cares?"
 - 10 Managing perfectly
 - 11 "Rats!"
 - 12 "Garfield" canine
 - 13 Left Coast airport code
 - 21 Body of cultural values
 - 22 It's faster than a walk
 - 25 Antique farm device
 - 26 Myopic Mr. _____
 - 27 Acquired relative
 - 29 Do lunch
 - 30 To the left, at sea



- Puzzle by Kristian House
- 31 Cylindrical sandwiches
 - 32 W.W. II-era G.I., e.g.
 - 33 Like an oboe's sound
 - 35 Drier's need
 - 39 Book before Esth.
 - 40 Madonna title role
 - 43 Flooring wood
 - 45 In most cases
 - 47 Concert locales
 - 48 Were completely depleted
 - 52 "Blondie" or "Cathy"
 - 53 Cheese with a moldy rind
 - 54 Hectored
 - 55 Wife of Zeus
 - 56 Pizazz
 - 57 Falls back
 - 58 "The Banana Boat Song" word
 - 59 Watergate tape problem
 - 62 Tandoor-baked bread

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

PLIE	CIGAR	BLAM
ROSY	OMEGA	REPO
IRAE	KARAT	OXEN
SNAP	DECISION	
MACAO	PONTIFF	
TRAPS	METER	
CRACKLE	WARE	ILE
ROTH	PRIDE	OSLO
EMO	POPMUSICIAN	
DANTE	SETAT	
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RICER	TRIPS	IES
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