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UI senior Sam Konchar discusses Iowa governor-hopeful Terry Branstad Monday in the IMU. Konchar and other members of the Students for Branstad group believe he will have an advantage in the upcoming election because he was previously governor.

Student group backs Branstad

Former Gov. Terry Branstad plans to visit every Iowa college campus.

By ADAM B SULLIVAN

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The year was 1983, and a 35-year-old Terry Branstad was sworn in for his first term as Iowa governor. Future UI student Nic Pottebaum wasn't going to be born for about seven more years.

Back to the future: A 19-year-old Pottebaum is leading a group of UI politicos who support the now-63-year-old Branstad's latest bid for the governorship.

But the UI group Students for Branstad isn't an anomaly — the former governor's campaign is making a con-

sious effort towards rallying the youth vote in both June's Republican primary and the November general election.

"I think people [my age] grew up knowing Branstad as their governor," Pottebaum said. "When it comes down to it, you want somebody who can win, and you want someone who identifies with the same things you do."

The students' talking points mimic those of older Branstad supporters. They center on the one-time governor's economic record, pointing to job creation and

SEE BRANSTAD, 3A

GOP face-off

Branstad is one of four GOP candidates hoping to go up against Gov. Chet Culver in November:

- Terry Branstad, former Iowa governor
- Chris Rants, former Iowa speaker of the House
- Rod Roberts, development director for Christian Churches in Iowa
- Bob Vander Plaats, businessman

Source: Candidate websites



DAILYIOWAN.COM Check out a video about the UI group Students for Branstad.

Purchasing change could hurt IC

By EMILY BUSSE

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Gov. Chet Culver's proposal to centralize UI purchasing could potentially save the university money, officials said, but it could have negative effects on local suppliers.

Under the system, common university supply needs such as paper or computers could be purchased from central contracts among the three public universities instead of from several different vendors.

While consolidated purchasing was pushed as a change in the regent institutions' spending five years ago, it will go to legislation this year, said Robert Bailey of the governor's communication department.

UI spokesman Tom Moore

deferred questions regarding purchasing to the state Board of Regents, but he said the university is always open to saving money and efficiency ideas.

"We have to evaluate each potential suggestion and take a close look and determine if it really will be cost-effective," he said.

But a potential negative for centralized purchasing is a loss of business for local suppliers to the UI.

Though it was "never the intent to cut out local mom and pop vendors," Bailey acknowledged it may be harder for those smaller businesses to compete with big box stores when bidding for a contract.

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MOHAMMED ALHADAB / THE DAILY IOWAN
Many local businesses fear a UI purchasing change could hurt their sales. One of those local businesses is the Electric Motors Co., pictured here on Monday. Gov. Chet Culver has proposed centralizing UI purchasing to save money during the recent budget crunch.

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LICENSE TO SERVE

Jakes' license in limbo

Jakes will reopen before the City Council considers its license again on Feb. 16.

By KATHRYN STINSON

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Iowa City city councilors expressed disappointment Monday with local bar owner Mike Porter for failing to meet a fire-code compliance deadline.

The City Council moved its decision on Porter's liquor-license renewal for One-Eyed Jakes, 18-20 S. Clinton St., to Feb. 16.

Porter had requested the two week hold because of delays in widening the staircase and bring the establishment up to fire-code standards.

Last week, the City Council received a recommendation from Iowa City Fire Chief Andrew Rocca to deny Porter's request for a liquor-license renewal because of his failure to comply with the stairway-width regulations in the International Fire Code.

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High proof under Iowa scrutiny

Possible restrictions could include regulating bottle size.

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A public forum in Des Moines tonight could help determine whether Iowa stores can continue to sell high-proof liquors such as Everclear 151.

The forum on the highly concentrated spirits, held at Drake University, won't be limited to discussion on Everclear. Other high-proof spirits, such as Bacardi 151, are also on the agenda.

The Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division is leading the forum and seeking input from the public about the possibility of passing restrictions on Everclear or sponsoring an educational program about high-proof alcohol, said Lynn Walding, the administrator of the division.

Ryan Peck, a UI senior and Liquor Downtown employee, said sales of Everclear at the store are not common.

Peck, who has worked there for around seven months, said he noticed increased sales of Everclear on football weekends.

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UI's English-language standard low in Big Ten

UI admission standards for the common English-language test are the second-lowest in the Big Ten despite an increased focus on international recruitment.

By JORDAN FRIES

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The UI's language proficiency admissions standards for international students are among the lowest in the Big Ten, but officials and students say it hasn't affected the quality of education.

Each of the 11 Big Ten universities require the Test of English as a Foreign Language to be administered to students if English is not their first language.

But the UI is ranked 10th in the Big Ten, ahead of only Ohio State, regarding the minimum score required to pass the test and enroll in courses through the English as a Second Language program.

Gege Jin, a UI freshman from China who has been in the English as a Second Language program since August, said she was not aware of the UI's distinctively low admissions standard.

"After taking the [English test], my English has been good enough to succeed in all my classes," Jin said. "I haven't felt behind in my speaking at all."

The UI's undergraduate admissions center requires a minimum score of '71 on the Internet-based exam and a 530 on the paper version before students can begin course work at the university.

The University of Michigan, with the second-highest standards, requires at least 17 points higher on the online test and 40 points higher on the paper test than the UI, according to its Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Northwestern University, which has the highest required score, asks for a minimum of 100 for the Internet version.

Excluding Ohio State, none of the other Big Ten institutions will accept an online score lower than 79 or a paper score lower than 550.

But Maureen Burke, the coordinator of the UI's English as a Second Language program, said these statistics are misleading. Burke said foreign students can't satisfy their English requirement until they take an English Proficiency Evaluation unique to the UI.

"We are continuing to re-evaluate this as we begin to move on and compare with other universities to see if our standard is high enough or not," Burke said.

But until last year, the number of foreign undergrads was too low for officials to evaluate an overhaul in international admission standards, she added.

The UI saw a significant spike in international students, particularly from China, in the last year, and UI Provost Wallace Loh has said the university will try to garner more overseas students. The university is sending

Alternatives to the TOEFL

Minimum score requirements:

- ACT English subscore of 21
- SAT critical reading score of 540
- International English Language Testing System score of 6.5
- Apply for Iowa Intensive English Program

Source: UI website for undergraduate admissions

recruiting teams to 25 different countries.

Burke stressed international scholars would not be entering the UI unprepared.

Students unable to pass the Test of English as a Foreign Language are enrolled in the Iowa Intensive English Program, a pre-academic course with six levels for students not yet ready for full-time university work.

Melissa Meisterheim, the teacher of the intensive class, said she instructs roughly 75 international students per semester, which proves the standards aren't overly simple for everyone.

As grants run dry, some UI researchers may face furloughs

By JOE CAVALIERE

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The UI received almost \$430 million to fund research in fiscal 2009. But eventually, that money will run out.

And for researchers, this can mean furloughs, which were the focus of the latest Brown Bag Series presentation, "Been There, Done That."

The Monday afternoon panel discussion was the second part of a series titled "Everything You Should Know about UI Employee Support Resources."

When the university receives grant money to fund a research project, officials will typically use it to pay for involved staff members' salaries. Once the project is completed and the grant money — typically given for a specified period of time — is gone, those staff members may be furloughed.

Furloughs for researchers

are different from for those of other staff members. It is essentially a notice the employee will soon be laid-off, said Diana Boeglin, a co-chairwoman on the Education Committee for Staff Council and the organizer of the event. Though it doesn't always come because grant money runs out, this is a common reason.

Furloughs for researchers happen year-round at the UI, even independent of the budget crisis, Boeglin said.

But the recession may play a role in how much research money the UI receives next year. The National Institutes of Health, which gave the UI \$133 million last year, has announced it will not be so generous next year.

The presentation was formatted as a series of discussion questions from Boeglin to a panel of UI staff members who have all received furloughs in the past but have since

been re-employed.

Esther Baker, the director of external relations in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, said the purpose of this event was to "give a message of hope to people that you can come out OK" after receiving a furlough notice.

Nearly all of the members of the panel praised the UI Career Development Center for helping them find new jobs after they received their notice. This organization will typically tailor the employee's cover letter and résumé to assist her or him in the job hunt.

"I really felt like it had my back," panel member Harinder Kaur said.

The discussion had low attendance but the event was recorded and broadcast live on the Internet. It can be viewed on the Staff Council's website.

The presenters attributed the low turnout to both the lack of mass

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e-mails to inform people of the event and the harsh winter weather.

The furlough process, while stressful at first, has been viewed by some as a positive experience in the long run. Many members on the panel were able to go back into their preferred field when they were re-employed.

"It may at first be a shock, but it can be like a breath of fresh air; it's been a really great experience," panel member Martha Hedberg, who works with the Conflict of Interest in Research Office said.

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4. UI students vie for RA spots

5. UI awaits panel's report on grad programs

METRO

Judge rules against Union

An administrative law judge has upheld a decision regarding charges against Union Bar, 121 E. College St.

On Jan. 31, 2009, Iowa City police conducted an alcohol compliance check at the bar. While there, two bartenders sold drinks to two minors accompanying police, according to the ruling. The Iowa Department of Public Safety cited Union Bar for serving to a minor in September 2009.

The judge upheld the citation after Union's owners appealed the charge. The decision means the bar's owners will still have to pay the civil penalty associated with the citation.

Now, if they wish, the owners of the Union Bar have 30 days to appeal this decision to

Lynn Walding, the Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division administrator.

— by Sam Lane

Johnson arraignment moved

The arraignment for an Iowa City man accused of involuntary manslaughter has been moved to Thursday, according to court documents.

Alajuwon Shamar Johnson, 26, was charged in the death of 20-year-old Kylie Jo Perkins on Jan. 1. Johnson was also charged with the possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver and carrying weapons.

The arraignment date was moved from Jan. 21 due to "adverse weather conditions," the documents said.

— by Sam Lane

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Council to hold hearing on fire station, fee

The Iowa City City Council passed a resolution to schedule a public hearing on Feb. 2 to discuss the construction of the new Iowa City fire station and the possible reduction of the franchise fee.

The fire-station hearing will discuss plans, specifications, forms of contract, and estimated construction costs.

The city estimates the new building will cost \$3,021,072; it will be located on the northeast corner of Scott Boulevard and North Dubuque Road.

The franchise-fee discussion, also scheduled for Feb. 2, will concern amending an ordinance to lower the fee from 2 percent to 1 percent.

Interim City Manager Dale Helling told the City Council in December that he thought a

franchise fee less than two percent would be feasible.

The franchise fee will go toward public-safety initiatives, including helping to fund the new fire station.

— by Kathryn Stinson

Ex-employee sues UIHC

A former visiting associate at the UI Hospital and Clinics has sued his former employers for a breach of an employment contract, according to court documents released on Jan. 22.

Ravi Sood worked in the nuclear-medicine department at the UI beginning in July 2008.

Less than a month after Sood gained full clinical privileges, Michael Graham, the director of nuclear medicine in the Carver College of Medicine, told Sood he was going to revoke his clinical

Iowa City 'healthiest'

Men's Journal has named Iowa City the healthiest town in the United States.

The ranking is based on a set of criteria established by Sanjay Gupta, the chief medical correspondent for CNN.

Gupta searched the world for dietary and eating habits, lifestyles, exercise, and personal practices that contribute to a long life for his article titled "The Completely Doable Guide to Living to 100."

Through his research, he found that there was a relationship between where people live and how long they live. Gupta advised that people should look for a number of things in where they choose to live including local farms, low pollution, sidewalks and good weather.

Boulder, Colo., was ranked second healthiest, followed by Logan, Utah; Northampton, Mass., and Charlottesville, Va.

— by Marleen Linares

POLICE BLOTER

Danielle Axline, 20, Ames, was charged Jan. 23 with PAULA.

Ashley Bennett, 20, 2510 Bartelt Road Apt. 1B, was charged Monday with possession of marijuana.

Paige Burnes, 19, 131 E. Davenport St. Apt. 12, was charged Sunday with PAULA.

Trey Chmelka, 19, 601 S. Gilbert

St. Apt. 627, was charged Sunday with PAULA.

Matthew Diverde, 19, 325 E. College St. Apt. 1617, was charged Sunday with PAULA.

Ryan Gleeson, 19, 325 E. College St. Apt. 1626, was charged Sunday with PAULA.

Thomas Huston, 19, 140 Rienow, was charged Sunday with PAULA.

Kim Little, 20, 515 E. Burlington St. Apt. 10, was charged Sunday with PAULA.

Raymond Powell, 20, Glenview, Ill., was charged Sunday with PAULA.

Stephanie Rozak, 20, Glenelan, Ill., was charged Sunday with PAULA.

Buyenge Sikisi, 24, address unknown, was charged Aug. 8, 2009, with second-degree

robbery, fifth-degree criminal mischief, and fifth-degree theft.

Gonzalo Walker, 21, 2510 Bartelt Road Apt. 1B, was charged Monday with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Isaac Wright, 23, 811 Hudson Ave., was charged Jan. 22 with possession of marijuana.

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UI students Joe Jay, Nic Pottebaum, Sam Konchar, and Brian Underwood sit at the IMU as they describe the policies of governor candidate Terry Branstad on Monday. The students are members of Students for Branstad, a newly formed organization.

BRANSTAD

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Branstad's handling of the farm crisis in the 1980s and the record floods of 1993.

"I think a lot of challenges facing Iowa right now require a tested, proven leader," UI senior and group co-chair Sam Konchar said.

Branstad served as Iowa's lieutenant governor from 1979 until 1983 and then served as governor from 1983 until 1999. Despite his popularity across the state, he failed to garner much appreciation in Iowa City over four elections. He failed to ever win a majority of Johnson County ballots.

However, Branstad's young faithful say he could be popular in the college community this time around.

"I think it's important for students to want to get involved in this and to have a stake and look at how much their education is going to cost," UI senior

and group co-chairman Joe Jay said. "One of Branstad's goals is to reform education, which I think can resonate with a lot of students."

Branstad's campaign is utilizing both Facebook and Twitter to communicate with the public. Students for Branstad has almost 60 people in its Facebook group, though the officers are still in the process of recruiting members.

While none of the other Republican hopefuls have official groups at the UI, another Branstad group is materializing at the University of Northern Iowa. UNI student Jared Parker said Branstad was an easy choice for the 2010 gubernatorial race.

"He's one of those guys you can look at and say 'He's done a good job,'" the UNI sophomore said.

Branstad campaign spokesman Tim Albrecht said young people across the state identify with issues Branstad thinks are important, particularly higher education and

employment.

"Young people understand he will lead Iowa's economic comeback. He's a proven job creator and will work day in and day out with a hands-on approach to economic development," Albrecht said.

While the campaign website doesn't yet list any campaign stops in the Iowa City area, Albrecht said Branstad — who served as the president of the University of Des Moines from 2003 to 2009 — has committed to visiting each college campus in Iowa.

"He is not going to take the student vote for granted and will campaign very hard to get that support," Albrecht said.

Representatives from Gov. Chet Culver's campaign were not available to comment on Monday afternoon. Dane Hudson, a member of the UI's University Democrats, said the group has not yet been involved in the gubernatorial race.

JAKES

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Rocca's recommendation noted Porter had until Dec. 31, 2009, to complete the staircase renovation for his establishment. One-Eyed Jakes general manager Tom Lenoch said work didn't begin on the project until Jan. 4.

"I don't think the applicant does himself any favors by ignoring a contract that he signed a year and a half ago," Mayor Matt Hayek said Monday.

Councilor Regenia Bailey asked Porter why the project was taking so long; he replied the reasons were mostly financial.

"Expanding a staircase isn't a simple issue," he said. "Anyone who owns a small business knows spending \$180,000 is quite a project."

The bar will remain closed for the duration of the renovation.

Councilor Connie Champion said she felt the lost financial revenue was enough punishment for Porter and that the City Council shouldn't discipline him any further.

"There is no sense to deny it with under construction," she said. "It's his loss, not ours."

However, the council renewed One-Eyed Jakes' dance permit at Monday's meeting.

Porter, who also owns the Summit, 10 S. Clinton St., was recently denied a liquor-license renewal by the City Council because his establishment's



FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY IOWAN

UI students wait on the stairs leading to One Eyed Jakes after the defeat of the 21-only ordinance on Nov. 6, 2007.

PAULA-per-police-visit ratio exceeded the 1.0 city limit. In November, Porter filed a lawsuit against the city, claiming the city's new PAULA policy is unconstitutional.

He also owns Vito's, 118 E. College St., which is closed for a month after receiving a citation for selling alcohol to minors.

The councilors' decision to deny Summit's license renewal came after they

denied licenses to 3rd Base, 111 E. College St., and Et Cetera, 118 S. Dubuque St. An administrative law judge later granted the latter two owners permission to keep their liquor licenses, and the city has appealed to the Iowa Alcoholic Beverage Decision.

One-Eyed Jakes will reopen before the Feb. 16 meeting.

PURCHASING

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The UI has been one of City Electric's largest customers since "day one" in 1954, according to general manager Rich DeVepo. In a list of the UI's top local business vendors, City Electric ranked at 22 out of more than 300 in fiscal 2009.

The local company has already seen a downturn in business with the UI, and centralized spending is a "major concern," DeVepo said, noting the loss of UI buying has left the company with large amounts of inventory exclusive to the UI in stock.

"It's hard to justify having as much inventory or staff," DeVepo said, noting the firm employs 21 families from the Iowa City area. "If it would come to having to let people go ... it would make a negative impact on the community."

DeVepo said he hopes the UI will follow the strategy of buying local first, statewide second, and out-of-state last. For him, he said, it comes down to support.

"We're taxpayers, we're



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Many local businesses fear a UI purchasing change could hurt their sales. One of those local businesses is the Plumbers Supply, pictured here on Monday.

supporting the university in our own personal lives going to sporting events, going to Hancher, and it just seems fair it should support the local business people first," DeVepo said.

But Bailey said centralizing purchasing is common sense.

"It would be money not spent so we don't have to raise taxes," Bailey said. "That's what everyone wants to hear."

A consolidated contract was included in efficiency study suggestions for the state from Public Works LLC, he said.

He said the change could be implemented fairly easily because parts

of the state are already operating under centralized purchasing. For example, if the state has a negotiated contract with Office Max for paper, other state entities such as school districts and local government offices can use the same contract to save money.

And smaller businesses aren't necessarily out of the running despite the fact that big box stores may "process thousands of more product than them."

"Local businesses can always find an advantage in service," Bailey said, "because they care and they're part of the community."

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UI alum named chief judge in 4th District

Jeffrey Larson increases the number of judges who started at UI.

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Law administration runs in Jeffrey Larson's blood.

Larson's father, Jerry Larson, served on the Iowa Supreme Court from 1978 to 2008, making him the longest-serving member on the bench in the court's history.

Larson, who received his law degree from the UI College of Law, was named the chief judge of Iowa's 4th District on Jan. 20. The appointment comes just days after Charles L. Smith, the former chief judge, retired.

"It was a real honor," Larson said. "I appreciate the opportunity. I look forward to it."

Iowa Supreme Court Chief Justice Marsha Ternus and State Court Administrator David Boyd chose Larson from three applicants — the



Larson

chief judge

others were 4th District Judges Greg Steensland and James Richardson — based on his experience.

Judge Larson will make a fine chief judge," Ternus said in a press release. "He has experience on the bench, he respects the views of others, and the court is confident that he will be a strong leader in the 4th Judicial District. It's good to have newer Iowa graduates being appointed to these positions."

Larson said he is ready to take on the new challenges he will face as a chief judge.

A native of Harlan, Iowa, he graduated with a bachelor's degree from the University of South Dakota in 1982. He then made his way to Iowa City and received his law degree from the UI in 1985.

"I had a great experience at the University of Iowa," he said. "The law school is top-notch. It has prepared me well for my career."

Larson is one of more than 170 judges or magis-

trates in the Iowa judiciary who attended the UI either for their undergraduate education or for law school.

"He comes from a judicial family," said N. William Hines, a dean emeritus at the UI law school. "I'm very pleased for the people out in the 4th Judicial District. It's good to have newer Iowa graduates being appointed to these positions."

Carolyn Jones, the outgoing dean of the law school, agreed that Larson's appointment is an indication of the college's success.

"We're really proud of him," she said. "All I can say is that it's just terrific. I'm very proud of all our judicial graduates."

Following law school, Larson went into private practice in Harlan from 1985 to 2003. He also served as Shelby County county attorney from 1987 to 2003 before being appointed to the bench in the 4th District in 2003.

"We face some difficult times in the judicial

Chief Judge Jeffrey Larson

- Bachelor's degree: University of South Dakota
- Law degree: UI College of Law
- Private practice: Harlan, Iowa, 1985-2003
- Shelby County Attorney: 1987-2003
- 4th District Bench: 2003
- Chief Judge, 4th District: January 2010

Source: Iowa Judicial Branch

branch, like most sectors of the work force," Larson said. "The way we do business has changed, just as it has in any field. Hopefully, we can use this change to help us do our jobs better."

Larson's peers said they are excited about the new leadership.

"Judge Larson has shown himself to be thorough and thoughtful in his approach to his work on the bench," said Kent Wirth, the 4th District court administrator. "I assume he'll carry that to his work as a chief also."

Dems mull health move

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democratic congressional leaders are coalescing around their last, best hope for salvaging President Obama's sweeping health-care overhaul.

Their plan is to pass the Senate bill with some changes to accommodate House Democrats, senior Democratic aides said Monday. Leaders will present the idea to the rank and file this week, but it's unclear whether they have enough votes to carry it out.

Last week's victory by Republican Scott Brown in Massachusetts cost Democrats the 60th vote they need to maintain undisputed control of the Senate, jeopardizing the outcome of the health-care bill just when Obama had brokered a final deal on most of the major issues.

The new strategy is as politically risky as it is bold. There is widespread support for Obama's goals of expanding coverage to nearly all Americans while trying to slow costs. But polls

show the public is deeply skeptical of the Democratic bills, and Republicans would certainly accuse Democrats of ignoring voters' wishes.

Obama initially voiced doubts last week that a comprehensive bill was still viable, but he now seems to be pushing for it. Asked Monday if the president was backing away from his pursuit of major changes, White House spokesman Robert Gibbs responded: "No."

"I think the president believes that the circumstances that led him to undertake greater security for people in their health care ... existed last year, last week, and this week," Gibbs added.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said last week she does not have the votes to pass the Senate bill without changes. Democratic congressional aides, speaking on the condition of anonymity because the issue is in flux, said the latest strategy involves using a special budget procedure to revise the Senate bill.

AP writer Erica Werner contributed to this report.

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For the love of the game (& truth)

UI lecturer Stacey Brook combines economics and his passion for sports.

By J.T. BUGOS

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As a 10-year-old boy, Stacey Brook snuck a 12-inch black-and-white antenna TV into his room so he could catch glimpses of his beloved Philadelphia Flyers and 76ers and his favorite athlete, the Sixers' Julius "Dr. J" Erving.

"I got terrible reception, but you could see it was a basketball game," reflected Brook, a UI economics lecturer. "Every once in a while it would come in clearer, and I'd get to see Erving."

Brook's infatuation with sports — he particularly likes hockey and football — eventually merged with economics, a subject Brook enjoyed in high school and during his college years at Eastern New Mexico University.

These two seemingly disparate fields fused to become a large chunk of his adult life. He now teaches Sports Economics once a year at the UI, prepared with a wealth of knowledge on the subject.

In 2007, Brook's interest in sports economics resulted in a book, *The Wages of Wins: Taking Measure of*

the Many Myths in Modern Sport, giving readers insight on such diverse topics as the statistical value of athletes and the effect of strikes on attendance.

The ideas to the 224-page book spawned more than a decade earlier.

Brook and Dave Berri, a co-author, would frequently stir up friendly arguments about sports during their time in the economics graduate program at Colorado State University.

Brook said the two eventually grew tired of the verbal sparring and instead started collecting data. They used their economic and statistical tools to look at questions they had previously debated.

"We didn't take any class on it, and we pretty much taught ourselves how to do this," Berri said.

In fact, courses fusing sports and economics didn't really exist when Brook and Berri began their research in the mid-90s, but now the pair say it's a popular course taught all over the nation.

He guesses this has much to do with the strong

opinions that circulate among sports fanatics — and data can give them logical solutions to arguments.

Sports Economics has become, by far, Brook's favorite class, and he absolutely loves teaching the material.

Brook's wife, Marjorie Brook, said she can tell.

"He's not always a huge sports fan, but he's just fascinated with why people in sports do well in certain areas, who is the best player, and why," Marjorie Brook said.

"He uses it in everyday conversations, and just enjoys telling other people and having them learn from him."

What consistently intrigued Brook were the counterintuitive results. In the book, there is an evaluation of attendance after the strikes in both the MLB and NHL. Brook found in interesting that the year after the strike, attendance stayed the same in the MLB and actually rose in the NHL, contrary to his expectations.

Player productivity is also an integral part of the work. According to a review

Stacey Brook

- Age: 42
- Hometown: Norristown, Pa.
- Favorite sport: Hockey
- Favorite team: Philadelphia Flyers (NHL)
- Favorite Philadelphia athlete: Julius "Dr. J" Erving
- Favorite TV show: "Burn Notice"
- Interesting hobby: Amateur astronomy

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in *The New Yorker*, Brook and his co-authors "created an algorithm that, they argue, comes closer than any previous statistical measure to capturing the true value of a basketball player."

A good example is Allen Iverson, Brook said. Iverson is an athlete regarded by fans as a phenomenal player, but statistics show he's far from that.

"Michael Wilbon mentioned Iverson on [Pardon the Interruption] and that some guys had looked at

him, and Wilbon said all three of us should be fired," Brook said, laughing.



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UI economics lecturer Stacey Brook works on an example in his Principles of Microeconomics class in the Pappajohn Business Building on Monday.

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Editorial

Electing regents wouldn't solve the fundamental problem

This year could be transformational for the state Board of Regents.

Amid condemnation from many students, Rep. Jeff Kaufmann, R-Wilton, is drafting a bill that would make the regents an elected body. But despite our discontent with the regents' decision to levy a tuition surcharge this semester, we question the soundness of Kaufmann's proposal.

Kaufmann's regent plan is similar to the Michigan and Colorado models, in which a majority of the boards is elected. Under the proposal, the regents would be composed of seven elected seats, two appointed students, and one other appointed member.

While Kaufmann contends electing regents would lead to better decisions, there are no major problems with the current process. While we have our disagreements with the regents, we feel they have shown a strong level of competency — one that we believe would not be greatly improved through elections.

Regent Ruth Harkin backs the current system.

"I believe the appointment system has served Iowa well, especially since there are requirements for both political party and gender representation that guide any appointing governor's selections," she wrote in an e-mail.

Regent Robert Downer has also come out against Kaufmann's plan, telling *The Daily Iowan* in December that he "would not be supportive of elections at all." He said he's worried high campaign costs would exclude the non-wealthy from running.

Kaufmann's proposal seems more like a ploy to make a stance against some of the regents' contentious decisions rather than a solution to the real problem. The root issue is a lack of funding for state universities — not regent incompetence or elitist insouciance. While we stridently opposed the regents' vote for a \$100 tuition surcharge, we don't question their intentions.

Because the regents don't have control over the funding they receive from the state, their job is decidedly technocratic. Budgets, number-crunching, financial decisions — it's not the type of position that lends itself to political fanfare or campaigning. Indeed, just the thought of



ROB JOHNSON/THE DAILY IOWAN
Regent Robert Downer listens to proposed plans for budget reductions Oct. 29, 2009, in the University of Northern Iowa's Maucker Union.

a regent barnstorming the state in search of votes seems a bit absurd.

While some of Kaufmann's other regent-overhaul proposals are laudatory — increasing the number of students on the board is a great idea — this component falls flat. Elections can't solve the fundamental issue of parsimonious funding. If the excellence of world-class institutions such as the UI are to be maintained, legislators' priorities need to change. Calling for regent elections merely obscures the funding problem.

In addition, there is already a restriction that prevents Iowa governors from installing more than five of the nine regents who have the same party affiliation. This regulation is effective enough in preventing political bias from overflowing into the regents' decisions. We don't feel the board is being threatened by political monopolization.

The basic argument against Kaufmann's proposal is simple: Don't fix what's not broken. While it is their responsibility to find ways to lessen the severity of budget cuts, the causes of the financial constriction the regents face — the moribund economy and lack of funding — are beyond their control. Tasked with a difficult duty, their efficacy would not be enhanced by elections.

Your turn. Should the regents be elected? Weigh in on dailiyowan.com.

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DI ads a disgrace

The Daily Iowan has printed many ads by a pro-Israeli organization called Facts and Logic About the Middle East. Oddly enough, after running a letter to the editor calling out these ads as

racist propaganda, the DI decided to continue running them.

A December ad praises Israel, even calling it "A Light unto the Nations." These ads are disgusting and ridiculously racist, and the DI is only supporting and perpetuating these sorts of

attitudes. "Facts and Logic" can make all the propaganda material it wants, but the Muslim community is not responsible for the so-called dislike of Israeli policies.

As long as a country has discriminatory marriage laws and denies basic commodities to legal Bedouin

communities, the international community will always hold that nation legally accountable. These ads are pure propaganda, and I think the DI should be ashamed that it runs them just to get funding.

Jessica Brock
UI senior

Guest opinion

Avatar critics are missing the point

By ZACH WAHLS

As director James Cameron's latest blockbuster takes the world by storm (more than \$1 billion and counting), *Avatar* is not without its critics. And while most of the attacks being levied at *Avatar* are from the right (describing the movie as anti-American, anti-military, paganistic, etc.), there is also a fair amount coming from the left. This group — the lefties — attacks the movie, predominantly, for being racist.

The argument, if I understand it correctly, goes like this. Jake, who is a disabled, white, Marine veteran, gets inducted into a Na'vi clan. He then goes on to learn and master the Na'vi culture, is briefly

exiled, but then returns as the people's savior. Eventually, with him at the forefront, the Na'vi expunge the invading humans, all is good, and Jake becomes a Na'vi. Critics say this is yet another example of a white person becoming the most badass guy — and inevitable savior — of a non-white culture. (See: *The Last Samurai*, *Dances With Wolves*, etc.) In this context, however, it feels like "white" actually means "human." More on that in a minute.

This argument falls apart on three levels. First, it doesn't even hold up with the actual events of the movie. Second, any story without a fundamental change in the character is

boring and probably not worth telling. Third, if you think the movie is supposed to be a critique of racism, you missed the movie's biggest point.

Now, it's important to note that Jake is selected by the Na'vi deity, Eywa, to enter the Omaticaya clan. Why? Not because he's human, male or white, but because, in the words of Neytiri, he has "a good heart and no fear." He's a warrior. This is a man (but just as easily could have been Trudy, the kickass, Latina, female pilot who turns out to be the most radical member of the *Avatar* entourage) who has faced adversity and is set on overcoming it. It's for these reasons — not any

other part of his identity — that causes Eywa to essentially recruit him to lead the Na'vi. (Did you see any Na'vi trying to master Toruk? Nope.)

Second, this argument completely discards Neytiri. Who teaches Jake everything he needs to know? Who saves his ass when he's about to die of Pandora's air? Who actually kills the bad guy? The movie starts to actually get interesting when which character enters the picture? Neytiri, Neytiri, Neytiri, Neytiri. Oh, and who plays Neytiri? Zoë Saldaña, who is about as non-male/white as you can get.

On the second level, I don't buy the argument that this film should be dis-

carded simply because it's about the oppressors, a point that I don't deny. But here's the thing: For a story to be worth listening to, the protagonist has to change. Stories without such transformations are, in all honesty, boring.

Finally, I think most critics must have missed the point. This film is a critique of white culture, which in this case is understood to be one that has no regard for the environment, the interconnectedness of life, and even each other. That message is made even more poignant when the person who changes and sees the error in his culture's ways is a white person.

As Cameron said during

his Best Film acceptance speech at the Golden Globes, "*Avatar* asks us to see that everything is connected, all human beings to each other, and us to the Earth. And, you know, if you have to go four and a half light-years ... to appreciate this miracle of a world we have right here, well, you know what, that's the magic of cinema."

By the end of the movie, Jake Sully has had his insanity cured. He understands the degree to which all life is connected and how vitally important it is to live in an environmentally conscious way. I only hope that *Avatar* can start to do the same for the rest of us.

Zach Wahls is a UI freshman.

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parts of speech can join in the fun). A guy slips on the ice and falls on his, um, "hip," his helpful friend will say, Dude, what a Coakley. Awesome.

Welcome to fame, Martha.

What? I'm too harsh with Coakley? The Senate's version of the health bill and the would-be Christmas bomber scuttled her campaign?

Hmm. As *The Atlantic's* Marc Ambinder reports, President Obama's approval rating inched up — "slightly" is Ambinder's word — after the Senate passed the bill and the Christmas "bomber" didn't exactly strike. So Obama's popularity goes up, but Coakley's goes down?

In any case, as Ezra Klein points out, a poll put together by the *Washington Post* with the Kaiser Family Foundation and Harvard University found that while a large majority of Republican Scott Brown's voters opposed the national health plan, a majority of Brown's voters, Coakley's voters, and nonvoters in Massachusetts support the state's nearly universal health plan (which is similar to the national plan — go figure). And that poll shows that

Coakley's voters and non-voters think Brown should work with the Democrats on health reform, not kill it. And, surprisingly, 48 percent of Brown's voters believe the same thing.

So health care wasn't the main deal here.

Just look at Coakley's campaign — or rather, non-campaign. I mean, what politician wins a primary, then pulls a Rip Van Winkle and says I'll see you in a few weeks, at my victory speech? Which is what Coakley pretty much did, because she thought she had the election sewed up. As the *Boston Globe* pointed out, the Kennedys, who won a ton of elections in Massachusetts, never took the voters for granted.

I mean, compared to Coakley's campaign, Napoleon's invasion of Russia was a roaring success.

And the future of the Democrats? I hear the National Weather Service has issued a severely over-cooked spaghetti warning: general all over the country. ■

**MUSIC SERIES**

Orchestra plays on

During the past year and eight months, members of the UI orchestra department have banded together, and they look forward to a more stable future.



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A student flips through her music pages while listening to conductor William LaRue Jones on Monday in the old Museum of Art. Jones has studied at several institutions including the University of Wisconsin, UI, Kansas State University, the Juilliard School of Music, and the University of North Texas.

By DEE FABBRICATORE
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Despite a rough year and a half, the UI orchestra department is in high spirits.

Over that time, UI music students and faculty have made plenty of adjustments as they grappled with the aftermath of the 2008 flood, which destroyed their buildings and Hancher Auditorium. They've bounced from one side of campus to the other, lugging heavy instruments on cramped Cambuses daily.

"It can be a hassle sometimes," senior violinist Preston Krauska said. "Sometimes, I'll have a lesson downtown and then have to be at the old Museum of Art in 10 minutes, and it's just impossible."

Director of Orchestral Studies William LaRue Jones said the department's four ensembles have played concerts in just about every facility, from performances in the IMU to Macbride Auditorium to the former St. Thomas More Church, now known as the Riverside Recital Hall.

"The difficulty is sometimes for the audience to have any kind of consistency," Jones said.

Despite these setbacks, students and faculty look forward to the state Board of Regent's Feb. 4 decision on where the

new Hancher and new music building will be built. As the proposal stands, the auditorium will remain west of the river, and the music facilities will be constructed near the intersection of Clinton and Burlington Streets.

"Our hope is that with new facilities, people will also be eager to come to them," Jones said. "One of the good things about [Hancher] being downtown is the potential of drop-by attendees — rather than going to a restaurant or a bar, they'll decide to check out Hancher in the same way they'd check to see what's at the movies."

Although the orchestra-department members will be happy to again have a home base, Jones said, most would prefer that Hancher and the music facilities be built at the same location.

"I feel that it'll be better if we were together," he said. "If we're in the same location and the same facility, students will have much more of a likelihood to go to concerts that are not their own."

Aside from location inconsistencies, orchestra-department students also wish non-music majors knew more about their efforts.

"I have friends who don't really listen to classical music, and when they came to concerts,

they really enjoyed it and thought it was cool," Krauska said. "There have been a lot of times when people are shocked about the things that we do."

Jones, who has held the director position since 1997, agreed the orchestra's repertoire is both impressive and enjoyable for the general population. He encouraged the university community to attend the Symphony Orchestra's next President's Day-theme concert, Feb. 17 in the IMU, featuring works from such American composers as Leonard Bernstein and Aaron Copland.

UI junior violinist Samantha Hiller said she is grateful for the state-of-the-art amenities provided and believed the situation could have been a lot worse. For the past two years, Hiller and Krauska have taken it all in stride — a skill that will prove beneficial for their feature endeavors. They both plan to get master's degrees in violin performance.

"The best part about the program here is how close everyone is," Hiller said. "We have banded together through some very difficult circumstances and made the best of it, and by being so close, it makes it that much more enjoyable to make music together."

Strike while the music's hot

The piano-percussion Strike Duo brings a rounded collection of classical music to Iowa City.

By JOSIE JONES

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Jeffery Meyer's interest in music began in fourth grade when he heard a peer play the *Star Wars* theme song on the violin. Growing from lightsabers to drums and keyboards, his musical influences changed. At the age of 15, he took piano lessons from a "serious teacher" who opened him to the world of classical music.

Meyer is a member of the piano-percussion Strike Duo, along with longtime friend Paul Vaillancourt. The Strike Duo will perform at 7:30 p.m. today in 1670 University Capitol Centre. Admission is free.

Tonight's show, part of the Center for New Music's current season, is the final stop in the duo's four-concert tour. The two will perform four of the five works from their debut album, *Convergence*.

Meyer and Vaillancourt first met around 16 years ago in graduate school at Stony Brook University, in New York. Despite not having any classes together, the two met through playing — Vaillancourt ran the contemporary ensemble in which Meyer played.

Strike Duo was officially formed seven years ago. Because both performers hold university and other various jobs, they perform only a few

"It's not such a lonely process. You get to rehearse with somebody, you get to share ideas, you get to share energy. And when you're performing together, it's the same thing."

— Jeffery Meyer,
a member of Strike Duo

times a year together.

The genre of a piano-percussion duo is a modern kind of collaboration, so the two came together to make a dent in the field's history.

"We had similar ideas on new music and similar tastes, and that's always important," Meyer said. "If you don't agree on what good music is, it's going to be a disaster."

The two prefer playing together rather than solo shows. They are both attracted to the collaborative process of being in a duo.

"It's not such a lonely process," Meyer said. "You get to rehearse with somebody, you get to share ideas, you get to share energy. And when you're performing together, it's the same thing."

When the pair began exploring ideas for their album, they searched for interesting composers as well as a combination of works that would make a convincing whole product in terms of style.

Even with an satisfying

album, the two recruited

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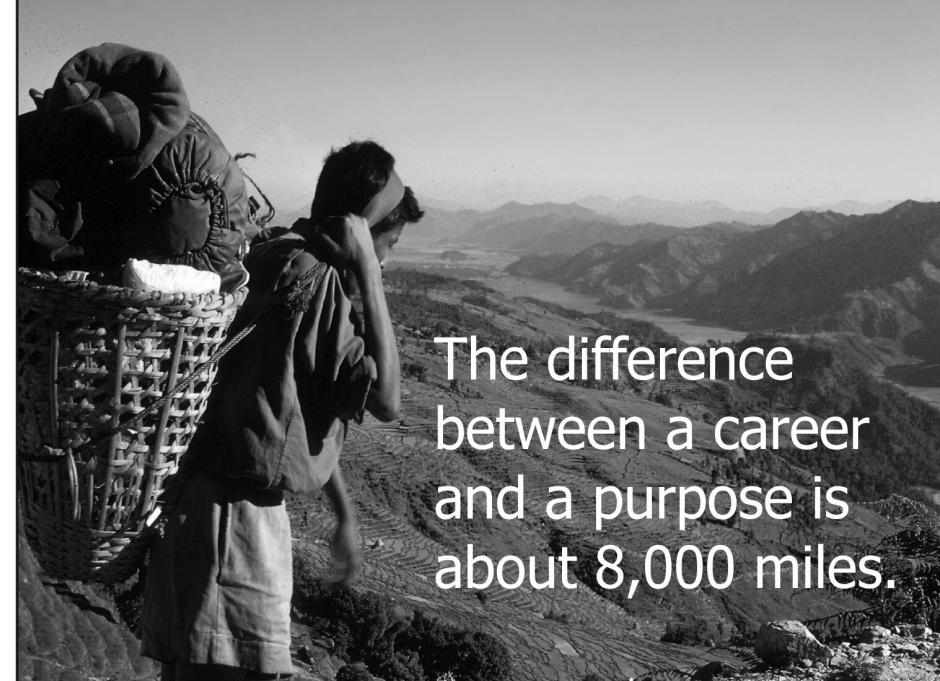
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an array of composers.

Meyer met one — Brooke Joyce — during his undergraduate career, and he continues to be a fan of Joyce's music. Also contributing was international composer Chen Yi, who gave the album a different kind of style by incorporating material from Chinese folk music. The duo's favorite piece is by Daniel Koontz, a mutual friend from Stony Brook.

"We identify with all of the pieces in different ways," Meyer said. "We feel like we got very lucky because there isn't a piece in this group that we don't want to perform. They all provide challenges artistically and technically. It's really quite a pleasure to play."



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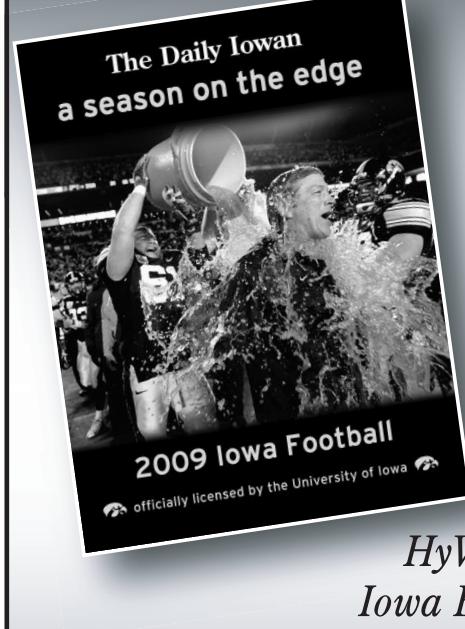


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UI VPs team up for exercise

The team includes the university's newest VP, who has yet to assume his position.

By KATHRYN STINSON
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Interim Vice President for Student Services Tom Rocklin has been pretty good about hitting the gym on weekdays lately — and he plans to add walking and biking to his weekend activities.

Rocklin is joining seven other UI vice presidents to form a team for Live Healthy Iowa, a statewide program aimed at jump-starting physical activity and improving nutrition.

Though the vice presidents prefer to work out independently, they said

the team atmosphere motivates them to hit the gym.

"I don't want to let my teammates down," Rocklin said. "So I'm a little less likely to make excuses for not exercising."

Susan Buckley, the UI vice president for Human Resources, and Carroll Reasoner, the interim vice president for Legal Affairs and general counsel, gathered the team of vice presidents.

While the UI's team of VPs enjoys the healthy dose of competition that comes with the program,

members also said they hope to serve as role models for healthier habits.

"I think all have signed on to improve their level of activity, so that part is serious," Reasoner said. "But I look at it as a friendly competition."

The administrators aren't the only ones on campus involved in Live Healthy Iowa — 934 UI employees registered for the program, making up 138 teams, said the UI program coordinator Erin Litton. The university is aiming to sign up 1,000 participants this year.

After the first recording period, university employees submitted 2,775 hours of activity time and 600 pounds in weight loss, Litton said.

The statewide program stretches from Jan. 14 to April 23, giving participants 100 days to lose weight and increase their physical activity. The team aspect of the program gives members a sense of accountability — they are expected to log their activity and turn in the records, she said.

"Social support is key in sustaining healthy

behaviors," Litton said. "When coworkers are making healthy choices with you, it is easier to be successful."

Last year, 814 UI participants clocked 199,115 miles of activity and lost more than 3,500 pounds.

Kendig, who will begin his new job at the UI on Feb. 15, said he is a competitive person by nature, but he competes with himself more than anyone else.

"I'm trying to do a little bit more each week," he said. "This program gives me a good way to track progress while also con-

Workouts fit for a VP

The Live Healthy Iowa team of UI vice presidents exercise routines include:

- Sue Buckley: Treadmill and weights
- Tom Rocklin: Gym membership, biking, and walking
- Carroll Reasoner: Treadmill, stretching, free weights, and Pilates
- Tysen Kendig: Running, walking, and calisthenics

Source: UI vice presidents

tributing to a team effort, which makes it more fun."

'Chemical Ali' infamous for brutal attacks

By BRIAN MURPHY

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Saddam Hussein's cousin Ali Hassan al-Majid, who was hanged Monday, ordered the infamous poison-gas attack on the northern Iraqi Kurdish village of Halabja in 1988 that killed 5,000 people and earned him the chilling moniker "Chemical Ali."

The chemical air raid is thought to be the worst single attack of its kind against civilians. Graphic pictures taken after the attack showed bodies of men, women, children, and animals lying in the streets where they inhaled the gas.

Al-Majid was executed a week after he received his fourth death sentence on Jan. 17, the final one for the Halabja attack. He bore a striking resemblance to Saddam and was one of the most brutal members of the dictator's inner circle.

The general led sweeping military campaigns in the 1980s and 1990s that claimed tens of thousands of lives — wiping out entire villages in attacks against rebellious Kurds and cracking down on Shiites in southern Iraq.

He was one of the last high-profile members of the former Sunni-led regime still on trial in Iraq.

Al-Majid was a warrant officer and motorcycle messenger in the army before Saddam's Baath party led a coup in 1968. He was promoted to general and served as Defense minister from 1991-95, as well as a regional party leader.

In 1988, as the eight-year Iran-Iraq war was winding down, al-Majid commanded a scorched-earth campaign known as Anfal to wipe out a Kurdish rebellion in the north. An estimated 100,000 people — most of them civilians — were killed in less than a year.

Later, al-Majid boasted about the attacks, as well as the separate March 16,



Saddam Hussein's cousin Ali Hassan al-Majid, known as "Chemical Ali" because of his use of chemical weapons against Iraqi Kurds, listens to prosecution evidence during the Operation Anfal trial in Baghdad on Jan. 8, 2007. Iraq's government on Monday reported that Majid had been executed.

1988, gas attack on Halabja, where an estimated 5,000 people died.

During the trials of figures in Saddam's regime, prosecutors played audiotapes of what they said were conversations between Saddam and al-Majid.

In one of the recordings, al-Majid was heard vowing to "leave no Kurd [alive] who speaks the Kurdish language."

Poison gas had largely fallen out of use after its horrendous effects in World War I until Saddam used it as a way to stave off Iran's superior numbers during the 1980-1988 Iran-Iraq war.

For Saddam Hussein, chemical weapons were a force multiplier, a way of countering the Iranian human-wave infantry tactics that were overwhelming Iraqi positions," said Jonathan Tucker, the author of *War of Nerves: Chemical Warfare from World War I to Al Qaeda* and a Washington-based senior fellow at the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies.

Under al-Majid's leadership, chemical weapons became the Iraqi tool of choice against the villages of the rebellious Kurds hidden in the mountainous terrain of the north — making the victims primarily civilians this time instead of enemy soldiers.

Survivors of the Anfal campaign described to the court at al-Majid's trial in 2006 how during the gas attacks the air would fill with the smell of rotten apples before people would start dropping.

After Halabja the world could no longer turn a blind eye to Iraq's tactics.

AP Writer Maamoun Youssef in Cairo and Jill Lawless in London contributed to this report.

Student investment fund skyrockets

A UI student-managed fund experiences a more than 33 percent gain.

By NORA HEATON

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Twelve UI students saw their investments jump above the \$1 million mark last year, outperforming expectations despite the challenging economy.

The Henry Fund, an endowed stock portfolio managed by 12 students in the Tippie College of Business M.B.A. finance program, saw a 33.6 percent gain in 2009. This is a 7 percent better than the fund's benchmark S&P 500 Index for the year.

At the beginning of 2009, the fund had nearly \$980,000 in assets. By the end of the year, it boasted \$1.3 million, with a S&P 500 gain of 26.5 percent for the year.

The student managers also make up an experiential learning course taught by Todd Houge, a UI lecturer in finance.

The students had to specially apply for the course, which is centered on managing the Henry Fund with portfolio work, marketing to donors, and production of an annual report.

Managing the fund is good hands-on experience, several of the students agreed.

"It adds a lot of rigor to how I individually

make investments and also gives me the opportunity to share my opinion with others who are making similar investments," said Alan Adams, one of the fund's student managers.

The student managers set a benchmark for the fund at the beginning of 2009 by comparing their own fund with other stocks that had similar restrictions and limitations in the S&P 500 Index.

The fund's success is especially unusual given the current economic decline. Anil Ramchandani, a fund manager, said many asset managers are struggling.

"Their asset base has shrunk significantly after the great fall in equities across the globe," he said.

A typical fund faces expenses for marketing or paying managers, Ramchandani said. As those expenses become harder to bear in a declining economy, not all funds are able to return more than the S&P 500 benchmark.

"We had a couple of stocks up 100 percent or so last year" despite the challenges of the recession, Houge said. "We were fortunate to have

very few 'losers' on the year."

Assuming the economy would begin to improve, the managers based their equity selections on recovering sectors in the economy.

Arindam Majumdar, a fund manager, said the student investors steered clear of most holdings in the financial sector and focused their investments on the technology sector.

Google gave the fund its biggest gain of the year, starting out at \$307.65 and finishing at \$619.98 for a 101.5 percent increase.

The fund also received recognition when it received first-place honors in its category at the Redefining Investment Strategy Education competition, an investment symposium sponsored by the University of Dayton, which attracted more than 300 schools.

The fund has been successful in past years as well. Majumdar said the Henry Fund has won this honor in its category every year since first entering the competition in 2005. The fund has declined in value just three times since its inception in 1994.

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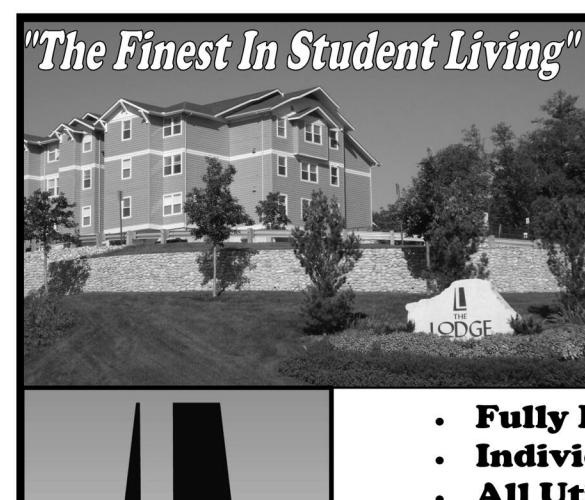
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BASKETBALL

Kentucky No. 1

(AP) – Kentucky is on top of the Associated Press' college basketball poll, and the Wildcats are a unanimous No. 1.

The only unbeaten team in Division I, Kentucky (19-0) received all the first-place votes from the 65-member national media panel Monday, its first time at No. 1 since the final poll of 2002-03.

The Wildcats, No. 2 Kansas, Villanova, Syracuse, and Michigan State all moved up one place from last week as Texas, which was No. 1 for two weeks, dropped to sixth after losing to Kansas State and Connecticut.

Georgetown, Duke, West Virginia, and Purdue rounded out the top 10.

North Carolina (12-7), the defending national champion and loser of three straight, did not receive a vote and dropped out of the poll for the first time since January 2006.

Syracuse comes back against Hoyas

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) – Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim winced with every early shot by Georgetown. When the game was over, he couldn't help but smile after the Orange's stirring comeback.

Kris Joseph scored 15 points, Wes Johnson added 14, and fourth-ranked Syracuse rallied from a big early deficit to beat No. 7 Georgetown, 73-56, on Monday night.

The Orange trailed 14-0 just 3 minutes into the game. They rallied to take the lead before the break and started the second half with an 18-8 surge to take command.

INTRAMURALS

Final sign-up day for intramural hoops

The final day for intramural basketball sign-ups is today, and teams are allowed to register from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Field House.

America's favorite indoor sport is one of UI's largest intramural activities, and it will have five divisions of teams, including men's open, men's residence hall, men's fraternity, women's, and co-recreational.

After five weeks of games league, the top teams will compete in a single-elimination tournament in their respective divisions.

The winners of the men's leagues – including the co-winners of the open league – will participate in the All-University finals held in Carver-Hawkeye Arena where the co-recreational and women's championships will also be played.

Teams are required to pay an \$80 entry fee at registration, regardless of the number of players on a squad. Teams are allowed to have a maximum of 12 players on a roster.

This year, games will consist of 14-minute halves, and each team will receive three time-outs, rule changes for 2010, according to Recreational Services officials.

– by Ian Martin



FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY IOWAN

Freshman guard Kamille Wahlin drives into the lane early in the second half of the Hawkeye-Wolverine game on Monday in the Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Jan. 26, 2009. Though a close contest, the Hawks won 77-69.

Wahlin makes HAWKS GO

Kamille Wahlin's fortitude has sparked a two-game win streak for the Iowa women's basketball team.

By JORDAN GARRETSON

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Kamille Wahlin isn't only a starting point guard.

On the hardwood, she controls the action for the Iowa women's basketball team, effectively distributing the ball and draining shots.

But the sophomore's value has been most visible during her recent bout with injury.

Severe back spasms prior to Iowa's game against Penn State on

Jan. 14 transformed the Hawkeyes' previously bumpy Big Ten road into a decrepit brick boulevard haunted by adversity.

Wahlin's pain heavily hampered her performance during her team's two losses nearly two weeks ago. When Iowa fell to the Penn State, 68-62, and Purdue, 81-59, on Jan. 17, the 5-8 guard scored a combined eight points on 3-of-14 shooting from the field.

She also turned the ball over nine times while only collecting three assists.

But somehow, the outlook still had room to worsen for the Hawkeyes.

It eventually did.

During a Jan. 19 press conference, Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder said Wahlin's back issues had escalated, leaving the Minnesota native questionable for the team's next contest against Illinois.

"She can barely walk right now normally," Bluder said at the time.

SEE WAHLIN, 3B

COMMENTARY

Wrestlers ripping up opponents

Undefeated and ranked No. 1, Iowa is healthy and overpowering.



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Iowa State head coach Kevin Jackson said it best earlier this season.

Just as in the past two years, when the No. 1 Iowa captured its 21st and 22nd NCAA titles, the path heading toward a national championship comes right through Iowa City.

The statement also holds true for any Big Ten team seeking a conference crown.

On Jan. 22, the

Hawkeyes declawed the Wolverines, 36-0, in Ann Arbor, Mich.

On Sunday, Iowa immediately stole the sledgehammer from hard-hat-wearing Purdue Pete and pounded the Boilermakers, 41-6, in Lowell, Ind.

Redshirt freshman 125-pounder Matt McDonough recorded a major decision and a fall in his two weekend bouts.

At 133, Daniel Dennis showed off the offensive explosiveness he possessed before his ankle injury, which last season pushed him to place seventh at the NCAA championships.

SEE WRESTLING, 3B

Simbhudas centers women gymnasts

Iowa junior gymnast Rebecca Simbhudas will fill some familiar shoes as the top performer for the Hawkeyes.

By ROBBIE LEHMAN

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RYAN MILLER/THE DAILY IOWAN
Hawkeye gymnast Rebecca Simbhudas soars on the uneven bars during practice on Monday in the Field House gym. During the 2009 season, Simbhudas scored career highs in all events and recorded a first-place finish as an all-around competitor vs. Iowa State.

ly has the world-class talent to do so.

The Markham, Ontario, native is a former two-time Canadian World Championship team member. She also finished seventh in the all-around at the 2007 Canadian National Championships.

This season, though, the 20-year-old is just now beginning to understand how to handle the pressure of being a top gymnast leading a team in college.

At first, she simply tried too hard.

"She has got to stop putting the pressure on herself to be more than the team can be together," Iowa head coach Larissa Libby said. "Certainly, we do rely on her. Once she realizes not to put any more pressure on herself than is already there to carry the weight of the team on her back, then she'll be fine."

SEE SIMBHUDAS, 3B



Molnar not satisfied just yet

Iowa's Sonja Molnar recently moved up in the women's tennis rankings, but the sophomore is far from satisfied.

By PATRICK RAFFERTY

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Iowa sophomore Sonja Molnar has officially arrived.

Moving up seven spots to No. 65 in the most recent Intercollegiate Tennis Association's poll, she has made quick contributions to the women's tennis team.

A year ago, the Guelph, Ontario, native went 18-4 for the Hawkeyes during the spring, picking up Intercollegiate Tennis Association Midwest Regional Women's Rookie of the Year and Big Ten Freshman of the Year honors.

Entering Iowa's fall season in August 2009, she carried a No. 72 national ranking.

Now blossoming during the beginning of the season, the court star said she is far from satisfied.

"It's definitely not where I would like to be," Molnar said. "It shows that I'm capable of some things. But I would like to be ranked higher and show that I could do more."

First-year Iowa head coach Katie Dougherty said Molnar has the ability to rise as high as she pleases.

The college standout has no visible weaknesses, the coach said. She doesn't make mistakes and instead, forces her opponents to make costly blunders.

"She's going to rise even more in the rankings," Dougherty said. "She's going to have a lot of opportunities to get more ranked wins starting in a couple of weeks. She's got to take advantage of those opportunities, and she will. She has a great sense of her game, and how to win matches."

Last weekend at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex, Molnar had a prime opportunity to not only solidify her ranking, but climb even further in the poll when Iowa hosted No. 6 Notre Dame on Jan. 23.



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Iowa freshman Sonja Molnar returns a serve on Feb. 22, 2009, at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex.

Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex, Molnar faced Fighting Irish sophomore Kristy Frilling, ranked No. 30, but she faltered in two sets for a loss (6-0, 6-3) — one that left a tart taste in Molnar's mouth.

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Irish sophomore Kristy Frilling, ranked No. 30, but she faltered in two sets for a loss (6-0, 6-3) — one that left a tart taste in Molnar's mouth.

Unsatisfied with her performance, she couldn't bear

to leave her home courts. While the crowd had shuffled out and most of the players had made their way home, Molnar remained, spending most of the next two hours working on her game.

"That's the mark of a

great player," Dougherty said. "She's constantly trying to get better and working toward perfection. She will get better. The consistency of her practices has gotten better.

"She's ready to work and she's hungry, and that's half the battle. She just wants to win so bad that she puts herself in a good position."

Iowa assistant coach Mira Radu said she isn't surprised by Molnar's success, and her rise in ranking illustrates an unshakable work ethic.

"She's definitely a hard worker," Radu said. "She likes to win. She gives all her effort out there. That's what it's going to take to win. She'll lay it all out there. That's a nice feature to have when you're an athlete."

"She needs to keep working at it, but she has what it takes. The past champions are not only talented players but they have to combine everything and have a strong will. She has all of that, she just needs to keep working on it and the results will come."

INTRAMURALS

IC United shows up

IC United stomped Dirty Show, 11-1, during the first game of the intramural indoor soccer season inside the Bubble Monday night.

By KYLIE SEBERT

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The intramural indoor soccer began with an 11-1 win for IC United, which faced Dirt Show Monday night in the Bubble.

Following a first half that saw IC United mount a 4-1 lead, both teams appeared winded at halftime.

Dirt Show senior Sean Phelan said his squad, made up of players hailing from the same high school in Joliet, Ill. — had worn all-black uniforms in an attempt to intimidate IC United. But the tactic seemed to be ineffective, with Dirt Show producing just one goal during the first 20 minutes of play.

In the second frame, IC United effectively

clinched the match, posting seven more scores with junior Hyuntio Nho leading the attack with three goals — one of which ended the contest.

Following the defeat, Dirt Show players said they were impressed with the strength of the IC United players.

"Obviously, that team has a solid foundation and has been established for a while," Phelan said. "This lowers morale for our team, but it was a hard-fought battle."

Only having played intramural soccer last year, Phelan said, none of his teammates knew the rules of the game. To efficiently compete during games, players said, they simply go by what referees tell them as the game progresses.

Dirt Show captain Tyler Smith said his team's name is one carried over from the flag-football season in the fall. The group also kept the same players and decided to try another sport.

But while Dirt Show may be playing for fun, IC United players are looking for a championship.

Team captain Tae Kyun Kim said his team — comprised of all Korean students — competed in intramural soccer last year and made it to the semifinals.

When asked whether he thinks IC United has a chance to do well again this year, Kim nodded enthusiastically. He said his teammates have played soccer for a long time.

"When we meet other

Korean students we ask them to play and they usually join our team," IC United teammate Nho said.

IC United players celebrated with high-fives and pats on the back, looking optimistic for the season to come. The good sportsmanship shown by both squads refreshed both the Recreational Services staff and the handful of spectators on hand.

Smith and Phelan said Dirt Show can still recover from the early-season defeat.

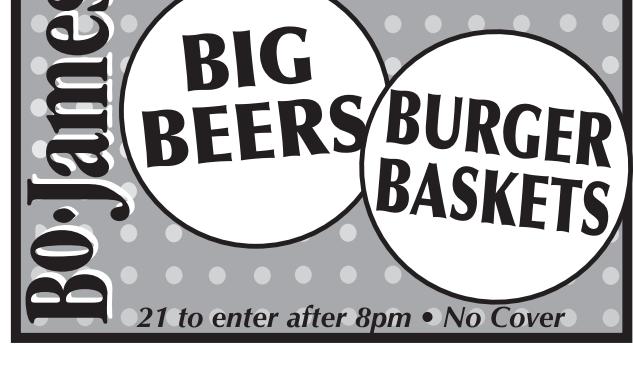
"Look for us to bounce back next week," Phelan said.

Smith joked, "We expect a good fan turnout, and it should be a good game at 9 p.m. in the Bubble."



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Jikhan Jung of IC United kicks a soccer ball during an intramural soccer game against Dirt Show in the Bubble on Monday. IC United won the game, 11-1.



Cavities leaves nothing unfilled

The 4200s walked away disappointed after a loss to Filling All Cavities in the intramural soccer kickoff.

By JOVANA SIMIC

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A group of UI dental students, united as Filling All Cavities, drilled 4200s during the teams' first match in the Bubble Monday.

Filling All Cavities took away a 3-2 victory over its opponent in the intramural indoor soccer kickoff.

With a strong first half, both teams scored two goals apiece in just the first 20 minutes of the half. Cheering, players high-fived teammates each time someone scored a goal or completed a pass.

Player pushed through the pain and the sweat to work toward getting the ever-important first win.

During halftime, Talib Talib, a player on the 4200s, encouraged his teammates to try harder during the second half. He did not want this game to end in a tie — he wanted the win. Peter Blough (of Filling All Cavities) and his team relaxed and talked, waiting for the second half to begin.

The second half was all about Filling All Cavities, clearly the better team. Blough and his teammates pushed the 4200s through a tough second half. They had more scoring opportunities, more possessions of the ball, and their



CHARLIE ANDERSON/THE DAILY IOWAN

Dental student Talib Talib's feet are shown as he brings the ball down field during an intramural soccer game at the Bubble on Monday. Filling All Cavities won, 3-2.

'We needed more team work. We are going to try and step it up next week and practice.'

— Sudheer Cheera, captain

goalie/captain had a shut-out in the second half.

"We didn't play well," said goal scorer Talib. "It was the first time we played together, and it takes time to get organized."

He was disappointed in the team's play.

The captain of the 4200s

also thought his team did not play well, but already had a solution in mind to combat its weaknesses.

"We needed more team work," Sudheer Cheera said. "We are going to try and step it up next week and practice."

Nathan Benassi of Fill-

ing All Cavities was happy with his teammates' performances.

"I am really proud of how we played tonight," Benassi said. "Most of the guys on the team only played soccer in high school. We didn't even practice before the match. We were in class, drilling teeth."

Blough noted it may have been a matter of natural talent.

"For the first time, we played pretty good," Blough said. "I have guys on the team that have mad skills."

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"So it's pretty tough [for Wahlin] to be out on the floor and play. That's a big blow to our team."

Bluder's Bunch shared the coach's sentiments. Later that day, junior guard Kachine Alexander said her teammate's injury left the Hawkeyes "with not really any subs at the guard ... It's going to be a little rough for us."

Two days later, Iowa traveled across the Mississippi River to play the Fighting Illini. The Hawkeyes, 1-6 in Big Ten play and trying to climb out of the conference cellar, were desperate for their first conference road win of the year with Wahlin seeing potentially limited playing time.

The border clash with Illinois didn't appear promising.

But in 31 gritty minutes, Wahlin drained four 3-pointers and collected six rebounds, helping the Hawkeyes to a 74-65 triumph in Champaign, Ill.

Then, she delivered again on Sunday against Northwestern in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. With a back not yet 100-percent healthy — but good enough to play with and improving — Wahlin posted 16 points on 6-of-10 shooting in a 78-69 victory over the Wildcats.

"It's a tremendous difference," Bluder said on Sunday. "I mean, when you have Kamille healthy, you have that additional



FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY IOWAN
Iowa freshman Kamille Wahlin drives as Minnesota defends during the Big Ten Tournament quarterfinal game in Indianapolis on March 6, 2009. Iowa scored 26 points in the paint and defeated Minnesota, 79-64.

offense — obviously. She knows the system, and she is our floor general out there, so that means a lot, you know, to have her healthy. We're just glad she's on the mend."

Wahlin later said her back felt a little sore following the win, but her injury had improved a lot.

Although Iowa's 3-6 Big Ten record all but eliminates them from NCAA Tournament contention, Wahlin's fortitude helped

the Hawkeyes deliver their first back-to-back wins since Dec. 20-22, 2009.

She also gave her team an extra elevation with nine games remaining in the season.

"It feels good, especially getting two wins in a row, and it was great to get a win on the road [at Illinois on Jan. 21]," Wahlin said. "I think it's going to help our confidence, and we're just going to try to keep building off the couple wins."

SIMBHUDAS

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Those around the Hawkeye program might speculate Simbhudas is attempting to fill the void left by her graduated older sister, Jenifer Simbhudas — one of the most decorated female gymnasts to come through Iowa City, who now serves as a volunteer coach for Iowa.

However, Rebecca Simbhudas doesn't see herself as simply replacing her sibling.

"I can't really compare myself with my sister, because we both have different gymnastics styles, and our personalities are different," she said.

Her other passions also help differentiate herself.

Rebecca Simbhudas loves to dance to hip-hop and R&B, and she especially enjoys soca, a melodic form of music popular in the Caribbean. Her parents, from Guyana, introduced their daughter to the music, which she became rapidly addicted to.

During competition, though, Libby said Jenifer Simbhudas compares to Iowa native Shawn Johnson, while Rebecca Simbhudas is more similar to Team USA gymnast Nastia Liukin.

The fifth-year coach also said she understands that Rebecca Simbhudas' intense self-expectations have been

'If I'm having a rough time, she'll take me aside and help me fix a skill and encourage me. I think she's really good working with people one-on-one.'

— Jessa Hansen, sophomore

somewhat stressful for the all-around competitor.

"Right now, the hardest thing for Rebecca is she is fighting herself internally," Libby said. "She has put an expectation on herself to replace her sister, and I think she's probably capable of more than her sister was."

Teammates, such as sophomore Jessa Hansen, agreed.

"Becky has amazing gymnastics skills. Her skills are all beautiful," said Hansen, who also noted Rebecca Simbhudas' ability to teach.

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and help me fix a skill and encourage me. I think she's really good working with people one-on-one."

Gymnastics still demands the bulk of Rebecca Simbhudas' time, which she said she is OK with — just as she is OK with being labeled the team's go-to performer this season.

"She's definitely a more seasoned athlete," Libby said. "She's very calming out there. Nothing gets her overly riled up. She's always just chill in the middle. I think that's good to have around the team."

Turner leads Buckeyes into IC

Each week, the DI will take you Around the Big Ten and check on some of Iowa's conference brethren.

By BRENDAN STILES

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Relinquishing a double-digit lead and falling to West Virginia may not have been the highlight of Ohio State's weekend.

But the Buckeyes managed to seize some positives from the 69-65 loss to the Mountaineers, who are now ranked ninth in the AP top 25.

For one, the defeat didn't knock Ohio State out of the AP top 25. Instead, it only helped the squad ascend to a No. 20 ranking after a week that also included a conference victory over Northwestern.

"I thought we played, at times, some very good basketball," Buckeye head coach Thad Matta said on Monday during a teleconference. "West Virginia is the type of team that when you make a mistake, it has the type of players to make you pay, and it was probably the difference down the stretch. We weren't able to put the ball in the basket in the final minutes."

When the Buckeyes visit Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Wednesday night, they'll boast one of the best players in the country in junior Evan Turner.

Despite missing six games earlier this season because of a back injury, Turner is still the only Division-I men's basketball player averaging 18 points, nine rebounds, and

five assists per contest. He finished with 18 points and 11 rebounds in the Buckeyes' loss to the Mountaineers, who are now ranked ninth in the AP top 25.

Harris to return after suspension

Competition has been rough on the Michigan Wolverines.

Following a win over Connecticut on Jan. 17, the Wolverines followed up with poor showings in Big Ten play, letting a nine-point second half lead slip away while at Wisconsin in a 54-48 loss.

Then, prior to Michigan's game at Purdue last weekend, head coach John Beilein suspended guard Manny Harris for unsportsmanlike conduct during a team practice on Jan. 22.

His absence hurt in the 10-point loss to the Boilermakers. And considering Purdue at one time held a 61-38 lead during the second half, it was clear Michigan wasn't the same without Harris, who leads the Big Ten in scoring.

On Monday, though, the Wolverine star was reinstated, and he will likely suit up tonight when Michigan hosts No. 5 Michigan State at Crisler Arena.

"It is our hope that Manny will show tremendous

growth from his suspension," Beilein told the Michigan media on Monday.

History in the making?

With seven teams separated by a single game in the middle of the Big Ten standings, Northwestern might be the one team sitting on edge.

Although the Wildcats are one of the four squads with a 3-4 conference record, they scored a key victory last weekend against Illinois at home, 73-68.

The win puts Northwestern at 14-5 overall, but the program has never participated in the NCAA men's basketball tourney, which first became an annual event in 1939 when Northwestern's home venue, Welsh-Ryan Arena, hosted the first-ever Final Four.

This week, the Wildcats have an opportunity to pad their national résumé with road games against Minnesota tonight and No. 5 Michigan State on Saturday. A win over either or both of those teams would be monumental in Northwestern's quest for a historic tourney berth.

"It's a tough week ahead of us, but we had a pretty nice practice [Sunday], so we'll see," Northwestern head coach Bill Carmody said during a Big Ten teleconference.

WRESTLING

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Iowa 141-pounder

Montell Marion continued to impress observers, tallying a major decision and a fall. Since entering the Hawkeye lineup (seemingly for good now), the Des Moines native has risen to a No. 7 ranking with three victories over top-20 opponents.

He may ascend higher with matches against No. 3 Reece Humphrey of Ohio State and No. 6 Mike Thorn of Minnesota remaining ahead of him during the regular season.

Brent Metcalf continued to justify his No. 1 ranking at 149 over the weekend and shed a little blood in the process.

After Metcalf planted Purdue's Nick Bertuccio on his back and appeared to get a fall, the Boilermaker

resorted to Ultimate Fighting Championship tactics to avoid getting pinned, smashing his knee into the All-American's face numerous times.

My advice to Bertuccio: Run the next time you see the prized product of Davison, Mich. It might also behoove you to stay far away from Iowa City.

Should Metcalf and Bertuccio reunite at the Big Ten championships on March 3, a quick pin is certain.

He might lose some limbs in the process, too.

Question: Would you rather outrun a pack of hungry wolves or wrestle an angry Metcalf? I'm no Usain Bolt, but I like my chances of survival better facing the pack of wolves.

Phillip Keddy started slow because of off-season injury, but now the 184-pounder appears to be rounding into the shape that made him a

fourth-place finisher in St. Louis last spring.

Dan Erekson, the Iowa heavyweight who put his future foes on public notice during his season debut against Purdue on Sunday, is now also fully healthy following a pectoral tear he underwent surgery for in October.

The senior from Eagle, Idaho, pinned his Boilermaker opponent in 68 seconds on Sunday. Heavyweights (Jared Rosholt, Nathan Everhart, and David Zabriskie in particular) be warned.

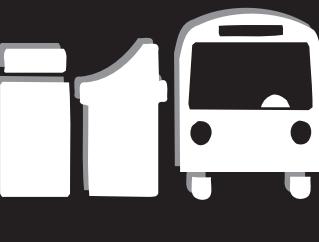
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While teams — especially in the competitive Big Ten and Big 12 — surely know about the Hawkeyes' incredibly deep strength, it's scary to think Iowa is just now coming to form hungrier than ever.

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BULLS 98, SPURS 93

Hot Bulls stop Spurs

By PAUL J. WEBER

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Derrick Rose shook off flulike symptoms to score 27 points, and the Chicago Bulls won their third straight, 98-93 over the San Antonio Spurs on Monday night.

Kirk Hinrich added 18 points for the Bulls, who again impressively beat a Western Conference team with a winning record on their seven-game road swing. They surprised Houston and Phoenix last week.

Put it another way: the Bulls have won just one fewer road game in the last four days than they have in the first three months of the season. The Bulls are now 7-15 on the road.

Tony Parker scored 20 points for the Spurs, who have lost five of six. Manu Ginobili scored 14 but was denied twice while barreling to the rim in the final 33 seconds.

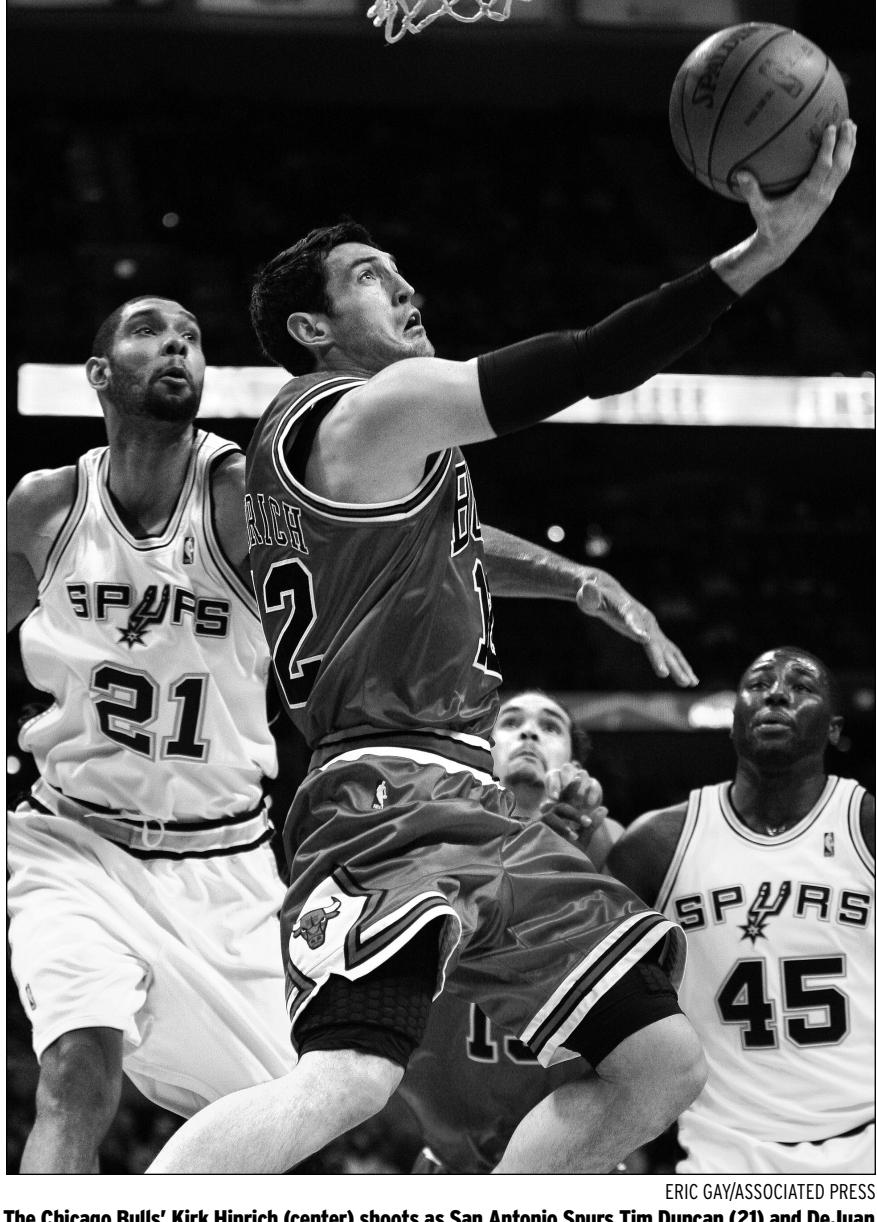
Luol Deng made sure of that on Ginobili's first try.

Deng swatted his lay-up back the way Ginobili came with Spurs trailing 95-93 and 32.8 seconds left. Then down by three with 5.9 seconds left, the Spurs called Ginobili's number again but his lay-up fell short.

Joakim Noah, back after missing the Houston win with plantar fascitis, grabbed the rebound and roared in triumph.

The Bulls had done it again on the road.

Chicago now finishes up its Western Conference road trip against Oklahoma City on Wednesday and New Orleans on Friday. Both teams also have winning records, but the surging Bulls aren't playing afraid of anyone lately.



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The Chicago Bulls' Kirk Hinrich (center) shoots as San Antonio Spurs Tim Duncan (21) and DeJuan Blair (45) watch during the third quarter Monday in San Antonio.

Chicago has won 11 of 16 after starting the season 10-17. With a win against the Thunder, the Bulls (21-22) can climb back to .500.

Rose didn't practice with the Bulls earlier Monday because of flulike symptoms that Bulls coach Vinny Del Negro described as everything from congestion to "not feeling good." But Rose looked just fine hours later.

He shot 13-of-23 from the floor and hit a pull-up jumper with 56.9 seconds left to put the Bulls ahead 93-91.

The Spurs, meanwhile, continued to spiral.

San Antonio lost its third straight at home, already squandering half of its six-game home stand before hitting the road for virtually the entire month of February

for their annual rodeo road trip.

Spur coach Gregg Popovich has admonished his defense of late, and this won't help. The Bulls hit 18 of their first 23 shots and stayed above 70 percent shooting for most of the first half.

The Bulls finished shooting 54 percent from the floor. Noah had 11 points.

CELTICS 95, CLIPPERS 89

Pierce, Rondo lead Celtics



CHARLES KRUPA/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Boston forward Paul Pierce (34) grabs a pass from Celtic teammate Kevin Garnett (rear) and drives past Los Angeles Clipper forward Al Thornton (12) during the first half in Boston on Monday.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — Paul Pierce scored 22 points, and Rajon Rondo had 16 points and 12 assists, leading the Boston Celtics to a 95-89 win over the Los Angeles Clippers on Monday night in a game played on a TD Garden floor that had to be continually wiped because of condensation.

It was the Celtics' second-straight win after losing four of five games without forward Kevin Garnett.

Garnett played his second straight after missing 10 consecutive games with a hyperextended right knee. He finished with 17 points in 30 minutes.

Ray Allen added 15 points for the Celtics,

who lost to the Clippers, 92-90, in Los Angeles on Dec. 27 when Baron Davis hit a fallaway jumper at the buzzer.

Rasual Butler led the Clippers with 17 points, and Davis scored 16 on just 5-of-13 shooting.

Craig Smith scored 11 of his 13 in the final quarter for Los Angeles.

The sometimes-slippery parquet floor forced ball boys to mop one end while play was going on at the other for most of the game. Early in the game, it appeared a few players slipped, causing a brief delay with 2:28 left in the first quarter.

Both teams shot under 37 percent in the opening 12 minutes.

Los Angeles, which

snapped an eight-game road losing streak at Washington on Sunday.

fell to 6-15 on the road.

Boston opened a 71-61 edge on Tony Allen's steal and breakaway lay-up with just under 11 minutes to play before Smith scored either from the floor or free throw line on seven-straight possessions, closing the gap to 77-73 with 5:43 left.

But Pierce answered with a 3-pointer, pushing the Celtics' lead to seven.

The Clippers never closed the gap to below four points the rest of the way.

The Celtics, who trailed by one at half-time, opened the third quarter by scoring the first six points to move ahead 49-44. They pushed their lead to 58-50 on Rondo's driving basket midway into the

quarter and led 64-59 after three.

NOTES: Clippers G Eric Gordon was sidelined for his third straight game with a sprained left big toe. ... Boston Celtics F Glen "Big Baby" Davis said before the game that he's looking to change his image and wants to drop his nickname. ... The Clippers have not won consecutive road games this season. ... Boston coach Doc Rivers said he'll know more Tuesday when F Brian Scalabrine will return from a sore right shoulder, which sidelined him for the second game in a row. ... Clipper C Marcus Camby, who played in college for Massachusetts, was given a nice ovation during pregame introductions.

Haas wins first Tour victory

By GREG BEACHAM

Associated Press

LA QUINTA, Calif. — Bill Haas followed his father's advice to be patient through six long days at the Bob Hope Classic until his final hole, when a highly impatient shot clinched his first PGA Tour victory.

Haas made a short birdie putt after an aggressive approach shot on the 18th hole to win the Hope Classic on Monday, beating Matt Kuchar, Tim Clark, and Bubba Watson by one stroke with an 8-under 64.

"I'd been wanting to win from the first tournament I played, but it's a process, and there's a lot to it," said Haas, a rookie in 2006. "It's special, but I don't know if it's a monkey off my back. I know how hard it was to win, and I'm grateful."

The 27-year-old son of 1988 Hope Classic champion Jay Haas was the last of three co-leaders to play the par-5 18th. Kuchar and South Africa's Clark had both missed birdie putts at the Arnold Palmer Private course, with Kuchar lamenting the execution of his approach shot before Clark laid up.

Haas expertly dropped his 3-iron behind the pin, allowing him to two-putt his way to a 30-under 330 finish and his long-anticipated first victory.

Fourth-round co-leader Watson birdied the 18th to grab a share of second place.

After grinding through five

rounds on four courses in the rain-delayed tournament, Haas couldn't celebrate until he made it through the last hole with his hands shaking and fingers going numb — and at that point, he didn't even know his father had made it back from the Champions Tour event in Hawaii to watch him.

"It was the most nervous I've ever been," Haas said.

Haas credited his steady play to a tip he received Monday while practicing with his father in nearby Indian Wells last weekend when Bill Haas missed the cut at the Sony Open. Jay Haas made it back just in time to watch his son's final round, which ended with back-to-back birdies.

"It's definitely neat that down the road, 22 years from now, we can look at both our names on the list here," Bill Haas said. "I'm not trying to compare myself to him. He's almost unreachable."

They're the eighth father-son combination to win on the PGA Tour, but Bill Haas spent most of the day trailing Kuchar, who came from three shots back and rocketed up the tight leaderboard.

Kuchar had eight birdies in his first 11 holes, but just one in the last seven. Although his 63 was the best final round, he wished for a better second shot on the 18th. His hybrid approach landed well back on the fringe, eventually leading to a missed 13-foot birdie putt.

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A partial list of things I should probably tell every prospective girlfriend

- I'm a strict pacifist. I even only wash my clothes on the gentle cycle.
- I own a pair of glasses that's dedicated to no other cause than helping me locate my other pair of glasses.
- I hate talking about myself. I already know all there is to know about me; that's why I like talking about others. And how fat they're all getting.
- I can't sing tenor. I don't know the words.
- I can't cook worth a damn, but I can place before you a burnt offering.
- I'm happy when I'm in a relationship, but I'm happier when I'm not. (What can I say, I'm a generally happy individual.)
- My father raised me pretty much single-handedly, and to honor him I plan to name my first child, "Dad."
- I don't trim my nose hairs. I rip them out by the roots when I'm waiting at red lights.
- I've had the same best friend since third grade, and I hate his guts.
- If something itches, I'll scratch it. Yes, even if it doesn't belong to me.
- I'm bad at studying. Usually, I just cram all night before a final and hope I pass — kind of like what a lot of old people do with religion.
- I'm paying for my car in installments. Last month, I purchased the seat belts.
- When I was 8, I was thoroughly convinced I was Batman. Today, I'm only mostly sure.

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OUT FOR A WALK



AMY OLESON/THE DAILY IOWAN
Brian Kapka, 24, walks his dog Lucy along Benton Street through a light snow in Iowa City on Monday. Kapka said Lucy, a German short-haired pointer, gets about two walks a day if the weather doesn't get too cold.

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— by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 Explore your creative side, and trust in your ability instead of thinking everyone else can do a better job. Someone or something will continually try to stop you or stand in your way today. Persevere.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20 An ulterior motive may lead you in the wrong direction. A promotion or changing from one job to another will be tempting and should be considered, even if someone is encouraging you to stay put. Don't let someone's bragging make you feel inferior.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Don't give up on your goals. Home, family, and getting things in order must take top priority. An emotional issue you have with someone will escalate into something you cannot resolve if you don't act fast. Moderation will be key.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22 Make some financial moves that will help you save at tax time. Dig deep for information that will help you make the best choices. A partnership will make you think about your future.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 Focus on the people you know can help you get ahead. Work hard, contribute in a positive manner, and you will avoid arguments that can develop into ongoing problems. Say little, but do the best job possible.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Don't count on anyone doing your work for you if you want it done properly. An emotional issue regarding your personal or professional status may be an issue if you allow someone to pressure you. Use your imagination.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 You'll be pulled in different directions. It's important that you don't give in to what others want. Follow your dreams, and venture down your own path if you want to get ahead. If you speak up, you will be heard.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Keep an open mind, or you will make a costly mistake. Don't argue with a loved one, but don't give in to something you don't believe is right either. A short trip may be necessary to clear up a misunderstanding.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Get contracts or financial agreements in writing. Emotions will be unstable when it comes to a personal relationship. It's time to make a change regarding how you earn your living.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 A change in one of your friendships will take place because of a money matter that arises. Don't be too quick to trade someone or something in for a newer model because you think it will help you get ahead.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Travel or taking on a new lifestyle or interest will do you good. A change may be required in order to fulfill a dream. A promise made will ensure you get to spend time with someone special.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 Check out the importance of each and every situation you face before you make a decision about what to do first. There is a sequence that must be followed if you want to come out unscathed. It will be easy to lose a friend if you aren't cautious about pointing out blame.

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Law Enforcement Officers, Sandra Ramey, 4 p.m., 123/125 Institute for Rural and Environmental Health

• **Martin Luther King Jr. 2010 Celebration**, Community Elder Voices of Hope and Healing, 5 p.m., Lindquist Center Jones Commons

• **FitStart Youth**, 5:30 p.m., Performance Health & Fitness

• **Pizza from Scratch**, 6 p.m., New Pioneer Co-op, 1101 Second St., Coralville

• **Aviation Movie Night**, 6:30 p.m., Alexis Park Inn & Suites, 1165 S. Riverside Drive

• **Last Tuesday of the Month Book Club**, 6:30 p.m., North Liberty Community Library

• **Beginners Square Dance Lessons**, 7 p.m., Robert A. Lee Recreation Center, 220 S. Gilbert

• **Martin Luther King Jr. 2010 Celebration**, *The Right of the Diamond*, 7 p.m., Latino Native American Cultural Center

• **Student Organization Fair**, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., IMU Main Lounge

• **Human Rights Fair**, noon-2 p.m., Blank Honors Center first-floor lobby

• **Listening Post with Supervisor Terrence Neuzil**, noon, Senior Center, 28 S. Linn

• **UIHC Vision Loss Forum**, noon, UIHC Pomerantz Pavilion Bradley Auditorium

• **Gray Knights Chess Club**, 2-4:30 p.m., Senior Center

• **Stanley Award Workshop**, 2-3 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Centre

• **Caribbean Literature talk**, "The Afro-Cuban Context of Guillermo Cabrera Infante's *Tres tristes tigres*," William Luis, 4 p.m., 315 Phillips Hall

• **Library-Community Writing Center**, 4 p.m., Iowa City Public Library

• **"Low Carbon Careers: A Discussion with Young Professionals in the Field"**, 4 p.m., Pomerantz C310

• **Tuesday Seminar, "Stress in**

The New York Times Crossword

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| 2 | Building block brand | 32 | Goofs |
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| 11 | 22 Personnel concern for Santa? | 41 | 48 Street urchins |
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