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After the Iowa men's basketball roster was decimated last week, the group sticking around will try to move forward. **1B**

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University Counseling Service has seen an increase in patients seeking help as a result of the suffering economy. Hear more on today's edition of Daily Iowan TV at dailyiowan.com.

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Partly sunny, quite windy, turning cloudy later with a 70% chance of rain/T-storms.

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UI ROTC cadets practice a medical procedure during a leadership lab at the Sugar Bottom Recreation Area on March 28. Army ROTC provides individuals with the training and experience they will need to become U.S. Army officers.

UI ROTC numbers climbing sharply

UI ROTC has seen a sharp increase in the number of participants, officials said.

By REGINA ZILBERMINTS
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The battalion photo of the UI's ROTC cadets has gotten wider every year recently.

The group has grown from 32 contracted cadets in 2005 to 83 this year. And all of the future army officers — dressed in camouflage uniforms — performed exercises March 28 at Sugar Bottom Recreational Area that, for many, would serve as preparation for working in war zones all over the world.

"You go from being a senior in college to being responsible for 30 people's lives," said cadet Craig Robbins, last semester's cadet battalion commander.

The program prepares students to be officers in the military while going to school full-time.

While the UI's battalion has

grown explosively since 2005, national enrollment has grown by around 2,000 per year since 2006. Nationally, the number of officers commissioned dropped from 4,408 in 2004 to 4,050 in 2006, before shooting up to 4,300 in 2008, according to numbers from the Army ROTC. That number is expected to continue to rise.

While the economic benefits of ROTC — which boasts leadership training that can be applied to civilian jobs — including a full scholarship and hefty stipend for contracted cadets, are seemingly enticing in the current situation, Robbins said ROTC started seeing increases before the current economic collapse.

"If it's not something you're interested in anyway, you're going to be miserable," he said, and most people join because

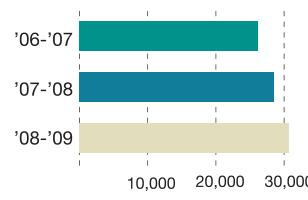
they are interested in public service, have a military family tradition, or already served overseas but now want to move into leadership positions while gaining a degree.

"I didn't see myself doing the 9 to 5 job," said cadet battalion commander Kellen Yeager, who will be a finance officer when he joins active duty after graduating in May. "I truly believe the U.S. Army makes a positive influence in the world, and I wanted to be part of that wonderful accomplishment."

Robbins, who will join the National Guard while pursuing a career in law enforcement, greeted his superiors with a salute when he arrived at the Coralville training site, then joked with them about military food as the group smoothly navigated through

ROTC enrollment

National enrollment in ROTC has increased over the past three years.

Enrollment numbers

Source: The Army ROTC

Jacqueline Cieslak/The Daily Iowan

fallen branches and mud on the way to the reconnaissance lane, one of six training areas.

Once he arrived at the lane, however, he cast a critical eye over the younger cadets. Seniors in the program are responsible for evaluating juniors as they lead their squads of nine to 12 toward an "objective."

SEE ROTC, 5A

China, Taiwan beckon UI grads

The U.S. economic downturn is driving more UI students to seek jobs in China and Taiwan.

By LINI GE
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With graduation fewer than two months away and a student loan to pay off, 26-year-old UI senior Cala White may have found a way to beat the gloomy U.S. job market — leave it.

White, a double major in Asian languages and literature and international studies, said she is trying to land a stable job by teaching English in Taiwan.

"My sister was recently laid off, and my father very nearly was laid off as well," the Omaha native said. "That makes me a little less confident about finding a stable job here."

Similar concerns are driving more UI students to seek employment in Taiwan and China, whose economies have not been hit as hard by the global economic slowdown as has the U.S. economy.

Shu Zhu, a teaching assistant in the UI Chinese language-program, said several of her students have expressed interest in leaving the United States to find work in China. The program's coordinator, Helen Shen, said she has seen a steady increase in enrollment in the UI Chinese language-program in recent years — 205 students were enrolled in 2008, more than tripling the 60 people in 2001.

"When [students] talked about their future plans to me, they seemed very confident of finding an ideal job in China," Zhu said. "I believe the confidence is not only based on their own ability but also on Chinese economic conditions and potential development."

Although China's economic growth rate dropped to 9 percent in 2008 — the lowest since 2002 — the nation demonstrated the strongest development among all major world economies in the past year, according to a recent press release from the U.N. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.

SEE CHINA, 5A

Flood-proofing the new Beckwith Boathouse will likely increase its \$6.5 million price tag, says one UI official.

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At some points, the Iowa River swells to within 10 feet of the Beckwith Boathouse construction site.

But that isn't preventing the UI from moving forward with the facility's completion.

After committing nearly \$6.5 million to the project, UI officials plan to finish construction — with some additional flood-proofing — near Terrell Mill Park across the street from Mayflower this October, said Senior Associate Director of Athletics Jane Meyer.

Rod Lehnertz, the director of planning, design, and construction for UI Facilities Management, said UI officials originally considered other locations, such as sites south of the Iowa River Power Company dam and a site on the Coralville-Iowa City border.

But those sites posed logisti-

Boathouse work presses ahead



JOE SCOTT/THE DAILY IOWAN
Floodwater sits near the construction site for the new boathouse near Terrell Mill Park across from Mayflower on March 22. The site flooded in 1993 and 2008, and officials said they are taking measures to flood-proof the facility.

cal problems for the rowing team, Lehnertz said.

One of the problems for the two sites is their proximity to the dam. If the officials had built at those locations, the rowing team would have needed to travel a safe distance before being able to start practice.

The Coralville site would have forced the crew members to row an entire course of their practice against the current. Typically, a rowing course involves rowing with and against the current, Lehnertz said.

Further, the current location sits in Terrell Mill Park, which provided an opportunity for the UI to include the city on a joint venture, he said.

Lehnertz stressed the importance of the boathouse being on the river, saying the rowing team needed a short, direct route to the river with little traffic between, because they must carry heavy and delicate water crafts by hand. UI sophomore and rowing team member Haylie Miller agreed.

SEE BOATHOUSE, 5A

Ped Mall fight club

Iowa City bar culture may encourage fights, police say.

By REGINA ZILBERMINTS
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Unknown assailants attacked unknown men in two incidents on the Pedestrian Mall during the early hours of March 27, authorities said.

But having two assault incidents downtown in one weekend is not that unusual, said Iowa City police Lt. Doug Hart, and officials are using a variety of tools to solve the cases.

"We will become very proactive in resolving these assaults," he said.

SEE ASSAULTS, 5A

Physical assaults

Two separate physical assaults occurred on the Ped Mall.

Dubuque and College

Dan Ambrisco/The Daily Iowan



Alcohol consumption in city's, UI's sights

UI and Iowa City officials shift focus to excessive alcohol consumption.

By TESSA MCLEAN
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Imagine heading downtown on a Friday for a night out with friends. Now, imagine it without any alcohol.

While most UI students head to the bars to socialize on the weekends, drinking is a large part of their evenings. UI officials, students, and Iowa City community members who met March 27 at the Partnership for Alcohol Safety Summit considered several options attempting to change student drinking patterns.

The event consisted of several

brainstorming sessions in which attendees identified key priorities and suggestions on how to curb binge drinking. Having downtown bars host an alcohol-free night once a month was one of many options discussed.

"It's refreshing to come to a meeting where the emphasis isn't underage drinking," said Mike Porter, who owns three downtown bars. "You're not going to stop 19- and 20-year-old adults from drinking. The problem is overconsumption."

Other ideas included building a movie theater or a bowling alley downtown, adding a

committee of students to plan more nonalcoholic events, and re-evaluating junior-high curricula to educate kids about alcohol abuse earlier.

Nearly 70 people attended the summit, in which the objectives identified were submitted to the recently established Alcohol Steering Committee. The 23-person committee — chaired by UI Provost Wallace Loh and Iowa City Mayor Regenia Bailey — plans to meet quarterly, said Victoria Sharp, the UI special assistant to the provost on alcohol safety.

UI Student Government President Maison Bleam told attendees keeping students involved and a part of the process is the only way to see changes in the community.

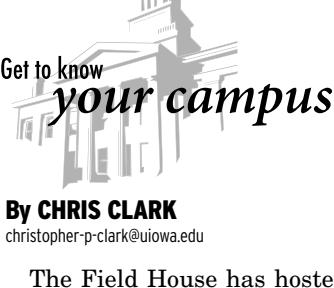
"I encourage the steering committee to empower students to be a part of this initiative," he said. "If students don't buy into it, it will fail."

UI students engage in binge drinking at rates far surpassing the national average, according to studies by Peter Nathan, a UI professor emeritus of community and behavioral health. Seventy percent of UI students engaged in high-risk drinking in the past two weeks in comparison with 44 percent of college students nationally.

UI President Sally Mason noted excessive drinking puts Iowa City's reputation at stake.

"We face an uphill battle," she said. "It is our responsibility, and we will only fulfill it if we work together."

A facility that wears many hats

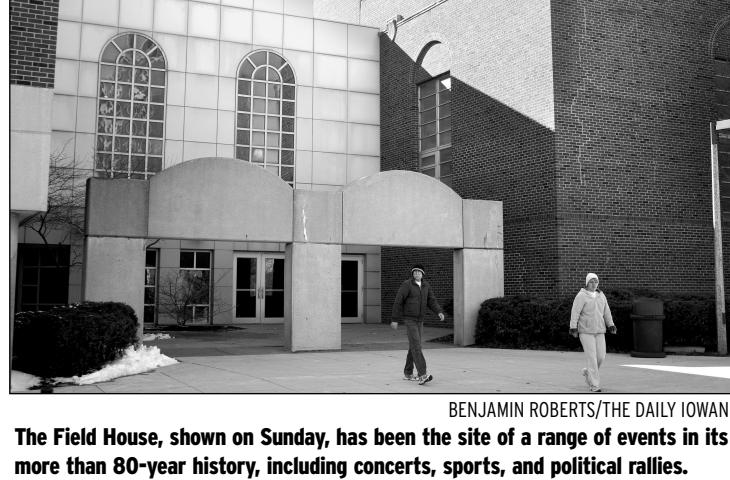


By CHRIS CLARK
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The Field House has hosted a variety of events and student activities since it opened in 1927.

Although it was made for all members of the UI community, students held protests around the time of its construction, according to a 2003 article in *The Daily Iowan*. The *DI* reported that intercollegiate sports teams dominated the use of the facility, despite \$3 million of funding allocated from student fees.

The Field House pool is home to the Iowa swimming and diving team, touted as the world's largest indoor pool at the time of



BENJAMIN ROBERTS/THE DAILY IOWAN

The Field House, shown on Sunday, has been the site of a range of events in its more than 80-year history, including concerts, sports, and political rallies.

its construction, according to the article. The gymnastics teams also use the Field House for their meets.

In addition to housing Hawkeye sports teams, the Field House offers everyday fitness opportunities for UI students. It serves as the UI's main campus wellness

center, giving students a track, basketball court, rock climbing wall, and workout center. The Fitness Loft, located on the fifth floor, serves as a popular place for students to use weightlifting equipment, cardiovascular machines, and free weights.

Starting in 1997, the UI has

hosted Night Games in the Field House. Students who attend the events have free access to all of the equipment, and they can enjoy free pizza, snacks and beverages.

But the Field House has uses beyond just athletics.

In 2007, then-Sen. Barack Obama hosted a campaign rally to try to encourage students to get involved in the Iowa caucus. According to a *DI* article, the rally drew a crowd of hundreds, mainly made up of UI students.

At the rally, Obama stressed the importance of the youth vote, especially in the caucuses, and told the *DI* he had faith the youth would turn out and vote.

The Field House has also hosted concerts for UI students; OAR played for a crowd of students in the fall 2006.

"SCOPE is always looking for different venues," said Clark Bradshaw, SCOPE's public-relations marketing coordinator. "It holds close to 3,000 students. So, we like to use it for bigger names, bigger bands."

SCOPE will host the band 311 at the Field House on April 18.

METRO

Nighttime intruder reported

An Iowa City man awoke to an intruder in his residence in the early hours of March 28, authorities said.

According to Iowa City police, a resident of Kathlin Drive was awakened by the sound of an interior door of his residence being opened and the sight of a flashlight beam. After yelling at the intruder, he was illuminated by the suspect's flashlight. The intruder then fled

through the garage entry door. Police and K-9 units searched the area but were unable to locate a suspect, according to police reports.

The victim did not report any injuries and no items were taken. He was reportedly unable to provide a description of the intruder.

— by Regina Zilbermint

3 reportedly rob, assault local man

Three males allegedly robbed and

assaulted an Iowa City man in his apartment on March 27.

According to police reports, the 25-year-old resident of 911 E. Washington St. Apt. 4 was in his bedroom watching television when he heard drumsticks fall in the living room. When he went to investigate, he reportedly saw three individuals taking items from the dark apartment.

Police said the victim pursued the intruders after they fled the apartment. Two of the suspects allegedly stopped and assaulted the victim, repeatedly

striking him and knocking him to the ground before continuing to flee.

The victim then returned to the apartment and called police, officers said.

Police searched the area but were unable to locate the suspects. The victim sustained injuries from the assault, including a swollen lip, chipped tooth, bloody nose, and lacerated forehead. He declined an offer of medical aid. Game-system peripherals, CDs, and DVDs were taken from the apartment, police said.

— by Regina Zilbermint

NATION

GM CEO Wagoner to step down

DETROIT (AP) — DETROIT (AP) — General Motors Corp. Chairman and CEO Rick Wagoner will step down immediately at the request of the White House, administration officials said Sunday. The news comes as President Obama prepares to unveil additional restructuring efforts designed to save the domestic auto industry.

The officials asked not to be identified because details of the restructuring

plan have not yet been made public. Today, Obama is to announce plans to restructure GM and Chrysler LLC in exchange for additional government loans. The companies have been living on \$17.4 billion in government aid and have requested \$21.6 billion more.

Wagoner, 56, joined the company in 1977, serving in several capacities in the U.S., Brazil, and Europe. He has been chairman and chief executive since May 1, 2003.

Obama said Sunday that GM and Chrysler and all those with a stake in their survival need to take more hard

steps to help the struggling automakers restructure for the future.

7 residents, 1 nurse killed in nursing-home shooting

CARTHAGE, N.C. (AP) — Authorities say a man accused of opening fire in a North Carolina nursing home faces eight counts of first-degree murder.

District Attorney Maureen Krueger identified the suspect in the killings of eight people as 45-year-old Robert

Stewart of Moore County. He also faces a charge of felony assault of a law enforcement officer.

Authorities say seven residents and one nurse were killed in the 10 a.m. rampage Sunday at Pinelake Health and Rehab in the town of Carthage, about 60 miles southwest of Raleigh. A police officer and several other people were also wounded before Stewart was shot and apprehended.

Authorities at an afternoon news conference said Stewart did not work at the facility and they don't believe he is related to any of the victims.

POLICE BLOTTER

Jeremy Annis, 19, Vinton, Iowa, was charged March 27 with PAULA.

Shawn Bak, 22, 21 N. Johnson St. Apt. 9, was charged March 27 with disorderly conduct.

Henry Barnes, 20, Cedar Rapids, was charged March 27 with illegal dumping.

Randelle Brown, 18, Cedar Rapids, was charged March 27 with disorderly conduct.

Sarah Brown, 23, 4494 Taft Ave. S.E. Apt. 17E, was charged March 26 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Victoria Callero, 18, 4415 Burge, was charged March 28 with using an ID to obtain alcohol and PAULA.

Dominic Cataland, 19, St. Charles, Ill., was charged March 27 with PAULA.

Grace Christianson, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged March 27 with OWI.

Brent Claricoates, 25, 36 Valley Ave. Apt. 2, was charged March 8 with interference with official acts and

public intoxication.

Matthew Clark, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged March 26 with PAULA.

Emmett Finnegan, 19, address unknown, was charged March 27 with disorderly conduct, interference with official acts, and public intoxication.

Shannon George, 19, 105 Kirkwood Court Apt. 11, was charged March 27 with PAULA.

Hannah Giles, 19, 422 Taft Speedway, was charged March 27 with possession of marijuana and fourth-degree theft.

Ryan Harrenstein, 20, Ackley, Iowa, was charged March 28 with PAULA.

Caleb Hockett, 20, Fairfield, Iowa, was charged March 27 with disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

Alex Johnson, 20, 415 E. Jefferson St., was charged March 27 with PAULA.

Jacob Rodriguez, 20, Coralville, was charged March 26 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Alexandra Johnston, 19, St. Charles, Ill., was charged March 27 with PAULA.

Maranda Kapell, 18, 217E Hillcrest, was charged March 28 with PAULA.

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Christopher Lee, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged March 27 with PAULA.

Laura Martin, 18, Graynslake, Ill., was charged March 27 with PAULA.

Mike Meyer, 20, Aplington, Iowa, was charged March 28 with PAULA.

Anna Murphy, 19, 2205 Quadrangle, was charged March 27 with PAULA.

Anika Peterson, 18, 441 Slater, was charged March 28 with PAULA.

Ethan Pinkley, 18, 521 S. Johnson St. Apt. 3, was charged March 27 with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Jessica Robison, 20, 1705 Flatiron Ave., was charged March 28 with using an ID to obtain alcohol and PAULA.

Michael Vogel, 27, 2520 Walden Road, was charged March 27 with assault causing injury.

Garet Welsh, 19, 529 1/2 E. Burlington St., was charged March 27 with PAULA.

Matthew Wykoff, 19, Waukee, Iowa, was charged March 27 with PAULA.

Jordan Ruhrup, 20, 325 E. College St.

Ap. 1611, was charged March 27 with OWI. John Schmalfeldt, 33, 2322 S. Summit St. Apt. A2, was charged March 27 with public intoxication.

Kristi Stephenson, 28, Cedar Rapids, was charged March 27 with assault and obstructing emergency communication.

Megan Stewart, 18, 2282 Quadrangle, was charged March 28 with PAULA.

Tracy Stucker, 28, 314 Cherokee Trail, was charged March 27 with driving while barred.

Chenetie Thompson, 27, 1556 First Ave. Apt. 1, was charged March 27 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

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Taxes at the forefront

The subject of taxes dominates weekend legislative forum.

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Iowa City resident Deborah Thornton's furor over a recent Democrat tax proposal was visible at an Iowa Legislature forum over the weekend.

"When you repeal the federal deductibility, that means you're going to pay state taxes on taxes you [paid] to the federal government — not taxes on money that I spent on my kids' clothes and shoes in school," she said, her voice heightened.

But area legislators at the forum — all Democrats — hit back, arguing their plan would benefit thousands of Iowa families.

"Your statement would have been correct if we hadn't lowered the [tax] rates," said Rep. Mary Mascher, D-Iowa City, her typical cheery disposition now gone. "But we lowered the rates."

"It's going to make the system fairer," said Sen. Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa City. "I think it's time to shift the tables a little

bit, so that the people that have been reaping the disproportionate amount of benefits in this economy — mostly well-off people — it's time to shift some of it down to the workers."

The exchange was symbolic of the fight Democrats are sure to face over the tax plan, which they unveiled last week. While Iowa is one of only a few states to allow federal deductibility on state income taxes, anti-tax groups such as Iowans for Tax Relief and the Iowa Taxpayers Association have balked at the new plan.

Under the proposal, the vast majority of those making under \$125,000 would receive a tax cut, while individuals and small businesses in higher tax brackets would see their taxes go up.

"Those numbers are good numbers — there are going to be tax cuts for a lot of people," said Rep. Larry Marek, D-Riverside. "This is one way we can help our economy, is

having tax cuts for our people that aren't the top wage-earners."

Legislators at the March 28 forum discussed a number of other topics, including the one-cent sales tax Iowa City residents could opt to tack on for flood clean-up money.

While Mascher conceded sales taxes are typically unpalatable because of their disproportionate effect on the poor, she urged citizens to approve the measure.

"I think this is a critical vote for our community, and I think sometimes we as Democrats get caught up on what's progressive and what's regressive in terms of taxes," Mascher said. "But this is really and truly salvation for our community."

Rep. Vicki Lensing, D-Iowa City, agreed, asserting the need to educate the incredulous.

"I think for a lot of people who might not be in favor of a sales tax, if they understood the specific use for this, they would be more inclined to vote for this," Lensing said.

The special election is on May 5, but in-person voting is now available at the county auditor's office.

crashing into and over the already-stressed levees.

Adaptable coyotes thrive in urban areas

DENVER (AP) — A coyote ambling into a Chicago sandwich shop or taking up residence in New York's Central Park understandably creates a stir. But even here on the high plains of Colorado, where the animals are part of the landscape and figure prominently in Western lore, people are being taken aback by rising coyote encounters.

Thanks to suburban sprawl and a growth in numbers of both people and animals, a rash of coyote encounters has alarmed residents.

Antiwar rally returns

One local activist said the recession is distracting Americans and the mainstream media from the war in Iraq.

By KATHLEEN SERINO
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In the first antiwar rally on campus since President Obama took office, some UI and community members banded on the Pedestrian Mall this weekend to protest Middle Eastern dissent.

UI junior Megan Felt said the "Funk the War" event — organized by the UI Antiwar Committee — not only rallied against the war in Iraq, but also the escalation in Afghanistan and the occupation in Palestine.

"We're always ready to protest," said Felt, a member of the committee since 2006.

The march and dance party was marketed as a "funky" rally, but few danced to the Beatles and the Guess Who in the mid-30 degree weather.

Felt called Obama's decision last week to deploy 4,000 more troops to Afghanistan an "escalation of the war," adding people need to "continue discussing with Obama and Iowa representatives why our conflict isn't the resolution."

She said the recession has distracted many — including the mainstream media — from the wars in the Middle East and Latin America.

Before the march, three speakers — elementary-school teacher Zahra Al-Attar, Bryson Dean of Grandmothers for Peace, and local activist and writer Paul Street — expressed their opposition to the war on terrorism.

"I'm against any war," said Al-Attar, an Iraqi who has lived in the U.S. since 1994.

The mother of two has been involved in the Antiwar Committee for nearly eight months. She lived through the Iraq-Iran and Iraq-Kuwait wars and has seen and heard of the suffering



JOE SCOTT/THE DAILY IOWAN

Tim Gauger carries an antiwar banner along Clinton Street as a part of the "Funk the War" rally organized by the UI Antiwar Committee on March 28. Gauger and 10 others marched through Iowa City, chanting antiwar slogans and eliciting honks from passing cars.

ON THE WEB

To see photos and a video of "Funk the War" rally in downtown Iowa City against the war in Iraq, go to dailiyowan.com.

until the war ends.

"We wanted you in, and you better stick to what you promised for us," Kacere said, addressing Obama.

After the speeches, Felt and 10 others helped carry banners and posters emblazoned with peace symbols and antiwar rhetoric, chanting loudly, "War machine, tear it down," while passersby beeped their car horns and gestured in agreement or anger of the small group.

UI sophomore Jess Campbell said this rally is "definitely not going to be the last."

The group will continue its War on Terror 101 series with a free showing of *Afghan Massacre: The Convoy of Death* April 2 in the IMU.

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FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Weary residents of this sandbagged city came together in churches Sunday, counting their blessings that the Red River finally stopped rising and praying the levees would hold back its wrath. A brief levee break that swamped a school provided a warning of the kind of threat that still hangs over them in the days ahead.

Church services that are a staple of life on Sunday mornings in Fargo took on greater significance as people gathered after a week of round-the-clock sandbagging. They sang hymns and held hands, asking together for divine help in avoiding disaster.

"At a time like this, we need to call on God's providential assistance,"

said the Rev. Bob Ona, pastor of Fargo's First Assembly of God church. "All of you have been heroic in your efforts. All of you have been pushed past the wall of weariness, exhaustion and numerous frustrations in order to do the right thing — help people in the name of the Lord."

The Red River continued its slow retreat Sunday after cresting a day earlier, dropping below record level to 39.92 feet — still nearly 22 feet above flood stage. The river may fluctuate up to a foot and remain at dangerous levels for a week, testing the long line of sandbag levees that residents hastily constructed last week.

Fargo faces another test this week as a storm approached with up to a half-foot of snow and powerful wind gusts that could send ferocious waves

crashing into and over the already-stressed levees.

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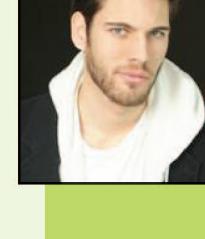
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• **COMEDIAN:
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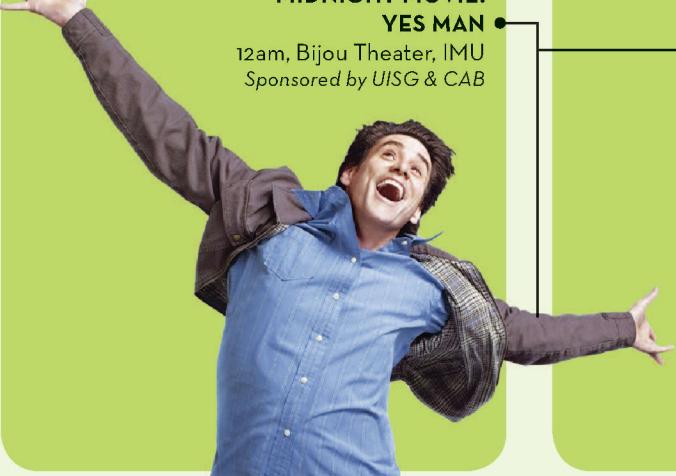
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Geithner defends bailout

By PHILIP ELLIOTT
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner defended his approach to fixing the country's economic mess Sunday, saying "the market will not solve this" while disclosing a bailout fund for battered banks has \$135 billion left and might need more.

Geithner used his first Sunday talk show appearances to promote President Barack Obama's massive government spending plan to ease credit, help borrowers and inject billions of dollars into the financial sector. Long kept behind the scenes, the treasury secretary has emerged as the administration's champion of a plan that fueled an uptick in Wall Street markets.

"We came through a period where people borrowed too much and we let our financial system take on much too much risk," Geithner said. "And the consequences of those choices, made over years, were a huge boom. And that boom, the air is now coming out of that and that's causing enormous damage."

Obama and his administration last week announced a program to help banks free themselves of so-called "toxic assets." These investments have tied up capital and kept them from resuming more normal lending to consumers and businesses.

The plan calls for the administration to partner with private investors, the Federal Reserve and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. to buy as much as \$1 trillion in toxic assets from banks. Like the president himself, Geithner cautioned against immediate expectations.

"It's very important for people to understand that, you know, it took us a long time to get into this mess. It's going to take us a while to get out of this," he said. "Progress is not going to be even. It's not going to be steady."

Geithner said Washington alone was equipped to salvage an economy that has seen jobs lost and credit shrink.

"The market will not solve this. And the great risk for us is we do too little, not that we do too much," he said.

Geithner has faced a rough start to his time at treasury. Unpaid taxes cost him votes during his Senate confirmation, and lax oversight for embattled American International Group Inc.'s bonuses drew Republican calls for his resignation. Wall Street scoffed when he outlined



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In this photo provided by ABC News, Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner appears for an interview with George Stephanopoulos on ABC's "This Week," in Washington on Sunday.

early details of the administration's financial plan, placing him on the bench early.

Obama's financial team, however, turned to Geithner in recent days to bolster its case for the economy. The former head of the Federal Reserve Bank in New York, Geithner confidently brushed off Republican criticism that too much spending would send the economy into out-of-control inflation.

"Will never happen. Because we have a strong, independent Fed, with a clear authority from the Congress to keep inflation low at — stable at low levels going forward," he said.

He also dismissed his critics, citing the nation's anger and frustration with the economy.

"And I knew we were going to face really tough choices," he said. "We're going to have to do things that are going to be deeply unpopular, hard to understand. We're not going to get it perfect everywhere. ... This job, it comes with a lot of heat by definition and there's nothing surprising in that."

Despite that frustration, Obama would not rule out a second round of bailouts. In its budget request to Congress last month, the administration included a placeholder for an additional \$750 billion in bailout funds. Many lawmakers said there was little chance more money will be approved, given the political environment.

Geithner said the bailout plan — he said about \$135 billion remains to help banks stay afloat — helped every American, not just the financial firms.

"I would not spend a penny on helping a bank for the purpose of helping a bank," said Geithner, taking care with words that can move the markets. "Everything we're doing is for the people that depend on this financial system. Every time we provide assistance to the financial institutions, it's only because we need them to do a better job of getting credit to help reduce the risk of a deeper recession."

Geithner appeared on ABC's "This Week" and NBC's "Meet the Press."

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Bills hit 2nd funnel

Second funnel deadline culls additional bills in the Iowa Legislature.

By SHAWN GUDÉ
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With revenue at paltry levels and budget concerns dominating headlines and lawmakers' time in the Iowa Legislature session, non-appropriation bills have largely taken a back seat.

March 27 provided yet another hurdle: the second funnel deadline of the session, in which House bills must be reported out of their Senate committees, and vice versa.

A select few bills advanced, including a health-care expansion bill that proponents say would extend coverage to 30,000 uninsured Iowa children.

The Senate measure would increase the eligible income level for families with children 18 or under looking to apply for the state's Hawk-i health-care program. When the House Human Resources Committee approved the bill, though, they axed provisions creating a commission to help small businesses and adults with health care coverage.

Insurance interest groups and our opponents chafed at the provisions, decrying them as overly bureaucratic.

Slamming such groups, Sen.

Jack Hatch, D-Des Moines, said "some day we have to break their hold."

Hatch, who drafted the original version of the bill, remained optimistic the two chambers could reconcile their differences on the bill.

Here's a look at other noteworthy bills and their statuses post-funnel deadline.

Bills still alive

- The House Public Safety Committee approved a Senate bill that would lower the legal blood-alcohol concentration for boaters from .10 to .08. Long championed by Sen. David Johnson, R-Ocheyeden, it is now eligible for debate on the House floor, the chamber in which the proposal has been

stymied in the past.

- Lawmakers in both chambers have passed a Senate bill that would attempt to curb pay discrimination based on sex, but the House amended the original bill. Consequently, the bill will likely go to a joint conference committee in the coming weeks. Its prospects are good, having passed the House by wide margin and the

Senate by a comfortable — albeit largely partisan — one. Indeed, Rep. Vicki Lensing, D-Iowa City, said at a legislative forum over the weekend that the bill "should make it to the governor's office."

Halted bills

- A Senate measure aimed at protecting bicyclists didn't receive approval by its House subcommittee, much to the consternation of some avid cyclists. "Many Iowa drivers are unaware of the rules of the road when it comes to dealing with bikers," UI graduate student Jessie Grafenberg — vice president of the UI's Tri-Hawk's Triathalon — told the *DI* earlier this month. "These protections are needed for future bikers because several accidents happen every year." Opponents derided the bill as unnecessary and essentially legislating common sense behavior.

- A bill that would have placed the hallucinogen Salvia on the state's list of controlled substances failed to pass out of the House, its original chamber.

- A House bill that would have raised the compulsory age for high-school students from 16 to 17 didn't gain enough traction to pass out of the House either.

cover as bullets sheared off bits of mortar from the buildings lining the narrow alleyway.

Obama says he will consult with Pakistan

WASHINGTON (AP) — As he carries out a retooled strategy in Afghanistan, President Barack Obama says he will consult with Pakistan's leaders before pursuing terrorist hideouts in that country.

Obama said U.S. ally Pakistan needs to be more accountable, but ruled out deploying U.S. troops there.

WORLD

US-backed Iraqi troops round up Sunni fighters

BAGHDAD (AP) — U.S.-backed Iraqi forces swept through a central Baghdad slum Sunday, disarming Sunnis from a government-allied paramilitary group to quell a two-day uprising launched to protest the arrest of their leader.

At least four people were killed and 21 wounded in the two days of fighting between government troops and the Awakening Council in Fadil, a ramshackle Warren of narrow, fetid streets on the east side of the Tigris River where al-Qaida once held sway.

Nevertheless, a few fighters were still holding out. An Iraqi patrol, accompanied by an Associated Press photo and video team, came under heavy fire, sending them ducking for

Members of the Fadil council said Sunday they decided to give up the fight and hand over their weapons to spare the neighborhood, whose bullet-pocked buildings bore witness to intense combat there two years ago.

Most of the top council members fled the neighborhood as Iraqi troops searched house-to-house, according to residents who spoke on condition of anonymity because they feared for their safety.

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Jerusalem (II)

Should the U.S. Embassy be moved to the capital of Israel?

In a previous clarifying message we showed that before the Six-Day War in 1967, the claim that Jerusalem was a Muslim/Arab city had seldom been asserted and that such claim had come about only in modern times. The status of Jerusalem continues to be of great importance. The Arabs clamorously insist that at least the eastern part of the city should be yielded to them. The Israelis insist that Jerusalem continue as the indivisible capital of their country.

What are the facts?

Jerusalem – reunited and indivisible. Ever since the creation of the State of Israel in 1948, all American governments and Congress have confirmed their conviction that Jerusalem is the capital of Israel and that, once reunited, it should remain indivisible.

Before the Six-Day War in 1967 the city was divided, the Jordanians having occupied the eastern part since the War of Liberation in 1948. During their 19-year reign, all Jewish residents were driven out and all Jewish places of worship closed or destroyed. The various Christian denominations operated under the strict control of Muslim authorities.

All this ended in 1967 with the liberation of all of Jerusalem by the Israel Defense Forces and with the reunification of the city. Access to all holy places became available to all. The many religious bodies in the holy city (and in all of Israel) are able to pursue their activities without any restrictions. Jerusalem is today truly a free and open city. Just as the whole world rejoiced when the ugly wall dividing Berlin was torn down, so do we rejoice that the wall, the barbed wire and the machine gun emplacements dividing the city were finally torn down.

U.S. Embassy not in Israel's capital. While the Palestinians lay claim to the eastern part of Jerusalem and wish it to become the capital of a hoped-for Palestinian state, nobody, not even the Arabs, questions the western part of the city to be Israeli. It is remarkable therefore that, despite this universal recognition, the United States has steadfastly insisted on placing and keeping its embassy in Tel Aviv, the major commercial city, instead of in Jerusalem, Israel's capital and the seat

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of the Knesset (parliament), the Supreme Court, and of all government offices. It is as if a government accredited to the United States were to insist on keeping its embassy in, say, New York, rather than in Washington D.C.

With the U.S. in the lead, all other countries have also located their embassies in Tel Aviv. It is a bizarre situation. All ambassadors and their staffs

must make almost daily trips to Jerusalem because no government business is conducted in Tel Aviv. Our country maintains diplomatic relations with over 150 countries. In all of them, the U.S. Embassy is located in the respective nation's designated capital. The only exception is Israel where, so far, our government has insisted on locating its embassy in a city other than the capital.

Congress in favor of moving embassy to Jerusalem. Leaders of Congress – both Republicans and Democrats – have passed legislation by which the U.S. Embassy would have to be moved to Jerusalem. That legislation has been endorsed by 93 Senators. The President, however, may delay the transfer to Jerusalem if he deems that the national interest demands it. The U.S. has a lease on a 10-acre lot in Talpiot, a totally Jewish neighborhood in West Jerusalem. It is to be hoped, therefore that before too long, reality will prevail and that the U.S. Embassy will indeed be located in Jerusalem – the capital of one of its closest allies.

Prior to their election, both Presidents Bush and President Clinton assured the public that the U.S. Embassy would be moved to Jerusalem. But in the end, they blocked such action. We must hope that President Obama will, at long last, fulfill this wish of Congress, which is therefore also the wish of the American people, and that he will order that the U.S. Embassy be moved to Jerusalem.

The main reason given for not moving the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem is that it would violate "Arab sensitivities." That might indeed be the case. But while there would be some posturing, none of the Arab states could afford to do much else. Egypt would certainly not refuse its yearly multi-billion dollar subsidy from Washington. King Abdullah of Jordan would not jeopardize the political and financial lifeline that the U.S. has extended to him. Saudi Arabia would make some perfunctory noises, but that would be just about all. The status of Jerusalem goes to the heart of the Arab-Israeli conflict. To deny the status of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel questions the legitimacy of the state. The move of the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem will signal once and for all that there will be no U.S. or world support for the division of Jerusalem and for the establishment – in any part of it – as the capital of a new Arab state.

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A UI ROTC cadet is on guard during a training lab on March 28 at Sugar Bottom Recreation Area in Coralville.

Learning to soldier

ROTC

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UI senior and cadet Joe Poch stood over cadet Samuel Crothers, a UI junior, as Crothers received his "mission" and began to formulate a plan.

"Think conceptually what you want to do," Poch told the younger men and women.

"You've got this, no problem," he said as Crothers bent over a terrain model kit — a seemingly random collection of multi-colored shapes to help plan the route toward the enemy camp — in the dirt. After an explanation of the mission and a brief

rehearsal, the group began moving toward its objective.

Two groups of three cadets sneaked off in opposite directions using only hand signals to communicate. Both were soon lost behind grass or a low ridgeline.

"I can't see the other team," Robbins said, scanning the landscape. "That's a good thing."

While ROTC is perhaps most visible when bringing the flag in at every Hawkeye football game, the organization is a four-year program with varying levels of involvement. Many students sign on, without obligation, for the two-year basic course. Others sign con-

tracts pledging to continue their training and serve the military after earning a degree of their choice.

The program includes classroom instruction, leadership labs, and fitness training, said Lt. Col. Anthony Wolf, a UI assistant professor of military science.

After completing its mission, the squad gathered for an evaluation, the members shivering slightly in the snow with a stiff wind blowing against them as Lt. Col. Randall Millers, a UI professor of military science, completed his remarks.

"You are training to lead soldiers into combat," he said.

Grads eye China, Taiwan

CHINA

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UI junior Daniel Wong, a UI finance major studying at Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, arrived in Shanghai nearly two months ago without much consideration of staying in the country to work. But with China's economic outlook, he said, it is now a possibility.

"With the current trend of people being laid off [in the United States], I feel if I am able to work in China as well as the U.S., I have more opportunities to find a job," the 21-year-old said.

And businesses from China are opening their doors to welcome foreign students. Out of 58 active internships provided by employers abroad, 15 come from mainland China and Taiwan, said Garry Klein, assistant director of the academic programs and assessment at the Pomerantz Career Center.

Working abroad poses certain challenges for the students, especially in today's rapidly changing market, said Maureen Beran, an assistant director of student professional development in the Tippie College of Business's undergraduate program.

"The jobs may not be their ideal first-time jobs when they started their studies at the university," she said. "They may have to compromise the locations of jobs and maybe different job functions and responsibilities, too."

White said she may have to adjust her original career plan, given the fierce competition she is facing with her job search in Taiwan.

"I originally only wanted to teach in Taipei, but now I have agreed to teach anywhere in Taiwan," she said. "A year or two ago, I would have landed this position easily; now, I have to keep my fingers crossed."

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Boathouse coming along

BOATHOUSE

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"[Being close to the river] makes it a lot easier," she said.

The UI held a groundbreaking ceremony for the boathouse in March 2008, hoping to finish the project by this May, but the school suspended the project before any construction began in June 2008 because of the flood.

Despite rising waters, the university stuck to the original site, thanks to a 99-year lease that the school and city officials agreed to before the flood, as well as flooding at other potential sites.

The challenge then became to flood-proof the new boathouse.

Meyer said officials made changes in the building's design, including moving all electrical equipment to upper levels as well as making shelves and water pumps easy to remove in the event of a flood.

And to reduce the cost of any damage, Meyer said, officials will build the lower levels with concrete slabs instead of drywall.

Concrete slabs require solely a power wash and disinfecting in the event of a flood, while drywall would need to be torn out and replaced, she said.

The labor cost of replacing the drywall would be more than an entire power wash, Lehner said.

Still, questions remain regarding the boathouse's final price tag.

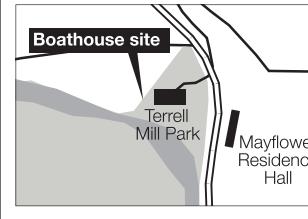
When asked if these alterations would increase the roughly \$6.5 million price, Meyer said it was likely, but said it's too early to tell how much.

UI spokesman Steve Parrott agreed it was too soon to provide estimates because the university is still negotiating costs with Miron Construction, the company building the facility.

The excess cost, Meyer said,

New boathouse

The new Beckwith Boathouse is being built across the street from Mayflower, next to the Iowa River.



Jacqueline Cieslak/The Daily Iowan

would be covered by the UI Athletics Gifts and Revenues Fund.

The improvements may not increase the overall costs that much, if last year's cleanup of the current boathouse is any indication.

Men's rowing club assistant coach Myles Melyon said boat-houses are designed to be waterproof, and the current boathouse required little cleaning after it flooded last year.

Bar culture blamed in fights

ASSAULTS

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In one case, six to 10 males allegedly assaulted a man near the Union Bar, 121 E. College St., at the intersection of Dubuque and College Streets around 2 a.m.

According to Iowa City police, one alleged victim was knocked unconscious after running to the aid of a college-age male, who was beaten up.

One of the men was treated for non-life-threatening injuries at Mercy Hospital, police reports show.

The suspects allegedly involved were last seen running north on Dubuque Street, randomly punching other men as they ran by them, officers said.

Another man was attacked

directly outside Union Bar around 1 a.m. after being kicked out of the establishment twice, authorities said.

After being evicted the second time, one of the people he was having problems with in the bar also left and hit him, knocking him to the ground, where he briefly lost consciousness, police said.

The victim had injuries to his mouth and was taken to the UI Hospitals and Clinics, officers said.

Assaults downtown have long been a part of downtown Iowa City, said Iowa City police Sgt. Troy Kelsay, and often, the atmosphere surrounding bar close contributes to fights.

"It's disturbing to hear," said UI junior Ruffin Tchakounte. "But if I respond by getting a group of people to walk [with],

it's kind of responding to fear."

He said he would try to help the victim if no weapons were involved.

"It depends on the size of the guy and where we were," said UI senior John Madden. "If it's a ridiculously mismatched fight and the guy was really getting hurt, I might try to pull [the attacker] off."

Madden said he usually walks to bars in large groups.

"I'd go for the nearest cop," UI sophomore Matt Mills said. "You can find them pretty easily."

Mills, who lives on East Washington Street, said it might be a good idea to hail a cab if a person feels unsafe walking alone.

"I know [assaults] happen," Madden said. "It's a reality in a college town when you're mixing alcohol and testosterone."



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Commentary

Relax, administrators: It's just a food fight

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There is something strange in the sloppy joes being served at Dubuque Senior High School. A senior prank involving the saucy loose-meat sandwiches and a food fight in the school's cafeteria resulted in the repainting of a wall and the replacing of some ceiling tiles, which were apparently stained beyond repair. What sort of industrial-strength Worcestershire sauce, tomato paste, and ketchup can cause irreparable damage to walls and ceiling tiles? I have lived in and visited enough college housing to know that even the most apocalyptic incidents can be cleaned and covered up, often without the aid of paint. Ammonia or bleach works wonders (don't combine the two — it produces chlorine gas).

What is more disturbing, in my opinion, is the administration's response to the incident. Many students who were involved, mostly seniors, have been suspended, with the possibility of further suspensions to follow. Principal Kim Swift has described the incident as an act of vandalism. I'm pretty sure vandalism involves deliberate destruction of or damage to property. How were the kids to know the cafeteria was using military-grade ingredients? That is not to say that simply because you fail to think about the consequences of your actions you should not be responsible for them. Responsibility for one's actions is certainly an important lesson to drill into the minds of high-school students, preferably before they reach college. However, vandalism and suspension seem like extreme responses to something as innocent as a food fight.

The seniors, who consciously planned the fight, were in all likelihood not scheming to have the walls and ceiling tiles in the cafeteria replaced. They wanted to let off a little steam at the end of 12 years of routine, daily academia. When it comes to senior pranks, a food fight registers pretty low on the scale of seriousness. My graduating class burned our graduation year into the south lawn of the school (something that should be considered vandalism), with what was either a high concen-

tration of salt or muriatic acid. My classmates were inspired by the nearby rival Catholic high school, which annually burnt much more elaborate designs into the south lawn of their campus. The administration over at the Catholic school seemed amused by the efforts of seniors, as they allowed the inscription to remain on their grass all year, unlike our administration, which instantly had the desecrated grass replaced.

Furthermore, these seniors were in fourth grade in 2001. They were around 10 years old when the World Trade Center crumbled. They have been raised in a very uncertain time in which school shootings, rampant drug use, and teenage pregnancy are commonplace. What is more innocent, when compared with what they could be up to, than a food fight? They should be punished, no doubt. But as someone who is suffering from a bit of senioritis myself, suspension is a bit laughable. Mandated time off from school, score! Instead, the perpetrators should have been collected, shoved into HAZMAT suits, and forced to clean the mess they created. When that was accomplished, instead of barring them from classes, they should have been forced to serve several weeks of detention. There is no worse punishment for high-school seniors than forcing them to spend extra time in school.

Kids will be kids. I don't have to deal with hordes of high-school students anymore, and I am not sure you could pay me to (even in these uncertain economic times). But when compared to with actual acts of vandalism, a food fight just does not register. Vandalism suggests conscious intent to damage property; these students just wanted to cause a bit of chaos. Let the punishment fit the crime. Sit the seniors down in a detention hall and force them to engage in some terrible, mind-numbing activity. Anything from creating posters about respecting the school to creating a skit for younger classes about the perils of senior pranks should do. And for the love of small children, find out what sort of ingredients they are using in the cafeteria.

A week on the road



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In Mississippi, we call this time of year spring, for which [thesaurus.com](#) offers these related words: bud time, flowering, prime, and springtide.

Excellent.

Better yet, in Florida, where I spent my spring break, they call this time of year hot. And, if you were lucky enough to spend the same week I did there, they called it unseasonably warm, or, record-breaking heat.

[Thesaurus.com](#) offers these excellent words to go along in that vein: sweltering, piping, searing, sultry, baking, blazing.

So, with no offense to wonderful yet horrifyingly cold Iowa, let me take you back to that place for a while — hey, it'll at least keep us from scraping the sleet and ice off our cars and sidewalks for a little while longer.

Here's a list of all the excellent things one can see in Florida during a week off:

- On Interstate 10, I saw a road-kill alligator. Oh yeah. Not that I wish harm to any wildlife, but if I'm going to get personal with a reptile, I'd prefer it be his body that's mangled instead of mine. Sorry, alligators of the world; my 9-year-old sister has persuaded me to watch enough "Animal Planet" (read: *When Alligators Attack!*) to keep me steadfast on this one.

- If you plan it right, a space-shuttle launch. I saw *Discover* go up, and it was inspiring. It's pretty difficult, to say the least, to get close to it, what with the 3-mile radius they create for safety as well as the whole "everyone in Florida cramming into Cape Canaveral and the surrounding areas" to watch. Where I was, was outside a hot-dog restaurant in Titusville. Right after the shuttle went up, one boisterous man encouraged everyone around him to sing "America the Beautiful" — at around 100 decibels.

This is a good thing to experience.

My generation is so interconnected that Twitter tells us what a

friend is doing across town at the same time as we choose to "like" someone else's status on Facebook. We don't have nearly as many life-altering, collective experiences as our parents (like my mama, who gathered with nearly half of a recreational club in California around a tiny television to watch the Moon landing.) Anyway, who knows how long NASA will be around anyway?

I also took the NASA tour later in the week, which was also cool, but it cost more than \$30, a little outrageous considering my tax dollars are what's paying for the program in the first place. And the hot dogs were more expensive.

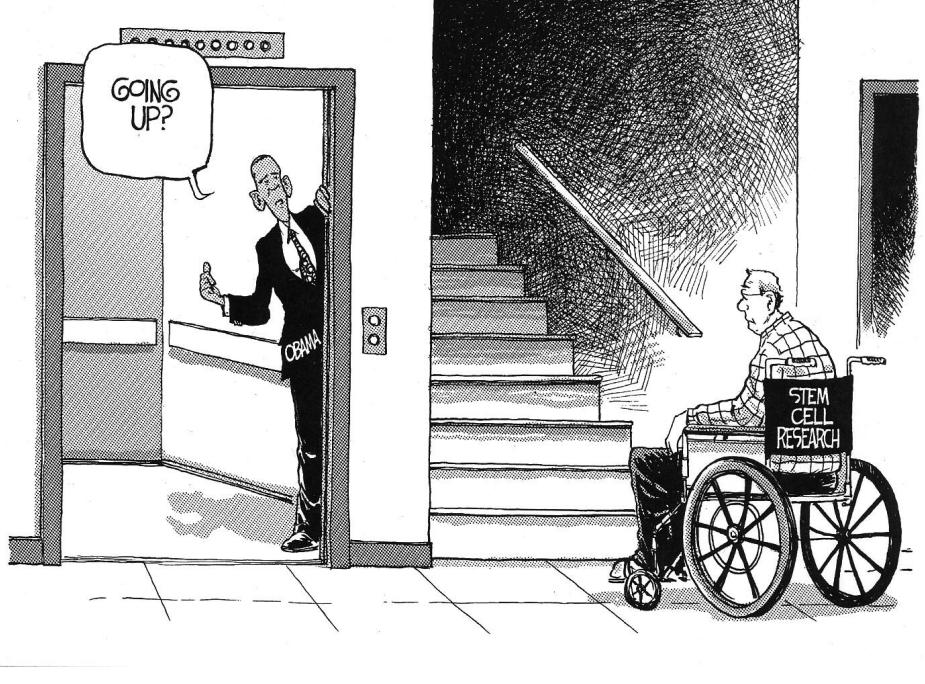
- The Atlantic Ocean. It was *warm*. I know I know, anyone with Google could come to the same conclusion, but actually being in it, being tumbled around, felt so good. As did:

- Continuously seeing sand and at first thinking it was snow. There's not much better than that, especially when snow now comes with the special fear that too much of it may mean more flood damage, again, to my new home.

- The whole slew of miscellaneous vacation perks: the no homework and work, the palm trees, the sitting on a balcony while reading, the sheer number of people in swimming pools across the state at any time, crazy, crazy Disney World and how its screaming happiness crushes any other emotion you might have had before setting foot in the park.

- Also, there's the unfathomable number of Ontario license plates I saw. No, you wouldn't believe it. There were at least 20 a day. I saw more of them than any other state. My dad even went so far as to ask one Ontarian why they all flocked to Orlando, and he said something about how they've got "winter" up in Canada, which explains nothing, because Iowa has plenty of winter but not nearly enough representation in Florida.

Not that I'm advocating we all pack up and move down there. I'm just saying, if anyone else wants to call in sick for a week (it's still flu season, right?) and hightail it for the coast, I'm with you. ■



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Guest Opinion

On condoms, the pope may be right

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Special to the *Washington Post*

When Pope Benedict XVI commented this month that condom distribution isn't helping, and may be worsening, the spread of HIV/AIDS in Africa, he set off a firestorm of protest. Most non-Catholic commentary has been highly critical of the pope. A cartoon in the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, reprinted in the *Washington Post*, showed the pope somewhat ghoulishly praising a throng of sick and dying Africans: "Blessed are the sick, for they have not used condoms."

Yet, in truth, current empirical evidence supports him. We liberals who work in the fields of global HIV/AIDS and family planning take terrible professional risks if we side with the pope on a divisive topic such as this. The condom has become a symbol of freedom and — along

with contraception — female emancipation, so those who question condom orthodoxy are accused of being against these causes. My comments are only about the question of condoms working to stem the spread of AIDS in Africa's generalized epidemics — nowhere else.

In 2003, Norman Hearst and Sunny Chen of the University of California conducted a condom-effectiveness study for the United Nations' AIDS program and found no evidence of condoms working as a primary in HIV-prevention measures in Africa. The U.N. agency quietly disowned the study. (The authors eventually managed to publish their findings in the quarterly *Studies in Family Planning*.) Since then, major articles in other peer-reviewed journals such as the *Lancet*, *Science*, and *BMJ* have confirmed that con-

doms have not worked as an intervention in the population-wide epidemics of Africa. In a 2008 article in *Science* called "Reassessing HIV Prevention" 10 AIDS experts concluded that "consistent condom use has not reached a sufficiently high level, even after many years of widespread and often aggressive promotion, to produce a measurable slowing of new infections in the generalized epidemics of sub-Saharan Africa."

Let me quickly add that condom promotion *has* worked in countries such as Thailand and Cambodia, where most HIV is transmitted through commercial sex and where it has been possible to enforce a 100 percent condom-use policy in brothels (but not outside of them). In theory, condom promotions ought to work everywhere. And intuitively, some condom use ought to be better than

no use. But that's not what the research in Africa shows.

Why not?

One reason is "risk compensation." That is, when people think they're made safe by using condoms at least some of the time, they actually engage in riskier sex.

Another factor is that people seldom use condoms in steady relationships because doing so would imply a lack of trust. (And if condom-use rates go up, it's possible we are seeing an increase of casual or commercial sex.) However, it's those ongoing relationships that drive Africa's worst epidemics. In these, most HIV infections are found in general populations, not in high-risk groups such as sex workers, gay men, or persons who inject drugs. And in significant proportions of African populations, people have two or more regular sex

partners who overlap in time.

A study in Malawi showed that even though the average number of sexual partners was only slightly over two, fully two-thirds of this population was interconnected through such networks of overlapping, ongoing relationships.

So what has worked in Africa? Strategies that break up these multiple and concurrent sexual networks — or faithful mutual monogamy or at least reduction in numbers of partners, especially concurrent ones.

In Uganda's early, largely home-grown AIDS program, the focus was on "Sticking to One Partner" or "Zero Grazing" (which meant remaining faithful within a polygamous marriage) and "Loving Faithfully." These simple messages worked. More recently, the two countries with the highest HIV-infection rates, Swazi-

land and Botswana, have both launched campaigns that discourage people from having numerous and concurrent partners.

Don't misunderstand me; I am not anti-condom. All people should have full access to condoms, and condoms should always be a backup strategy for those who will not or cannot remain in a mutually faithful relationship. Moreover, liberals and conservatives agree that condoms cannot address challenges that remain critical in Africa such as cross-generational sex, gender equality, and an end to domestic violence, rape, and sexual coercion.

Surely it's time to start providing more evidence-based AIDS prevention in Africa.

The writer is a senior research scientist at the Harvard School of Public Health. This commentary was published in Sunday's *Washington Post*.

MOVIE REVIEW

Kid stuff – but the 3D is cool

'Mom, look — it's in 3D.' *Monsters vs. Aliens* is cool for kids, but average for adults.



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One glance at the cast list for *Monsters vs. Aliens* is enough to make anyone with a shard of pop-culture literacy go apeshit.

While America's sweetheart Reese Witherspoon carries the lead role,

Seth Rogen and Paul Rudd offer Frat Pack comedy support from the sidelines.

Television's finest step out of the boob tube

and onto the big screen, including Jack Bauer and House M.D. (Kiefer Sutherland and Hugh Laurie), as well as "The Office" darlings Rainn Wilson, Ed Helms, and John Krasinski. The all-star cast is pushed over the top by Hollywood power-comedy couple Will Arnett and Amy Poehler, and Stephen Colbert



PUBLICITY PHOTO

In *Monsters vs. Aliens*, 20th-century mutants get makeovers for the new millennium: the Creature from the Black Lagoon, the 50-Foot Woman, the Blob, and the Fly.

as — what else? — an incompetent president.

With all the talent backing *Monsters vs. Aliens*, it's tremendously disappointing — and perhaps a little incomprehensible — that the movie itself is so dismissible. Though the 3D effects are undoubtedly amazing, what could have been the beginning of another DreamWorks franchise is cut short because of flimsy, unmemorable writing and a boringly obvious narrative arc.

When saccharine California girl Susan Murphy (Witherspoon) is struck by a meteorite on her wedding day, she is transformed into Ginormica, a 50-foot woman with super strength. The government immediately intervenes, whisking her away to a secret location that has been covering up the existence of monsters

since the 1950s. There, Murphy meets Dr. Cockroach (Laurie), a mad scientist whose experiments turned him into the unstomping insect; Link (Arnett), the notorious missing link; and B.O.B. (Rogen), an indestructible blue blob.

But when the alien Gallaxhar (Wilson) attacks, the government turns to the monsters it has hidden away to save Earth's people. What follows is an overdone tale of self-discovery and self-esteem, told through the lens of some jokes that may or may not be funny, depending on your maturity level. Yes, *Monsters vs. Aliens* is a kids film, so I can let the snot jokes slide, but the parent-targeted humor-via-innuendos is at times inappropriate — for example, offering a snapshot of an overaggressive

teenage girl trying to get her reluctant boyfriend to make out with her in a parked car. Though there are some comedic moments that really shine (such as when Colbert's President Hathaway attempts to make first contact with an alien spaceship by playing the notes made famous by *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*), there simply aren't enough of them to propel this film to a *Shrek*-like family-classic status.

Despite its narrative shortcomings, *Monsters vs. Aliens* is saved from banishment to the ghetto of *Open Season* or *Bee Movie* purely because of its visual prowess. As spaceships whiz by, meteorites fall from space, and buildings are blown apart, it's hard not to mentally regress into a super

excited, wide-eyed 6-year-old (this distraction works in the film's favor, as many of its flaws become less obvious because you're too busy watching a dude play paddle ball in your face). With the best use of 3D technology of any film from the recent resurgence, *Monsters vs. Aliens* is sure to go in history as the Typhoid Mary that will turn all subsequent computer animated films into three-dimensional epics.

Though it's debatable whether this industrywide shift will be a good thing, the fact that *Monsters vs. Aliens* would be intolerable save for the 3D aspect is not. *Monsters vs. Aliens* is fine for kids, but it simply does not provide enough meaty narrative layers to interest anyone over the age of 10.

COOK IN PROGRESS

GORP BALLS



Trail mix with a twist.

The time of year is finally approaching when people are ready to shed the winter blues and pursue more outdoor endeavors. Trail mix is a staple of outside activities, because it provides the perfect blend of sweet and salty goodness while also providing a natural energy boost.

"Gorp" is an acronym used for trail mix, which stands for "Good old raisins and peanuts." Gorp balls are a different take on this snack-attack favorite.

What you'll need:

- ½ cup peanut butter
- ½ cup honey
- 1 cup chocolate chips

These ingredients, when mixed well, will act as the "glue" and hold everything together.

Next, combine (separate of the glue) the dry ingredients. Trail mix is a matter of personal preference, so for this recipe, chef Eric Ernst — featured in the video — used:

- 2 cups peanuts
- ½ cup banana chips
- ½ cup walnuts
- ½ cup raisins

Finally, combine the trail mix batch with the "glue," and shape into balls approximately 2 inches in diameter. Refrigerate to set.

Enjoy.

— by Rebecca Koons

MOVIE REVIEW

Passing through somewhere close to the heart

Michelle Williams breaks hearts, though not in the usual way, in a story of a woman and her dog searching for a better life.

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For roughly 80 minutes, Wendy Carroll (Michelle Williams) seems on the verge of weeping yet refuses to show the world her sorrow. Even though she manages to hold back her tears, the audience (myself included) can't help but cry at the end of *Wendy and Lucy*, a film about a woman for whom the phrase "down on her luck" is an almost laughable understatement.

The film, directed by Kelly Reichardt, is shot with an emphasis on life's bleak and train yards, debris, and decrepit buildings. That, coupled with the minimalist, almost nonexistent soundtrack, lets the audience concentrate solely on the battles Wendy can't seem to win.

On a cross-country trip to Alaska, Wendy has to scrimp for every penny: sleeping in her car, shoplifting for food, and changing in a convenience-store bathroom every morning. She seems to be completely alone save for Lucy, her golden Labrador retriever (who is Reichardt's dog in real life).

When Wendy's car breaks down in Oregon, conditions go from dreadful to appalling. After being arrested for stealing dog food, Wendy loses Lucy and must resort to sleeping on a piece of cardboard while her car is repaired at a mechanic's shop (played by a wonderful but unsympathetic Will Patton).

Wendy's only source of help or friendship comes from a nameless Walgreens security



A particularly heartbreaking moment in *Wendy and Lucy*, which stars Michelle Williams as a woman on the move in face of harsh odds, worlds away from her role as Jen Lindley in "Dawson's Creek."

guard (Wally Dalton), a man with a heart as big as his eyebrows. His acts of kindness — helping Wendy move her dead car and lending her his cell phone — are small, but they're what he can afford. This

becomes strikingly evident when he gives Wendy some money and we see a \$5 and a few \$1s are all he can spare.

Williams turns subtlety into an art form in her performance, managing to demonstrate both

Wendy's ignorance and to showcase her steely dignity hidden within a hard outer shell. Wendy may scold Lucy for barking outside a grocery store, but scenes in which Wendy calls for her lost dog outside random

yards and uses balled up cloth to form a trail to her location reveal Wendy's true affection.

Beyond its uneasy ending, what is most disturbing about *Wendy and Lucy* is the unshakable reminder that these things happen to actual people. Although her ongoing misfortunes get a little absurd near the ending, it's no stretch to imagine people scrounging in their cars for loose change, for whom even a simple car breakdown is a devastating setback. She repeatedly utters the phrase, "I'm just passing through" to people she encounters, but it sounds more like wishful thinking than reality. The truth is, Wendy could be stuck in that dying town — or one just like it — for a long time. The security guard puts it best when he and Wendy are talking about their difficulties finding work: "You can't get an address without an address. You can't get a job without a job. It's all fixed."

Wendy and Lucy makes viewers feel more depressed than inspired, but at the very least the film will make you glad to have a bed.

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The Michigan State Spartans beat the Louisville Cardinals – No. 1 seed overall – to advance to the Final Four.

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Colleen McGlaughlin

SOFTBALL

Softball splits

The Iowa softball team split its first pair of Big Ten games at No. 15 Ohio State this weekend. Game One was scoreless through five and a half innings before the Buckeyes strung together a trio of hits to score the game's only three runs. Following a 2-1 loss at Illinois State, the March 28 loss marked the first time this season that Iowa (27-7, 1-1) lost in back-to-back games.

Junior Katie Brown collected Iowa's lone hit on the afternoon in the top of the fourth. Senior Brittany Weil threw her 14th complete game of the season, allowing three earned runs on seven hits. Weil also threw one and a third innings in relief on Sunday, collecting a weekend total of nine strikeouts and bringing her career total within 21 strikeouts of career leader Lisa Biocci.

Iowa got back into the win column Sunday with an impressive 12-4 win in six innings. Liz Watkins, Taylor Leichsenring, and Chelsey Carmody collected three hits each on the afternoon to pace the Hawkeyes.

Senior Colleen McGlaughlin collected four RBIs to extend her team-leading RBI count to 34.

The win was Iowa's first over a ranked opponent this year. The Hawkeyes will resume Big Ten play on Wednesday when Illinois visits Pearl Field for a double-header beginning at 5 p.m.

— by Jon Linder

TENNIS

Men's tennis drops 2

The Iowa men's tennis team went on the road this past weekend to play No. 6 Ohio State on March 27 and Penn State on Sunday. Although the Hawkeyes (10-4, 2-2) began Big Ten competition a perfect 2-0 against Michigan State March 20 and Michigan March 22, they fell to the Buckeyes, 7-0, and the Nittany Lions, 4-3.



Houghton
head coach

Head coach Steve Houghton revised his lineup to include junior Patrick Dwyer at the No. 6 singles spot and a part of the No. 2 doubles pair with senior Greg Holm. The new duo's compatibility on display despite losing an 8-7 match against the Buckeyes.

While Iowa's strength this season has been its exceptional doubles play, both Ohio State and Penn State claimed the doubles point against the Hawkeyes. Iowa's No. 3 doubles pair, junior Tommy McGeorge and freshman Will Vasos, were defeated for the first time by the Buckeyes' Bryan Koniecko and Chase Buchanan. The loss snapped the duo's 12-match winning streak.

The Hawkeyes will continue Big Ten season at home against Illinois on Friday and Indiana on April 5, both at noon.

— by Amie Kiehn

TV TODAY

NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

- Raleigh Regional, Elite Eight, No. 3 Louisville vs. No. 1 Maryland, 6 p.m., ESPN
- Berkeley Regional, Elite Eight, No. 4 Iowa State vs. No. 2 Stanford, 8 p.m., ESPN
- NHL
- New Jersey at NY Rangers, 6 p.m., VERSUS
- Dallas at Phoenix, 9 p.m., VERSUS
- MLB
- Chicago Cubs vs. Kansas City, Spring Training, 3 p.m., CSN

Gatens, Tucker back coach



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

(From left) Iowa basketball assistant coach LaVall Jordan, freshman Matt Gatens, freshman Anthony Tucker, and Athletics Director Gary Barta listen to men's basketball head coach Todd Lickliter answer questions during a spur-of-the-moment press conference in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on March 27. With many questions focused on the losses of sophomores Jake Kelly and Jeff Peterson and juniors David Palmer and Jermain Davis, Lickliter wants fans think about the players Iowa has returning and coming in from high school who will help the team grow.

Among the group of Hawkeyes returning are Matt Gatens and Anthony Tucker, both of whom appeared at Todd Lickliter's press conference on March 27.

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leaving his team, he received support from two of the players who remained.

Jeter and Posada they're not, but Iowa freshmen Matt Gatens and Anthony Tucker both took a page from the Yankees' playbook by voluntarily attending Lickliter's press conference as a way of boosting their head coach's spirits.

"We thought it would be good to support Coach [Lickliter] at his press conference and let him know that we all still believe in him," Tucker said. "People think it's a reflection on him when four

guys up and leave. People make their decisions for themselves and for their own reasons."

"Coach is doing a great job with us, and we're all excited to be here."

While the freshman campaigns of Gatens and Tucker took much different paths, both will be counted on by Lickliter as the Hawkeyes forge ahead without Jake Kelly, Jeff Peterson, Jermain Davis, and David Palmer.

Gatens had about as good a freshman year as any Hawkeye fan could've asked for. The Iowa

Current Iowa roster for 2009-10:

Seniors (1) – Devan Bawinkel (guard)
Juniors (1) – Jarryd Cole (forward)
Sophomores (4) – Matt Gatens (guard), Anthony Tucker (guard), Aaron Fuller (forward), Aaron Brommer (forward)
Freshmen (3) – John Lickliter (guard), Eric May (guard), Brennan Cougill (forward/center)

*Roster as of March 29, 2009
SOURCE: hawkeyesports.com

City native started all 32 of Iowa's games, the only Hawkeye to do so.

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MICHIGAN 7, IOWA 5

Freie coming back on mound

Iowa senior pitcher Wes Freie is making strides after spending two seasons as the Hawkeyes' designated hitter.

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Sunday. "I have a feel for pitching, but I'm not really executing pitches today as I have in the past."

Indeed, the senior hurler appeared to lose his feel quickly against the Wolverines, allowing five runs on nine hits through just 3 1/3 innings in the Hawkeyes' disappointing 7-5 loss.

In the game's early innings, Freie seemed poised to capture his third win of the year, surrendering just a pair of singles in the first two frames while striking out three batters.

But a four-hit, two-run third marked him for defeat as he handed the job over to junior left-hander Michael Jacobs midway through the fourth after allowing the Wolverines to tie the game, 3-3, before later tallying two more runs for the lead.

"His legs weren't under him," junior catcher Tyson Blaser. "His stuff wasn't as sharp as it's been."

SEE BASEBALL, 3B

Baseball drops third game

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As the weather cleared in Iowa City, the Iowa baseball team finished its series finale against Michigan with a 7-5 loss following a three-hour snow delay. The loss came in large part to the Hawkeyes' sloppy play — they committed five errors — and as a result, Iowa (9-12, 1-2) dropped two out of three over the weekend.

Because of the snow, and how it affected the non-covered warning track, a temporary blue construction-like fence was put in place to eliminate the warning track from the field of play, shortening Banks Field anywhere from 14-18 feet.

"It was a little different playing with the dimensions with the snow fence out there," said Iowa pitcher Wes Freie, who took the loss Sunday and is now 2-2 on the year after pitching 3 1/3 innings, giving up nine hits and five earned runs. "Both teams had to play in the same conditions, but I think we did a pretty good job."

The shortened field as well as the blue fence had an immediate effect in the bottom of the first. Iowa's No. 3 hitter and sophomore Kurtis Muller hit a routine fly ball that carried to



JULIE KOEHN/THE DAILY IOWAN
Iowa first baseman T.J. Cataldo waits for a pickup throw at Banks Field on Sunday. Iowa lost the third game of the series, 7-5.

MICHIGAN 7, IOWA 5

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Michigan 0 0 2 3 0 0 2 0 - 7 12 5
Iowa 0 0 3 1 0 0 0 1 0 - 5 8 5

W: Smith (4-2)

L: Freie (2-2)

S: Burgoon (3)

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top of the third. The runs came courtesy of a lead-off double by senior Kevin Cisco, who was brought home by the Wolverines' next batter, senior Kenny Fellows, with a single to right. Fellows later scored to make it 2-0 in favor of Michigan.

Iowa answered quickly in the bottom half of the inning,

SEE RECAP, 3B

SPORTS 'N' STUFF

BIG TEN BASEBALL

	Conference	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Illinois	3	0	1.000	.16	5	7	.576
Ohio State	2	1	.667	.20	4	8	.333
Michigan	2	1	.667	.16	7	6	.696
Minnesota	1	1	.500	.14	7	6	.667
Purdue	1	1	.500	.10	10	10	.500
Indiana	1	1	.500	.08	15	34	.348
Northwestern	1	1	.500	.05	17	22	.227
Penn State	1	2	.333	.14	10	58	.153
Iowa	1	2	.333	.09	12	42	.292
Michigan State	0	3	.000	.07	17	29	

Friday's Games

Michigan 4, Iowa 3
Minnesota 12, Indiana 5
Purdue 4, Northwestern 3
Ohio State 8, Penn State 3
Illinois 10, Michigan State 3

Saturday's Games

Iowa 2, Michigan 1

Indiana 3, Minnesota 2

Northwestern 13, Purdue 4

Ohio State 12, Penn State 2

Michigan State at Illinois, pnpd.

Tuesday's Games

Upper Iowa at Iowa

Xavier at Ohio State

Chicago State at Indiana

Bowling Green at Michigan

Louisville at Purdue

Illinois at Illinois State

Michigan State at Notre Dame

Bucknell at Penn State

BIG TEN SOFTBALL

	Conference	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Northwestern	4	0	1.000	.18	7	7	.572
Illinois	3	0	1.000	.18	8	6	.699
Ohio State	3	1	.750	.24	6	8	.400
Purdue	3	1	.750	.18	10	6	.643
Minnesota	3	1	.750	.20	19	5	.513
Iowa	1	1	.500	.27	27	27	.794
Wisconsin	1	3	.250	.11	21	34	.344
Indiana	3	3	.250	.05	23	17	.448
Michigan	0	2	.000	.22	9	9	.000
Michigan State	0	3	.000	.13	16	448	
Penn State	0	4	.000	.09	16	.360	

Saturday's Games

Ohio State 3, Iowa 0

Michigan 4-13, Loyola 1-0, 5 innnings

Northwestern 5, Penn State 3

Wisconsin 5-2, Indiana 4-3

Minnesota 6, Purdue 4

Illinois 13, Michigan State 3, 5 innnings

Sunday's Games

Iowa 12, Ohio State 4, 6 innnings

Northwestern 10, Penn State 0

Purdue 2, Minnesota 1

Michigan State at Illinois, pnpd.

Tuesday's Game

Indiana at Evansville

Wednesday's Games

Illinois at Iowa (2), 5 p.m.

Michigan at Penn State

Michigan State at Northwestern

Ball State at Ohio State (2)

Wisconsin-Green Bay at Wisconsin (2)

Michigan at Penn State

Michigan State at Northwestern

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Pittsburgh 6, Xavier 55

Villanova 77, Duke 64

Regional Championship

Saturday, March 28

Villanova 78, Pittsburgh 76

SOUTH REGIONAL

At FedEx Forum, Memphis, Tenn.

Regional Semifinals

Friday, March 27

Oklahoma 84, Syracuse 71

North Carolina 98, Gonzaga 77

Regional Championship

Sunday, March 29

North Carolina 72, Oklahoma 60

MIDWEST REGIONAL

At Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis

Regional Semifinals

Friday, March 27

Louisville 103, Arizona 64

Michigan State 67, Kansas 62

	Conference	W	L	Pct.	All Games	W	L	Pct.
Illinois	3	0	1.000	.16	5	7	.576	
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Lickliter steps up

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Averaging 34 minutes per contest, Gatens led Iowa in free-throw percentage (90.4 percent), was second on the team in 3-point field goal percentage, rebounds, and blocks, and third in assists and steals.

With the departure of Kelly, Gatens now becomes the team's returning leading scorer, averaging 10.8 points per game.

"This year, I played a lot of minutes, so I felt like whether I wanted to or not, I had a leadership role out there because I was on the court with these guys," he said. "I'm sure it's going to have to step up even more this off-season, becoming a sophomore and becoming more of a leader for these players."

Then there's the story of Tucker. After emerging as the team's leading scorer early, things began to turn sour for the native of Minnetonka, Minn. First, he was suspended after being arrested for a public intoxication last December. Upon return from his suspension, he came down with mononucleosis.

His freshman year then was cut short in January, when he was ruled academically ineligible.

Yet there he was with Gatens, taking in everything that transpired on March 27.

"I think it's mutual," Tucker said. "I can speak for myself, I know I have all the confidence in the world in Coach [Lickliter]. I really believe in what he's doing, and I'm excited to be here."

"The coaches have been so supportive of me and given me

all the opportunities to come and right the ship. I'm very thankful for all the opportunities they have given me."

In a week in which players' roles came into question, no one needs to ask either Gatens or Tucker which ones roles they'll play next season. Just like returning team captain Jarryd Cole, both sophomores-to-be have prepared for the roadblocks that will lie in front of them.

"I'm looking forward to meeting this challenge head on," Gatens said. "There's a great group of people here with the coaches and weight coaches and everybody that is behind us, and hopefully, we can get the fans behind us."

"We're going to work hard and try to be successful."

Everybody just calm down

COMMENTARY

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outside of freshman Matt Gatens, whom Lickliter implicitly trusted. You could make a case that Kelly and Peterson, when healthy, were the Hawkeyes' two most important players last season.

On the other hand, David Palmer's and Jermain Davis' decisions to transfer really aren't that big of a deal. The two were both wildly inconsistent on the floor. After Palmer dropped 21 points on Wisconsin on Jan. 21, he put up that same number in the remaining 13 games combined. Let's face it, Davis and Palmer will only be missed from a depth perspective.

So why exactly are some fans so eager to dump Lickliter only two years into his reign?

Sure, losing four players in a matter of a week looks bad anywhere, especially at a Big Ten program such as Iowa's, but it's not the end of the world or any reason to get rid of Lickliter.

For starters, the second-year head coach has yet to have a chance to bring in a lineup solely featuring his players, not ones left over from the Steve Alford era. Last season was a good start by snagging Gatens and guard Anthony Tucker, among others. This year, Lickliter has inked Eric May and Brennan Cougill, with more surely to come.

My point is that firing a coach before you even give him a chance to truly try his system with his players is the wrong way to go about things.

Really, this situation is no different than head football coach Kirk Ferentz's first two years in Iowa City. The now-11-year head coach was 4-19 in his first two years on campus, and it took time for Ferentz to make the program what it is today. Lickliter is going through a similar process right now. He's trying to find the right players, not necessarily the best ones.

Additionally, of the four transferees, only Davis was heavily recruited by Lickliter, though Peterson

signed after the head coach arrived at Iowa.

When Athletics Director Gary Barta hired Lickliter on April 2, 2007, it was clear this was going to a rebuilding process as the players transitioned from Alford's philosophies to Lickliter's. Perhaps no one thought the process would be this

painful, but don't kid yourself and think that firing the head coach would fix everything.

It's OK for fans to be angry, but don't be irrational. Lickliter and his \$1.2 million annual salary aren't going anywhere — Barta said as much at a March 27 press conference.

Rather than buying that domain name, look to the future. Yes, next year is going to be rough. And yes, the more I look at the roster, the less excited I get about watching Andrew Brommer getting significant minutes.

But Lickliter's philosophy works. He proved that at Butler, where he went

131-61 and was in the Sweet 16 twice. He's trying to do the same thing in Iowa City — just give him a chance.

SPORTS

Freeman scores 18 as Purdue beats Rutgers 67-61

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Lakisha Freeman scored 18 points, and sixth-seeded Purdue held off a late rally to beat Rutgers, 67-61, on Sunday night and advance to the round of eight in the NCAA tournament.

FahKara Malone hit a key basket in the final minute, and Jodi Howell added the clinching free throws with 6.2 seconds left for Purdue (25-10), which will play top-seeded Oklahoma or fourth-seeded Pittsburgh on Tuesday in the regional final. The Boilermakers became the second No. 6 seed this year to reach the round of eight, joining Arizona State.

Purdue, which shot 52.9 percent from the field, will make its eighth appearance in a regional final. The Boilermakers have made the Final Four three times, winning the 1999 national championship.

Brittany Ray scored 19 points, and Epiphanny Prince added 15 for seventh-seeded Rutgers (21-13), which upset second-seeded Auburn in the second round.

But the Scarlet Knights couldn't match Purdue's hot shooting, falling behind by 16 in the first half and never

digging out of that hole. They came close, twice pulling within two in the final minutes, the last at 63-61 on a reverse lay-up by Khadijah Rushdan with 1:44 left.

After the teams traded empty possessions — Rutgers throwing the ball away after a Purdue miss — Malone made a 15-foot jumper with 46.7 seconds left as the shot clock expired. Rushdan, a freshman, traveled at the other end.

Malone missed the front end of a one-and-one with 16.5 seconds left, but Prince missed a 3-point attempt for Rutgers, and her follow shot was blocked by 6-foot-4 Danielle Campbell.

Howell then made her free throws, sealing the win for Purdue.

In Purdue's previous game, an 85-70 win over third-seeded North Carolina,

Freeman scored 16 points as her team shot a season-high 57.1 percent from the field. She and the Boilermakers picked up Sunday right where they'd left off.

Purdue shot 55 percent from the field (16-of-29) in the first half before settling for a 40-33 lead. Freeman was 6-for-6 from the field and scored 12 points by the break.

An early 15-4 run put the Boilermakers up 17-9, and they later scored 12 straight points in one stretch. Lindsay Wisdom-Hylton's bucket at the 4:46 mark made it 37-21, and the Boilermakers scored only one more basket the rest of the half.

Rutgers closed the gap with a 12-1 run, keyed by five points from Prince. But after halftime, Purdue quickly rebuilt its lead to double digits

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Spartan diet kills Louisville

By MICHAEL MAROT
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Even before Michigan State's first game of the season, coach Tom Izzo gathered his players and spelled out their goal.

"Ford Field," he wrote on a dry-erase board.

That part of the Motown mission is now complete.

The Spartans gave the Final Four a hometown feel, stopping overall No. 1 seed Louisville 64-52 Sunday to win the Midwest Regional.

Goran Suton had 19 points and 10 rebounds as the second-seeded Spartans (30-6) played the pace game to perfection and reached their fifth Final Four in 11 years — the most trips of any team in the nation during that span.

Only 90 miles from their campus in East Lansing, the Spartans will play Connecticut on Saturday at Ford Field in Detroit. A crowd of 72,000, the largest ever for college basketball's signature event, is expected for each game.

"Detroit, here we come," said Izzo, a Michigan native. "I can't tell you how much I'm looking forward to that."

The Spartans made it 30 years after Magic Johnson led them to a national title over Larry Bird and Indiana State.

"Detroit needs something, Michigan needs something to feel good about," said Johnson, who was at the game. "And right now, the whole state is feeling good about this Michigan State team."

Along with advancing, the Spartans prevented a Big East blitz in the Final Four — coach Rick Pitino and Louisville (31-6) were trying to become the third school from the power-packed conference to make it.

"They were the better team," Louisville's Terrence Williams said. "They were quicker than us, their defense was more physical, and we couldn't turn them over like we wanted to."

Next week's short trip will be a special treat for many Spartans — eight Michigan residents are on the roster.

Durrell Summers, who delivered 10 second-half points, grew up in Detroit. Kalin Lucas, the Big Ten Player of the Year, was raised 10 minutes from the giant stadium.

Michigan has one of the nation's highest unemployment rates, and Detroit's economy, which is heavily reliant on the flailing auto-making industry,



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Michigan State's Draymond Green (23) celebrates with teammates after winning the NCAA Midwest Regional game against Louisville on Sunday in Indianapolis. Michigan State will face Connecticut next Saturday in Detroit in the Final Four.

has been reeling. The team is certainly aware of the state's plight.

"I'm just hoping we're a silver lining in what's been kind of a cloudy year for us," Izzo said. "I'm hoping that we're the sunshine, I'm hoping we're something to embrace."

After traveling to Indianapolis, Minneapolis and back to Indianapolis the last three weekends, the Spartans showed their zeal at the end.

Exuberant players were hugging with more than a minute to go, and as the buzzer sounded, Isaiah Dahlman tossed the ball high into the air as players and coaches jumped for joy, then took part in a group hug just in front of the bench.

"One thing we told ourselves was that we was going to get back there (Detroit)," Lucas said.

The game went nothing like Louisville expected.

Its vaunted pressure defense produced no fast-break points.

After committing nine turnovers in their March 27 39-point rout of Arizona, the Cardinals matched that total in 18 minutes Sunday. They opened the game on a scoring drought that lasted nearly four minutes.

And two days after scoring 103 points, they barely avoided setting a new a season-low point total thanks to Earl Clark's 3-

pointer with 12 seconds left. Louisville scored 51 points against Connecticut on Feb. 2.

The biggest problem was Michigan State's aggressive man-to-man defense, which kept Louisville out of sync all day.

"I think that was our biggest problem, the fact that the last six, seven games we probably have had 90 percent zones," Pitino said. "We got very good at going against zones, but that man-to-man gave us trouble tonight because our inside attack wasn't there."

The combination sent Louisville to its second-straight regional final loss and marked the third-straight year Pitino's team was eliminated on the second day of a weekend.

But Pitino didn't blame this one on fatigue.

Instead, he credited Michigan State for playing a physical, deliberate style that finally broke the Cardinals — just as Izzo choreographed it.

"The game plan was beautiful. The guys executed the game plan to perfection," Johnson said. "The key to the game was going to be the pace of the game and our defense. We got the pace and we played great defense and that was the key."

The Cardinals never figured it out and never managed to produce one of those trademark scoring runs.

Clark led Louisville with 19 points, but the only other player to reach double figures was backup guard Preston Knowles, who had all 11 points in the first half. Williams finished with five points, six rebounds, and four assists.

Just about everything went the Spartans' way.

Although Louisville trailed 30-27 at the half, Williams acknowledged the sluggish start affected the Cardinals' second-half performance.

They did manage to take a 34-32 lead with 15:33 to go, but then the Spartans took control.

With Suton on the bench, Michigan State went on a 9-2 run to rebuild a 41-36 lead. Then Summers got going. He hit a long jumper, just inside the 3-point line, followed that with a 3 and ended the 17-7 spurt with another three to give Michigan State an insurmountable 58-43 lead with 5:50 to go.

Louisville had only one more basket the rest of the way, finishing this part of Michigan State's drive to the Final Four.

"It's as big a win as our school has had because we're going to Detroit, and that's been a dream and a goal since they announced where the Final Four was in 2009," Izzo said.

Pitino backs 2 alums for UK job

By WILL GRAVES
Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Rick Pitino hasn't spent eight years masterfully stalking the sidelines at Kentucky, reviving a reeling program with a mix of charm, charisma, and — most of all — success.

Surviving in that fishbowl isn't easy. And it's not for every coach.

"It's such a unique job that you need to win over the fans," Pitino said. "You need to win the press conference right away."

Beloved by some die-hards even after his defection to hated Louisville, Pitino is still the yardstick by which any Kentucky coach in the near future will be measured.

It's a standard ousted coach Billy Gillispie failed to live up to, whether on the court, in the press, or out in the Bluegrass.

Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart says the search to replace Gillispie, who was fired March 27, will focus on finding someone who can match the passion of the school's rabid fan base.

Allow Pitino a couple of suggestions: John Pelphrey and Travis Ford, guys with talent and deep Kentucky roots, if not lofty credentials.

"For anybody, it's a big adjustment," Pitino said. "For those guys, it's not."

Ford is from Madisonville, played point guard for Pitino in the early 1990s, and just led Oklahoma State to the second round of the NCAA Tournament. Pelphrey, from eastern Kentucky, was a small forward for Pitino's first Wildcat teams and is the head coach at Arkansas.

Pitino doesn't doubt whether they love their current gigs. He also doesn't doubt whether they'd jump at a chance to come back home.

"I don't care where they're at," Pitino said. "They love Oklahoma State, love Arkansas, but those two guys, you cut them open, and it spells UK. That's what I would do."

Their lack of extended NCAA success, though, could be a hindrance. On paper, neither appear to be a better candidate than Gillispie was two years ago, when the Wildcats hired him after a whirlwind 24-hour courtship.

Then again, having a unique feel for the rhythms of Kentucky basketball is the kind of thing you can't put on a résumé.

Barnhart knows he can't afford to make another misstep at a program that hasn't been to the Final Four for more than a decade.

"We understand the challenge and importance of finding our next caretaker for this very special basketball program," he said. "We desire for Kentucky basketball to be a part of the championship picture every year, that is our goal."

Former Kentucky star turned TV analyst Mike Pratt will assist in the vetting process, spending time with the top candidates to get a feel if they can handle the pressure of leading college basketball's all-time winningest program.

Gillispie's rough tenure showcased how difficult it can be for an outsider to ingratiate himself with the thousands who pack Rupp Arena each season.

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- When people are released from handcuffs, the very first thing they will do is rub their wrists and wince. The presence of fire, explosions, or numerous approaching thugs will not deter them from performing this task; it is a biological imperative.
- There are no window screens.
- All helicopters, speedboats, and alien spacecraft have "whisper modes" allowing them to come within spitting distance of unsuspecting victims before being noticed.
- Attractive women spend approximately 25 percent of their waking hours in the shower or taking bubble baths.

- If female friends are separated for any amount of time longer than a week, they will shriek with joy the next time they see each other.
- Women who repeatedly escape the clutches of a maniacal killer throughout the events of one movie can be quickly and easily slain by that same killer at the beginning of the next. (This is the only reason maniacal killers relent and allow themselves to be overtaken; it's an investment in their future.)
- Thin, metal railings save more lives than head-to-toe SWAT-grade body armor.
- Being kicked in the chest by a horse will cause no lasting physical damage to a person.
- Large snakes, on average, need to feed once every couple of weeks to remain alive; if they overeat, they get weighed down and become a target for competing predators, therefore they rarely — if ever — gorge themselves. Killer snakes, however, have shed this behavior like so many layers of skin.

• Andrew R. Juhl thanks IMDb for help with today's Ledge.

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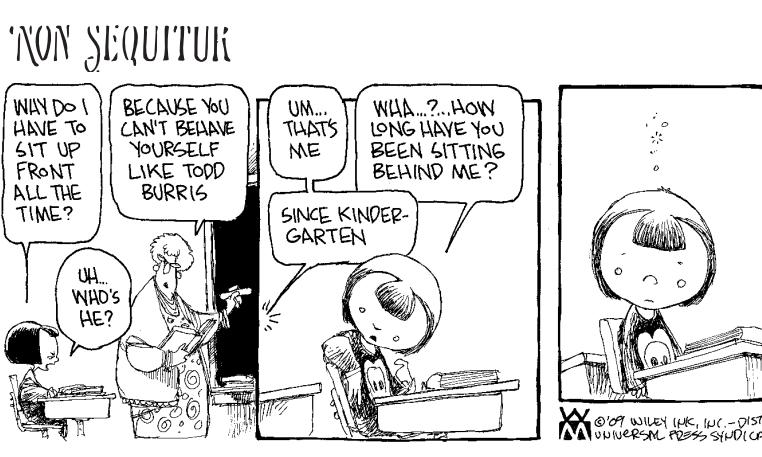
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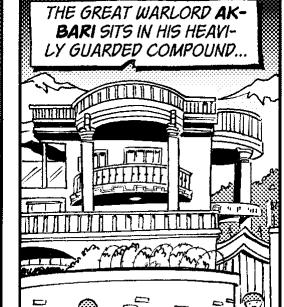
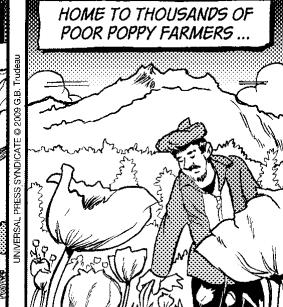


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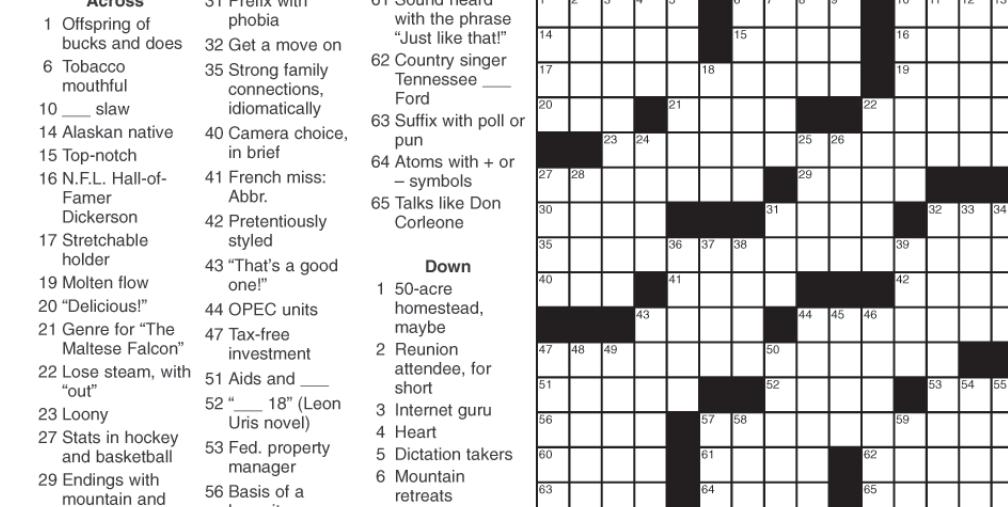
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"Opera is when a guy gets stabbed in the back and, instead of bleeding, he sings."

- Ed Gardner

horoscopes

Monday, March 30, 2009
— by Eugenia Last

ARIES March 21-April 19 When it comes to making money or formulating deals, you have to tell it like it is and let everyone know what you want and need to proceed. Positive results will come from taking proper control.

TAURUS April 20-May 20 It's your life, and you must be willing to be responsible for the results. Deception is being used in emotional ways to persuade you to make unhealthy decisions that will benefit others but not you.

GEMINI May 21-June 20 You can play the game as well as anyone, so why are you letting your emotions get the better of you? Call someone's bluff, and stop her or him from taking over. You can make the changes necessary for reforms and a better life.

CANCER June 21-July 22 Someone you love may be acting childish. Don't get involved in idle chatter or gossip that can only cause you problems in the future. Concentrate on getting ahead and doing things your way.

LEO July 23-Aug. 22 Look for a way to promote your plans. Your ability to communicate your ideas and incorporate what others are doing into your own goals will help you build a strong future. Love is in the stars, so combine business with pleasure.

VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22 A fast talker may try to persuade you to spend on something you shouldn't. Don't get angry — just play it smart, and say no. Put your time, effort, and hard work into your home and family.

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22 You can form a good partnership that will enable you to reach your goals faster. Your creative ideas, coupled with the drive your partner has, will make you successful. Love is looking favorable, and communication will bring results.

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Change may be necessary, but don't let it be costly. If someone wants too much, say no. Put your energy to work for you, and develop what you need to help you produce the most and the best you can.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You have to look at your personal life and make the right adjustments to achieve happiness. If someone is playing games with you or bringing you down, address the situation instead of running away or ignoring what's going on. Show your true worth.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19 You will find it easy to get along with acquaintances, but those you are close to will not be as accommodating. Focus on expanding your circle of friends, and you will recognize what true friendship means. It's time for change, but only you can make it happen.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Emotional matters may escalate if you haven't got a good understanding of the facts involved. Travel and communication will fall short of your expectations. Sit tight until you have a better handle on your situation.

PISCES Feb. 19-March 20 Jumping from one thing to another will unnerve the competition and keep you in the game. You have to be able to keep a secret. Someone may play you for a fool if you believe he or she is really truly on your side.

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