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'My life is in Haiti. [My cousin] told me it will not look nice when I come back. It will be painful because it's tough to see.'

— Fabienne Bertrand, a graduate student and native of Port-au-Prince, Haiti



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UI and Iowa City community members dish up Haitian food during a Haitian lunch fundraiser in the IMU on Thursday. The university organized a special lunch with a Haitian theme to aid earthquake relief.

FUNDRAISING THAT TASTES GREAT

Luncheon fundraisers raise more than \$5,000 for Haitian earthquake relief.

By **NORA HEATON**
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The smell of chicken Creole and sounds of Haitian music greeted people of all ages and backgrounds as they came to enjoy a slice of Haitian culture on Thursday afternoon in the IMU Main Lounge.

And best of all, the 625 attendees at the special Haitian-theme Lunch with the Chefs donated roughly \$4,000 toward disaster relief for the country, where a magnitude 7.0 earthquake struck on Jan. 12.

Fabienne Bertrand, a graduate student who helped plan the lunch, is a native of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, which suffered particularly catastrophic damage in the temblor.

"My life is in Haiti," said Bertrand, who plans to return home

after completing her degree. "[My cousin] told me it will not look nice when I come back. It will be painful because it's tough to see."

Lucy Joseph, a UI graduate student and a first generation Haitian American, enlisted three other students, including Bertrand, to help arrange the fundraiser. Because the university holds a Lunch with the Chefs with a different cultural theme around once a month, Joseph asked UI officials if they would allow the next lunch to be a fundraiser with a Haitian focus.

"It's pretty much just fallen into place," said Joseph, who worked with Nicole Nisly, the UI interim chief diversity officer, and Richard Geer, general manager of IMU Retail Dining Services, to plan the event. "I'm just really glad how the

Fundraiser Results

- \$4,000: donations from IMU Haitian-theme Lunch with the Chefs
 - \$1,430: donations from UI College of Law lunch
 - \$3,520: total donations from first two weeks of UI College of Law's monthlong fundraiser
 - 625: people who enjoyed a Haitian meal at the IMU
 - 50: people who enjoyed lunch from the Bread Garden at the UI College of Law event
- Source: TJ Patton, co-president of the Student Bar Association of the College of Law and Richard Geer, general manager of IMU Retail Dining Services

university and the community is responding to everything, because it's been tough the past couple of days."

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DI DAILYIOWAN.COM Check out video from Thursday's Haiti relief luncheon.

Hayek wants search help

The mayor suggests possibly hiring a search firm.

By **KATHRYN STINSON**
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Mayor Matt Hayek has proposed the city hire an outside search firm to find a new city manager and add new interviews to the process.

His proposal comes slightly more than nine months after the city fired then-City Manager Michael Lombardo, and the search firm that had guaranteed it would find a replacement went bankrupt.

In a memorandum sent to the Iowa City City Council on Wednesday and released Thursday, the mayor made numerous

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IC train plans derailed

Transportation officials plan to continue searching for alternative funding.

By **KATHRYN STINSON**
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UI students from the Chicago area will still have to call Greyhound if they can't hitch a ride home.

Plans for passenger rail service between Iowa City and Chicago hit a road block on Thursday, when White House officials announced the proposed line would not receive federal funding.

However, Iowa received \$18 million of the total \$8 billion in federal money distributed to railroads in 31 states.

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At UIHC, surgery goes robotic

A patient says the minimally invasive surgery was the 'best experience.'

By **KELLIE PETERSEN**
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Seated at a console in the operation room, a surgeon peers into the three-dimensional, high definition view of the body cavity provided by a dual camera.

And without ever laying a finger on the patient's body, he carefully maneuvers numerous robotic arms through the procedure.

Robotic surgery might sound like science fiction, but it's performed on a routine basis at the UI Hospitals and Clinics. And two UIHC doctors who regularly use the robotic device said it's becoming a more popular option with both patients and those training in medicine.

"Having the robot allows us to offer our patients the best care using the state-of-the-art technology," said

Fadi Joudi, a UI assistant professor of urology.

The da Vinci Surgical System is the tool of choice at UIHC. And though it comes with a hefty price tag — about \$3.1 million for two robots — surgeons say it brings many benefits over traditional surgery.

Joudi said robotics is laparoscopic, or minimally invasive, surgery enhanced.

"Looking into the console

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Check out video of doctors explaining the robotic device.

is like seeing a movie in 3D, like *Avatar*," he said.

UIHC officials bought their first robot in 2002 for \$1.3 million. In 2007, the second generation arrived,

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UI Assistant Professor Fadi Joudi, a urologist, explains the da Vinci Surgical System on Tuesday in the UIHC. The da Vinci is a robot-based platform being used to perform surgical procedures with minimally invasive techniques.

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CORRECTION

In the Jan. 27 brief, "Delay requested in DeMuth trial," the *DI* incorrectly reported that attorneys requested a delay because of DeMuth's "family situation." A member of DeMuth's counsel has the family situation. DeMuth does not have a wife or children. The *DI* regrets the error.



Vets may finally get \$

Department of Veteran Affairs acknowledges shortcomings.

By GRACE SAVIDES
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Veterans awaiting financial aid for the past several months may finally receive the benefits they were promised.

The Department of Veteran Affairs announced recently they are now prepared to process enrollments for the Post-9/11 GI Bill for the spring in a timely manner.

But one UI official isn't too optimistic.

Herald "Skip" Kempnich, who handles all of the UI student veterans' requests for financial aid, said things are better than they were last fall, but he is still reserving judgment.

At the beginning of the fall semester, 76 UI veterans were still waiting for their aid from the bill to arrive.

Kempnich, who has worked with the GI Bill since 1981, said the Post-9/11 GI Bill has created one of the biggest messes of any new GI Bill program.

"I've never seen a new program go this bad," Kempnich said.

Veteran Affairs officials acknowledged that some students underwent "financial hardships" as a result.

In the end, 100 UI students will receive aid from the bill, Kempnich said.

When students first experienced problems last fall, the university allowed those awaiting funds to take out short-term loans from financial aid and eliminated late penalties incurred on their U-bills.

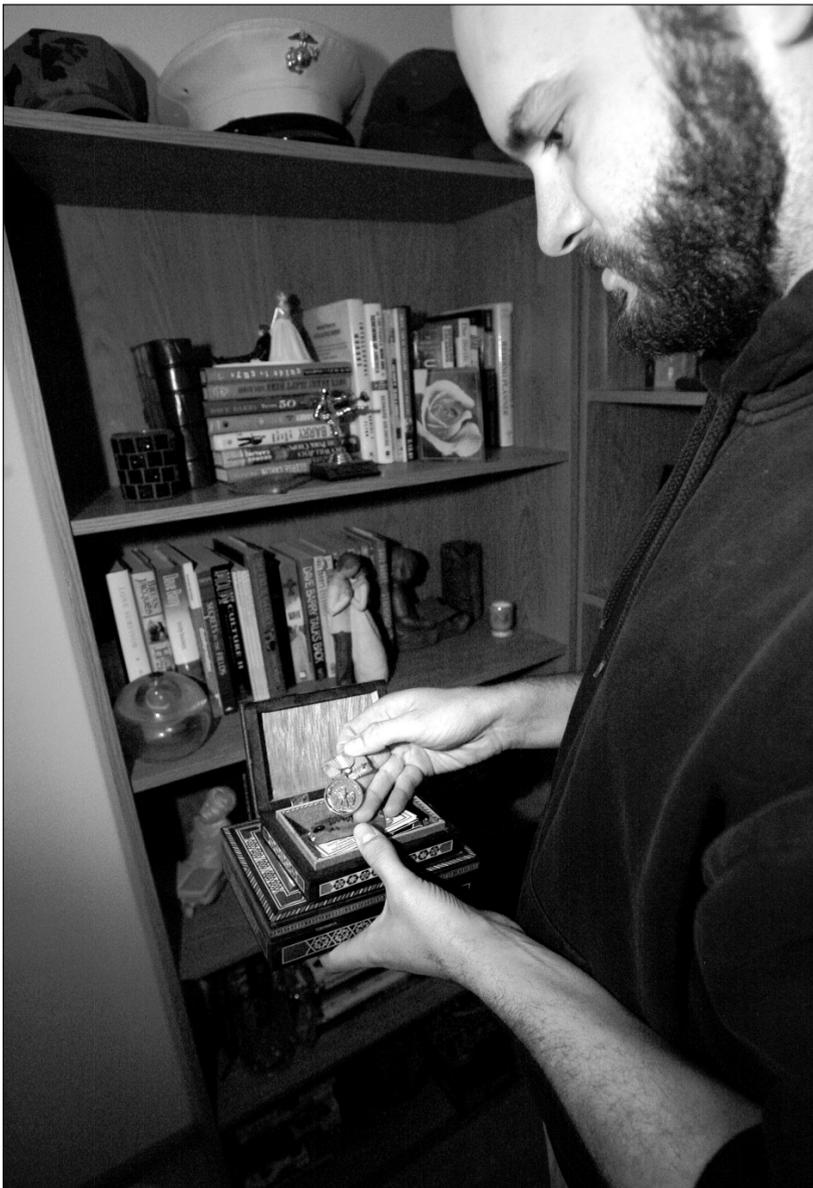
"We don't lose veterans here for financial reasons," Kempnich said.

Drew Hjelm, the president of the UI Veterans Association, said the university has been understanding and helpful with students who didn't receive their GI Bill payments last semester.

Whether the GI Bill has been fixed will soon be apparent for Scott Lyon, a veteran currently enrolled in the UI College of Law.

After serving as a marine from 2000 to 2005, he received aid for his undergraduate education under the Montgomery GI Bill, with which he experienced no problems.

"It was a huge help," Lyon said.



ROB JOHNSON/THE DAILY IOWAN

UI graduate Matt Lyons shows a medal he received for his service in Iraq in his Coralville apartment on Thursday. Officials in the Department of Veterans Affairs recently acknowledges a that there were flaws in the Post-9/11 GI Bill, and they plan to fix them.

Now, he is among the approximately 103,000 veterans nationwide who enrolled for aid from the Post-9/11 GI Bill this spring. As of yet, he has not received any money, but he said this may be normal.

"So far, I don't know if it's going to be a problem," he said. "I'll just have to wait and see."

Of the more than 100,000 spring enrollments for the bill, Veterans Affairs has only processed around 72,000.

Post 9/11 GI Bill

The Department of Veterans Affairs said it would process benefits for the Post 9/11 GI Bill in the spring semester in a more timely manner:

- The Department of Veterans Affairs admits some students faced "financial hardships" as a result
- The Department of Veterans Affairs has processed 72,000 of the 103,000 spring enrollments
- Around 100 UI students are set to receive aid

Source: Herald "Skip" Kempnich

METRO

Committee, consultants ponder school-boundary changes

The Iowa City School District boundary-change committee critiqued possible redistricting solutions Thursday in preparation for two public forums next week.

Consultants suggested Northwest Junior High eighth-graders who live south of Interstate 80 remain at Northwest for ninth grade beginning in the fall of 2012.

But most committee members agreed that splitting the Northwest ninth-grade students from those who continue on to high school would affect them academically, athletically, and financially.

Members were also concerned about the disparity of the number of free and reduced lunch students at each school as well as new busing costs.

After the public forums, the district will assess the plans and change them accordingly.

"Public forums are designed to get feedback from the community," Superintendent Lane Plugge said. "What we take from the forums is not the final product. We're still going to be working on it."

Public forums will be held Feb. 4 at Parkview Church, 15 Foster Road, and on Feb. 5 in the Sheraton Hotel Amos Dean Ballroom, 210 S. Dubuque St. Both forums will start at 7 p.m.

POLICE BLOTTER

Sean Marks, 19, 402 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 417, was charged Thursday with public intoxication.

Terrance Martin, 31, address unknown, was charged Dec. 26, 2009, with fifth-degree theft.

Rollie Opalacz, 19, 522 E. Burlington St. Apt. 3, was charged Thursday with public intoxication

Richard Steveson, 19, Toledo, Iowa, was charged Thursday with public intoxication.

— by Marleen Linares

'Suspicious' briefcase sparks call to bomb squad

The Johnson County Bomb Squad was dispatched to Westlawn on Thursday evening after a suspicious briefcase was found in the hallway, said UI police Lt. Joe Lang.

A member of the custodial staff discovered the briefcase while cleaning and then called UI police around 6 p.m. The building was closed, Lang said.

The bomb squad arrived around 7:30 p.m. and set up an X-ray machine, which revealed that the briefcase was empty. The briefcase was promptly removed and discarded.

Westlawn houses Student Health Service and University Counseling Service.

— by Grace Savides

6% tuition hike possible

UI students could see a 6 percent tuition increase next year if the state Board of Regents approves the proposal Feb. 4.

In addition to the tuition increase, certain majors at the UI will see separate jumps.

Juniors and seniors in engineering may pay an additional \$250 to complete a four-year plan presented to the regents five years ago.

College of Education graduate

majors could pay an additional \$1,350 to expand its capacity and law students could pay an additional \$1,200 for programming and student services.

Medical students' tuition may also increase in order to match resident tuition to the UI's peer institutions and slow the rate of increasing nonresident tuition.

Tuition for resident medical students enrolled before the 2007 fall semester could increase by 7.6 percent, and tuition for resident students enrolled in the 2007 fall semester though the 2010 fall semester by 6.7 percent.

Nonresident medical students could see an increase of 4.2 percent.

All numbers are subject to change after the legislative session.

— By Emily Busse

Official: UI has no eminent-domain plans

If authorized by the state Board of Regents, the UI will move ahead with plans to rebuild Hancher near its current location (but on higher ground) and relocate the School of Music to a downtown site.

UI spokesman Tom Moore said the university had no plans to use eminent domain to acquire the downtown property.

The regents will decide on Feb. 4 whether to grant "permission to proceed with project planning"

for the two buildings, which would allow the UI to select an architect and a construction firm.

A "Facilities Replacement Study," submitted to the regents in March 2009, gauged the total cost of fully replacing the music facilities and Hancher at \$276 million.

Because of the extensive flood damage to both buildings, FEMA is obligated to fund 90 percent of eligible costs. This number could change as plans move forward.

The UI must submit a report and further recommendations for the music facilities in time for the regents' meeting in April.

— by Emily Busse

Judge denies delay in Spence case

A federal judge denied an attorney's request for a delay in the trial of a Minneapolis man charged in connection with the 2004 break-in at the UI Spence Labs.

Scott DeMuth, 22, is charged with conspiracy to commit animal-enterprise terrorism. On Nov. 14, 2004, four masked individuals broke into Spence Labs and caused around \$450,000 in damages. The Animal Liberation Front claimed credit for the break-in.

According to official court documents, the reasons set forth for the trial's delay — including that DeMuth's attorney had a family situation, which prevented him from attending pretrial motions — were "unacceptable."

— by Sam Lane

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Man pleads not guilty in shooting death

An Iowa City man pleaded not guilty on Thursday to involuntary manslaughter, according to court officials.

Alajuwon Shamar Johnson, 26, was charged Jan. 1 in to

the death of 20-year-old Kylie Jo Perkins.

Johnson was also charged with the possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver and carrying weapons.

The official charges and Johnson's plea were filed in a written arraignment.

— by Sam Lane



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recommendations concerning the search for a replacement.

"The suggestions are mine alone and may or may not be of interest to the rest of you," Hayek wrote in the memo. "I look forward to taking up these and other ideas the council wishes to entertain."

The council will begin discussions on filling the position at its Feb. 1 work session. Hayek did not return a call on Thursday.

In addition to suggesting a firm instead of an internally conducted search, Hayek also suggested the use of three committees to conduct the final interviews of the manager candidates.

The first two committees would consist of the heads of the 16 citizen commissions. Former Iowa City

mayors would make up the final committee.

Councilor Mike Wright said Hayek's mayor panel was a good idea.

"Former mayors have a pretty good perspective," he said. "They know how the game works and all have worked with city managers."

Financially, the city is in a good position to fund an outside search firm, said interim City Manager Dale Helling, and he noted that the city spent roughly \$16,000 on a search firm two years ago.

The issue lies in whether the council prefers to spend the money in that manner.

"I'm leaning toward agreeing to use the firm partly because it shakes the trees a bit more, so to speak," Wright said. "Although I'm not real crazy about the expense."

The City Council paid outside a recruitment service, the PAR Group, over the course of nine months

before hiring Lombardo, whom they terminated in April 2009.

PAR Group guaranteed Lombardo's employment for at least 12 months, offering to conduct a new search nearly free of charge if he was dismissed before reaching one year of service. Lombardo received notice of his termination just weeks before reaching his one-year anniversary.

Since the dismissal of Lombardo, PAR Group filled bankruptcy, leaving the city out nearly \$16,500, according to a memo sent earlier this month by City Attorney Eleanor Dikes.

Councilors have said they were waiting until after the November elections to begin the search for a new city manager.

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costing around \$1.8 million, said Joudi and David Bender, a UI clinical assistant professor of obstetrics/gynecology. These additions make the UIHC one of more than 800 medical centers worldwide that have implemented the robots.

Robotic surgeries are commonplace at UIHC, and Joudi and Bender both have ample experience. Joudi performed 72 of the 110 robotic procedures conducted in urology in 2009.

In the obstetrics/gynecology department, 155 robotic surgeries took place in 2009 — of those, Bender conducted 93.

Reinhard Beichel, a UI assistant professor of electrical/computer engineering, believes in the benefits provided by robotic surgery.

"The nice thing is that it can translate the movement of your hand in different ways," he said.

The robot also means lower costs for the UIHC, he said.

Though the robot may be expensive to purchase, robotic surgery minimizes patient recovery time and therefore allows patients to go home sooner, Beichel said.

Jeff Cave underwent surgery to treat prostate cancer with the da Vinci on Aug. 28, 2008. He said he chose the robotic surgical method because it was the quickest treatment for his particular condition.

Cave said factors such as less blood loss and a shorter healing time also influenced his decision.

"I had the best experience and the best results you could expect," Cave said, and he would "absolutely" recommend robotic surgery to other patients.

"We have similar findings where we have significantly less blood loss, significantly less recovery time, and significantly less pain," Bender said.

The da Vinci also serves as a learning tool for medical students, he said, and several are training on the machine.

UIHC departments that use the surgical robot are looking to create a formal skills lab where they can offer full-time teaching experience in the near future, Bender said.

"We here want to continue to incorporate this like any other tool we use in

Robotic surgery

Benefits of robotic surgery:

- Greater surgical precision
- Less blood loss
- Shorter recovery time
- Not as physically stressful for surgeons

Source: David Bender, Fadi Joudi, Reinhard Beichel

our ORs," he said.

The future use of tools such as the da Vinci appears promising, the doctors agreed.

"I would venture to guess that within the next five years, residents will be asked if they have robotic experience, it has become that ubiquitous," Bender said.



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The event, which had an all-Haitian menu, charged \$10 for tickets, with \$6 of each ticket going directly to the Haiti relief fund of American Red Cross' Grant Wood Area Chapter.

Curran Johnson, an official with AmeriCorps Vista for the American Red Cross, said many people donated as much as \$20 or \$30.

"At this point, every little bit counts, and we all need to do our part," said Ean Mills, who attended the IMU lunch with

friends. "There are a lot of people suffering."

And the Haiti fundraising efforts on Thursday were campuswide. The UI College of Law hosted its own lunch as well in the Boyd Law Building.

TJ Patton, a co-president of the Student Bar Association and fundraiser planner, said it raised around \$1,430 for the American Red Cross International Response Fund. The lunch was one part of a monthlong fundraising effort by faculty, staff, and students in the law school, who have raised roughly \$3,520 since Jan. 18.

The Haitian students on

campus said they wanted to create an event that not only raised funds but also celebrated Haiti.

"The Haitian culture is just beautiful," said Natasha Altema, a graduate student whose parents were born in Haiti.

"It has great food, great music. The Haitian people, their spirits are so strong, and it permeates through every party of the culture," she said. "It's just really great to be able to witness everybody across the UI community from every background sharing in this moment."

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Paul Rumler, the executive director of the Quad Cities Passenger Rail Coalition, said the federal government's decision was disappointing but not totally surprising.

"There just wasn't enough money to go around for all the projects," he said.

Rumler noted 34 states applied for the federal grant, totaling 217 applications and \$57 billion in railway funding requests.

Though the Iowa City line didn't receive the money officials were hoping for, they still plan to pursue other options.

In 2009, Illinois legislators passed a bill that included \$550 million for high-speed and intercity passenger rail funding. To date, Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn hasn't announced the specific lines that will receive portions of the state funding. But in his Jan. 13 State of the State address, Quinn reinforced his support for the Quad City passenger rail service. Rumler said the state

chose to pursue federal funding before making any decisions on allocation.

UI junior Nick Wittig said he would certainly trade his experiences riding the bus to his hometown near Chicago for a high-speed rail line.

"A train ride would be much more convenient," he said.

Iowa Gov. Chet Culver also expressed disappointment in the federal government's decision to forgo funds for the route that would run through Iowa City, but he said he doesn't foresee the state dropping the idea.

"These are sound projects," Culver said in a statement released Thursday. "With the work we have already done, we will be competitive for future rounds of funding."

Even without the Iowa City passenger service, Culver supported the executive administration's decision to allocate \$18 million to improve the existing Iowa rail system and to research a potential Chicago-Omaha route.

Dena Gray-Fisher, an official with the Iowa Department of Transporta-

tion, said the state will make improvements to the rail system located in southern Iowa. These include cross-over installations to allow for freight and passenger trains to pass each other without forcing the other locomotive to stop. Under the current setup, passenger trains have to compete with freight trains for rail use.

Additionally, the research funds granted for the Omaha-Chicago line will allow rail officials to determine if installing a line between the two cities is financially, systematically, and environmentally feasible.

State Department of Transportation officials said they continue to remain optimistic about pursuing other funding alternatives.

"We knew expanding the Iowa rail service was going to be incremental," Gray-Fisher said. "Every step is just progress."

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Editorial

Aiding Haiti is a must for UI community and Americans alike

The devastation is widespread, the pleas for aid are gut-wrenching, and the whole world is watching. Hundreds of Haitians are dead, and bodies litter the crumbled streets.

Roughly 2,000 miles away, take note of the UI students grudgingly complaining about the blistering cold and the start of a new semester. Life goes on in the Midwest. It's palpably clear that the discrepancy between America and impoverished nations is voluminous. We all see the pictures, watch the newscasts, and read the anecdotes; but treating the earthquake in Haiti as only another, albeit severe, news story is a direct negligence of our ability — and some may say responsibility — as prosperous citizens to support the less fortunate.

Americans and, more locally, the UI community should do whatever they can to aid beleaguered Haitians. And when the journalists and cameras leave, we shouldn't concurrently forget the destruction and post-earthquake exigency.

That's not to say eastern Iowa communities, including UI students, are ignoring the Latin American nation. *The Daily Iowan* has run numerous stories of courageous and commendable efforts heeding Haiti's cries for help.

Just Thursday, the UI College of Law sponsored a fundraiser luncheon, and UI graduate Lucy Joseph spearheaded a Haitian cuisine lunch to raise money as well.

In addition, UI freshman Jared Krauss plans to spend his spring break helping Haitians recover.

"I get fed up with people moaning about what's going on ... go do something about it," Krauss told the *DI* earlier this month.

Krauss is planning a fundraising effort to attract more students to join him.

Even if local endeavors will make a minuscule mark in the grand scheme of things, those like

Krauss and Joseph represent a vital cog in the American disaster relief engine. The ravaged country's demand for the most basic of human necessities — food, water, shelter — is seemingly infinite. We urge UI community members to donate whatever they can to Haiti. It's not hard; at least text 90999 to Haiti and contribute \$10. But beyond spot donations, the earthquake has spurred support drives across the nation.

Dean of International Programs Downing Thomas said the UI will host a benefit in the Englert Theatre next month, both to raise money and promote Haitian culture. The event will personalize Haiti, he said, rather than simply asking for donations.

"We expect there will be other needs in the months to come," Thomas said.

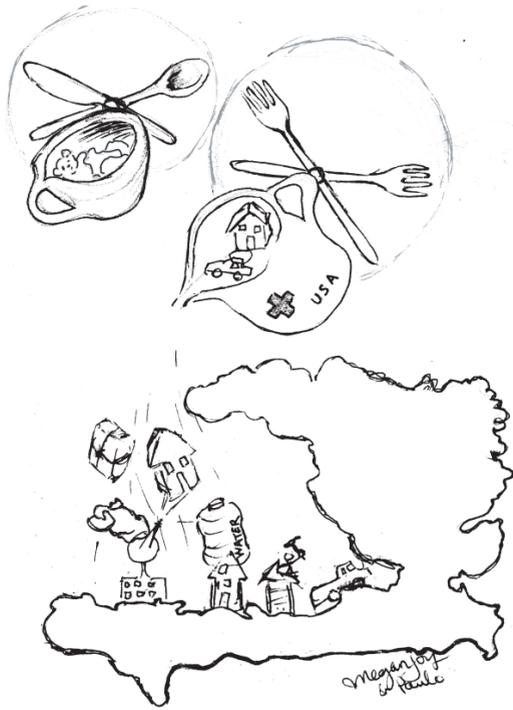
There's no panacea for the ravaged Caribbean nation. But we hope at least some UI students will consider volunteer work in Haiti. Thomas said there may be opportunities in the future for students to participate in such relief efforts.

"I'm sure there will be interest in six months from now or eight months from now," he said.

In a Pew Research Center survey released on Tuesday, 47 percent of respondents said they followed the aftermath of the Haitian earthquake more closely than any other story. Eventually, CNN and its media cohorts will ship out of Haiti, though, and news coverage of the decimated country will recede from the collective psyche of Americans.

And that's exactly when those personally unaffected by the disaster should take it upon themselves to realize that residents of Port-au-Prince cannot simply turn off the TV and make it all go away.

Your turn. What have you done to help disaster-stricken Haitians? Weigh in on dailyiowan.com.



Sex ed and the teen pregnancy culture



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"I'm pregnant."
"What? Honest to blog?"

"Yeah. Yeah, it's Bleekers."

"It's probably just a food baby. Did you have a big lunch?"

"No, this is not a food baby, all right? I've taken like three pregnancy tests, and I'm forshizz up the spout."

Everyone's favorite pregnant pubescent, Juno, apparently wasn't alone in 2007 when she adorably got all forshizzed up the spout (which was almost as trendy as her hamburger phone). According to figures released on Tuesday by the Guttmacher Institute, a nonprofit organization that conducts research on sexual and reproductive health, the rate of teenagers becoming pregnant has increased for the first time since the late 1980s.

All the world's cute hipster dialogue can't make this disturbing new data OK.

So what factors were present in 2006 that may have influenced this sudden reversal in the number of teenage pregnancies? The institute points to abstinence-only education programs during the Bush administration as the culprit in the increase.

When teen pregnancies were at a record low in the 1990s, there was increased access to contraceptives. This access to birth control mirrors what is available in California, one of the only states not only avoiding the increase in teen pregnancy but a state that was actually at an all-time low in 2006, according to the organization.

Deb Madison-Levi, the director of operations at the Iowa Initiative, an organization attempting to reduce unplanned pregnancies, said Iowa also isn't really experiencing the same increase in teen pregnancy rates, because of programs available that aim to help educate the public about sexuality. Iowa's steady rate of teen pregnancy speaks to the success of these programs, she said, such as the Iowa Initiative and EyesOpenIowa, which focuses on adolescent sexual health.

Iowa is on the right track, and with the Obama administration pushing for comprehensive sex education, these numbers will decrease ... right? I'm not so sure.

Since this data were collected, I wonder if there may be a new dynamic of this issue to consider — the influence of which is still to be seen.

Juno: This is where you and your forshizzed spout come in.

Beginning in 2007, the not-so-phenomenal phenomena of babies having babies has permeated every aspect of popular culture: In 2008, there was the "pregnancy pact" firestorm in the news, in which 18 students of one Massachusetts high school became pregnant after allegedly making a pact to do so.

Meanwhile, the pregnancies of Jamie-Lynn Spears and Bristol Palin created two pretty and rich faces of teen fertility. Popular TV shows such as "16 and Pregnant," "Teen Mom," and the recent TV movie *The Pregnancy Pact* are keeping young parents in the spotlight.

So what effect are these media portrayals of teen pregnancy creating? I think it depends. "Teen Mom," the follow-up MTV series to the too-light "16 and Pregnant," follows teenage mothers who decided to raise their children. If anything, the program serves as a cautionary tale.

Between flaky baby-daddies, no baby-daddies, poor family relations, and the mirage of education slowly disappearing, it's clear that becoming knocked up young is no fairy tale — a fact that cutesy faux-photo album doodles before commercials can't change.

Rhonda Chittenden, the executive director of EyesOpenIowa, said she is unsure of the effect these numerous portrayals of teen mothers in the media will have, but she stressed the importance of good adult figures to help make sense of these depictions.

"The impact depends so much on that community's attitude toward young people and young people's healthy sexuality," she said. "I think it is so important that young people have trusted adults to talk about these media portrayals. It helps them to sort through the glamour, sensationalism, and sometimes even the shaming of these types of portrayals of teen pregnancy."

A portrayal of teen pregnancy herself, Bristol Palin, has recently reached out to young women to offer her post-pregnancy wisdom — for better or worse. As reported in interviews in *People* and on Oprah this month, she's preaching abstinence again. Well, if an abstinence-only approach didn't work the first time, then it's bound to be effective the second time, right?

Let's just hope our nation's youth know better. Or, more accurately, let's hope they're taught better. ■

Letters

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Goodner's report biased, misrepresenting

Before going to Israel last month, David Goodner ("Goodner: Protective accompaniment in occupied Palestine," Jan. 20) wrote, "If Jesus is to be found in the modern-day Holy Land, he will be found among the Palestinians." If you don't know who is oppressing Jesus Christ, Goodner tells you. Israel is continuing the "biblical slaughter of the Holy Innocents" and "crucifying" the Palestinians and their supporters.

Perhaps when one expects to see Jesus' oppressor, it is easy to "personally witness" endless cruel acts perpetrated by the evil-doer. Goodner routinely uses the passive voice in his rhetoric, leaving Israel as the universal perpetrator. He provides few facts with which to verify allegations.

For example, Goodner claims to have witnessed or documented, "the burning of the Yasuf mosque to the ground." He never says who did this, but implies it was Israel, his villain.

Oddly, the mosque is not located in or around any of the cities where Goodner claims to have "witnessed" events. It is near Salfit, a town Goodner never mentions.

More likely, he glanced at a news report. Yona Metzger, the Ashkenazi chief rabbi of Israel, invoked the memory of the Holocaust in damning the arsonist. "The mosque attack has been condemned across the political spectrum in Israel," one report said. Indeed, a group of rabbis even attempted to deliver new Korans to the town.

Goodner refers to a "nonviolent popular resistance," but pictures on his blog show many Fatah flags. He was trained by an organization that met with suicide bombers before an attack on Tel Aviv and gave shelter to a leader of Islamic Jihad, according to the Anti-Defamation League. Goodner noted on his blog, "I'm not in the Holy Land on a fact-finding mission. Nor do I intend for this blog to demonstrate even a pretense of impartiality or objectivity." Well said.

James Eaves-Johnson
UI graduate

Right-wing spewing should be exposed

Watching news on Fox or CNN should be considered propaganda from a doublespeak, half-truth, Republican (owner of the networks) Party. Considering the Bush memory loss regarding his performance, policies, and alienation of the United States from the rest of the world, how can the public be so apprehensive of progress?

Eight years of the Bush regime did so much damage. The self-serving right wing is perverting the information on everything it seems. They apparently don't care about most of America. The economic debacle that made the rich richer and artificially pumped the banking world hit its peak, as planned, with the exit of Bush.

President Obama has the biggest cleanup of all time, yet the Bush backers do what they are doing to deceive and manipulate. This is rampant from so many of the wealthiest owners of not just the media, but banking, pharmaceutical, and insurance.

From the top to the bottom, watch, listen, and rein in the talking heads and the spew that represents the party behind the curtain. Support progress, humanity, and hope.

Go Obama.

W.R. Ginkens
Solon resident

Supreme Court ruling outrageous

The recent Supreme Court decision to consider corporations people and to allow them additional access to political power is so cynically corrupt, it is almost unbelievable. It amounts to inviting Big Business to buy politicians, and it completely disenfranchises the individual citizen.

We need not only to reverse this damaging and embarrassing endorsement of robber barons but also to take punitive action against the corrupt judges who so twisted both U.S. law and common sense in this judgment.

Cole Swensen
Iowa City resident

MUSIC SERIES

Maia to perform Haydn, Ravel

A UI quartet will bring its classical act to a local church.

By HANNA ROSMAN
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For violinist Elizabeth Oakes, music and religion have always been connected.

The Maia Quartet will perform at the Congregational United Church of Christ, 30 N. Clinton St., as part of the Sundays at Four series, at 4 p.m. Jan. 31. The group will perform the *Quartet in B minor, Op. 33, No. 1*, by Joseph Haydn, and *String Quartet in F major*, by Maurice Ravel.

The ensemble was created by a group of orchestral students at the Cleveland Institute of Music in 1990. As a UI resident quartet, the group rehearses three hours a day during the week. Oakes, one of the ensemble's founding members, works as a full-time musician for the quartet. On top of rehearsals, the 42-year-old practices between one and three hours a day along with teaching music and preparing for concerts.

She began her study of music at the age of 11 in her sixth-grade orchestra, which she joined to be with a friend.

"I chose [the violin] so I didn't have to compete with her but to be in the same class," Oakes said.

Her love of music evolved over time with experiences in school, especially All-State competition in high school. For some, the strict statewide auditions conducted by All-State can seem daunting, but not for her.

"I was not very nervous," Oakes said. "I had really good teachers."

After high school, she attended Oberlin College majoring in English and music. Half way through, she realized she wanted to be a professional musician.

Hannah Holman, the cellist for the Maia Quartet, holds a similar passion for music. For Holman, chamber music is at the heart of becoming a musician. Her musical career began when she was 5. Playing cello is a family tradition passed down to Holman by her grandmother, who served as her first teacher.

NATION

Obama pleads for civility, cooperation in politics

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) - Trying to bury a year of polarization, President Barack Obama on Thursday escalated his appeal for politicians and voters alike to settle differences without tearing each other apart. His plea: "Let's start thinking of each other as Americans first."

Obama made sure to weave that message throughout his stop in Florida, one otherwise intended to promote his economic agenda by announcing \$8 billion in high-speed rail awards.

Coming one day after his State of the Union address, and one day before meeting with House Republican leaders with whom he continues to battle, Obama's emphasis on civility was a nod to political reality. He needs Republicans more than ever to get his agenda passed, and he is getting saddled with more public blame for the partisanship he promised to change.

"Nothing that human beings do will be perfect," Obama, accompanied by Vice President Joe Biden, said as he capped a town hall at the University of Tampa, where he was received with boisterous support.



ROB JOHNSON/THE DAILY IOWAN

Zoran Jakovcic (violin) and Hannah Holman (cello) practice in the University Capitol Centre on Thursday. Jakovcic and Holman are members of the Maia Quartet, which will perform in the Congregational United Church of Christ at 4 p.m. Jan. 31.

"We had to have a big car," Holman said.

Working in an ensemble, she gets to know musicians a lot better as well as get a closer look at what kinds of music composers are creating.

"It's different, like a marriage [because we] work together a lot," she said. "An ensemble is like a smaller scale orchestra."

As a result of the flood, the quartet has the opportunity to play in many venues ranging in size and type. Holman said playing in a religious venue, such as the Congregational Church, can provide spiritual connections and acoustic perfection.

"It is not so much about the religious part but

CONCERT

"Sundays at Four" featuring the Maia Quartet

When: 4 p.m. Jan. 31
Where: Congregational United Church of Christ, 30 N. Clinton
Admission: Free

spiritual," Holman said. "Playing in a venue like this will be great."

The Maia Quartet is a UI resident quartet, which allows the musicians to lend to the rich tradition of the arts in Iowa City.

"It is very necessary for an ensemble to have a home," Oakes said. "I feel like I can contribute to the community."

The war on pizza

In Defence thrives on audience interaction and a war on pizza.

By REBECCA KOONS
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It's not every day that a band creates its own social movement against a popular food.

Minneapolis-based hard-core punk/thrash band In Defence has initiated what is known as the Taco Liberation Front. After police shut down a basement concert for being too loud, the band transferred the concert to a local Taco John's. After a fan-filmed YouTube video of the event went online, the band responded with a song titled "All Hail the Taco Avenger" and invented a war against pizza and pizzerias everywhere, claiming tacos as the heroic underdog.

Whether this movement is serious is up for debate, even among the band's members. But as vocalist Ben Crew said, it gets plenty of attention.

"We've tried singing out against sexism, homophobia, and racism, and nobody bats an eye," he said. "But you sing out against pizza, and everyone is up in arms."

In Defence will bring its fast-food crusade, along with a bevy of original punk tunes, to the Picador, 330 E. Washington, at 9 p.m. today.

The band has been performing for nearly four years, and what started as an effort to resurrect songs written by Crew in the late 1980s has gained attention on an international level. Since its inception, In Defence has toured the United States, as well as 13 countries in Europe. In Defence has also released two full-length LPs and seven different 7-inch EPs in that time.

Bands such as Black Flag and Anthrax laid the inspiration for the music of In Defence. Parody and sarcasm also play a big role in the



PUBLICITY PHOTO

Hard-core punk/thrash band In Defence plays today at 9 p.m. at the Picador, 330 E. Washington St. The band is known for its war against pizza.

band's songwriting. Crew, who grew up under great economic and family stress, said he is able to take that frustration out in the music through the band's sense of humor.

"I learned from growing up humor is a very powerful weapon when dealing with tough life situations," he said. "Sometimes, you can make a statement using humor that rings out louder and sharper than if you use anger and strong words."

Through this anguish comes a great energy, which is evident in the band's live performances. Guitarist Tom Burt said this, and the fun the band has with its music, is what sets it apart from its musical peers. Because he recalls having such a good time going to shows himself, he and the other members of In Defence are set in making the experience as enjoyable as possible for longtime fans and newcomers alike.

"A lot of hard-core bands try to be the toughest thing around ... but we aren't into that," Burt said. "We want everyone to go up-front. Punk and hard-core should be accessible to everyone."

Audience interaction is a key element to the In Defence concert experience. A band so dedicated to offering up an active, engaging presentation is bound to have the favor returned by those in attendance.

For the In Defence members, it is the core of what they do, and making the crowd a part of what's going on more than makes up for any lack of production.

"If you want to 'watch' a performance, go see Mötley Crüe," Crew said. "If you want to get involved, come see us."



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Spotlight Iowa City

An open, very humanitarian heart

Meghan Hammen is compassion personified.

By REBECCA KOONS
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From responding to flood- and tornado-relief efforts to making a sick child's day just a bit brighter, Meghan Hammen seemingly never ceases to help someone in need.

For several years, the UI alumna, 22, has had the mindset of a philanthropist, and it reflects positively not only on her but also on the numerous people who have been the recipients of her good deeds.

Hammen's passion for helping others began when she was in eighth grade. Initially aspiring to become a veterinarian, she quickly changed directions when her best friend's brother died from a rare form of cancer. This, she said, had a huge effect on her decision to go into health care. She came to the UI to pursue that goal, majoring in nursing and getting a minor in therapeutic recreation.

"I really enjoy working with hospitalized patients, through child life and nursing, promoting their recovery and seeing the impact you can have on their lives is incredible," she said.

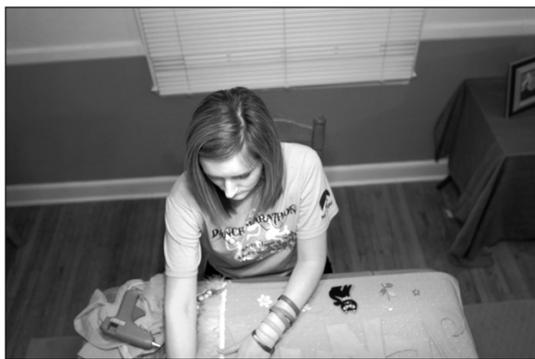
Most recently, she received the Iowa Character Award for being a "citizen of character" in October 2009. The "Character Counts! In Iowa" organization prides itself on the betterment of life in Iowa by "promoting civility through character development," according to its website. Upon hearing she won, Hammen was understandably excited.

"I didn't know much about it when Sue Licher ... nominated me," she said. "I later learned what I was being evaluated on and how prestigious the award truly is. I feel very honored that Sue, and the judges reviewing nominees, found my simple acts of kindness to be deserving of such an award."

Licher, a family friend and former assistant to the dean at the College of Nursing, has known Hammen for more than eight years, and she was able to go into great detail, explaining just how much Hammen deserved the award. The process of nominating Hammen began when she heard a commercial for the award on the radio, which made her instantly think of the Washington, Iowa, native.

Hammen's father, Duane Hammen, was also previously unaware of the award, and he said he is proud of all his daughter has accomplished through her "strong work ethic." Her enthusiasm for good deeds has rubbed off on her father, causing him to increase his own financial and time commitments to charity and volunteering.

Meghan Hammen's young adulthood is packed with all of her charitable works. She has been a participant in Dance Marathon



LAURA WILLIS/THE DAILY IOWAN

Meghan Hammen creates a pillow case for Dance Marathon in her Iowa City home on Wednesday. The Washington, Iowa, native has been a part of Dance Marathon for five years; she is a morale captain this year.

since her high-school days, and last year, she was the hospital chairwoman for the event. This gave her the opportunity to be a full-time volunteer at UI Hospitals and Clinics, visiting the Pediatric Inpatient Unit regularly. Event planning and gift giving were all part of her efforts to bring joy to children under such unfortunate circumstances.

Other activities include

her participation at the Children's Miracle Network Telethon and Relay for Life for several years. The list goes on to include involvement with organizations such as YMCA, 4-H, Habitat for Humanity, the Ronald McDonald House, and many more. Hammen was also volunteered in Parkersburg tornado relief efforts and sandbagged during the 2008 flood in

Meghan Hammen

- **Age:** 22
- **Hometown:** Washington, Iowa
- **Favorite movie:** *Dumb & Dumber*
- **Favorite musical artist:** John Mayer
- **Interesting skills:** Can touch her tongue to her nose; double-jointed in her hands, elbows, and knees.

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Iowa City.

"From one situation to the next and one activity to the next during every day, Meghan is caring for others and giving of herself," Licher said. "She not only cares about others, she acts on it."

Beyond the shadows on the sitcom wall

Fans use philosophy to write a homage to a TV cult classic.

By JOSEPH BELK
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While fans of the cult TV sitcom "Arrested Development" were hoping for a spin-off movie, UI graduate student Kris Phillips had his mind on another adaptation: a philosophy book.

Phillips — who said he has watched the show's episodes "millions of times" — frequently shows clips from the show to his Introduction to Philosophy course and relates themes from the show to philosophical principles.

For some time, he has discussed the notion of a philosophy book about the show with his colleagues in the UI philosophy department.

"There needs to be an 'Arrested Development' and Philosophy," Phillips said he told others.

The pop culture and philosophy genre applies branches of philosophy to popular movies, television shows, and other forms of media. Bill Irwin, a professor of philosophy at Kings College, created the genre.

Phillips tried to sell Irwin on the idea of an 'Arrested Development' and Philosophy book for months, he said.

But with the show off the air for some time, Irwin was concerned about how well the book would sell.

Irwin finally agreed to oversee the project when the movie adaptation was officially announced in 2009. The book is completed and is expected to coincide with the movie's release, which cast mem-

bers have said will likely begin filming this year.

Phillips signed on to the book as a co-editor and wrote one chapter along with the book's introduction.

The book raises philosophical questions about issues that make up much of the show's humor, such as social status and business ethics.

Another popular aspect of the show discussed in the book is the interactions among the family members — most of whom are adults — including sibling rivalries, the youngest son's attachment to his mother, and the teen-age grandchildren's awkward sexual curiosity.

Phillips' chapter deals with the theme of personal identity in the show, specifically "how we continue to be the same person over time."

An example he uses is the character, Ann, the conservative girlfriend of George-Michael.

"There's virtually nothing interesting about her," Phillips said. "And that's kind of what makes it fun."

However, the pop culture and philosophy genre does have its detractors.

The other co-editor of 'Arrested Development' and Philosophy, J. Jeremy Wisniewski, said he recognizes a divide in sentiment toward the genre.

"Some philosophers think you can't write philosophy about anything popular," he said. "[But] Plato wrote popular culture."

Wisniewski, a professor of

the money and used it to keep mistress Rielle Hunter happy, hiding her from the media and a cancer-stricken Elizabeth Edwards.

Young claims the former vice-presidential nominee later said he didn't know anything about the cash even though the two discussed the matter and the cash began arriving soon after Edwards made a call to Mellon.

The Politician is due in bookstores Saturday. An advance copy was given to The Associated Press by publisher St. Martin's Press.

The book has received a lot of attention because of its racy details about the affair, the crumbling Edwards marriage and the candidate's efforts to keep the paternity of his child with the mistress hidden.

Pop-culture philosophy

Other works in pop culture and philosophy genre include:

- *The Beatles and Philosophy*
- *Twilight and Philosophy*
- *The Simpsons and Philosophy*
- *Facebook and Philosophy*

Source: Amazon

philosophy at Hartwick College, said that the genre can introduce more people to philosophy and eventually to the more classical texts.

"The point of the books is to show people how fun and accessible philosophy can be," he said.

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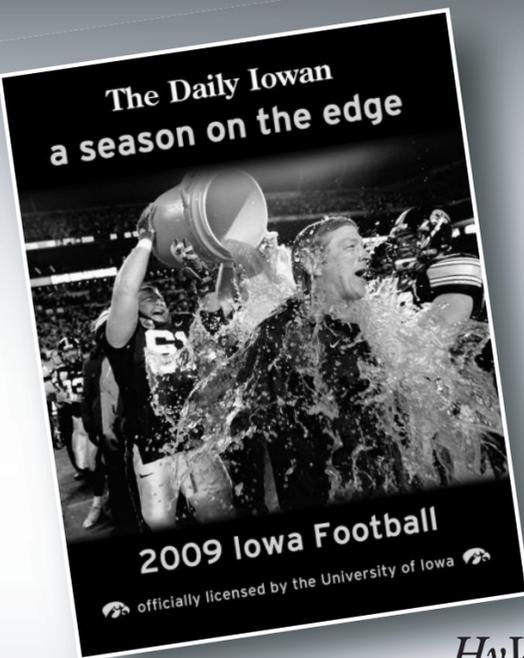
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NATION

Edwards aide's book details trail of hush money

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Dealing with a pregnant mistress and a suspicious wife, John Edwards and a close aide agreed by the middle of 2007 to solicit funds from a wealthy widow who had promised to "do whatever it takes" to make him president, according to the former confidant's new book.

Bunny Mellon, the widow of banking heir Paul Mellon, began sending checks "for many hundreds of thousands of dollars" hidden in boxes of chocolates, according to *The Politician* by former Edwards aide Andrew Young. The tell-all account describes how Young took

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- Lenny Bruce

Daily Break

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Haiku Friday

I am very smart.
My IQ is 91.
That's an A-minus!

Dad tried to ground me
when I was almost 20
and, sadly, it worked.

“What’s in my future?”
she asked the augur meekly.
He yawned, “Who’s to say?”

The surgeons made plans
to play tennis together
while amputating.

Life is like haiku:
it bulges in the middle.
Too short, too long, too —

Some find peace through prayer.
Tensions eased. Sins forgotten.
(Same reasons I drink.)

Titus Platus said,
“Gods play games with men as balls.”
Men: Nothing but balls.

The convention says:
“Take life one day at a time.”
There’s another way?

I thought I loved her.
But isn’t true love, I’m told
... if fam’ly approves.

I hate the pedants.
They always be correctin’
my spelling, grammer.

Telling the whole truth.
Packing bags in a hurry.
Two hand-in-hand skills.

- Andrew R. Juhl;
you should write him a haiku;
he did it for you.

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‘REAL COLLEGE ATMOSPHERE’



LAURA WILLIS/THE DAILY IOWAN

UI student Erica Miller (left) gives Chicago native Catherine Dorant a tour of the UI campus on Thursday. Dorant, a hopeful biology major, likes the campus because “it is a big school that has a real college atmosphere.”

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horoscopes Friday, January 29, 2010

- by Eugenia Last

ARIES March 21-April 19 Nothing will be simple. The faster you adjust to the way things are, the better the outcome. A good attitude and less frantic behavior will help considerably.

TAURUS April 20-May 20 Be sure to make your own decisions. You’ll be troubled by the problems an older relative is experiencing. It won’t be easy, but it will give you greater understanding. Don’t fight the inevitable.

GEMINI May 21-June 20 The more time you take to make a decision, the harder it will be for you to recoup any loss you’ve incurred. Money matters can be resolved if you collect or pay an old debt. Get busy before it’s too late.

CANCER June 21-July 22 Get into something that really interests you, and it will lead to a richer and more rewarding lifestyle. Learning something new or starting a new project will put you one step closer to your goals. Travel will bring you knowledge and life experience.

LEO July 23-Aug. 22 A situation that develops will make it difficult for you to deal with partners, bosses, or any authoritative figure. Don’t let your emotional feelings confuse you. Focus on moneymaking deals or making upgrades.

VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Everyone will come to you for solutions. You will be put on the spot and must be ready to cover your back. Someone is probably trying to put the spotlight on you as a diversion. Take care of other people’s problems quickly, and launch your plans.

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22 The clearer you are about what you want, the easier it will be, so don’t beat around the bush. Someone you are close to will play devil’s advocate and question what you are trying to accomplish. Let this guide you, so you don’t make mistakes.

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Touch base with someone from your past who can shed light on a situation you face in your personal life. Experience in such matters will help to clear up questions, allowing you the mental freedom you need to move forward.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Don’t fight a losing battle. Stick to your original plans, and you will reach your goal. Money deals can be made, but they must be within your budget. Don’t leave anything to chance or you will take a loss.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Patience and tolerance may not be enough when it comes to dealing with personal matters and partnerships. Have everything looked at by a mediator/lawyer before you decide to deal with someone who isn’t rational.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Expect someone to make a change that will throw you off-course. Showing your versatility and ability to stick to a schedule will impress someone who can improve your future. Dealing with authority figures or partners will be difficult. Stick to the truth.

PISCES Feb. 19-March 20 You are capable of doing anything you put your mind to, and if you do, you will raise your profile and gain the respect you long for. Don’t focus on the people who let you down. A couple of positive actions will bring you a big return.

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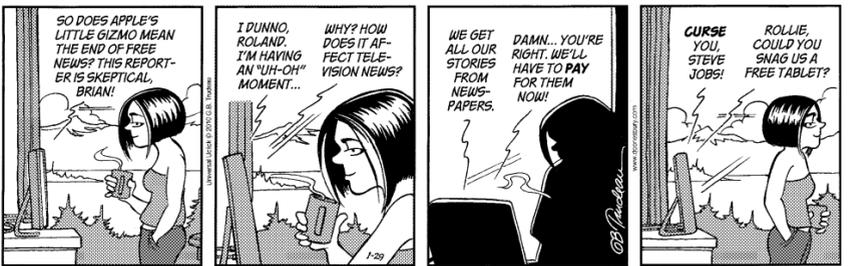
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- **Kol Shira**, 6 p.m., Dawn’s Hide and Bead Away, 220 E. Washington
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- **Friends of International Students Winter Game Night**, 7 p.m., Office of International Students and Scholars, 1111 University Capitol Centre
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- **“Live from Prairie Lights,” Wapsipinicon Almanac**, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
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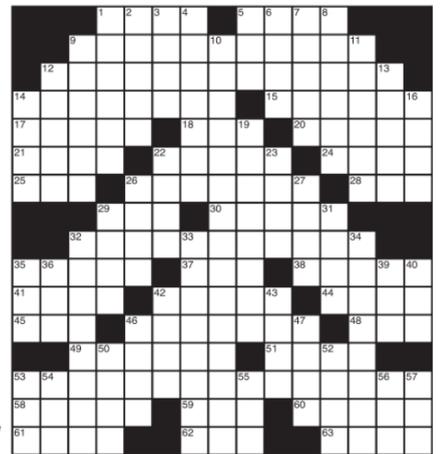
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- **Heatbox and Dr. Z’s Experiment**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club
- **In Defence, with Expire and Former Thieves**, 9 p.m., Picador
- **Mitchell Moylan & the Cedars of Lebanon, Slip Silo, Koplant No.**, 9 p.m., Blue Moose
- **New Duncan Imperials, with Mannix! and the Sound Thoughts**, 9 p.m., Mill
- **Women in Trouble**, 9 p.m., Bijou
- **Big D’s Karaoke Jamz**, 10 p.m., Saloon, 112 E. College
- **Campus Activities Board Movie, Law Abiding Citizen**, 10 p.m., 348 IMU
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The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 1225

- Across**
- Sony computer brand
 - River of Germany
 - One who worked in a “dismal little cell”
 - A-list wannabe
 - Georgia border river
 - Order in the court
 - Blanch
 - “Piece” org.
 - Italy’s first capital
 - Canine warnings
 - Taking too much, briefly
 - With 35-Down, brother of Master Peter
 - Stocking stuffer
 - With 32-Across, one subjected to “incessant torture of remorse”
 - Org. with inspectors
 - Cause for weaving, for short
 - Prepare to drive
 - See 26-Across
 - Something to do twice?
 - It may be rolled
 - “Ho, ho, ho,” e.g.
 - Burial place of Macbeth
 - Apportioned, as medicine
 - Noted Bauhaus teacher
 - “Little Women” woman
 - Quick-change artists?
 - 25-Across maker
 - Repeated part of “Deck the Halls”
 - Agrarian concern
 - One who saw his name upon the stone of a neglected grave
 - Michael who wrote “Charmed Lives”
 - It’s gross
 - Tannenbaum topper
 - Gradual
 - On the ___
 - Tupolev Tu-144s, e.g.
- Down**
- Sung parts, as of carols
 - Trapped, after “in”
 - Optimistic assertion
 - “As You Like It” hero
 - Mo. town
 - Kind of rock
 - Erligun who co-founded Atlantic Records
 - Club steak, e.g.
 - Emma of fiction
 - 1843 work in five “staves”
 - “Super!”
 - Pelvic prefix
 - Spanish royal
 - U.S.A.F. E-5
 - “And Winter Came ...” artist
 - Termite tormentor
 - 1970 hit by Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young
 - Suffix with party
 - It’s gross
 - Like Santa’s bag on Christmas Eve
 - Perino, George W. Bush’s last White House press secretary

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- Puzzle by Paula Gamahe
- Prime
 - Sleigh bells and such
 - Pirates
 - Iconic flamers
 - See 24-Across
 - Groundbreaking invention?
 - Foam alternative
 - Hutch’s head, briefly
 - Junot ____, 2008 Pulitzer winner for “The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao”
 - One with an ancestor: Abbr.
 - S O S, e.g.
 - Sported
 - “The ___ Williams Christmas Album”
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INTRAMURALS

Let the hoops begin

Student hoopsters are ready for the intramural basketball men's league to start.

By **MATT COZZI**
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Cold weather can't stop UI students from heating up the Field House hardwood.

One of the most popular intramural sports, basketball in the men's league also serves as one of the most competitive recreational activities on campus.

Tipping off on Jan. 31, hoopsters will showcase their talents on the court, and intramural sports graduate assistant Dan Payne said he expects another big turnout this year.

"A lot of teams signed up," he said. "Last year, we had 191 teams. We'll maybe have a little more this year."

The Men's Open League, which fields the most squads, is usually the most competitive division, Payne added.

The division also boasts last year's All-University title winner, MGR Express, which returns this semester. The MGR Express is made up of Iowa men's basketball managers and video coordinators.

UI senior Dan Cincinnati, who is in his fourth year as both a basketball manager and intramural captain for the MGR Express, said his team is looking to repeat.

"We always made it to the Final Four, and last year was our first year winning," he said. "We're always around basketball, so we definitely hope to win."

Something that has been evident in intramural basketball, especially



Laura Willis/The Daily Iowan

UI senior Michael Boehm dribbles the ball down the court during the 3-on-3 basketball tournament in the Field House on Dec. 3, 2009.

the last two seasons, is overall parity in the league, Payne said.

"For the most part, there are about 10 or so teams that are at the top," he said. "Twenty or 30 that are just in it for the fun of the game, and the rest are pretty much even."

That quality was present in both the Fraternity and Residence Hall leagues, as well. Phi Psi, which entered two squads, and JG's Apostles, were last year's champions in their respective categories.

While only three out of almost 200 teams that entered are crowned winners in the end, UI students are eager to play regardless of outcome.

Sophomore Jeff Simak, whose Droppin' Dimes team was runner-up in the Residence Hall league last year, said he is ready to get the season started. Droppin' Dimes will compete among other Residence Hall squads again this winter.

"We've got some new players on our team," said Simak, who serves as the Dimes' team captain. "I'm excited to see what we can do."

Unlike a conventional pickup game, contests are timed with two 14-minute halves, and officials call fouls among other rules. There is a headband policy, too, for those thinking about mocking Detroit Pistons' Ben Wallace. Headbands are allowed.

But while sophomore Ryan Nolte of Droppin' Dimes may not be sporting any sweat prevention this year, he prefers the official style of play that comes with participating in intramural sports.

"I think it means a little bit more," said Nolte, who will be playing intramural basketball for the second straight year. "It brings a little more intensity and more meaning to the game." Intensity is practically guaranteed with many teams out to win it all. Yet some are in it for the love of the game.

"I'm hoping we just go out there and have some fun," Simak said. "We'll let the wins come."

Piercy leads at Torrey Pines

By **DOUG FERGUSON**
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Scott Piercy had the best score Thursday at Torrey Pines because he made nine birdies. Robert Allenby might have had the best round because he made no bogeys.

Adding to the complexity at the Farmers Insurance Open was Phil Mickelson. He was so excited to get his season started that he played with caution, yet one of his best birdies came after he hit his tee shot into the parking lot.

A glorious day along the Pacific coast ended under a clear sky, even if nothing about the leaderboard will clear up until the weekend. The tournament is played on two courses that couldn't be more different — the North Course is 712 yards shorter than the South Course, which hosted a U.S. Open two years ago.

Piercy played the North and watched his scores go south in a round of 8-under 64. He made seven birdies on the front nine and even entertained thoughts of a 59 until a bogey on his 11th hole. He was not the least bit devastated.

"I shoot 59 every day," Piercy said. "I just have to keep on going, usually."

He had a one-shot lead over Ben Crane, Chris Tidland, Ryuji Imada, and Matt Every, with Tom Pernice Jr. another shot back after a 66. They all played the North Course, and they will have to tackle the big South today.

That's what made Allenby's round so impressive.

One of the hottest players in golf, Allenby made a couple of big par saves late in his day to protect a bogey-free round of 67, making him the only player among the top 15 after the opening round to play on the South.

He felt as though he were leading the

tournament, even if he was tied for seventh.

"I gauge myself off this golf course," Allenby said. "This is a real golf course. If it wasn't, they wouldn't have had a U.S. Open here. I don't want to say the other course is Mickey Mouse because that would be rude. But it's Mickey Mouse-ish."

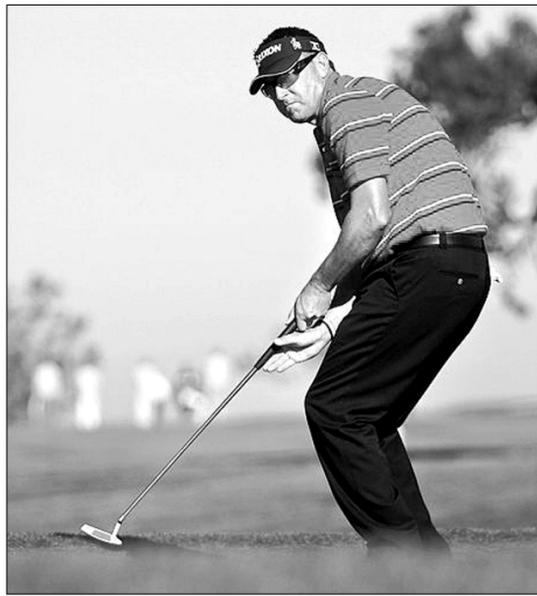
Ryan Palmer, who beat Allenby on the final hole in Honolulu two weeks ago, played in the group behind him and would have joined him with the low score on the South if not for a bogey on the 17th. Even so, Palmer was thrilled with his start, and couldn't help but notice the "NC" — North Course — listed next to all the names on the electronic leaderboard.

"There are definitely a lot of North Course scores," he said. "I'm fortunate to play well on this golf course. I'm happy to get out of there with a round under par."

Palmer was particularly thrilled with a par on the eighth hole, a par 3 with a shallow green. He was between clubs, so he measured two club-lengths on the tee box with his driver to move back and hit a 6-iron. Didn't matter. He still flew the green and was on the back slope of a bunker, trying to get close to a back pin. He bunted the shot into the rough and watched it barely climb onto the green, then made the par putt from 20 feet and felt as good as any of his birdies.

He played in front of the largest gallery, mainly because of the company he kept — Mickelson, the No. 2 player in the world who is getting plenty of attention this year as someone who could give golf a boost during the indefinite break of Tiger Woods.

They had the biggest crowd, even if it never topped more than around 750 people. The cheers for the occasional birdie were



Lenny Ignelzi/Associated Press

Robert Allenby reacts to just missing a birdie putt on the fifth hole of the South Course during the opening round of the Farmers Insurance Open golf tournament at Torrey Pines on Thursday in San Diego. Allenby shot 67.

not enough to offset the military jets zooming out to the sea from nearby Miramar.

Mickelson played a steady hand in his round of 70.

"I was a little more cautious today because I didn't want to make too many big mistakes," Mickelson said. "I want to work my way into the tournament. [Jack] Nicklaus used to talk about that in majors, that he wanted to try to progress as the week went along, and I didn't want to try to come out and win the tournament on Thursday, because it's just not possible."

"I'm hoping I play better tomorrow and shoot a low score on the North, good enough to get myself in contention for the weekend."

Mickelson had a pair of bogeys from the fairway bunkers, and a three-putt bogey on the 10th. What helped was his exceptional play on the par 5s. He reached three of them with his second shot to set

up two-putt birdies.

The other came on the 614-yard ninth.

Mickelson watched his drive sail way to the left, over a green-mesh fence along the fairway. He hit a provisional tee shot, then had a rules official meet him at the fence. Sure enough, his ball landed in a makeshift parking lot outside the Scripps medical clinic. Because the parking lot is considered a temporary immovable obstruction, he was given a free drop, and ultimately made a 12-foot birdie putt.

He sure wasn't thinking birdie as his tee shot cleared the fence.

"Probably unlikely, I would say," Mickelson said, grinning. "I've been over there before, and I had a pretty good idea that the parking lot was a temporary immovable obstruction. So I was able to get relief."

More relief should come today on the North Course, which played more than 2 1/2 shots easier.

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AquaHawks set sights on Shamrock

Men's swimming and diving hope the Shamrock Invitational will propel it toward Big Ten title.

By **PATRICK RAFFERTY**
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Nearing the end of the regular season, the Iowa men's swimming and diving team can feel the urgency.

The Hawkeyes (6-1) have dropped only one dual meet on the season, showing consistency and improvement as the season has progressed.

With nearly a month until the Big Ten championships, Iowa will depart for South Bend, Ind., to take on Notre Dame, Missouri, and Denver in the Shamrock Invitational this weekend.

"We're working hard, still preparing for Big Tens," Iowa assistant coach Fran-nie Malone said. "We're not going to let up too much, but we're trying to get [the team] mentally prepared for a big challenge."

The Shamrock Invitational is a championship-style meet similar to the Big Ten meet. With the Hawkeyes competing against three other squads, they have a chance to pick up three dual meet wins

with a first-place finish. Sophomore Paul Gordon said Iowa is looking to keep its pace on the season.

"Were hungry to beat some teams from other conferences, represent the Big Ten," the sophomore said. "The teams we're up against have some talented swimmers and divers, and it's going to be a tough meet. ... Chances are the most motivated team will win. That's what we're going to bring into the meet, so we can take care of it."

With the conference title hunt beginning on Feb. 24, team members said they plan to treat the weekend meet as though it were a practice. After swimming the Hawkeye Invitational and U.S. Nationals earlier in the season, Iowa is familiar with this style of competition.

"This is going to be a more of a training-style preparation more than anything," Gordon said. "If we know that we can step up and swim — seven, eight events a day — then we know we'll

Shamrock Invitational

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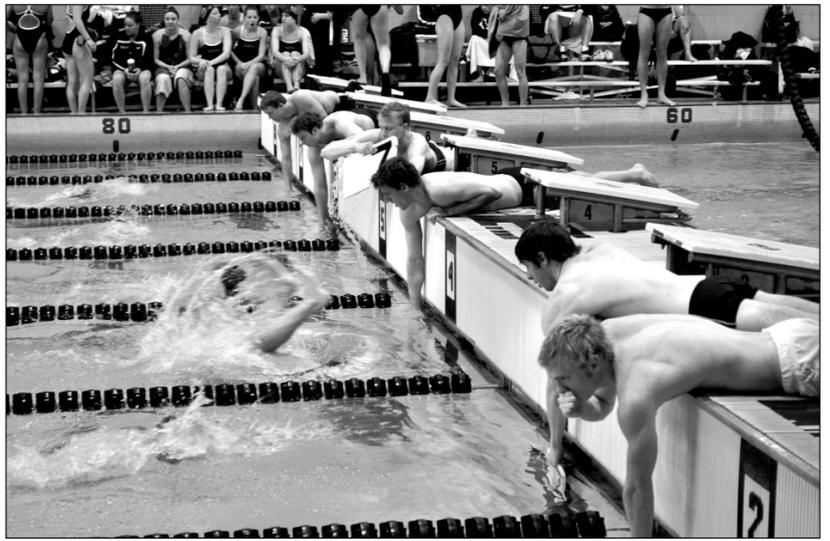
be just fine at Big Tens."

Iowa is no stranger to Missouri, though. The Hawkeyes upset the then-ranked No. 24 Tigers last season, 166-134.

But that victory can't be factored into estimating Missouri's caliber this year, Gordon said.

"This time of the season, it's always hard to gauge opponents on previous wins and losses," he said. "There might be injuries, or swimmers may have made a completely different turnaround. Swimming has such a long season that an opponent could be more difficult earlier in the season."

Sophomore Duncan Partridge said he feels the season coming to a close, but Iowa isn't lacking in focus. Instead, the Hawkeyes



ROB JOHNSON/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa swimmers count laps for their teammates during the 1,000 men's freestyle on Oct. 24, 2009, against Missouri State in the Field House. The Hawkeye men will head to South Bend, Ind., this weekend for the Shamrock Invitational.

sense a perfect opportunity to solidify their racing skills.

"It's going to be real intense," Partridge said. "It's kind of condensing Big Tens into one and a half days. Most people are going to swim four events a days. It's really going to get us in the racing style mood. Just

gritty racing all weekend."

Partridge and the Hawkeyes hope to use the eagerness they have gained throughout the season to win the Shamrock Invitational and propel them into the Big Ten championships.

"Our program is on the up rise, and it has been,"

Partridge said. "Every time we beat a tough team — like Northwestern or Wisconsin — earlier in the year, it makes us feel more confident. But really, it just makes us hungry for more. We just want to go and beat as many teams as we can and prove ourselves."

Injured GymHawks eye return

Three gymnasts hope to return to competition for Iowa against Illinois.

By **ROBBIE LEHMAN**
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Good news hit the Iowa women's gymnastics team this week.

Three previously injured all-arounders seem to be ready to make a return to competition on Saturday, when the Hawkeyes will host No. 25 Illinois at 7 p.m. in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

But the injuries have left head coach Larissa Libby annoyed.

"I don't think we'll ever be at full strength this season," she said. "It's just not in the cards for us, and it's frustrating."

Sophomore Annie Szatkowski (foot), as well as juniors Arielle Sucich (neck/back) and Houry Gebeshian (ankle) will attempt to overcome nagging injuries in an effort to help their teammates on the competition floor this weekend.

Although the three are normally all-arounders, none sees herself participating in all four events for the Hawkeyes.

In particular, Iowa has struggled on vault in the past three meets. The returning trio of GymHawks all start with 10.0 vault scores; when they can't participate in a meet, Libby is forced to replace them with less-than-10.0 vaulters.

Already down by tenths of a point at the beginning of competition, Libby said the absence of Szatkowski, Sucich, and Gebeshian "absolutely kills us."

Szatkowski said dealing with injuries is a struggle for the team — especially for the three.

"It's a little bit scary, but it's good that we're pretty deep," Szatkowski



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Sophomore Houry Gebeshian performs a floor routine while fellow GymHawks watch during their meet against Maryland in the Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Feb. 28, 2009.

said. "But I feel like by the end of the season when it matters, we'll have everybody in tiptop shape and we'll all be back."

Patience is the key, she said, although it's not easy.

Libby, in her sixth season as Iowa's head coach with a 45-51-1 overall record, said all three injured GymHawks will be a meet-day decision, and which events they'll participate in will also be late rulings.

Sucich said none of her teammates are letting the injury situation weaken their spirits — it's just a chance for others to contribute.

"Everyone's aware of what's going on — who's hurt, who's not," she said. "At the same time, people are stepping up and

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getting the job done. It's all about improving each week as you go, and that's just what I'm trying to do."

Injuries or not, the Hawkeyes are focused and ready to put on a show at home.

"Really, we're trying to focus on the things that we have and not the things we don't have," Libby said. "The kids that we have right now are doing a fantastic job. ... so we're just going to try to stay on a positive note and keep the focus on the right area."

Back home in Indiana, swimming up a storm

An Iowa senior will return to her home state this weekend for the Shamrock Invitational.

By **MITCH SMITH**
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The Shamrock Invitational will be a special meet for Iowa senior Julie Feingold.

In her collegiate swimming career, she's never had the chance to compete in her home state, Indiana.

Oddly enough, she'll do that twice before season's end, beginning this weekend, when the Iowa women's swimming and diving team faces Notre Dame, Missouri, and Denver in South Bend, Ind.

The Shamrock Invitational will begin at 6 p.m. today and continue Saturday with sessions starting at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Live meet results can be found on the Notre Dame's Shamrock Invitational website.

Feingold, who took a recruiting trip to Notre Dame in high school, has seven individual first-place finishes and four second-places for the Hawkeyes this season.

And when she takes to the water, she'll not only be swimming in front of her home-state faithful, she'll also be swimming against one of her best friends in Notre Dame senior Maggie Behrens.

"It's really great because

a lot of my friends and family are going to be there for this meet," Feingold said. "[Maggie and I] are just really excited that we're both seniors and that we're going to have one of our last dual meets against each other."

The Hawkeyes will need a strong performance in order to succeed in South Bend.

Missouri boasts the No. 21 swimming team in the country, according to College Swimming Coaches Association of America poll, and Notre Dame has also received votes for the top 25.

"They're both really strong opponents," Iowa senior Christine Kuczek said. "We're going to have to give it our best shot to get some wins out of this."

The Tigers have beaten Iowa six of the 10 times they've faced the Hawkeyes. The Fighting Irish also hold a 2-0 lead in the all-time series against Iowa.

This weekend marks the first time in program

history the Hawkeye women will compete against Denver.

"Missouri, Notre Dame, and Denver are all tough teams," Iowa head swimming coach Marc Long said. "They've all had a presence at NAAs the last couple of years, and all of them are really well-coached."

The meet is different from a dual meet because it will be formatted like a championship meet, which will allow the squads to swim events that aren't typically in dual meets, such as the 400 individual medley, 1,650 freestyle, and the 800 free relay.

With the Big Ten championships 20 days away, the similar style of meet also helps the squad get prepared for the conference championships.

"The dual-meet format that we normally do is not the same event order, so you're tired in different places," Feingold said. "This will allow us to have a fresh start for each one of our races. I think that will definitely help us mentally prepare for Big Tens."

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Men's gymnasts face Michigan

The Iowa men's gymnastics team will kick off conference play against Big Ten favorite Michigan.

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Few teams in any college sport have to face a gauntlet of conference competition like the Iowa men's gymnastics team.

After an impressive performance at the Windy City Invitational on Jan. 16 and a tough loss to No. 3 Oklahoma on Jan. 23, the Hawkeyes will begin conference competition Saturday night against Michigan in Carver-Hawkeye Arena as the No. 9 team in the country.

The bad news is that four Big Ten teams, including the Wolverines, are ranked higher.

Michigan began the season as the favorite to win the conference, and it boasts a No. 2 ranking behind Illinois.

The Hawkeyes have already encountered the Wolverines at the Windy City Invitational with Michigan finishing second. Iowa took fourth.

However, there was a large discrepancy between the teams' scores — 351.35 to 339.60.

Though Iowa head coach Tom Dunn didn't get a chance to watch Michigan, he said he isn't surprised by the Wolverines' talent.

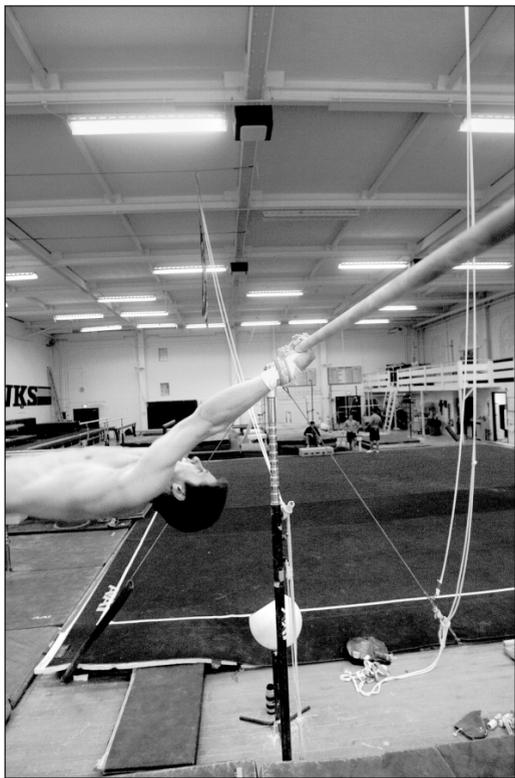
"They have great recruits and a bigger team, so there is a lot more [intrasquad] competition in the gym," Dunn said. "Their start values for each event are pretty high, and their routines have a lot of difficulty."

The Wolverines travel to Iowa after an important 355.65-344.75 home win over No. 5 Penn State.

There are few holes in the Michigan lineup, which has several competitors posting consistently high scores.

Leading the charge for the Wolverines are juniors Thomas Kelley and Chris Cameron who combined for three individual event titles and the all-around — taken by Cameron — against the Nittany Lions.

Kelley earned Co-Big Ten Gymnast of the Week honors following the meet after claiming the still-rings crown with a career best 15.20



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Iowa freshman Broderick Shemansky works on the high bars during practice on Dec. 14, 2009, in the Field House. Shemansky, along with Matt McGrath and Anton Grysayev, are the three freshmen competing in the all-around for the Hawkeyes.

score, in addition to a high bar title.

But the Libertyville, Ill., is no stranger to accolades. He was named the Big Ten Freshman of the Year in 2008 and the Big Ten Gymnast of the Year in 2009.

The Hawkeyes aren't without their own bright spots, though.

Aside from the team improving its overall score from the first meet of the season, Iowa freshman Matt McGrath put on an impressive display against Oklahoma, leading the team in scoring on the floor exercise (15.00), rings (14.70), and vault (15.55).

The Wheaton, Ill., native's performance was something the whole team took note of.

"He was amazing out there," senior captain Jon Buese said. "It was great to see him improve on

the things he has been working on in practice, and it's always great to see a teammate exceed."

However, Buese said the team needs to work on completing routines, including being more consistent with finishing dismounts.

Saturday's meet will be slightly different from normal; it will be Iowa's first co-ed meet since 2006. The women's gymnastics team will take on Illinois in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

Dunn said beating Michigan, even on Iowa's home floor, won't be an easy task. But he said the competition in Iowa City's premier indoor arena will make for a great environment.

"The crowd we had [Jan. 23] was great, so hopefully, we can have some of the same at Carver," he said.

WRESTLING

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Individually, Dennis will have a chance to cement himself as a fore-runner for the national title when he takes on Michigan State's defending 133-pound champion and top-ranked Franklin Gomez

this weekend.

"It's a big date for me. I've been looking forward to it, and I'm excited about the competition," the All-American said. "I'm not dwelling on what he's doing, more just getting myself ready and sharpening up where I'm good and where I need to be in the match."

Brands said Dennis' match against Gomez is a "great opportu-

nity," and he exhibited ample confidence in his veteran wrestler.

"Dennis has to get two hands to the leg, get on offense, be aggressive, and good things happen for him," the fourth-year head coach said. "It doesn't matter how high a guy is ranked, just wrestle and have fun. Go grab the challenge by the horns and throw it down."

MEN'S HOOPS

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"We've proven we could be in it with any of the other teams in the conference," junior Jarryd Cole said. "I think if we just get that killer instinct mentality. I think that we'll be all right."

Leading the way for Michigan are junior Manny Harris and senior DeShawn Sims. Harris averages 19 points per game, good for second in the conference, and Sims averages 17.5 points and 7.5 rebounds per contest.

When the Hawkeyes lost to the Wolverines in last year's Big Ten tourney, this Michigan duo did the

majority of the carnage. Sims and Harris combined for the same number of points (45) that Iowa scored as a whole.

If Wednesday's loss to the Buckeyes was an indicator, keeping Harris in check will be the main challenge on Saturday, much like containing Ohio State's Evan Turner was a must. Turner did very little against the Hawkeyes most of the night, then led a Buckeye charge late en route to finishing with 16 points, 12 rebounds, and seven assists.

The late-game collapse compelled Iowa head coach Todd Lickliter to remind his team about what assistant LaVall Jordan told them about keeping focus.

"When there are certain things going on, you can't just play the

game," Lickliter said after the defeat on Wednesday. "You have to understand what is going on in the game, you have to attack and play with aggression, but it has to be calculated aggression."

In order to notch a second-straight Big Ten road win, the Hawkeyes know what needs to be done, and they feel the loss to Ohio State provided a lesson.

"Coach [Lickliter] told us this a ton of times, 'Don't expect anybody to give it to you,'" freshman Eric May said. "They're not going to just roll over and give you the win. You got to really earn it the whole game, and that showed us we have to stay solid and play to win from the first minute to the last minute."

WOMEN'S HOOPS

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Johnson and her teammates won't have to wait long for another opportunity. Iowa (10-10, 3-6) will face Purdue (11-10, 6-4) in Carver-Hawkeye Arena at 2 p.m. Jan. 31. The game will be televised live on ESPN2.

After losing a season-high four-straight games, knocking off the Boilermarkers would be the Hawkeyes' third-straight Big Ten win.

Iowa's first consecutive wins in a month — at Illinois on Jan. 21 and against Northwestern on Jan. 24 — have boosted the morale of Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder's squad.

"I think after we won the Illinois game, we were 2-6 in the confer-

ence, and I think I might have been the happiest coach sitting at 2-6 at that point," Bluder said and laughed. "It just does so much for you to win. All of a sudden those little injuries don't hurt quite as much, or you have a little bit more energy as coaches than you did before. ... It's really tough, and you have to constantly challenge yourself to pick yourself up to go into practice to be energetic, because it is hard to do."

Freshman starters Johnson and Jaime Printy don't discount the significance of the mini-win streak, either.

After so many close losses, Johnson said, the two wins gave her teammates something to be proud of, and Printy said the last two wins provide confidence.

If the Hawkeyes are going to extend their streak, they will have to excise demons that aren't yet 2

weeks old.

Iowa was dismantled by Purdue, 81-59, on Jan. 17 in West Lafayette, Ind.

And the Boilermakers aren't running empty on confidence, either. Purdue is fresh off a 63-61 win over No. 4 Ohio State on Jan. 25. The defeat was the Buckeyes' first Big Ten loss and only their second loss overall.

With Purdue having played Thursday night, Bluder hopes the Boilermakers' quick turnaround will favor her club.

"Purdue is undefeated on its home court in conference play — it plays extremely well," Bluder said. "But it hasn't won away from Mackey Arena [in Big Ten play], so it's kind of an up-and-down team, and, hopefully, that will keep going through the weekend, and we can get a good win."

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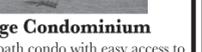
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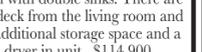
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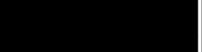
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BASKETBALL

Purdue nips Wisconsin

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — E'Twaun Moore scored 20 points, and No. 10 Purdue held off No. 16 Wisconsin, 60-57, on Thursday night in a matchup of Big Ten contenders that came down to the final seconds.

JaJuan Johnson added 14 points, and Robbie Hummel had 12 points, 13 rebounds, and five assists for the Boilermakers (17-3, 5-3 Big Ten), who won their third straight and moved within a half-game of Wisconsin for second place in the conference.

A loss would have left Purdue four games behind league leader Michigan State with 10 to play.

Trevon Hughes missed a contested runner in the closing seconds that could have won it for Wisconsin. Keaton Nankivil scored a career-high 25 points and shot 7-of-8 3-pointers for the Badgers (16-5, 6-3). He was 9-of-14 overall, but his teammates went 11-of-36 from the field.

Wisconsin's guard trio of Hughes, Jordan Taylor, and Jason Bohannon combined for 57 points in a home victory over Purdue earlier this month. The Boilermakers held them to 25 points on 8-of-28 shooting this time.

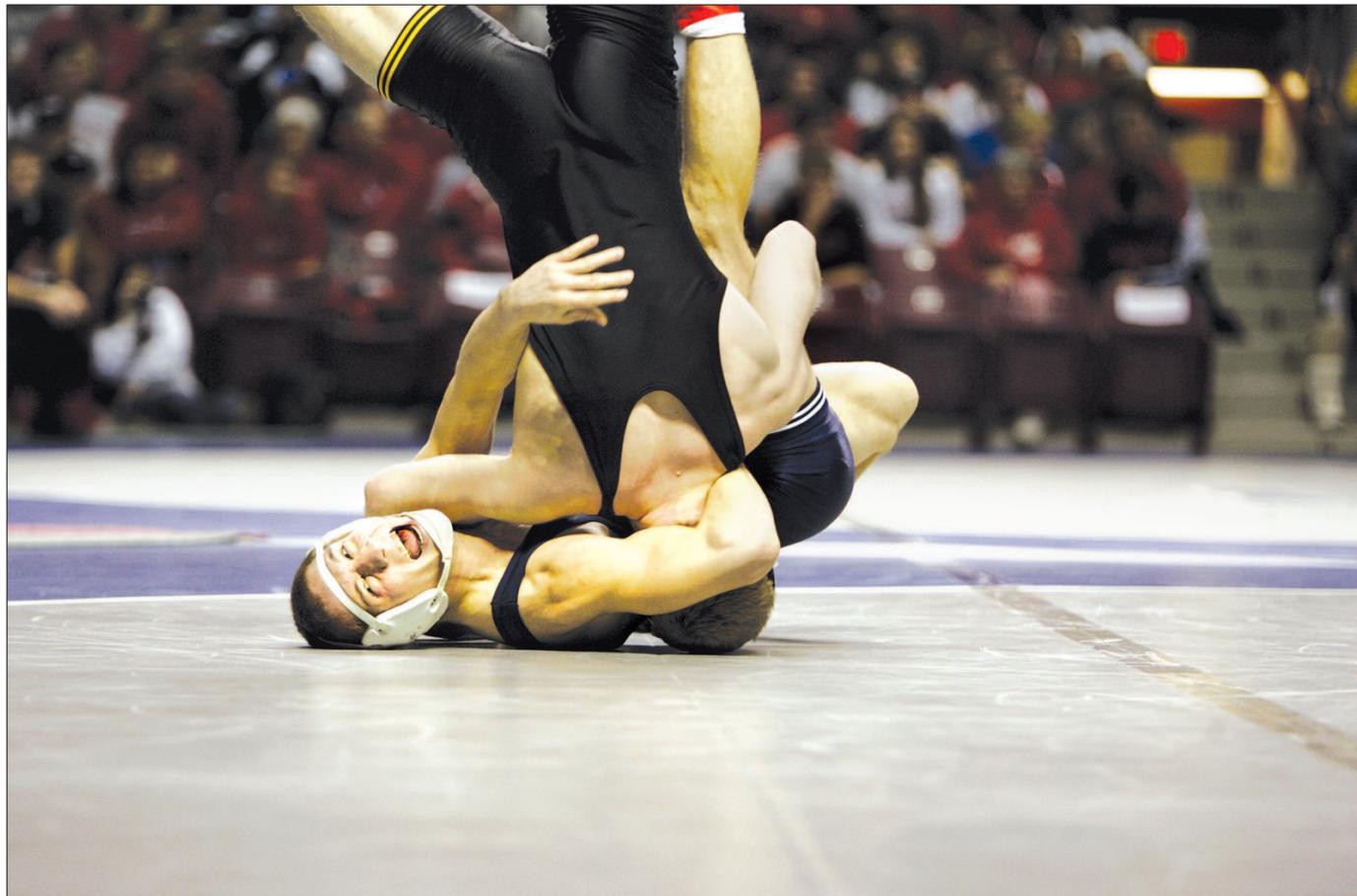
Moore scored in the lane with 25.2 seconds left to give Purdue a 58-57 lead.

Wisconsin worked the clock down for a shot, and Hughes missed badly on a pull-up jumper, but the ball bounced out of bounds off a Purdue player with six seconds to play.

Hughes then missed a bank shot after Johnson and Hummel rotated over, and Johnson rebounded. Johnson was fouled with 1 second left, and made both free throws. Chris Kramer intercepted Wisconsin's long inbound pass from under its basket to seal the win.

No. 1 Iowa (16-0, 2-0) vs. No. 12 Penn State (9-4-1, 1-1)

WHEN: 7 P.M. TODAY WHERE: CARVER-HAWKEYE ARENA WHERE TO WATCH OR LISTEN: TV: IOWA PUBLIC TELEVISION; RADIO: AM-800 KXIC



Iowa 141-pounder Dan LeClere wrestles with Penn State's Garrett Scott during the Big Ten championships in Minneapolis on March 8, 2008. LeClere scored a takedown at the end of the third period, giving him a 2-1 victory.

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Wrestlers gird for Penn St.

Penn State boasts a new coach in Cael Sanderson and six highly ranked grapplers.

By J.T. BUGOS

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Brent Metcalf walked into the Dan Gable Wrestling Complex with five stitches above his right eye and yellow-purple shading below, compliments of Purdue redshirt senior Nick Bertucci's knee.

The 149-pounder said the Boilermaker's flagrant misconduct on Sunday fired him up and reminded the two-time Big Ten champion that his opponents this season will give everything they have — and sometimes more.

Metcalf said he has moved on from last weekend's incident, though, and his bruise won't be a distraction for the Iowa wrestling team as it eyes two Big Ten matches this weekend.

The Hawkeyes will host No. 12 Penn State at 7 p.m. today and Michigan State on Jan. 31 in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

Iowa's dual with Penn State features five matches between grapplers ranked in the top 13 — including a pair of All-American bouts with the No. 1-ranked Metcalf facing No. 5 Frank

Molinaro at 149 and No. 5-ranked Iowa senior Ryan Morningstar facing No. 8 Dan Vallimont at 165.

"We just have to worry about 10 matchups coming up Friday night, and the first one out of the chute [at 125] is a real interesting matchup," Iowa head coach Tom Brands said. "You have a rambler, scrambler type guy [in Brad Pataky], who is real dangerous, and you've got a guy who's been doing a good job for us."

"We have some guys who have opportunities to really perform in front of the home crowd."

Not only will the Nittany Lions enter Carver-Hawkeye Arena highly ranked, but the meet also marks the return of former Iowa State head coach Cael Sanderson, who last spring packed his bags for State College, Pa.

"We know what Sanderson is about, and we know what his characteristics are as a coach," Brands said. "They're building for the future. But reading some of his comments and seeing what he is about this year, they aren't conceding anything, either."

Senior 133-pounder Daniel Dennis said that

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while Iowa needs no extra incentive to win tonight, Sanderson's presence along the side of the mat does add to the fervor.

The main thing, though, is that the dual provides another chance to perform in front of a home crowd and demonstrate the Hawkeyes' apparent superiority this year, he said.

SEE WRESTLING, 10

Magic squeeze past Celtics

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Rashard Lewis made the go-ahead lay-up with 1.3 seconds remaining, and the Orlando Magic overcame a 16-point deficit to beat the Boston Celtics, 96-94, on Thursday night.

Lewis took the ball after a broken play and sprinted down the baseline past Kevin Garnett for an uncontested lay-up. Rasheed Wallace missed 3-pointer at the buzzer, giving the Magic their second victory in three games against the Celtics this season.

Lewis led the Magic with 23 points, and Dwight Howard overcome early foul trouble to finish with 19 points and 10 rebounds, including 11 points in the fourth quarter.

Ray Allen had 20 points, and Wallace added 17 for the Celtics, who took a big lead on potent 3-point shooting but wilted from outside in the final period.

The Magic came back with a lineup that featured centers Howard and Marcin Gortat. The rare pairing paid off for Orlando.

They stifled Boston defensively and hooked up on a nifty alley-oop that Howard finished with a powerful dunk. Gortat even gave Orlando its first lead with a 17-foot jumper off the glass, making it 84-83 with 4:52 remaining.

Iowa (8-13, 2-6) at Michigan (10-10, 3-5)

WHEN: 3:30 P.M. SATURDAY WHERE: CRISLER ARENA IN ANN ARBOR, MICH. WHERE TO WATCH OR LISTEN: TV: BIG TEN NETWORK, RADIO: KXIC-800 AM

Men back out on the road

The Iowa men's basketball team will travel to Ann Arbor for a game at Michigan on Saturday.

By BRENDAN STILES

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If consistency served as last week's lesson for the Iowa men's basketball team, this week's tutorial is to focus on finishing.

On Wednesday, the Hawkeyes seemed to be in control against a talented Ohio State squad, only to watch the No. 20 Buckeyes seize momentum late and escape Carver-Hawkeye Arena with a 65-57 win.

Now, Iowa (8-13, 2-6) finds itself in a similar position to that of a week ago. The Hawkeyes are looking to rebound from a midweek

loss but are also traveling to a hostile environment.

Last week, it was a trip to Bloomington, Ind., where the Hawkeyes won their first Big Ten road game in two seasons. On Saturday, it will be a visit to Crisler Arena in Ann Arbor, Mich., for a 3:30 p.m. battle with Michigan (10-10, 3-5).

The opportunity for Iowa to capture another victory away from its home confines is there. But Michigan has knocked the Hawkeyes out of the last two Big Ten Tournaments.

After an enormous win over Connecticut on Jan. 17, the Wolverines enter the contest having lost three straight, including a devastating 57-56 loss in the final seconds against No. 5 Michigan State on Tuesday.

SEE MEN'S HOOPS, 10

Iowa (10-10, 3-6) vs. Purdue (10-10, 5-4)

WHEN: 2 P.M. JAN. 31 WHERE: CARVER-HAWKEYE ARENA WHERE TO WATCH: ESPN2

Women seek third-straight win

The Iowa women's basketball team will enter its game against Purdue looking for its third-straight win.

By JORDAN GARRETSON

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Plenty of games could have been categorized as "moral victories" for the Iowa women's basketball team this season.

There was the loss to then-No. 19 Kansas on Nov. 18, 2009, when the Hawkeyes led the Jayhawks by three points with as little as 6:41 remaining in the game.

There was the three-point loss to now No. 16 West Virginia 10 days later on Nov. 28, 2009, which came down to the final buzzer.

There were the two Big Ten road losses in overtime, one by four points at Penn State on Dec. 28, 2009, and one by three points at Minnesota on Jan. 3.

With a squad highlighted by nine underclassmen, the Hawkeyes have heard



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Iowa freshman Morgan Johnson drives for a lay-up against Washburn in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Nov. 8, 2009. Johnson blocked a game-high six shots during Iowa's 88-60 win over the Lady Blues.

plenty of outside talk about their bright future.

One of those youngsters, freshman center Morgan Johnson, is over that. She doesn't buy into moral victories. And she's not alone.

"We're all getting sick of

the, 'You're too young' excuse — 'You're going to be fine next year,'" freshman center Morgan Johnson said. "We're ready to do things this year."

SEE WOMEN'S HOOPS, 10