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Increased reliance on tuition hints at private, and that has huge implications, the Editorial Board argues. **OPINIONS, 6A**



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Greg Geffrard performs an excerpt from *The Kingdom of this World* during the Benefit for Haiti in the Englert Theatre on Monday. The benefit included a variety of music, dance pieces, and acting performances.

Haiti is indeed in their hearts

Event sponsors hope to raise money and educate community on Haitian culture.

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One moment, audience members were listening to placid piano music. The next, they heard a chant to a voodoo god as lights changed color to resemble the Haitian flag.

As the Benefit for Haiti event opened at the Englert Theater, 221 E. Washington St., two Haitian students climbed to the stage to speak.

Lucy Joseph, who still has family in Haiti, began to cry as she thanked the crowd for their donations and support in the wake of the Jan. 12 earthquake in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

Joseph, a University of Iowa graduate student, said she's been trying to live a normal life while worrying about family members in Haiti.

The Monday evening event was sponsored

by the UI International Programs, Diversity Office, Caribbean, Diaspora, and Atlantic Studies Program, and the Englert Theatre. Ticket prices ranged from \$5 for students to \$15 for adults, and all proceeds went to Partners in Health and Libraries Without Borders. Toward the end of the evening, around 120 tickets had been sold.

Those feeling more generous could buy tickets for \$25, \$50, or \$100. The total amount raised wasn't available Monday night. Some local businesses also gave donations, including a grand piano provided by West Music for the event.

Performances ranged from artistic dance and piano composition to Haitian art appreciation and poetry reading.

SEE **BENEFIT, 3A**

Benefit For Haiti

The fundraiser was sponsored by:

- UI International Programs
- UI Diversity Office
- UI Caribbean, Disapora, and Atlantic Studies Program
- Englert Theatre

Source: Benefit organizers

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Check out more photos of the dancers, speakers, and musicians who gathered to raise funds and awareness for Haiti on Monday.

Transfer numbers ratchet up

Centralized website for regent institutions helps community-college students transfer.

By **EMILY BUSSE**
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Online programs and a recent "push" have increased the number of students transferring to the University of Iowa in the last few years, and officials say the surge shows no sign of slowing.

In the last two years, the online initiatives TransferInIowa and the UI's 2 Plus 2 program are ways state Board of Regents' institutions have tried to attract the "changing face" of community-college students: talented students who just want to save money.

"We really want these students here. They're a goal of ours," said Debra Miller, the head of UI undergraduate admissions.

Each of the three regent universities has a website describing its transfer process. But around two years ago, the schools and the regents collaborated to create TransferInIowa in order to offer prospective students a single information site.

SEE **STUDENTS, 3A**

Inspectors: No unusual violations before fire

City officials say they didn't see any alarming violations during inspection.

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The nine violations city officials doled out to an apartment that caught on fire last week between routine inspections are common at most rental properties, they said on Monday.

Officials conducted a required inspection on the now-destroyed property, located at 515 E. College St., on Dec. 29. They cited the building for nine violations, including a missing smoke alarm in a living room, an unmounted fire extinguisher, and an unapproved plug adapter, according to inspection records. A follow-up inspection was scheduled for Wednesday.

The particular violations cited for the East College Street residence aren't

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MORE INSIDE

To read about how some of the building's residents are coping with being displaced, turn to **5A**.

For UI, access is in the cards

Electronic cards for the Pappajohn Business Building will allow late-night access.

By **MICHELLE HILLENBRAND**
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For University of Iowa students and faculty, exterior entrance keys could soon be a thing of the past.

Beginning next fall, all the university's residence halls will move to a card-access system for exterior doors, said Greg Thompson, the manager for Residence Life operations.

All dorms at present have card access except for Currier, Stanley, and Burge, he said.

"It helps to provide a higher level of safety," he said.

A card-based system allows management to quickly lock down exterior doors and monitor who

enters the building. The reason some residence halls have the access while others don't is because of the amount of time the systems take to install, which is typically done in the summer.

Cost was also a key factor, Thompson said. Card-equipped doors cost roughly \$2,000 for hardware, said Jim Cramer, a database administrator and developer in the UI College of Engineering.

For the UI, this is the beginning of a campuswide move to card-based access.

Last year, faculty and staff in the Pappajohn Business Building handed in their old, metal keys in exchange for cards.

SEE **CARDS, 3A**



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UI junior Brian Lein passes his new card over a card-access reader on the exterior door of Pappajohn Business Building on Monday. The cards allow students to enter the building until 1:30 a.m. Pappajohn usually closes at 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday.

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Log on to watch a Daily Iowan TV video report to learn how local Red Cross volunteers are aiding victims of the College Street apartment fire.



Spotlight Iowa City

Aiding personal growth

Janet Shepherd helps people make changes by analyzing behaviors and beliefs.

By **MEAGHAN ROHAN**
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Janet Shepherd is a coach who loves to play. As a seminar leader for the Iowa City Learning Foundation, an organization that offers classes to promote personal growth, she tries to improve people's lives through workshops and seminars — all while having fun, of course. "Kids learn by playing and goofing around, and as we become adults, we become serious about learning," said Shepherd, bouncing her head to jazz music. She incorporates dance, music, skits, and field trips to enrich her attendees' experience, she said.

"Creating Intimacy Through Play" is one of Shepherd's free workshops offered monthly at the Coralville and Iowa City Public Libraries. Other workshops focus on self-esteem, transforming resentment into peace, striving for perfection, and, her personal favorite, "Life Design 101." "Janet has a great way of being authoritative, but also has a great way of bringing fun and light," said Shari Stevens, Shepherd's friend of eight years, who has taken one of the coach's classes.

Besides conducting seminars, Shepherd has a private practice in Iowa City as a psychologist and life coach, with a focus on positive psychology.

Shepherd realized that she wanted to study psychology at New College in Sarasota, Fla., after volunteering at a local rape crisis center. She eventually earned a Ph.D. at the University of South Florida. But 20 years ago, she moved to Iowa City for postdoctorate work at the



Janet Shepherd laughs with partner Jay in the kitchen of their Iowa City home on Monday. Shepherd is a coach at the Iowa City Learning Foundation.

VA Hospital, practicing as a psychologist.

The life-coach part came later. In 1995, the 55-year-old took her first class with the Iowa City Learning Foundation.

"I learned things I had never learned before, even though I had a Ph.D. in psychology," said Shepherd, who wears small-frame purple glasses. The class changed her perspective on her field.

Psychology involves looking at the aspects that are wrong with people and trying to fix them, Shepherd said. But coaching comes from a different context that asks what works and what's effective in people's lives.

The native of Baltimore essentially helps people uncover what she called "stories" and mold those revelations into positive change. An example of one such story could be a boy

who was always told he was shy and grew up timid. He later looked back to help himself change his demeanor.

"All have stories about themselves," Shepherd said.

Robert van Deusen, who has known Shepherd for 11 years through the foundation, said the petite woman is an expert about giving feedback regarding what she hears in each person's story.

"Janet has insight into the kinds of stories that all of us make up in order to make sense of our world. Some of these stories still serve us and are useful, while others may no longer be useful and may even hold us back or keep us stuck," he said.

He has watched Shepherd's development over the last decade and described her as "highly skilled."

Shepherd describes her

Janet Shepherd

- **Age:** 55
- **Hometown:** Baltimore, M.D.
- **Favorite food:** Anything her partner, Jay, cooks
- **Favorite show:** "Project Runway"
- **Pets:** Has four cats: Ishtar, Sophia, Brigid, and Sam
- **Secret:** She's a *Star Trek* fan
- **Loves:** Dancing of all kinds, canoeing, and kayaking
- **On the side:** Officiates at weddings

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work in both individual sessions and seminars as "personal transformation."

"Coaching doesn't blame people, it supports growth and allows people to start seeing themselves as whole," said Shepherd.

Officials keeping eye on weather, water levels

Fast snowmelt could create a flood, officials say.

By **JOSEPH BELK**
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The increased prospect of spring flooding this year has University of Iowa and local government officials on guard.

Officials said they are concerned about current conditions — highly water-saturated ground and significant amounts of snow cover. But Don Guckert, the UI associate vice president for Facilities Management, said the risk of flooding this spring is still relatively low.

The Army Corps of Engineers is in its annual process of lowering the Coralville

Reservoir by 4 feet, said John Castle, the Army Corps of Engineers' operations manager for Reservoir.

Typically, the Corps waits until ice melts on the lake before lowering water levels to avoid harming wildlife. It's also a safety precaution — if someone ventures onto the lake when there is no water supporting the ice, Castle said, he or she has a greater risk of falling through.

Officials began lowering the lake Feb. 15, Castle said. The process started earlier this year because of increased flood risk.

Maren Stoflet, a hydrologist with the National Weather Service, said river levels have been above normal and a significant amount of winter snowfall has not melted — conditions that contribute to an above-average chance of flooding.

A slow snowmelt could

be facilitated by above freezing temperatures during daytime hours and below freezing temperatures during the night. Heavy precipitation events could lead to flooding, Stoflet said.

The rate of snowmelt in the area will be a significant factor if any spring flooding occurs, Castle said.

"If it all goes in a few days with a warm rain, there will be a lot of problems," Castle said. A more gradual snowmelt will create fewer issues, he said.

When looking ahead, Guckert said, his office pays close attention to weather forecasts, lake elevations, and water outflow at the Coralville Reservoir. Officials from UI Facilities Management and the Corps of Engineers stay in touch leading up to flood season.

In the event of a flood, Guckert said the UI can

River levels

Comparing water levels from 2008 to 2010:

Iowa River in Iowa City

- Feb. 22, 2008: 11.47 ft.
- Feb. 22, 2010: 11.74 ft.

Coralville Reservoir

- Feb. 22, 2008: 683.26 ft.
- Feb. 22, 2010: 682.50 ft.

Source: US Army Corps of Engineers water gages

deploy barriers, called HESCO walls, to cover most of the riverbank in two days. The blockades look like 4-by-3 feet wire baskets filled with sand and are quicker to set up than a sandbag wall. The UI used these barriers during the floods of 2008.

Despite a fairly optimistic outlook, Guckert said, officials are going to pay close attention to the variables.

"We're not going to let our guard down," he said.

METRO

Prosecutors respond in Spence trial

Prosecutors in the trial of a Minneapolis man charged in connection with the 2004 break-in at the University of Iowa Spence Labs and Seashore Hall have filed responses to the defendant's motions, according to federal

court documents.

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

The United State's Attorney's

Office, submitted two responses to defense motions on Feb. 16.

The prosecution agreed to provide the defense with all items that comply with the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure but requested four other motions be stricken or denied, including a request of notice of the government's intent to use discoverable evidence.

DeMuth's attorneys then

submitted replies to the prosecution's responses on Feb. 19, saying the response lacked a number of items. In their reply to the pre-trial motions response, defense attorneys detail reasons for which they contend they are entitled to the evidence.

The parties will meet today in Davenport for a hearing to discuss the issues.

— by Sam Lane

POLICE BLOTTER

Nickolas Engelbrecht, 21, Bettendorf, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.
Mark Hanson, 25, Coralville, was charged Feb. 16 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Amanda Leiting, 18, 830 Slater, was charged Feb. 20 with PAULA and unlawful use of another's ID.
Mark Mitchel, 52, 2129 Palmer Circle, was charged Sunday with OWI.

Crystal Severson, 29, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.
Angela Stolte, 28, 442 Hawkeye Drive, was charged Feb. 19 with

possession of a controlled substance.

Joshua Venckus, 19, 1141 Rienow, was charged Sunday with possession of an open container of alcohol in public.

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METRO

No raises for most administrators

The majority of higher-education institutions did not increase senior-level staff salaries for the first time in more than 25 years, according to a survey released Monday by the College and University Professional Association for Human Resources.

Of the 1,280 institutions surveyed, who reported 2009-10

salaries for 280 selected positions, a small number noted salary decreases.

The median raise was 0 percent; last year's was 4 percent. Both percentages were better than the inflation rate, which was negative for 2009-10.

The only group of administrators who saw an increase were assistant deans, who received an overall increase of 1.1 percent at private colleges.

— by Michelle Hillenbrand

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STUDENTS

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From the fall of 2008 to the fall of 2009, the number of Iowa community-college students who transferred to the UI increased from 617 to 653. Iowa community-college transfers account for more than half of transfer students, Miller said.

In a press release from the Feb. 4 regents' meeting, Regent President David Miles described TransferInIowa as a contributor to the "annual transfer of more than 10,000 community-college credits to Iowa's public universities."

The emphasis on transferring is not new, Miles told the *DI* on Monday, but the programs have helped substantially.

"It's been going on for a number of years, but it's really picked up speed beginning in 2008 when ... transferiniowa.org was put

together," he said, noting the service lets students know how many credits will transfer.

Miller said 10,000 credits has been a pretty consistent number lately, but transfer students have continued to increase. The Task Force for Undergraduate Education and Success' recent recommendation includes transfer students in its "expand access" goal.

"I think there's always been a push, but I think it probably has more visibility now with the task force and the recent attempts to strengthen the ties," Miller said.

Another initiative aimed at increasing transfers is the UI's 2 Plus 2 guaranteed graduation plan. With a list of 20 available majors, the program advertises a guaranteed graduation from the UI if students follow the steps.

Junior Holli Petersen transferred to the UI last semester after two years at

Kirkwood. Though she said she didn't feel ready to jump into a large university right out of high school, her transition through the 2 Plus 2 program was smooth.

"As long as you follow the guide and do what you're supposed to do, there are no problems at all," she said.

The only problem she had while transferring was poor communication between her adviser at Kirkwood and her adviser at the UI, she said.

Laura Riley, the coordinator in advising and transfer center at Kirkwood, said that school has also seen an increase of students transferring to four-year colleges. Though she said much of that is because of increased enrollment, the programs have certainly been a factor.

"It allows them to see that starting out in a community college in Iowa is never a bad thing," she said. "It's been wonderful."

CARDS

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Students are also beginning to benefit from the same system at the building.

Tippie Senate, the college's student advisory board, is issuing 300 cards to the Pappajohn Business Building as a pilot program.

"I think late-night access is something Tippie wanted to do for a couple of years," said Tippie Senate President Sam Page. "Tippie Senate views it as a great success because it's been so long in the making."

Business students were asked to request cards, and the school saw a huge response, said Associate Dean Lon Moeller. Students began picking up their cards last week.

"The primary benefit is that it gives students more flexibility as to when they

study," he said, noting that business students often do group work beyond normal office hours.

The cards will allow students to enter the building until 1:30 a.m. Pappajohn usually closes at 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday.

Depending on the success of the pilot program, business-school officials will likely expand the program in the fall.

Already, UI engineering students benefit from 24-hour access to the Seaman Center, a system implemented in 2000, Cramer said.

Some schools nationwide implemented card-based access years ago. At Ohio State, dorms have been card accessible since 1998, said housing office assistant Corey LaRue.

All dorms have card access on exterior doors and on every floor at the University of Illinois, said

Kirsten Ruby, an assistant director of housing.

Sophomore accounting major Jennifer Layer, who lived in Burge last year, said she thinks the cards would be beneficial both for the residence halls and for academic buildings. She requested a card to Pappajohn but didn't receive one because of a limited supply.

While she said she would use buildings such as Pappajohn to study, she thought residence halls stand to benefit even more.

"The doors of Burge didn't lock until really late," she said. "It can be scary watching others walk into the place where you live and have access to a university building."

Your turn. Do you think the shift toward more card-accessible buildings is beneficial? Weigh in at dailyiowan.com.

FIRE

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overly hazardous, said Stan Laverman, a senior housing inspector for the city's Housing and Inspections Services.

"Nothing stands out to us, like there was something that we missed," Laverman said. "We were very happy [the residents] got out safely."

Officials have not determined what caused the apartment fire.

Ten residents, including several UI students, were displaced because of the blaze. The building's landlord, Jo Ellen Roffman of J&J Real Estate, could not be reached for comment Monday.

The Iowa City City Code requires each rental property to be inspected by the city's Housing and Inspections Services every two years.

During the inspection process, city officials first notify the property owners when their required inspection is approaching. Tenants are also alerted, and a housing inspector will generally conduct the inspection accompanied by the landlord, said Jann Ream, the city's code enforcement assistant.

Inspectors look at areas in mechanical, plumbing, and electrical — including making sure equipment is mounted and working properly and complies with the minimum housing code, Laverman said.

"We're pretty fortunate in Iowa City that the majority of our housing is in compliance with city codes," Laverman said.

Depending on the severity of the violations, officials will grant a grace period — typically 30 days — for the landlords to take care of them, Laverman said.

Several local landlords told *The Daily Iowan* they

feel it's their responsibility to comply with citations before the reinspection and that they fix what they can immediately.

The inspections department likely couldn't be held responsible if a fire was caused because a building owner failed to comply between inspections, Ream said.

While none of the violations found at the East College Street structure were specifically deemed a fire hazard, officials emphasized the building was old, which can contribute to an increased risk.

Iowa City Fire Marshal John Grier said the causes of a fire usually vary by the property.

Firefighters are working on the scene this week to find how different factors could have come together to ignite a fire, Grier said. They should have the cause determined by today or Wednesday.

BENEFIT

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Pictures of Haitian children flashed on a screen behind many of the performers. The first time the pictures appeared, they were accompanied by a tranquil violin and piano duet.

Two people read a passage from *Kingdom of this World*, a novel that tells the story of Haiti around the time of the 1791 slave revolution, while two actors set the scene. One of them ended the performance with a voodoo chant.

A table in the lobby held bracelets that said "Haiti in my heart" on one side and "Ayiti nan kè mwen," the Haitian Creole translation on the other. All proceeds from the bracelets and other items went to the Community Health Initiative, headed by UI clinical Assistant Professor Christopher Buresh,



BRENNAN NORMAN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Dancers perform the piece *Mortal Loucura (Mortal Madness)*, by Armando Duarte, during the Benefit for Haiti in the Englert Theatre on Monday. The benefit raised money for the organizations Partners for Health and Libraries Without Borders, which will send resources to Haiti.

who has made numerous trips to Haiti including after the earthquake.

The goal of the event was a substantial financial donation, said Nicole Nisly, the UI's interim chief diversity officer. But officials also wanted to add an educational element so people would continue to

be engaged in Haiti, said Downing Thomas, the dean of International Programs.

"It is important to recognize that immediate medical relief is crucial, but there will be ongoing needs," he said.

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Wood parents reject stereotypes

Iowa City School District redistricting discussion makes its way to Wood Elementary.

By **NORA HEATON**
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Iowa City School District officials heard from a different crowd Monday night.

Parents and community members gathered at Wood Elementary, 1930 Lakeside Drive, to discuss boundary-change scenarios with district officials and redistricting committee members. But much of the discussion centered on misconceptions about the Southeast Side and schools in the area.

School officials had hoped moving the forum to a spot along the public bus route would help draw Wood parents who have been unable to attend previous forums.



Plugge
Superintendent



Freeman
Neighborhood Centers' Official

School Superintendent Lane Plugge said he heard positive feedback from parents who said the location was helpful, and officials saw an increase in the number of area parents who were able to attend.

And those parents wanted to make sure stereotypes such as "poor children" and "unavailable parents" were destroyed.

Sue Freeman of Neighborhood Centers addressed the crowd at the beginning of the night, citing studies that show "poor students" learn better when in a classroom with "non-poor" children.

But "poor" is a generalization many parents resent.

"That's horrible," said Royceann Porter, who helped found Youth Empowered to Serve, an initiative to involve kids on the Southeast Side in community service. "And what's poor?"

Tamara Batie, who has two sons at Wood and a daughter at Southeast Junior High, 2501 Bradford St., feels district officials have been targeting

kids on free- and reduced-lunch programs as having parents who "aren't available" — which, she said, is simply not the case.

"I take great exception to these sweeping generalizations," said Batie, and she stays up "until midnight" between working and helping her children with homework.

Molly Severson, who teaches kindergarten at Wood, said she worries people are mistaken in their concerns about sending their kids to a school with students from lower-income families.

The district has held three community forums to discuss redistricting scenarios with RSP & Associates, the firm hired to advise on boundary changes.

But the sentiments expressed Monday night were different from those at any previous meeting.

"We heard totally different things and heard another important perspective," said Terry Dervrich, a redistricting committee member who facilitated discussion at past community forums. "All these people are advocates for their kids."

The actual redistricting proposals were also on the agenda. Porter said she was skeptical about other schools being equipped to handle the needs of incoming students, should the scenario come to pass.

"You say you all are prepared. You better be

Redistricting Scenario 2

- Wood Elementary under one possible scenario:**
- Most Wood Elementary students would remain at Wood
 - Some Wood students would be bused to Lemme Elementary
 - Some Wood students would be bused to Twain Elementary
 - Some Lemme students would be bused to Wood

Source: Iowa City School District

prepared, because change is coming," Porter told district officials at the meeting. "If you make this change, you best be ready."

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Coping after fire takes everything

The fire is the largest of 11 disasters Red Cross volunteers have responded to in Johnson County since July 2009.

By **HOLLY HINES**
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Olga Mironova sat in a backroom at the University Bookstore on Monday and said she was lucky she lost so little in the fire that destroyed her apartment.

Two fellow store employees stood nearby — both had brought in donations of food and clothing to help Mironova recover from the Feb. 19 blaze at 515 E. College St., and they hope more people will contribute.

Mironova, a native of Russia, didn't have time to grab anything but her passport as she left her apartment that day, and she lost electronics, furniture, and her school books and notes in the fire.

But she spent significantly more time

describing what she saved, especially a TV that still worked after drying out from water at the scene. The 20-year-old was also excited about her boots from Russia and makeup that she recovered.

"She's so positive," said coworker Ellen Thomas as Mironova stepped out to take a phone call.

The University of Iowa junior has spent the last few days focusing on practicalities. She said she spoke to the Registrar's Office about getting an extension for a midterm and moved into a new apartment.

"I have a rational mentality," she said. "It's like, oh well, it happened."

Mironova said she stayed with friends for one night, then her landlord provided her with another apartment at the same price the



BRENNAN NORMAN/THE DAILY IOWAN
Water flows down an alley as firefighters attempt to put out a house fire at 515 E. College St. The Feb. 18 blaze displaced 10 people, including some UI students. The Red Cross and University Bookstore have helped with relief for the displaced residents.

day after the fire.

University Bookstore employees are collecting donations of food, clothing, and anything people are willing to give for

Mironova and other displaced residents, said Thomas, who noted that it's difficult to see people handle tough situations. Employees will collect

donations as long as people continue to bring them to the bookstore.

American Red Cross officials at the nonprofit's central Iowa chapter have been assisting displaced residents as well.

Cassie Slagle, a Red Cross volunteer and UI student, was at the scene Feb. 19, helping residents fill out paperwork and get access to basic needs.

She said the displaced residents handled the disaster well, and they relied on one another right away.

"It's all kind of a shock the first few hours," she said.

Slagle, who has been a Red Cross volunteer for more than two years, said the East College Street fire is the largest disaster she's responded to so far.

Red Cross officials provided two displaced residents with temporary lodging and six with food and clothing, said Jennifer Pickar, director of communications and marketing for the Red Cross.

She said the College Street fire is the largest of 11 disasters Red Cross volunteers have responded to in Johnson County since July 2009.

Red Cross volunteers commonly help displaced residents with immediate needs directly after a disaster, such as lodging for up to three days in a hotel, she said.

Mironova said she exchanged phone numbers with the residents who lived above her and said she'll continue to keep in touch so they can check on each other.

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Editorial

Continued privatization of UI has negative effect in many areas

Is the University of Iowa a state university?

Avoid a paroxysm of indignation, and think it through for a moment. This school year, tuition and fees made up the majority of the UI's general-fund revenue — approximately 51 percent. State appropriations dipped to \$235.48 million, around 41 percent of revenue.

The drop is a reflection of the shift over the past few decades toward a state-university system increasingly funded by student tuition rather than money appropriated by the Legislature.

In the 1979-80 school year, state appropriations composed 76 percent of the UI's revenue, an astounding 35 percentage points higher than this school year. So what happened? Over the next two decades, appropriations steadily declined, and in the 2000-01 school year, state funding accounted for 62 percent of the UI's revenue. In the ensuing decade, legislators hit the UI's revenue stream even harder. In just two years — fiscal 2002 to fiscal 2004 — appropriations nosedived 11 percentage points. And this school year, for the first time, tuition money funded a majority of the university's general-education budget.

The privatization is also seen in funding for scholarships. Scholarship money financed by tuition revenue increased by 13 percent this year — an ostensible boon that merely underscores the drift toward private financing of public needs.

The privatization has had (and will continue to have) profound implications. Higher education has two principal goals: to prepare students for post-graduation employment and help them develop the civic skills essential to democratic participation. The insidious reliance on tuition dollars has a negative effect on both.

Several drivers account for the decline in funding, Regent Robert Downer said. For one, health-care costs have grown astronomically, causing the cost of such government programs as Medicaid to rise. In addition, Downer said, antitax sentiments have negatively affected higher-education appropriations. When revenue was high in the late 1990s, lawmakers passed a round of tax cuts. Both parties have been reluctant to raise taxes since, fearing electoral consequences, Downer said. That has left the state short on revenue, because antitax opinions have obfuscated the positives of public goods.

"One of the things that has been lost sight of is the fact that society as a whole benefits from a highly educated populace," Downer said. "Education is not something that is just for the

benefit of the recipient."

Perhaps the most obvious pitfall of miserly state funding is a less-educated workforce. When accessibility to higher education drops, education levels stagnate.

A 2009 study by the nonpartisan research group Public Agenda confirms this. The group surveyed 600 young adults age 22-30 who had completed college coursework. Of those surveyed, 75 percent said they had to work full-time, so they couldn't return to school and juggle the two. In addition, 55 percent of respondents cited a lack of

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affordability as a reason not to complete their higher-education coursework. In our global economy, in which the United States must remain competitive internationally, these numbers are disastrous.

The strength of public universities lies in support from the state. Its ideal is as the great equalizer, ensuring opportunity and a certain amount of egalitarianism for high-school graduates from all types of backgrounds. The drift toward privatization inevitably decreases accessibility because of the intentions inherent in private education. To say so isn't to point out some kind of evil avarice endemic to private universities. It's simply reality. Even if a private school makes it a priority to enroll low-income students — and does

emphasis on quality comes within programs that have wealthy alumni," Downer said. "There has to be a leveling out of this, and there has to be support given to important areas that don't have huge donor bases."

While Downer called donor support critical, "it also cannot be the sole determinant of where the university's resources are placed." He is right. The UI shouldn't be misconstrued as a business, intent on maximizing donor support and cursory in its emphasis on building exceptional, diverse programs.

In addition, while it's vital the university continues to churn out graduates prepared for the workforce, our higher-education system should reflect (and bolster) our democracy. Authoritarian countries (e.g., China) can

produce a highly skilled workforce that is bereft of any citizen power. Our higher-education system shouldn't merely produce technocrats adept at performing their jobs, yet unable to think critically and democratically. As Henry Giroux astutely noted in his book *Take Back Higher Education*, "When education is reduced to training, the meaning of self-government is devalued, and democracy is rendered meaningless."

Admittedly, the status quo isn't good. The Intercollegiate Studies Institute found that just 24 percent of college graduates know the First Amendment bars the government from establishing an official religion. Still, the state should focus on strengthening civic education — not cutting funding. Continuing on the current path would decrease accessibility to higher education even more and, in turn, create a quasi-plutocratic citizenry.

How, you may ask? Public universities offer students a variety of opinions and viewpoints, allowing them to question societal orthodoxies and personal dogmas. Students develop analytical skills that are paramount to evaluating policies and vetting candidates. Ideally, graduates would also be competent at scrutinizing news content, recognizing biases, and questioning individuals in positions of power.

That's not to say private universities can't mold intelligent students into critical citizens. But state universities are specifically designed to educate the bulk of high-school graduates in the state. In 2008 alone, almost 35,000 students graduated from public high-schools in the state, according to the Iowa Department of Education. When legislators undercut the major higher-education providers in the state, they concurrently impede the development of democratic skills and values for an enormous swath of Iowans.

As Thomas Jefferson, the founder of the University of Virginia, once said, "If a nation expects to be ignorant and free ... it expects what never was and never will be." In a democratic society, higher education's duty is to extirpate that ignorance, fostering intelligent citizens who can think and act freely. When legislators continue to underfund state universities, they aren't just hurting the workforce or the state's economy. They're weakening democracy itself.

So is the UI a state university? Yes — for now. But legislators should be wary of continued low funding. Public versus private isn't just semantics. For society writ large, it's the difference between having a nation of able workers and engaged citizens — or an ignorant workforce and a sclerotic citizenry.

Your turn. Who's to blame for the decline in state funding? Weigh in on dailyiowan.com.

Darién revisited, as the school turns

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I have a bit of history with this university.

My father was a professor here for around 25 years (and served on the athletics board for several years), my mother was a student here and then found a new life to follow (as a teacher at Northwest and then City High), one of my brothers was a graduate student here, won some grant money to conduct research in Somalia, and some years later as a result of that (and having learned one of the main languages), wound up

running an NGO relief program for a while in that country. (Some months after he left, militias killed his successor, as I recall.)

And, yeah, I've been a student here, too, from time to time. I would not, by the way, recommend being a student from time to time. As it turns out, it's not an indicator for tremendous academic success.

I could regale you, say, with stories about an Honors section in chemistry that so annoyed me I dropped out of school and went on to a brilliant career as a gas-station attendant on the graveyard shift in a high-crime neighborhood in a large Midwestern city. The other students annoyed me, not the TA. But those stories would make me look much smarter than I

am and the other students much dumber than they could possibly have been. Learning that you are by no means as smart as you think you are and others are in no way as dumb as they appear — and continue to appear, day by day — is one of the invaluable lessons higher education can teach you. (Though probably truly smart people learn that lesson in middle school or high school.)

So I guess you could say I love this place. I mean, I must — no matter what elsewhere I go to live in, sooner or later, I return. My friends and I used to joke about the Iowa City/University of Iowa yo-yo string — it always yanks you back. (I think we probably stole the idea from Thomas Pynchon's *V*.)

And so it hurts me to see the UI ailing so much — financially, anyway. Furloughs? Here? Larger classes, fewer grad students? Fewer faculty, even?

Well, so much for the notion that the university and Iowa City are recession-proof. That idea seems to hold as much water, so to speak, as Virgil Hancher's notion (at least, this is what I've been told) that the fine-arts campus should sit on the banks of the Iowa River. I mean, I'm sure it seemed beautiful at the time, but as June 2008 proved, there often is a price for beauty.

(Former Art Museum Director Howard Collinson's notion of moving the museum downtown doesn't seem so far-fetched now, does it?)

And I have to admit, I don't have any great ideas about what the university should do. I can do a few things well, but I'm really bad with money. Well, I do have one idea, but it's so far outside the proverbial box (yes, I, too, am really sick of that expression) that it will never come to fruition: Legalize pot, tax the sale of it as the state taxes alcohol sales, and give the money to the state universities. Financial problems solved. (And, as a secondary effect, it would probably somewhat ameliorate the drinking problems downtown.)

Whatever the UI does to muddle through, I'm sure it will, simply because human beings seem to have the capacity to muddle through

difficulty. (Call me an optimist; I can take it.) I hope we don't lose the cinema department, though. (OK — I have a friend on the faculty. She's a great documentary filmmaker. The university just can't afford to lose people such as her.)

What I wish more than anything is that all the students here have the same pivotal moment I had with Writers' Workshop visiting faculty member Mark Costello as he delved into a discussion of Barry Hannah's story about a pilot: A moment in which I suddenly saw the story — and the world — in ways I never had imagined I could see.

Like Keats' "Upon Looking into Chapman's Homer": "Silent, upon a peak in Darién."

No shoe staring

Justin Townes Earle is a new face in folk music with a new sound to match.

-By MARISA WAY
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Justin Townes Earle will play in Iowa City for the first time today — maybe. For several reasons, the 28-year-old musician was unable to recall if he had ever visited before.

"I'm actually not sure," Earle said. "I've been on tour for 13 years, and I've done a lot of drugs over those 13 years. I've covered a lot of miles, and I don't remember a whole lot about where I've played."

Earle — whose music is a mixture of folk and country — will play at the Mill, 120 E. Burlington St., today. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., and the show will start at 8 p.m. Admission is \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Joe Pug, who has been on tour with Earle, will open.

For Earle, music has been ever-present in his life. He is named after Townes Van Zandt, a folksinger who was best known in the late-60s and early '70s. The Nashville, Tenn., native's father is Steve Earle, a prominent country-rock musician who has received 14 Grammy nominations, which presents both some benefits and disadvantages for the young musician.

"I think the advantage is that you're going to get that certain portion of the population that automatically understands once you start playing," he said. "One of the problems with that is that you don't get to make bad records, and you don't get to f— up when somebody actually knows your father."

Justin Earle started playing music and writing songs around the age of 14. "I was like most people



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Folksinger Justin Townes Earle will perform at 8 p.m. today at the Mill.

my age — you're either a Nirvana fan or a Pearl Jam fan."

The musician's debut album, *The Good Life*, came out in 2008, and his second project, *Midnight at the Movies*, was released almost a year ago. He likes to think that he has grown as a musician between the creation of his first and second albums.

"I've tried to keep myself open to all kinds of music, and literature, and movies," he said. "I think the hope with every record is that it's a little bit smarter."

In the past, he struggled with issues beyond recording — mainly drugs. But he kicked the habit and felt a positive response in his music.

"It's done nothing but good for it," he said.

Andre Perry, who co-saids events at the Mill, said he knew about Earle for quite a while before he booked him

to play. While Earle describes himself as a "Southern music preservationist," Perry had his own take on the musician's sound.

"He's part of the young folk movement," Perry said. "He has one foot in traditional folksong writing, but his aesthetic is much more modern. He's kind of bringing a new look to folk."

Earle — whose dream music collaboration would be with country singer and actor Hoyt Axton "because he was weird" — said he will start recording a third album this spring; he hopes to release it by September.

As for what he hopes audience members experience, Earle only knows what he doesn't want.

"It's not like that singer/songwriter show where you see [someone] standing up onstage staring at his shoes," he said. "We believe in the strength of the Grand Ole Opry."



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CD REVIEW

Big-band throwback

Artist Jamie Cullum delivers a new sound that is classy but mediocre.

By HANNA ROSMAN
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Jamie Cullum is a rebellious jazz-pop singer and songwriter known to break a grand piano or two in his concerts — which leads to slight chaos in his new album.

The Pursuit builds off of Cullum's previous CDs by embracing a larger orchestral sound and a jazzy feel mixed with his rock-like improvisational piano plunks.



Jamie Cullum
The Pursuit
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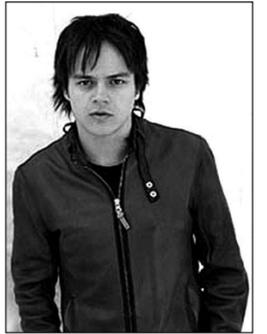
Harmonious trumpet blasts and saxophone solos mark Cullum's potential to be influenced by noteworthy musicians of the 1920s big-band era such as Paul Whiteman, known for performing "Mississippi Mud" and commissioning George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue."

The album builds on the concept found in his previous album, *Catching Tales*, which contained a similar attitude. Cullum's most recent release reflects a higher hostility toward love, but it is masked under veils of music.

People may question Cullum's theme on the album, because a majority of the tracks demonstrate his being independent of love. A few tracks such as "I Think, I Love" sweetly notes Cullum's passion with fairy-like piano scales, but it is sourly embedded with the memories of his love pelting him with beer cans and throwing up in a taxi. Even though all of these tart memories arise, Cullum still loves her anyway.

Cullum's lyrics dig beneath the superficial surface of usual upbeat songs by delving into perspectives he holds. The song "Wheels" illustrates the spinning wheels in his mind in attempts to decipher what he has wanted in life versus what reality is turning out to be. The track is one of the stronger songs on the album because of the methodical driving loops and heavy piano drops, without melodic changes or bridges.

The track "Mixtape" takes a thoughtful act performed by many junior-high sweethearts and expresses it as an act done to make a blueprint of the soul. Cullum ties together bands and solo artists from across the vast space of music to show that lyrics can



PUBLICITY PHOTO

The jazz-pop artist Jamie Cullum released a new album that advances previous work with a larger sound foundation. illustrate a cross section of characters.

Cullum also delves into transforming hip-hop into his own style by adapting Rihanna's "Please Don't Stop the Music" into his own laid-back style. At first, his jazzy riffs make the song unrecognizable compared with Rihanna's dance-club feel, but it eases into the refrain all partygoers know and love.

The Pursuit establishes the yearning in all of us to find what we are all looking for in life, whether it be love or success. And for this, Cullum causes some friction against the stale figures of classical music and stringent jazz to make a genre that is all his own.

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Man charged with sex-offender address violation

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office has arrested a convicted sex offender, alleging that he failed to register a new address within five business days of changing residences.

Darian Shankle, 32, address unknown, was charged Jan. 29 with sex-offender registration violation. It is his second and subsequent offense.

According to reports, the Iowa Sex Offender Registry informed the Johnson County Sheriff's Office that Shankle was not living at his registered address, 2870 Coral Court Apt. 303, in Coralville.

Shankle moved out almost a year ago, according to police, and the current resident of Apt. 303 reportedly said there was no one by the name of Darian Shankle living there.

- by Jordan Fries

Man charged with arson

Iowa City police have arrested a local man for allegedly setting a coat on fire outside another person's apartment door.

Cary Smith, 21, address unknown, was charged Feb. 20 with first-degree arson.

According to police, a woman who lived in one of the eight apartment units at 2404 Bartelt Road heard noises outside her door and saw light flickering outside the door frame.

Smith was allegedly seen running from the door after the victim looked out her peep hole.

The victim then reportedly opened a door to find a coat Smith had been wearing earlier in the day set on fire. She then used a fire extinguisher to douse the flames.

First-degree arson is a Class B felony generally punishable by a mandatory sentence of 25 years in prison.

- by Jordan Fries

Man charged with 3rd OWI

An Iowa City man was charged with his third OWI after allegedly running a stop sign and striking another vehicle.

James Burton, 36, 53 Modern Way, was charged Sunday with third-offense OWI.

Iowa City police responded to an accident at the intersection of

Scott Boulevard and Muscatine Avenue, where witnesses allegedly reported that Burton was possibly intoxicated.

Burton, driving a tan Buick, reportedly ran a stop sign and struck another vehicle.

According to police, Burton exhibited poor balance, slurred speech, bloodshot watery eyes, and a strong scent of alcohol.

Empty beer cans and bottles

were reportedly found in the vehicle, and Burton admitted to drinking at home before driving.

Burton allegedly performed poorly on the field sobriety test and refused to have his blood-alcohol content tested.

He has two previous convictions, the most recent on Oct. 13, 2006.

Third-offense OWI is a Class D felony generally punishable by up

to five years in prison and a maximum fine of \$9,375.

- by Jordan Fries

R-Iowa, said in a statement Monday.

The money comes from the National Cancer Institute, and it will be dedicated to a research project called "Quantitative Imaging to Assess Response in Cancer Therapy Trials."

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- by Michelle Hillenbrand

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Nothing Funny manages another dominating victory thanks in part to a nine-minute, 34-0 run in the first half Monday night.

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Sharon Dingman
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VOLLEYBALL

V-ball ranked 23rd in attendance

Hawkeye fans turned out to show their support for the Iowa volleyball team last season.

The program ranked 23rd in national attendance in 2009; the Hawkeyes averaged a school-record 1,632 fans in their 13 home games in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

"Hawkeye fans are among the best in the country," second-year head coach Sharon Dingman said in a release. "Carver-Hawkeye Arena is a unique venue for volleyball, and our fans' continued support has turned our home court into a very difficult environment for opposing teams. It has become one of the toughest places to play in the Big Ten."

Under Dingman, the Hawkeyes have managed eight of the program's top 10 all-time attendance records. On Nov. 11, 2009, a record of 3,102 fans turned out to watch Iowa take on two-time NCAA champion and No. 1 Penn State.

The Hawkeyes finished the season 13-19 overall, 5-15 in Big Ten play.

— by Evelyn Lau

BASKETBALL

UConn knocks off W. Virginia

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Kemba Walker scored 21 points, and Jerome Dyson added 17 as Connecticut beat No. 8 West Virginia, 73-62, on Monday night, the Huskies' third win this season over a top-10 team.

Stanley Robinson had 15 points and 13 rebounds for UConn (17-11, 7-8 Big East), which has won three straight to keep its NCAA Tournament hopes alive.

The Huskies are 3-1 since coach Jim Calhoun returned from a medical leave of absence. Connecticut was 3-4 during the 23 days he was gone.

Devin Ebanks had 17 points and nine rebounds to lead West Virginia (21-6, 10-5). The Mountaineers finished the game without head coach Bob Huggins, who received two technical fouls in the final minute.

Calhoun called the game a street fight, and the teams combined for 46 personal fouls. UConn hit 30-of-42 free throws, and Walker was 14-of-17 from the line.

West Virginia was 12-of-23 from the free throw line and hit just four of 18 shots from 3-point range.

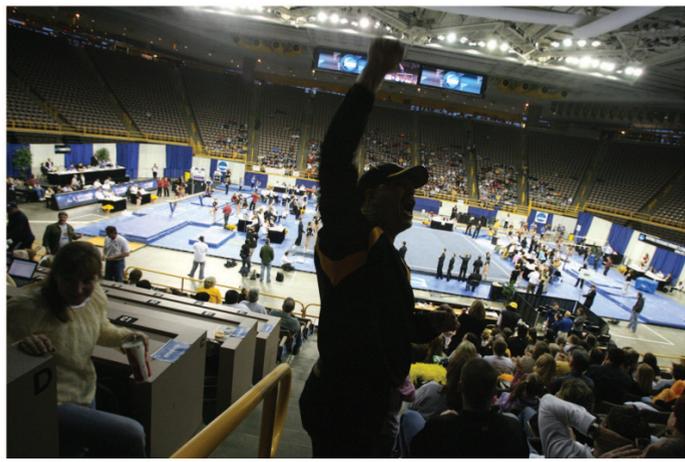
UConn led by as many as 15 points in the first half and by nine at halftime after outrebounding the Mountaineers 21-11.

But the Mountaineers whittled away at the lead in the second half, and when Ebanks followed up a missed shot with 8:44 left, they were down 53-52. But they were never able to take the lead.

It was 66-62 with just over a minute left when Calhoun called a time-out.

Stanley Robinson then followed up a missed lay-up by Dyson with a dunk, and Walker's steal and dunk made it 70-62.

An irate Huggins received two technical fouls after calling a time-out, and Walker hit three of four free throws to ice the game.



Clockwise from top left: A singer sings the National Anthem before the game against Ohio State in Carver-Hawkeye Arena Jan. 27. ROB JOHNSON/THE DAILY IOWAN Fans watch Iowa and Washburn players prepare for the second half in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Nov. 8, 2009. DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN UI junior Arielle Sucich performs a balance-beam routine during the women's gymnastics meet against Iowa State in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Sunday. BRENNAN NORMAN/THE DAILY IOWAN John Loffer pumps up the GymHawk fans in Carver-Hawkeye Arena during the NCAA North Regional on April 4, 2009. FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY IOWAN

Fixing GymHawks' home

A lot of work goes into transforming Carver-Hawkeye Arena into a gymnastics venue.

By **ROBBIE LEHMAN**
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When a gymnastics meet runs smoothly, it's not just the teams and coaches who are happy.

It may not be the most glamorous of jobs, but the University of Iowa facilities department is responsible for the behind-the-scenes work necessary for putting on a successful event, including all setup, teardown, and carting equipment.

A typical gymnastics dual meet lasts approximately two hours, but the facilities crew works much longer than that. It takes roughly four hours — and a lot of teamwork — to convert Carver-Hawkeye arena into a meet-ready gymnasium.

"It helps that we're kind of fortunate where we have a lot of students who've been around," full-time facilities intern Brandon Yezek said. "They kind of know what's going on. We don't have to tell them too much. They

take control, grab mats, and know where things go. Everyone kind of helps each other and kind of picks an event and puts the equipment where it needs to be."

As one of the supervisors, Yezek, 30, also coordinates the facilities for other sporting events hosted in the arena, including basketball and wrestling. He is also preparing himself for the upcoming baseball and softball seasons.

The night before a meet, 12 to 15 facilities workers

along with two or three supervisors load all the gymnastics materials into two 24-foot rental trucks and park them overnight in the Kinnick Stadium parking lot. The crew then goes through the four-hour setup, including pushing in bleachers.

Second-year Iowa assistant coach Caleb Phillips checks the crew's work, occasionally tweaking something. He said the facilities team does a "top-notch" job.

"As far as worrying about

if the equipment is getting put together right or not, it's pretty seamless, actually," Phillips said. "They make it pretty stress-free. It's one fewer thing for us to worry about. Nothing but a positive review from me."

But the work isn't done when the meet is. The whole procedure must be reversed, and all of the equipment back to its original home, safe and sound at the Field House.

SEE GYMHAWKS, 3B

IOWA 4, WESTERN MICHIGAN 3

Doubles lifts men's tennis

Strong doubles play by the Iowa men's tennis team translated into a 4-3 victory over Western Michigan on Sunday.

By **SETH ROBERTS**
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In collegiate tennis, even the first point of a meet can be pivotal.

The No. 55 Iowa men's tennis team (4-1) learned this lesson when it turned a meet-opening victory in doubles play into a 4-3 win over the Western Michigan Broncos (7-3) on Sunday in Kalamazoo, Mich.

The one-point margin of victory is the slimmest the Hawkeyes have earned over the course of their current four-meet winning streak. The doubles point turned out to be the deciding factor after the Hawkeyes split the singles matches, 3-3.

"It was a good,

hard-fought win against a good team on its home court," Iowa head coach Steve Houghton said. "If we hadn't won doubles, we wouldn't have won [the meet]."

Iowa's No. 1 doubles pairing of sophomore Marc Bruce and junior Nikita Zotov defeated Kazuya Komada and Zeyad Montasser, 8-5. The Hawkeyes' No. 2 team, senior Tommy McGeorge and sophomore Will Vasos, overcame brothers Michael and Thomas Calderone, 8-4.

"I think we stepped up a little bit and were able to elevate the team right from the beginning," Vasos said.

The Hawkeyes' No. 3 team of freshman Garret Dunn and senior Reinoud Haal wasn't as fortunate, dropping a match to the Boncos' Casey Cullen and Pablo Olivarez, 8-1.



Houghton
coach

SEE TENNIS, 3B

Purdue in catbird seat

Each week, the *DI* takes you Around the Big Ten to check out some of Iowa's conference brethren.

By **BRENDAN STILES**
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For the past month, a Big Ten team has found a way to stand out.

At the beginning of February, Michigan State looked to be on cruise control after running out to a 9-0 start in conference play. Then, Illinois made headlines with wins at home against the Spartans and at Wisconsin.

Last week, Ohio State took the spotlight, winning two road games against the Spartans and Fighting Illini. However, the Buckeyes had their Big Ten winning streak snapped on Feb. 17 at home against Purdue, which now seems to have the inside track to the conference crown.

The third-ranked Boilermakers sit alone in first place at 11-3, a half-game up on both No. 14 Michigan State and No. 9 Ohio State, which are 11-4 after the Buckeyes beat the Spartans on Sunday in East Lansing, Mich.

Purdue will play on Wednesday at Williams Arena against a Minnesota squad that has not only taken



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa's Matt Gatens drives during the Hawkeyes' game against Purdue in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Feb. 19, 2009.

advantage of its current home stand by winning two straight but has greatly improved in the eyes of Boilermaker

head coach Matt Painter since the two squads met last month in West Lafayette, Ind.

SEE BIG TEN, 3B



Nothing Funny gets last laugh

The team uses fast breaks and athleticism to defeat overmatched Athlete's Anonymous.

By IAN MARTIN
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There really was nothing funny about the lopsided intramural basketball game between There Is Nothing Funny About Domestic Abuse and Athletes Anonymous on Monday night.

Down early, Nothing Funny, the sixth-ranked team in the Recreational Services Top 10 men's basketball poll, glided to a 57-17 victory after a 34-0 run spanning nine minutes in the first half.

With its second victory by 40 or more points this season, Nothing Funny captain Gautam "Boots" Reddy said the squad doesn't like to ease up too much in games for a reason.

"I think that just gives us intimidation [before the playoffs]," said the medical student, who sports a Mohawk. "Teams are going to see those scores and what we did to those teams."

Tony Frank, who had nine of Athlete's Anonymous' 17 points on three 3-pointers, didn't seem to



Iowa senior Matt Gowan of There Is Nothing Funny About Domestic Abuse drives during an intramural basketball game against Athletes Anonymous in the Field House on Monday. Nothing Funny won, 57-17.

take the blowout personally, understanding the play-off-bound Nothing Funny needed to get reps in.

"What I got is that they were trying to practice," he said. "I'm sure they're just getting in shape, so I don't take offense to that."

The game started out unexpectedly for Nothing Funny after a Frank 3-pointer gave Athletes Anonymous a 6-4 advantage in the first three minutes of play.

Nothing Funny

capitalized on several fast breaks to go up 38-6, and eventually 42-8 at half-time. Brian Larson especially took advantage of the run, tallying 21 points.

Blocks and deflections by the winning squad were other deciding factors in the game. Senior Sean Anthony had three blocks in the first half, with most knocked downcourt to spark a fast break.

One play typical of the night occurred late in the first half, when a block by

Reddy went straight to Larson. He decided to take the ball to the iron, and he sustained a heavy foul. He made both the lay-up and free throw.

The second half saw much less scoring from Nothing Funny. Athlete's Anonymous sunk the first four points to begin the half.

During the subsequent time-out by Nothing Funny, senior Raheel Yaseen told the group they needed to slow down because the team was rushing shots.

The strategy may have led to the team going cold, though, with only Anthony and Josh Doyle scoring more than two points in the half.

Larson was held scoreless in the second half, but he said it was his own doing as a team player.

"I felt like I needed to give my teammates a chance to score," he said. "I wanted to] let Boots do a little work down low. Just try to spread the ball around a little."

From the tip-off, it seemed Athlete's

Anonymous wouldn't be able to stick with a team that has played in intramural tournaments across the country. The members even seemed resigned to the idea that they were going to lose on Monday night.

"We're only five guys and not very talented," Frank said.

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Young team has high hopes

The young Squakeyes are 2-0 in the Men's Open intramural basketball League.

By KYLIE SEBERT
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Senior Sean Cunningham and freshman Evan Okrzesik have taken different roads to becoming Squakeyes.

Currently 2-0 in the Men's Open intramural basketball League, the team is made up of five freshmen, one sophomore, and one senior. And despite being undefeated so far, the team isn't overconfident.

"The only problem is that we are a bunch of freshmen for the most part, and I know these guys are very experienced from high school, but I am afraid as this goes on, if we run into some big strong boys, we might get pushed around a little," said Cunningham, the lone senior. "Even if we do run into a physical team in the tournament, it will be a good game, and we will not get blown out."

Okrzesik, from Fenwick High School in Oak Park, Ill., leads the Squakeyes at point guard.

"He's so talented, I don't know how he isn't playing college basketball," Cunningham said. "It seems like sometimes he won't take a shot to make it more fair, but I have no doubt he could score every time down the court."

The Squakeyes won their first game by 12 points over Shake 'N' Bake on Feb. 4, but the squad's second victory was a 30-point blowout over the Monstars on Feb. 11.

Despite being made up of



Members of the Squakeyes, a Men's Open intramural basketball League team, practice in the Field House on Monday. The team name was coined by a friend of the team.

mostly freshmen, Cunningham said the Squakeyes are also deep. The players have high expectations for the tournament in March.

For the senior, finally getting a chance to play basketball is an opportunity he relishes.

"It's great that in my last year of school, I finally have a group of buddies who like playing basketball and are talented," Cunningham said. "It's been a good experience."

However, the modest bunch also credit Cunningham, whom they've nicknamed the "veteran," for the defensive awareness he brings to the team.

"Sean is a great shooter and our best defensive

player," freshman George Mack said. "He's always all over the boards."

The Squakeyes, led by "coach" freshman Mike Davalle, get together twice a week to run plays at the Field House. Mack said Davalle gives pep talks before the game and takes charge of the team.

"He's our inspiration," Okrzesik said. "He draws the right plays when we need them and helps keep us focused."

Although Davalle is there to take charge, Cunningham described the team as "clowns" because of their joking nature. On the court, though, the game is serious business.

Off the hardwood, they are close friends. Before every game, the teammates eat at Hillcrest as part of their pregame ritual dinner. Perhaps adding to their chemistry comes is the bond they share following a win.

"After each game, the team goes to Sean's house, and we have a postgame celebration," Okrzesik said. "We are all good friends outside of basketball, and I actually went to high school with two of the guys."

Looking to continue the current winning streak after having a bye week, the Squakeyes will take on Chris Brown Beat Down at the Field House at 8:30 p.m. Thursday.

WIZARDS 101, BULLS 95

Wizards work magic on Bulls

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Andray Blatche scored 25 points and had 11 rebounds to lead the Washington Wizards to a 101-95 victory over the Chicago Bulls on Monday night.

Blatche, averaging 25 points in the four games since the trades of Antawn Jamison and Caron Butler, helped Washington to its first three-game home winning streak since April 4-12, 2008. He also made all nine of his free throws.

Washington is 3-1 since the trades, and the Wizards

ended Chicago's four-game winning streak.

Early in the third quarter, the Wizards scored 14 straight to take a 62-58 lead, holding Chicago scoreless for six minutes, 10 seconds. Blatche, Al Thornton, and James Singleton each scored four points in the run.

Derrick Rose scored 22 points to lead the Bulls.

Washington played nearly the entire game after one of their newest players, Josh Howard, playing in his fourth game, collided with Flip Murray with 4:23 to play

in the first quarter. He was helped off the court and suffered a strained left knee.

Both teams made major moves last week. The Wizards made two trades and have four new players, while the Bulls made two trades and also have four new players, though one, forward Joe Alexander is yet to play.

Both coaches, Chicago's Vinny Del Negro and Washington's Flip Saunders, noted that some of their new players have yet to participate in a full practice, reducing the number

of plays they could run.

Blatche had nine points in the third quarter when Washington outscored Chicago 31-16 as the Bulls missed 15 of their 21 shots. Washington led 77-72 after three.

The Wizards increased their lead to 93-80 after Blatche hit two free throws with 5:25 to play.

Rose led a late rally that cut Washington's lead to 96-95 with 1:55 left. He scored nine points in the run, including a three-point play that featured a beautiful scoop shot. Flip Murray added 16 for the Bulls.

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GYMHAWKS

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There have been nights, Zezek said, when the crew didn't finish until 2 a.m.

Equipment from the four events, such as beams, vaults, and uneven bars, along with numerous mats are the routine pieces of the facilities puzzle. If not heavy, nearly every piece of equipment is also awkward to carry.

What takes the most time is the floor exercise mat, which is composed of

layers of plastic and foam topped with carpet.

Specifically for the floor, facilities hires 10 to 15 Army ROTC members for extra help. Led by cadet battalion commander Pace Jaworski, the group acts as a fundraiser to give back to the university community.

"It's really a good opportunity for our cadets to get out there and do some good things for our program," Jaworski, a senior marketing major, said. "Hopefully, toward the end of the semester we can reward them with some other incentives. It's been a really

good experience. All of our cadets have been more than happy to help."

With the help of the CrewHawks and the cadets, the GymHawks have a quality environment and atmosphere to perform in during meets.

"We finalize what they do, but they do 98 percent of it," Phillips said. "It's pretty simple for us to just make sure that loose ends are tied together. It really makes competition day for us coaches pretty light. What they do, they do very well."



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Purdue junior Chris Kramer fouls Iowa's Matt Gatens in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Feb. 14, 2009.

BIG TEN

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"[The Gophers] have a great balance of size, athleticism, and quickness, but they have the ability to play a couple of different ways," he said on Monday during the Big Ten teleconference. "They can press you man-to-man and really get into you or use that zone that has really worked for them of late."

With Michigan State off this week, Purdue has a chance on Wednesday to move a full game ahead of the Spartans before playing them on Feb. 28 in Mackey Arena.

Wins this week could potentially give the Boiler-makers not only the top seed in next month's Big Ten Tournament but maybe a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament as well.

And the Golden Gophers may have

climbed back into the "bubble team" conversation after victories over Wisconsin and Indiana last week. The win against the now 17th-ranked Badgers bolstered Minnesota's tourney résumé, which also includes marquee wins against Butler and Ohio State.

The Golden Gophers have a chance to make a legitimate case by not only by beating Purdue on Wednesday but also managing a road win over the Fighting Illini this weekend.

"Any time you can win now, it's going to help you in a lot of ways," Minnesota coach Tubby Smith said Monday during the Big Ten teleconference. "From recruiting, from positioning and building momentum going into the Big Ten Tournament, gaining your team's confidence."

"If we want to be a team that gets postseason play, we got to play great basketball. It's as simple as that."

Playing with pride

All season long, the Penn State Nittany Lions have found themselves in the conference cellar, and losing their first 12 Big Ten games has made for a frustrating season.

Not only has Penn State now won two-straight games, both victories came on the road against Northwestern and Michigan — teams desperately needing wins themselves.

Penn State head coach Ed DeChellis was in good spirits on Monday, having felt it was only a matter of time before things would turn in his team's favor.

"The last two games, we made the timely shots when we needed to, and we got the big rebound when we needed to, and we came away with two wins," DeChellis said on Monday during the Big Ten teleconference.

feels good to serve out and win the meet."

Bruche's and Vasos' singles victories came against two of the Mid-American Conference's most recent Players of the Week.

"I knew [Cullen] was a very good player, and our games matched up," Vasos said. "I was able to penetrate his strokes with my big forehand, and luckily I came out on top."

The flexibility and depth of contribution ultimately

gave the Hawkeyes the advantage they needed to overcome a scrappy Western Michigan squad.

Houghton said he needed everyone on the team to step up in Iowa's first official away meet of the season, and the team rose to the occasion.

"We fought really hard," Vasos said. "It's tough to go play a hot team at its place. It's definitely an advantage for it. The win shows a lot; it shows how much we've grown."

BUCKS 83, KNICKS 67

Milwaukee sinks Knicks

By BRIAN MAHONEY
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Andrew Bogut had 24 points and 20 rebounds in his third career 20-20 game, and the Milwaukee Bucks beat the New York Knicks, 83-67, on Monday night for their third-straight victory.

Limited to just 5½ minutes at Madison Square Garden three weeks ago because of a migraine, Bogut played 36 this time and overwhelmed the Knicks' smaller frontline. He shot 12-of-15 from the field in his first 20-20 game since Dec. 13, 2008, against Indiana, according to STATS, LLC.

John Salmons scored 15 points for the Bucks, who forced the Knicks into their worst offensive performance of the season and completed a three-game sweep of the series.

Tracy McGrady scored 15 points in his second game with the Knicks, but he shot only 5-of-14. He wasn't alone in struggling — the team hit just 33.8 percent from the field in its season-high seventh straight loss.

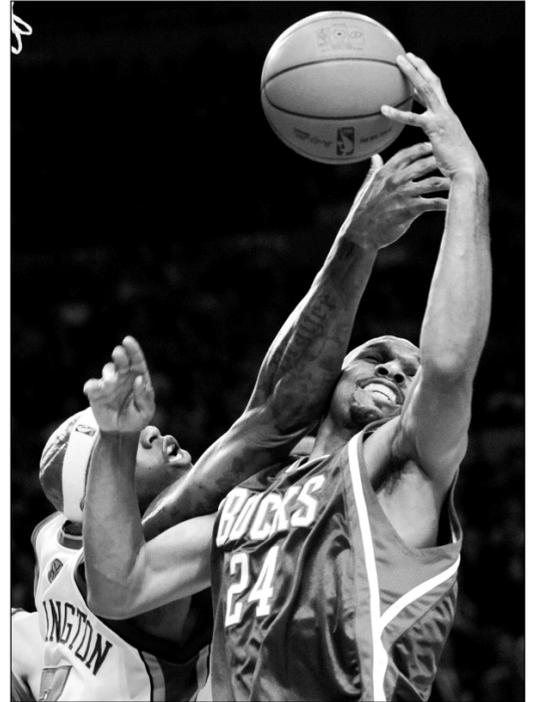
Newcomer Sergio Rodriguez replaced Chris Duhon in the lineup, but Duhon couldn't have done any worse than the Spanish point guard, who had four points and one assist and shot 2-for-8 in 30 minutes.

Bogut seemed on his way to a dominant effort in the Bucks' 114-107 win here on Feb. 5, making all three shots for six points before he was forced to leave. He was the one causing the pain this time, helping the Bucks improve to 27-28 with their fourth straight road victory.

Despite its woeful shooting, New York was within six with under nine minutes. Jerry Stackhouse then made a 3-pointer before consecutive baskets by Luke Ridnour and Salmons made it 74-61 with 7:49 left. Knick coach Mike D'Antoni promised his team would speed up the tempo after last week's trades, yet finished nowhere near its previous worst scoring night of 78 points against Dallas on Jan. 24.

The Bucks, who came in a game out of the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference, swept the series for the first time since going 4-0 in 1990-91.

Milwaukee never trailed in the first half, but the Knicks put together their only prolonged stretch of good offense with a 12-0 burst that turned a



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Milwaukee's Jerry Stackhouse (right) battles for a rebound with New York's Al Harrington during the second quarter Monday in Madison Square Garden in New York.

10-point deficit into a 53-51 lead on Wilson Chandler's lay-up with 5:20 remaining in the third quarter.

The Bucks answered immediately with 13-straight points, including consecutive lay-ups by Bogut, to open a 64-53 advantage on two free throws by Brandon Jennings with 41 seconds to go. They led by nine entering the fourth.

Bogut scored 14 points on 7-of-9 shooting and grabbed nine rebounds in the first quarter as Milwaukee opened a 27-20 lead. The Bucks pushed the lead into double dig-

its early in the second while the Knicks continued to misfire, and they led 47-41 at halftime after limiting New York to 37.5 percent shooting.

NOTES: The Knicks celebrated the 40th anniversary of their 1970 NBA championship team at halftime. Willis Reed came out last, just as he did in returning from injury to help New York beat the Los Angeles Lakers in Game 7. "The memories abound and astound," Hall of Fame guard Walt Frazier told the crowd. ... Milwaukee has won seven of the last eight meetings.

TENNIS

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While the doubles team of Vasos and McGeorge earned a promotion from the No. 3 spot to No. 2 before the meet, Houghton said he doesn't want anyone to read too much into the move.

"We made the switch because [the No. 2 and No. 3 teams are] about even," Houghton said. "At this point in the season, we're just trying to get a feel for what teams might be better at what positions. The fact that they're that even gives us some good flexibility."

Western Michigan gave the Hawkeyes a fight in singles play, winning matches in the No. 2, No. 5, and No. 6 slots. However, Iowa's victories in the No. 1, No. 3, and No. 4 positions were enough to clinch the win in the team's fifth dual meet of the season.

Bruche, Vasos, and Haal were all victorious in their singles matches. No. 4 Vasos finished first, defeating Cullen (6-3, 6-4), and No. 1 Bruche managed a victory over Michael Calderone (7-5, 4-6, 6-3).

No. 3 Haal bested Olivarez (6-2, 6-4) to clinch the team win.

"It's a good feeling to know you've won," Haal said. "I knew that we were down to our last few matches, and we were behind in two of them, so I was feeling some pressure. But it

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Alford's Lobos crack top 10

By JIM O'CONNELL
Associated Press

This is what Steve Alford had in mind when he left the Big Ten for New Mexico, a program with a rich tradition that had fallen on hard times.

The Lobos moved into the top 10 in the Associated Press college basketball poll Monday for the first time in 12 seasons after a pair of wins over Wyoming and Air Force last week. New Mexico has won 11 straight, and at 25-3, it has the best record in school history at this point.

"These are exciting times," said Alford, who's in his third season since leaving Iowa for the Mountain West school. "To crack the top 10 is special. It's another step that is really remarkable for us. It's very encouraging for the future of our program."

Alford was especially pleased with his team's performance against Air Force, even though the Falcons are last in the conference. The rugged win represented a good tune-up for Saturday's game against second-place BYU, and eventually the league and NCAA tourneys.

"It was a game that everyone is saying we should win," Alford said. "But you've got to play the games, and at this level anything can happen."

While the Lobos are climbing, the ACC is sliding, with only fifth-ranked Duke in the poll.



ISAAC BREKKEN/ASSOCIATED PRESS
New Mexico's head coach Steve Alford talks with his team during the second half in the Lobos' game against UNLV on Feb. 10 in Las Vegas.

The last time the conference had only one ranked team was Dec. 13, 1977, when North Carolina was No. 5 in what was then the Top 20. Seven schools from the 12-team league have been ranked at some point this season: North Carolina, Georgia Tech, Clemson, Maryland, Florida State, Miami, and Wake Forest.

Kansas (26-1), one of five ranked teams from the Big 12, was again the runaway No. 1 with 61 first-place votes from the 65-member national media panel. The Jayhawks were on top for the fourth straight week and 13th this season.

Kentucky (26-1), which was No. 1 on the other four ballots, held onto second after surviving its trip to Vanderbilt last weekend. Purdue, Syracuse, Duke, and Kansas State all moved up one spot from last week to round out the first six.

Villanova, which lost to Connecticut and Pittsburgh last week, dropped four places to seventh. The Wildcats have been in the top 10 all season, along with Kansas, Kentucky, and Duke.

West Virginia, Ohio State, and New Mexico rounded out the top 10.

Georgetown was No. 11, followed by fellow Big East powerhouse Pittsburgh, BYU, Michigan State, Butler, Vanderbilt, Wisconsin, Gonzaga, Tennessee, and Temple.

The last five ranked teams were Texas, Texas A&M, Richmond, Baylor, and Northern Iowa.

Texas, which was ranked No. 1 last month for the first time in school history, dropped to its lowest ranking of the season at No. 21. The Longhorns have gone 4-6, including a loss to Missouri last week, since starting the season 17-0.

Hartford makes poll for first time

By DOUG FEINBERG
Associated Press

Hartford rode a school-record winning streak to its first Top 25 appearance and gave UConn a little Nutmeg State company in the Associated Press women's basketball poll.

The Hawks entered the ranking for the first time in school history on Monday, tied at No. 24. Hartford, which has won 16-straight contests, will play its first game as a ranked team at Albany on Wednesday night with a chance to clinch the America East regular-season championship.

"It's a thrill for our program to be in," Hartford coach Jen Rizzotti said. "It's a first, but we take it one game at a time. If we're ranked and we lose, it won't mean anything. We want to be ranked at the end of the year."

Connecticut ran its remarkable streak at No. 1 to 40 weeks. The Huskies (27-0) have won 66-consecutive games after beating Providence on Feb. 20. They will play at Syracuse on Wednesday before hosting No. 13 Georgetown on Saturday.

For one week, though, the Huskies gave up a little spotlight to the Hawks.

Hartford is just the second American East school to earn a berth in the Top 25 — Vermont was ranked for one week earlier this season. Having two teams from the conference ranked in the same season meant a lot to Rizzotti, who called it "a sign of respect."



BOB CHILD/ASSOCIATED PRESS
Connecticut's Tiffany Hayes goes up for a shot against Providence's Emily Cournoyer in the second half in Hartford, Conn., on Feb. 20.

"Vermont has had a great run the last few years with the kids who are seniors in the program," she said. "Going out and winning some big nonconference games, they've done their job."

Stanford, Nebraska, Tennessee, and Xavier followed the Huskies. The Musketeers are the first non-BCS conference team to crack the initial five since Louisiana Tech did it in 2001, and are the first

Atlantic 10 team to appear in the top 5 since Penn State was No. 1 in the final poll of 1990-91. The Nit-tany Lions now play in the Big Ten.

Duke, Notre Dame, West Virginia, Florida State, and Ohio State rounded out the top 10. The Irish fell three spots after losing at St. John's and Georgetown, and Ohio State dropped three places after losing to Michigan State in overtime on Sunday.

MEN'S BASKETBALL ROUND-UP

Chattanooga knocks off Davidson

ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — Ricky Taylor scored 22 points, and Ty Patterson added 20 to help Chattanooga defeat Davidson, 78-73, on Monday night, snapping a five-game losing streak.

The Mocs (14-15, 6-10 Southern Conference) trailed 35-32 at halftime and shot 52 percent from the field in the second half (26 of 56), including 5-of-10 from 3-point range.

Chattanooga outscored the Wildcats 8-3 after halftime, taking its first lead since 6:56 left in the first half, 40-38, on Keegan Bell's 3 with 17:24 to play.

Davidson (14-14, 9-7) would lead again, 52-50 with 10:03 remaining, but the Mocs scored 11 straight. Jeremy Saffore's lay-up put Chattanooga up 61-52 with 6:38 left, and the Wildcats didn't get any closer than six points the rest of the way.

Jake Cohen scored 16 points, and Brendon McKillop added 15 for the Wildcats.

Davidson shot 35.1 percent in the second half (13-of-37).

Appalachian St. nips Elon

ELON, N.C. — Donald Sims

scored 25 points to lead Appalachian State to a 58-54 win over Elon on Monday night.

Sims shot 8-for-18 from the field and added six rebounds for the Mountaineers (18-11, 11-5 Southern Conference). Isaac Butts chipped in with a double-double, scoring 10 points and grabbing 11 rebounds.

Appalachian State held a 56-54 lead with 32 seconds left after Jeremi Booth made one of two from the free-throw line. Elon had a chance to tie, but Chris Long missed a lay-up with 19 seconds remaining. Sims then made two free throws with 17 seconds left to secure the win.

Adam Constantine finished with 13 points and seven rebounds

to lead the Phoenix (8-20, 5-11). TJ Douglas added 12 points, while Long dished out seven assists.

Appalachian State outrebounded Elon 46-29 and scored 17 second-chance points off of 15 offensive rebounds.

Norfolk State defeats South Carolina State 82-62

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — Michael Deloach scored 31 points, and Norfolk

State cruised to an 82-62 victory over South Carolina State on Monday night.

Deloach was 12-for-17 from the field and added three rebounds, four assists, and five steals for the Spartans (9-17, 7-6 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference).

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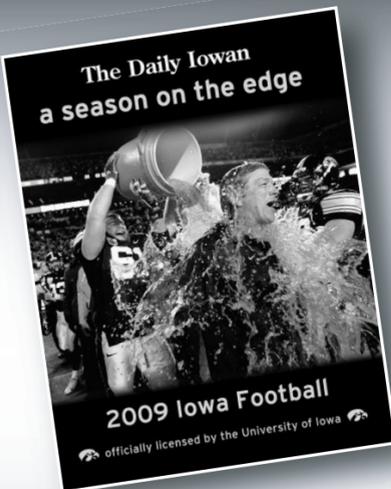
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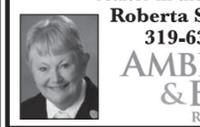
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Daily Break

"I love sleep. My life has the tendency to fall apart when I'm awake, you know?"
- Ernest Hemingway

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Random thoughts

- If comfort food was really comforting, it wouldn't make my pants so tight.
- "POLICE LINE — DO NOT CROSS" tape might as well read "POLICE LINE — STEP OVER."
- I think it's weird how beating someone at chess makes you a winner and a loser at the same time.
- Fencing would be a lot more difficult if people used actual fences.
- Running outside in the winter is like eating at a bad Chinese restaurant: it hurts a lot and you won't do it again for at least a few weeks.
- Eating baby carrots seems wrong; I think all carrots deserve the chance of a happy childhood before being eaten.
- To all soon-to-be graduates: think of it as "fun-employment"
- It's unfortunate that playing Minesweeper eight hours a day for the last six years doesn't qualify me for VFW benefits.
- Chocolate-covered raisins are an example of a good idea gone very, very wrong.
- Using the phrase "applied physics" in a pickup line will not work.
- Easy Mac is even easier if you don't microwave it.

- Daniel Frana thanks Andrew R. Juhl for collaborating on today's Ledge.

Think you're pretty funny? Prove it. The *Daily Iowan* is looking for Ledge writers. You can submit a Ledge at daily-ian@uiowa.edu. If we think it's good, we'll run it - and maybe contact you for more.

STORY TIME



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Nancy Bell and Quinn Fridrich (far right) watch the Toddler Story Time held at the Iowa City Public Library on Monday. The program is held each Monday and Tuesday and incorporates short stories with songs and actions to make it more appealing for young toddlers and preschoolers.

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 Tuesday, February 23, 2010
- by Eugenia Last

ARIES March 21-April 19 Someone who wants to make you look bad will use the information you divulge against you. Problems with authority, institutions, or neighbors can stand in your way. Address any issues that arise swiftly without revealing too much.

TAURUS April 20-May 20 You may want to accommodate someone, but in the end, it will not help your emotional state of mind or your position. If something doesn't feel right to you, do not take part. Travel for business if it will help seal a deal.

GEMINI May 21-June 20 You cannot change what has happened, but you can put it behind you and start again. Too much of anything will turn into a bad thing. Don't disrupt what you've worked so hard to achieve.

CANCER June 21-July 22 Participation will be the key to getting ahead. Travel for business will be the deciding factor. A face-to-face meeting will ensure you are in the running for something you really want to take part in.

LEO July 23-Aug. 22 If you pretend to know more than you do, it will lead to mistakes and a change of plans. Know who and what you are up against before you decide to challenge someone. Confidence, know-how, and experience will win in the end.

VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Follow through with your plans, or you will be criticized. Avoid taking anyone for granted by doing the work by yourself. Once you have proved that you are quite capable of going it alone, you will attract worthy partners who can contribute as much as you have.

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Stick to the rules and regulations, or you will face problems with superiors, institutions, or agencies. Put your creative mind to work for you. Added responsibilities must not be allowed to hold you back.

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21 There is money to be made, deals to be signed, and settlements to go after. Buying or selling property or investments will be to your benefit. An unusual collaboration will bring about a new interest that can turn into greater cash flow.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Expect to face opposition from friends, neighbors, and relatives if you are not honest about your concerns and whereabouts. Inconsistency will be your downfall and will lead to changes in your personal life that you don't foresee.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Don't take anything for granted. What you expect to unfold will not, so stay alert and prepare for an unusual turn of events. If you are ready to be a participant, you can take advantage of a rare opportunity.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Your innovative, inventive outlook will take others by surprise and will drum up interest in your plans. Put your time, effort, and cash into building a solid foundation for the future, replacing old habits that make your life repetitive and boring.

PISCES Feb. 19-March 20 What you think you are getting and what is actually being offered are not the same. Emotional problems will leave you unsure of what to do next. Don't make any moves that will disrupt your personal life.

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by Scott Adams



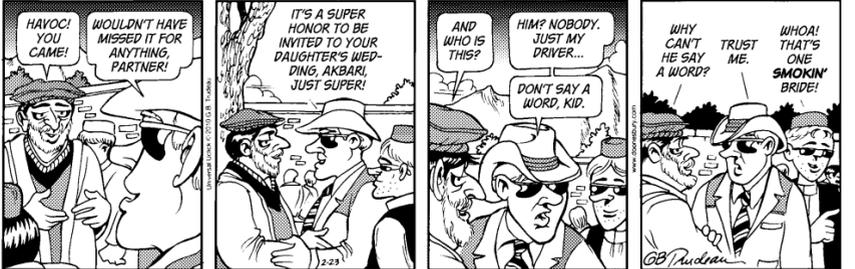
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today's events

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- **Electronic Tax Filing**, 6:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 N. Linn
- **Molecular Physiology and Biophysics Seminar Series**, "Pathogenesis of Prematurity," Charles Lockwood, Yale, 9:30 a.m., 5-669 Bowen
- **Pharmacology Visiting Seminar**, "Understanding and Manipulating Protein-Protein Interactions in G Protein Signaling," Alan Smrcka, University of Rochester, 10:30 a.m., 2117 Medical Education and Research Facility
- **Psychiatry (CME) Grand Rounds**, "Alarm Bell: Psychiatric Care is Primary Care," 11 a.m., 1502 Colleton Pavilion
- **Epidemiology Journal Club**, "Smoking Habits and the Risk of Type 2 Diabetes: A Case-Control Study," Hayden Smith, 11:30 a.m., 2-501 Bowen
- **Materials Physics/Solid State Physics Seminar**, "Probing Dynamics of the Electron-Phonon Interaction in High-T superconductors," Jianmin Tao, Los Alamos National Laboratory, 12:15 a.m., 301 Van Allen
- **Operator Theory Seminar**, "Truncated Moment Problems," Florian-Horia Vasilescu, 1:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen
- **Fahrenheit 451 Book Discussion**, 2 p.m., Coralville Public Library
- **Gray Knights Chess Club**, 2 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Microbiology Seminar**, "Are Streptococci conspiring to kill you? Detecting peptide communication in *Streptococcus pyogenes*," Michael Federle, University of Illinois-Chicago, 3 p.m., Bowen Auditorium III
- **Unified for the U.N.: An informative talk on women's issues**, 3 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Library-Community Writing**

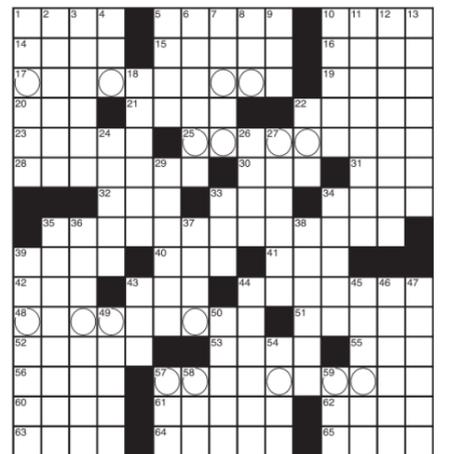
- Center, 4 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Organic Seminar**, "Pharmaceutical Cocrystals," Kara Deweese, 4:30 p.m., W128 Chemistry Building
- **Breathe Carolina**, 5 p.m., Blue Moose Tap House, 211 Iowa
- **John A. Hughes Lecture Series**, "New Economic Realities: Promise or Peril?," David Kohl, Virginia Tech, 5 p.m., Sheraton Hotel, 210 S. Dubuque
- **Policies on Disability and Immigration**, 5:30 p.m., Main Library
- **UI History of Medicine Society Presentation**, Douglas Baynton, 5:30 p.m., 2032 UI Main Library
- **Keith Varadi: Cloak Wheel**, 6 p.m., Public Space One, 115 E. Washington
- **Aviation Movie Night**, 6:30 p.m., Alexis Park Inn and Suites, 1165 S. Riverside
- **Black History Month, Know Your Heritage Trivia Game**, 6:30 p.m., IMU Black Box Theatre
- **Don't Get Evicted**, 6:30 p.m., IMU second-floor ballroom
- **Beginners Square Dance Lessons**, 7 p.m., Robert A. Lee Recreation Center, 220 S. Gilbert
- **Oscar Shorts Program 2010: Live-Action**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** Ellen Lewin, nonfiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Physics and Astronomy Demonstration Show**, 7 p.m., Van Allen Lecture Room 1
- **America The Beautiful**, 7:30 p.m., C20 Pomerantz Center
- **Justin Townes Earle**, 8 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Oscar Shorts Program 2010: Animated**, 9 p.m., Bijou

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- Across**
- #1 position
 - According to I.R.S. figures: Abbr.
 - Coal cart
 - Handed (out)
 - First Indian tribe met by Lewis and Clark
 - Bird watcher's accessory
 - The Crimson Tide, familiarly
 - Week-___ glance calendar
 - What a coach driver holds
 - Trace of color
 - Tide or Cheer
 - Beetles sacred to ancient Egyptians
 - Language suffix
 - Prefix with content
 - ___ recall ..."
 - One of five in "Julius Caesar"
 - ___ d'Ivoire (African land)
 - Essential part necessary for fulfilling a goal ... or what 17-, 25-, 48- and 57-Across all have?
 - Droids
 - Flee
 - ___ de Cologne
 - Winter hrs. in Bermuda
 - Peace, in Peru
 - Compresses, informally
 - Symbol of life
 - Ones in a gaggle
 - "So long"
 - Demolish
 - Young fellow
 - Certain iPod or skirt
 - Cheesy Mexican snack
 - Knievel on a motorcycle

- Down**
- Baseball statistics
 - "Everyone's a ___"
 - Procrastinator's response
 - Rock music subcategory
 - Together, on musical scores
 - Sphere and cube
 - Smoothing tool
 - Suffix with election
 - Things with shoulders: Abbr.
 - Edna Ferber novel
 - Young starlet's promoter, maybe
 - Propose for election
 - Where Starbucks was founded
 - Ironing line
 - Rap's Dr. ___
 - There are about 28.35 of these in an ounce
 - Georgia ___
 - High regard
 - Place for a petri dish
 - Smarty
 - Working without ___
 - Actor Beatty and others
 - Wuss
 - What a jack-of-all-trades is master of, supposedly



- Puzzle by Zoe Wheeler
- Sign at a convenience store
 - Save the Whales, for one
 - Plummet
 - Got
 - Disconcert
 - Measured
 - "Who Let the Dogs Out" group
 - Score components: Abbr.
 - Equilibrium
 - "Absolutely not!"
 - Institute, California retreat center for alternative education
 - Tranquilize
 - Stirs
 - Neighborhoods
 - Wacky
 - 57 ones making handoffs, for short
 - Geller with supposed psychic powers
 - McEwan or McKellen

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