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The women hoopsters fell to Ohio State, 66-64, losing a possible Big Ten Tournament championship. SPORTS, 1B



GRAPPLERS TAKE TITLE

Iowa's wrestlers snagged their third straight Big Ten title, but four, including Brent Metcalf, fell to their competitors. SPORTS, 1B

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Herky works out his wings while learning to walk and entertain with the help of Bridget, a member of the Herky security squad, during mascot tryouts on March 2 in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. While Herky makes many public appearances, entertaining adults and children alike, it comes as no surprise that the No. 1 face of the university spends plenty of time developing and honing his skills.

Becoming Herky

Tryouts test such skills as ball handling and improvisation.

By MICHELLE HILLENBRAND
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With a head weighing between 10 and 25 pounds, Herky the Hawk's costume can leave students underneath smelly, sweaty, and tired.

Nonetheless University of Iowa junior Bridget, a member of the Iowa Spirit Squad, said the experience is a rush. The UI does not allow those who become Herky to be identified.

Only six students of the UI's 20,000 undergrads will find themselves in the suit each year, looking up into the bright lights of Kinnick Stadium and Carver-Hawkeye Arena and leading the crowds into a Hawkeye frenzy. This year, 15 students are competing for the honor.

After removing the heavy costume from her shoulders, sophomore tryout Jessica said she has wanted to be a mas-

Top 5 College Mascots Mascots placing in the top five at the 2010 Universal Cheerleading Association's national competition:

1. Colorado - "Chip"
2. Auburn - "Aubie"
3. Minnesota - "Goldy Gopher"
4. Kentucky - "Wildcat"
5. Oklahoma - "Boomer"

Source: Varsity.com

cot for as long as she can remember. Before tryouts, she said, she could envision herself as Herky.

"I'm a goofball, I can do that — walk around, strut my stuff," she said.

And strut they did. At a clinic last week, Herky wannabes donned the costume and practiced ball-handling skills, the unique Herky walk, climbing the steep Carver stairs, and improvisational skills.

"Herky is the big bird on campus — literally," said Bridget, as she watched a potential new Herky practice his strut around the perimeter of the Carver-Hawkeye basketball court.

Tryouts will prove especially important this year, as the squad strives to earn Herky a spot as one of the top-five collegiate mascots nationwide. In January's Universal Cheerleading Association's national competition, Herky placed 10th. The rankings were determined based on a submitted video and a skit performed at the competition.

Spirit Squad Captain Brandon said the top squads are distinguished by their solidarity, with the same mannerisms regardless of who is in costume. Various spirit squad members don the black and gold suit over the course of the competition.

SEE HERKY, 3A

Schools mull tax increase

An additional \$12 million will come from taxpayers' pockets.

By NORA HEATON
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No one likes paying taxes in a recession. But unless the state can provide more funds for Iowa City schools, the School District may have to raise property taxes by almost 15 percent.

The current property-tax rate for the district is \$14.19 per \$1,000 of property value. The district has proposed that number be increased to \$16.31 for the 2010-11 school year.



Plugge
superintendent

"That puts a huge burden on families," said Iowa City resident Roberta Caris. "We're going to have to watch our spending very closely."

Paul Bobek, the district's executive director of administrative services, will present the preliminary certified budget to the School Board at its Tuesday meeting — and revenues are scarce.

The Iowa City School District is grappling with a 10 percent across-the-board cut in state funding, he said. Officials expect that cut, ordered by Gov. Chet Culver, will remain in place.

The district compensated for last year's cut with reserve money, Superintendent Lane Plugge said. But having burned through its reserves, the district will need to try a new avenue for revenue if the state does not amend the cut for the 2010-11 year.

"We have to ask, 'Have economic conditions at the state level changed enough for us to rely on them?'" the superintendent said. "If they don't, we will need to raise property raises."

SEE SCHOOLS, 3A

Casting a wary eye at weather

Locals and officials are on guard for flooding.

By JOSEPH BELK
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Local victims of flooding in 2008 are remaining optimistic after a spring outlook released by the National Weather Service decreased the potential of flooding in Iowa City.

The March 5 release indicated a drop of a few percentage points in flood chances. However, the report noted that high soil moisture and levels of snowpack are adding to a "greater than normal" chance of flooding.

Mild temperatures and weather conditions have prevented rapid snowmelt — ideal conditions to avoid a flood.

"I think we would be foolish not to think about it," said Mary Sturm, who lives on Eastmoor Drive which flooded in 2008. "It's always going to be on our minds because we've been through it and lost a great deal."

SEE FLOOD, 3A

Group plans to oppose 21-only

Using Facebook, students plan to speak up against the 21-ordinance.

By MITCHELL SCHMIDT
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Hundreds of people plan to join efforts against the possible prohibition of underage patrons in Iowa City bars.

University of Iowa junior Dan Tallon is encouraging students to speak out against the ordinance at the next Iowa City City Council meeting, March 23.

"It's going to take a lot of people making it very clear that they're against this," he said. "Politics isn't a spectator sport."

The recently created Facebook event titled Iowa City, City Council Meeting, already has more than 400 planning to attend the meeting with another 430 saying they might attend. The event encourages students opposing the ordinance to pack City Hall's Emma Harvat Hall, where the City Council's meeting will be held, to "show the council that this is not the fight they want to pick," according to the event page.



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UI junior Matt Hall checks an ID inside One-Eyed Jakes on April 25, 2009. Some students will attend a City Council meeting to combat a recent return of the 21-ordinance.

SEE FACEBOOK, 3A

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Check out a video report about the Nearly Naked Mile, which aimed to raise donations for the Salvation Army by encouraging participants to strip off their clothes before taking a mile-long run around the UI campus.



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'Naked' mile

Students running in the Nearly Naked Mile run pass the Iowa Avenue and Madison Street intersection after the start of the race on March 6. Runners were split into groups ranging from "Lightening Fast" to "I Just Want to Finish." Participants included UI students clad in underwear, kilts, and even a bear costume. See a video feature at dailyiowan.com.

METRO

Hanson to receive \$15,000

Following City High Principal Mark Hanson's resignation, effective June 30, he will receive \$15,000 on top of his usual salary for the school year, according to a separation agreement. The public document was signed by Hanson as well as Jim Pederson, Iowa City School District human-resources director.

Hanson officially resigned on Feb. 13 amid much community controversy, which culminated in 80 parents, students, and staff members showing up at the School Board's Feb. 23 meeting to demonstrate support for Hanson.

The document acknowledges the district's obligation to pay Hanson the additional \$15,000 and provide Hanson with "mutually acceptable letters of recommendation."

In return, Hanson must agree not to sue the district, not to seek re-employment in the district, and to "fully and faithfully fulfill" his duties as principal.

— by Nora Heaton

Coralville man charged with burglary

Police charged a Coralville man with burglary after his still-burning cigarette was reportedly found outside the victim's residence.

Darryl Jenkins, 43, Coralville, was charged June 19, 2009, with second-degree burglary.

According to reports, the victim returned home to his Johnson Street residence and walked into his yard.

He then allegedly observed Jenkins busting out his front door to run away. The victim found computers and video

games missing from the residence, police said.

Jenkins' cigarette butt was reportedly found still burning on the ground next to the victim's house. Police collected the cigarette, and numerous DNA tests allegedly confirmed that it was his.

Second-degree burglary is a Class C felony generally punishable by a mandatory sentence of 10 years in prison and maximum fine of \$10,000.

— by Jordan Fries

Man charged with false report

A man charged with public intoxication last month reportedly entered a guilty plea using a name from a fake ID.

Adam Stoczynski, 20, 335 S. Clinton St., was charged Feb. 27 with public intoxication and providing false reports to law enforcement.

According to reports, Stoczynski was arrested for causing trouble during a bar incident at 115 Iowa Ave., in which a Joe's Place employee was punched.

Stoczynski allegedly gave officers a fake ID, and police charged him under the false name and information shown on the ID.

He pleaded guilty under the false name in court the next morning, causing an innocent person to have a guilty plea of intoxication, police said.

The defendant reportedly went to the police station at a later time and admitted he was wrong.

Providing false reports is a Class D felony generally punishable by a mandatory sentence of five years in prison and a maximum fine of \$7,500.

— by Jordan Fries

Man charged with OWI

Police charged a man with OWI after he allegedly ran his car into a Salvation Army building and told police he didn't know how to drive.

Alex Martinez, 26, West Branch, was charged March 4.

According to police reports, Martinez exited the vehicle after the accident and walked away carrying an open container of beer.

Officers reportedly found him a short distance away still consuming the beer.

Martinez allegedly told police he was intentionally intoxicated because of an ended relationship. He reported that he struck the building because he did not know how to drive, police said.

First-offense OWI is a serious misdemeanor generally punishable by up to a year in prison and a maximum fine of up to \$1,250.

— by Jordan Fries

Woman charged with domestic-abuse assault

Police charged an Iowa City woman after she allegedly stabbed a man during an argument.

Kimberly Hudson, 32, 3503 Shamrock Place, was charged March 6 with domestic-abuse assault with intent and displaying a weapon after police found a man with a stab wound to the abdomen in the residence at roughly 8 p.m.

According to police, Hudson and the man were in an argument when she pushed him against the wall, causing a cut on his forehead and a bloody nose.

She then went into the kitchen and grabbed a large knife and waved it toward where the man was sitting.

Hudson allegedly told police the man stood up from the couch and ran into the knife. According to police, she fled the scene.

Domestic-abuse assault with intent and displaying a weapon is an aggravated misdemeanor generally punishable by up to two years in prison and a maximum fine of \$6,250.

— by Jordan Fries

Man charged with living in ex's place

Police charged a man for allegedly living in his ex-girlfriend's residence when she was out of town.

Adam Hamlin, 30, 902 N. Dodge St. Apt. 7, was charged Dec. 28, 2009, with third-degree burglary.

Hamlin reportedly entered her apartment through a window, moved some of her belongings, stole some change, and ate her food.

When the woman returned home, she found the items and went to her mother's house, police said.

According to police, Hamlin had a previous trespass warning for the same residence and had been told to stay away from the woman.

The estimated cost of the pilfered food and change was roughly \$100.

Hamlin was also charged with public intoxication on March 6.

Third-degree burglary is a Class D felony generally punishable by a mandatory sentence of five years in prison and a maximum fine of up to \$7,500.

— by Jordan Fries

POLICE BLOTTER

Edrean Ayers, 20, Cedar Rapids, was charged March 6 with disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

Bret Carroll, 19, Ann Arbor, Mich., was charged March 5 with PAULA. **Erin Carter**, 19, 410 N. Clinton St. Apt. 9, was charged March 5 with simple assault.

Mark Coleman, 22, 522 E. College St. Apt. 5, was charged March 5 with possession of a Schedule I controlled substance with intent to deliver and drug tax-stamp violation.

Danielle Colletti, 18, Park Ridge, Ill., was charged March 6 with unlawful use of another's ID.

Devyn Denny, 18, 74 Erobi Lane, was charged March 6 with driving while barred.

Alex Dragon, 20, 35 E. Burlington St. Apt. 213, was charged March 5 with PAULA, public intoxication, and interference with official acts.

Kristine Drury, 20, De Witt, Ill., was charged March 6 with PAULA.

Gary Duffel, 41, address unknown, was charged March 5 with public intoxication.

Jarred Evanovich, 21, Washington, Iowa, was charged March 5 with driving with a sus-

pended or canceled license.

Scott Feldman, 18, Northbrook, Ill., was charged March 5 with presence in a bar after hours and PAULA.

Laura Gehrt, 18, 1507 Quadrangle, was charged March 6 with unlawful use of another's ID. **Matthew Gerlach**, 20, S. Gilbert St. Apt. 1135, was charged Sunday with PAULA.

Nicholas Glasgow, 24, 1703 G St., was charged March 6 with disorderly conduct.

Lee Gray, 27, Coralville, was charged March 5 with driving with a suspended or canceled license.

Kevin Hall, 18, N342 Hillcrest, was charged March 5 with PAULA and presence in a bar after hours.

Adam Hamlin, 30, 1705 Prairie Du Chien Road Apt. 3, was charged March 6 with public intoxication.

Chelsea Hansen, 20, Davenport, was charged March 6 with PAULA.

Kathleen Harrington, 20, 521 N. Linn St. Apt. 3, was charged March 5 with PAULA.

John Hart, 19, Wilmette, Ill., was charged Sunday with PAULA.

Patricia Hogan, 21, 2654 Roberts Road, was charged March 6 with fifth-degree theft.

Mary Hovick, 19, 823 E. Burlington St., was charged March 5 with PAULA.

Brittney Hughes, 19, De Witt, Ill., was charged March 6 with PAULA.

Grant Kassing, 19, Des Moines, was charged March 5 with public intoxication.

Jacky Makikulu, 20, 2151 Davis St., was charged March 6 with public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

Jose Maldonado, 22, 1136 N. Dubuque St. Apt. 1, was charged March 6 with OWI.

Vicki Manning, 56, 50 Thistle Court, was charged March 4 with public intoxication.

Timothy McCracken, 20, 223 E. Bloomington St., was charged March 4 with PAULA.

Shannon McDonald, 20, Cedar Rapids, was charged March 6 with public intoxication.

Owen McGlynn, 20, 410 E. Market St., was charged March 5 with public intoxication and possession of fake IDs.

Abbey Moffitt, 19, 815 E. Burlington St., was charged March 5 with PAULA and unlawful use of another's ID.

Sean Race, 19, 746 Slater, was

charged Sunday with unlawful use of another's ID and PAULA.

Jessyca Scarpone, 18, 14688 Old Rockland Road, was charged March 5 with presence in a bar after hours.

Tanner Setka, 18, 637 S. Dodge St. Apt. 2, was charged March 5 with third-degree criminal mischief and public intoxication.

Bryan Sirdoreus, 25, Altoona, Iowa, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Danielle Sondag, 19, 1216 Rienow, was charged March 6 with PAULA.

Rapheal Taylor, 21, Coralville, was charged March 5 with public intoxication.

Benjamin Tebockhorst, 19, N160 Currier, was charged March 5 with PAULA.

Amanda Timmerman, 20, 522 S. Clinton St. Apt. 310, was charged March 5 with PAULA.

Daniel Welch, 21, 505 E. Burlington St. Apt. 8A, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Keenan Whiteside, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged March 5 with OWI.

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- Potential pitfalls of the 21-ordinance
- Three grapplers take unblemished records into Big Ten Championships
- Hawkeyes prepare for regular-season finale
- City Council cites failed attempts at curbing drinking in 21-ordinance push

METRO

Trial set in Versypt slaying

Trial has been set for a 17-year-old charged in the slaying of John Versypt, the landlord of an Iowa City apartment complex, for May 3.

Charles William Curtis Thompson was arrested for the October 2009 shooting death

of Versypt, who was said to be checking up on one of his apartment buildings on Broadway. Police believe Thompson, who came to Iowa City from Holland, Mich., in the summer of 2008, planned to rob Versypt.

A pretrial conference is scheduled for April 22.

— by Sam Lane

SELLING OLD GOLD?

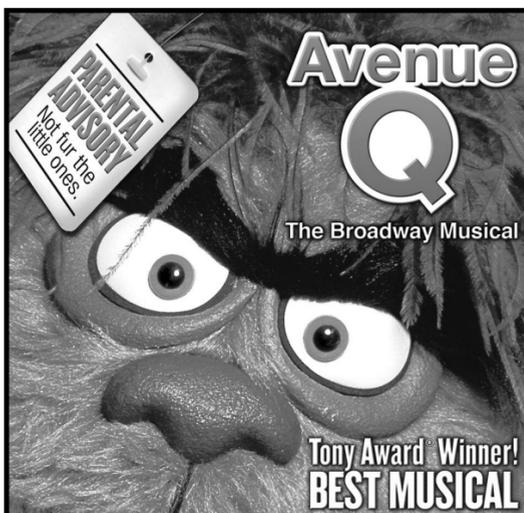
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HERKY

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"We really need everyone marching to the same beat," he said, noting that he embraces a cartoon-like mindset.

While the UI squad already shoots for uniformity, the members said they hope to improve with new recruits.

"You have six people on squad, but there's only one Herky," Bridget said.

Spirit coordinator Gregg Niemiec said Herky's character is one of the key things to learn at the try-out clinics.

Some mascots are goofy, and others are stoic and mean-looking, he said.

"We're kind of in-between," he said. "Herky's

going to have fun with everybody, but he's not going to be silly, bopping around all the time."

Herky was created in 1948 when then-UI journalism instructor Richard Spencer III conceived the bird, a cross between a bald eagle and Woody the Woodpecker. His name is a shortened form of the Greek figure Hercules.

Demonstrating an enthusiastic fist pump to a potential squad member, Bridget advised: "Everything's big." Niemiec called out to another attempting Herky's walk: "More arms, more arms!"

At the tryout, squad members asked the students to improvise with brooms, elastic cords, and towels. One participant used a broom as a barbell, while another had a

bungee cord spring off Herky's enhanced muscles.

"Probably one of the biggest things for Herky is their creativity on the fly," Niemiec said.

At next week's clinics, the squad will ask students to create a skit that utilizes music and crowd involvement before making their final decisions.

After the final cuts, students will begin their roles as Herky. Throughout the year, the beloved bird is visible all over campus: basketball games, football games, tailgates, Dance Marathon, the UI Hospital and Clinics, and even local weddings.

And though a new set of students will take on the role of the iconic UI figure, Herky's presence and character will remain the same.

"It's not really me in suit — it's Herky" said Bridget.

FACEBOOK

CONTINUED FROM 1A

UI Student Government City Council liaison Jeff Shipley said was surprised when he heard the council announced the ordinance in a work session last week.

Shipley, who ran for a seat on the City Council last year, is encouraging students to attend the meeting and share their opinions respectfully.

"If students really want to affect their local government, they should definitely try to, and hopefully they can," he said.

Shipley is not alone. In fact, another group on Facebook of which Shipley is an administrator — along with Mike Porter, who owns several downtown bars — had more than 5,000 members by Sunday evening.

Another group still in existence from 2007, when a public vote defeated the measure, had more than 3,500 members.

Porter told members of the larger group in a March 5 message that he appreciated their online discourse about the issue.

A group in favor of the ordinance, called PRO 21-Only Ordinance, had 38 members Sunday night.

Councilor Connie Champion said she expected a big response from students after the council discussed the ordinance last week.

Mike Mendel was one of those students, responding as "attending" to the City Council event page and encouraging others to show up, too.

The UI sophomore said he plans to attend the meeting and emphasized the importance of participation in local government issues.

"If students really care,

they should definitely go," Mendel said. "That's how democracy works."

Tallon, who also ran for City Council last year, said he chose to spread the word about this issue via Facebook because it's easy to use and the majority of college students use the social-network program.

UI communication-studies Professor Emeritus Bruce Gronbeck said social-networking tools such as Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter are ideal for political issues because they are free and appeal to the youngest class of voters.

While he recognizes it's difficult to measure the effectiveness of social networking, it continues to increase in popularity with political issues.

"It's used very, very heavily," he said. "It's really beginning to show that it has strong local appeal."

SCHOOLS

CONTINUED FROM 1A

Plugge, whose resignation will become effective this summer, will no longer be superintendent by the time the tax hike is implemented.

Iowa's state universities have also struggled with funding following cuts in state funding. This school year, for instance, is the first in which students' tuition makes up more than half of the UI's general-education fund. The UI does not pay property taxes.

Some residents, such as Caris, have expressed concern about the increase. Nonetheless, she said, she is receptive to higher taxes for the benefit of education.

"I think it's good that we keep our schools up-to-date," said Caris, whose two children attend City High and Longfellow Elementary. "It's just not the best time."

With statewide cuts in school funding, the possibility of an increase could

Budget broken down

How statewide cuts affect property taxes:

- Fiscal 2010: 10 percent across-the-board cut
- Fiscal 2011: assumes 10 percent cut remains in place
- Fiscal 2011 allowable growth: 2 percent
- Draft property tax rate assumes: 0 percent state-funded
- Potential increase in property tax rate: 14.9 percent

Source: Paul Bobek, School District executive director of administrative services

affect communities all across Iowa.

Kancha Ramchandran, who lives in the North Liberty area, said she recognizes that the balance between education and tax is a "tricky issue" for communities everywhere.

"If that money were to go toward creating more jobs for the local economy then it would be worth it," she said.

The district, however, is under financial pressure to provide incentives for early retirement to help

save. Bobek estimated on March 5 that around 40 employees would retire at the close of the school year. A property-tax hike would feed into the management fund, which helps pay for early retirement.

Bobek routinely updates the School Board on budgetary concerns. Most of the discussion has focused on spending authority, he said. He has briefed the board on how much the district can spend on resources and how money should be distributed.

But now that state departments have been buzzing about budgets for next year, the issue of revenue has come to the forefront.

"This is all in anticipation of state aid not being there," Plugge said, and the final numbers are not yet in.

After hearing the proposed budget at the Tuesday meeting, the School Board will review an updated budget on March 23 and vote on approval of the property tax rate on April 13.

METRO

Lombardo vies for two jobs

Iowa City's former city manager is a candidate for the same position in two different towns.

Lombardo is one of five applicants for city manager in Albert Lea, Minn., according to the *Albert Lea Tribune*. He is also vying among three hopefuls to become the first town manager

of Hamilton, Mass, the *Salem News* reported.

Lombardo was fired from his position in Iowa City in April 2009. Since then, Iowa City city councilors have been quiet since his termination, he said in an interview for the position in Massachusetts that it was difficult to know what made them unhappy, according to the *Salem News*.

He cited the fact that his predecessor was in office for more than two decades and his colleagues may have had trouble dealing with a newcomer.

Hamilton Selectwoman Jennifer Scuteri told the *Salem News* she was impressed by the large number of letters of recommendation Lombardo received from those he had worked with during his stint in Iowa City.

— by Jordan Fries

FLOOD

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As the "Block Captain" of Eastmoor Drive, she tries to stay informed with the city and about any preventative measures for flooding.

"I'm a professional nag," Sturm said. "If something isn't getting done that should be getting done, we notify the city."

She also stays in contact with the neighborhood, acting as a source of information and occasionally distributing newsletters.

Currently, snowmelt has not proved to be an issue at the Coralville Reservoir.

"We haven't seen a lot of increase in the amount of water coming in yet," said John Castle, Army Corps of Engineers operations manager at the Reservoir. "It's going slowly, which is the way we really like it to go."

However, rain projected in the coming days could change things, he said. High temperatures and lots of rainfall could melt snow too quickly and could create a flood.

Heavy winter snowfall and spring rains paved the way for major flooding in 2008.

But to monitor future flooding, river stage sensors developed by University of Iowa engineering students will be installed in the coming months.

UI engineering Professor Witold Krajewski said



FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY IOWAN

Baseball and softball fields are covered by the rising floodwaters in Lower City Park on June 10.

Major flood prediction

The risk of major flooding remains constant in last two estimates.

- 6 percent (Jan. 29)
- 13 percent (Feb. 19)
- 13 percent (March 5)

Source: National Weather Service

he and his group are in the process of closing a deal with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to install 50 of the devices to the underside of bridges.

Though the sensors do not provide all of the information that stations operated by the U.S. Geological Survey can, Krajewski said, the devices are less expensive. Each sensor costs about \$3,000, compared to the roughly \$20,000 U.S. Geological Survey stream gage, in addition to thousands of dollars in yearly operating costs. There are more than 150

stream gauges in Iowa.

Krajewski said the sensors are easy to repair, install, and collect data for the most relevant variable — water levels.

A website that will display data provided by the sensors may be available this summer.

Eastmoor Drive resident Debbie Sass said she had some concern about flooding this year but ultimately did not think it would happen again.

"In 2008, all the stars were in alignment," she said. "The snow was in the street for eons."

Though optimistic, Sass said, she has an evacuation plan in the event of future flooding. Two years ago, she said she was not notified very early about the need to leave her home before ending up in a motel.

"We're going to make sure everyone in our neighborhood knows," Sass said.

Take a bus to Avenue Q!

On Saturday, March 27, you can ride a bus from Iowa City to Cedar Rapids to see this hilarious Broadway show! Buses are available for both the matinee and the evening performance. All the details: www.hancher.uiowa.edu

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Spotlight Iowa City

Life as a wide-ranging myth buster

UI graduate student Brett Johnson debunks cultural stereotypes with his radio show, "The Latin Beat."

By ERIC ANDERSEN
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Once a week, Brett Johnson transforms into "Don Gregorio."

Johnson goes by the DJ name (which he acquired in Brazil) as host of "The Latin Beat" every Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. on KRUI 89.7FM, discussing cultural traditions and current events in Latin America.

Through interviews, music, and personal experiences, the 26-year-old debunks the myths about Latin American culture.

"Some people think [Latin America] is just a place where everybody speaks Spanish and eats tacos, but really, each country has its own diverse culture," said Johnson, a teaching assistant in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

Past shows focused on topics ranging from relations between Haiti and the Dominican Republic, to Brazilian Carnival music.

Though just 4.3 percent of all the UI's international students come from Latin America and the Caribbean — according to a fall 2009 report from International Programs — Johnson said it is important for people to understand these populations because of the rapidly expanding Latino population in the U.S.

Johnson's younger sister, Kelly Johnson, said she is proud of her brother's work and he



Brett Johnson stands next to guests Kelly Johnson and Cory Peterson in KRUI Studio during his show "The Latin Beat" on March 4. It was Johnson's fifth radio show and concentrated on the music, perspectives, and culture of the Dominican Republic.

encouraged her to study in the Dominican Republic, where she conducted research on breast feeding.

"[Brett] is genuine but awkward," his sister said and laughed. "In high school, he won the award for person you want to hang out with the most, and that fits him perfectly."

Brett Johnson always had a fascination with culture as a Spanish and religious studies double major (he wanted to be a

Spanish teacher), but it wasn't until after graduation that he fully understood the potential of his degrees.

On two different trips, he eventually made his way to Salvador, Brazil, and Belo Horizonte, Brazil. In Belo Horizonte, the Coralville native researched history and economics.

"Brazil is so blended," said Johnson, who also speaks Portuguese. "It's got both European and African influence, among

others, and when you mix that all together so many beautiful cultural manifestations come out, whether it be in the arts or just everyday life."

Former roommate and UI alumnus Elliott Pohnl said that while Johnson has interest in other cultures, he also has a fascination with his own American culture, which allows him to better relate his message to others.

"[Brett] is the most well-rounded person I know,"

Pohnl said. "He is open to a lot of things and likes to try new experiences, not just in other countries, but at home too."

Johnson is also working on a graduate research project outside of Latin America, focusing on "El Camino de Santiago," a famous pilgrimage to the city of Santiago, Spain.

He wants to document why people choose to go on the pilgrimage and what it means to them, from a variety of

Brett Johnson

- **Age:** 26
- **Hometown:** Coralville
- **Favorite Latin dish:** Acarajé (spicy Brazilian "falafel" fried in coconut oil)
- **Coollest place visited:** La Tomatina (tomato fight) in Spain
- **Favorite hobby:** Ultimate Frisbee
- **Listen:** To "The Latin Beat" on KRUI 89.7FM Thursdays from noon to 1 p.m.

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Watch a photo slide show of KRUI DJ Brett Johnson.



perspectives, ranging from an "80-year-old nun" to "a group of young Italians looking to drink beer every night." He actually plans on making the pilgrimage firsthand, starting in Saint Jean Pied de Port, France, and walking to Santiago.

In the future, Johnson hopes to report during the 2016 Winter Olympics in Brazil. No matter what he ends up doing though, it is likely he will find a way to spread some culture into the lives of others.

"As a journalist, you always want to represent the truth of something," he said. "And that's what I hope to do [in my research]."

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University Staff Council is an elected body that represents approximately 5,500 non-bargaining professional and scientific and merit supervisory exempt/confidential staff members. As a university-wide representative body, Staff Council members promote communication among staff, central administration, Faculty Senate and Student Government.

The results of the Working at Iowa survey are now available at: <http://www.uiowa.edu/hr/working/> Hopefully there has been discussion of the survey within your department.

Staff Council Committee of the Month Merit Supervisory Exempt/Confidential Staff

This month's Staff Council featured Committee is Merit Supervisory Exempt/Confidential (MSE/C) Staff, who's role it is to develop, review, facilitate discussion and make recommendations concerning issues of those employees in this classification. Some of the issues that may be addressed include but are not limited to the following as they apply to MSE/C personnel:

- Review policies and practices relative to MSE/C colleagues.
- Foster inclusion of MSE/C Staff on all recommendations from Council.
- Meet with MSE/C constituents at least twice per year.
- Communicate MSE/C information to constituents as appropriate via listserv
- Meet with UI administrators and other representatives as appropriate and/or necessary to represent MSE/C staff regarding existing issues.
- Represent The University of Iowa MSE/C membership on the Regents Inter-institutional Supervisory and Confidential Advisory Council (RISCAC) which represents non-bargaining Merit Staff of The University of Iowa, Iowa State University, University of Northern Iowa, Iowa School for the Deaf, and Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School.

The 2009-2010 Staff Council Committee consists of the following members: Heather Schnoebelen, Chair, David Lair, Angie Lamb, Kathy Last, Theresa Lent and Linda Spence (non- MSEC member).

Charter Committee of the Month Financial Aid Advisory

Though always serving an essential need on campus, the Committee on Financial Aid Advisory has never been more important due to current economic challenges. The committee shall: (1) Review and make recommendations to the President regarding all forms of student financial aid. (2) Assist the Office of Student Financial Aid or other University office administering financial aid in communicating all financial aid policies to the University community. They are concerned with all forms of scholarships and other student financial aid (including loans) administered by or through the Office of Student Financial Aid or other University office, other than financial aid under the direct control of a college or department. Currently, the committee is composed of: Faculty- Anand Vihj, Ellen Cram, Lihe Wang, Yasser Karim, John Fuller, Waltraud Maierhofer; Staff- Linda Walton, Philip Carls; Students- Ashley Marr, Mallory Mathews, Dan Dietzel, Mosah Fernandez-Goodman, Farah Marie Towfic, Rebecca Lynn Dennis with Administrative Liaisons: Mark Warner, Liz Whitt and Co-chairs: Ellen Cram and Mallory Mathews.

Staff Council Agenda

Wednesday, March 10, 2010
2:30pm-4:30pm • 2520D UCC

- 2:30 Call to order/Roll Call
 - Recognition of Staff Councilors Completing Term of Service
 - Welcome to Newly Elected Staff Councilors
- 2:45 Review/Approval of Minutes
- 2:55 I-9 Express Training, Laura Prince
- 3:00 Election of VP/President Elect and Secretary, **Bob Manders**
- 3:15 Update on HR Issues, **Kevin Ward**
- 3:25 Proposed Changes to the Charter Charge for the UI Safety and Security Charter Committee
- 3:25 Compensation and Classification Redesign, **Karen Shemanski**
- 3:35 Election Results and Nominations for Staff Council Executive Committee At-Large Positions
- 3:45 Annual Visit: University of Iowa President **Sally Mason**
- 4:30 Adjourn

Meet Your Councilors

I have been employed at the UI for 18 years in Information Technology Services, holding a BS degree in Computer Science from Loras College and an MBA from the UI. I have a beautiful wife, three beautiful daughters and a cat named Piper. I should add that like former Iowa halfback and Coach Dennis Green, I've got no room for crybabies either. We need to work together to get the UI back to being a nice place to come to work every morning. I believe with my personal and professional experience I will continue to be a good addition to the council. I am on the elections committee.



Robert Manders

David Lair has been on Staff Council since March 2009. David joined the staff of the University of Iowa in September 1989. His first five years was with the Department of Nursing at UIHC, and the past fifteen years with the University Billing Office as support staff. He assists with the practices and processes of Student Loan Accounting and the Scholarship areas communicating information about accounts receivables to the University community, and the public. David believes that in these difficult budget times it seemed important to have a voice for staff, and to promote a better understanding of the workings of the University of Iowa. David has served on the Financial Aid Charter Committee and currently is a member of the Awards Committee of UI Staff Council, which promotes and gathers nominations for the annual selection of University/Regents staff awards. He is also a member of the Merit Supervisory Exempt/Confidential Committee, which fosters inclusion, and reviews policies and practices relative to MSE/C colleagues. He enjoys his involvement with students and staff from various backgrounds/cultures and the appreciation/knowledge he has gained. His wife, Consuelo Garcia is a Human Resources Specialist with University Human Resources Compensation and Classification. They have two teen ages sons, Gabriel and Alejandro who attend Iowa City West High School. David together with his family enjoys travel, gardening, sports, and the arts. He and his wife are members/contributors to the University of Iowa Foundation's 1847 Society, and support West High School Music and Sports. He volunteers with his church, St. Mary's in Iowa City, and Coralville's Boy Scout Troop 270.



David Lair

Staff Council elections were just held with excellent voter turn out. The 2010 results by classifications are; **Merit Supervisory Exempt/Confidential (MSE/C) Staff:** Joshua D. Smith, Kathy Last and Theresa Lent, **Academic Administrative:** Amber Seaton, Julie Sexton, Glenn Kell, Robert Manders, Gregory Thompson, Linda McNeil, Dana Lange, Steve Hamilton, Gerald Pike, Rebecca Scott and Melissa Chapman Haynes, **Professional Health Care Nursing:** Dianne Wasson, Steve Milder, Mitchell J. Owen, **Research:** Michael Schueller, Kellie Bodeker, Kimberly Sprenger and Lynn Teesch. Congratulations to all new and reelected Staff Councilors!

Message from the UISC President

March and April are transition months for Staff Council. In March, we bid farewell to Staff Councilors who have completed their term of service. April finds us welcoming newly elected Staff Councilors and officers as they take office. Amber Seaton will be the Staff Council President for 2010-2011. We heartily welcome her to this leadership role.

When I became the Staff Council President almost 12 months ago, I had a high view of our university and its leadership. Being exposed to the inner workings of UI has only increased my appreciation for our faculty, staff, students and administration. Everyday wonderful things are happening in teaching, research and service on our campus. These achievements result from the concerted efforts of each person making their own special contribution. Thank you for helping make UI a great university.

Glenn Kell
UISC President, 2009/10

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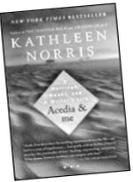
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Into acedia

Kathleen Norris navigates the landscape of apathy through monastic traditions, marriage, and a life of writing.

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Kathleen Norris — the author of *New York Times* bestsellers *The Cloister Walk* and *Amazing Grace* — first discovered the concept of “acedia” more than 20 years ago while reading about monastic traditions in a fourth-century book by Evagrius.



Kathleen Norris
Acedia & Me

“He was describing something I had felt for years, but had never been able to name,” she said.

Acedia, long recognized by Christian monks, is a condition of extreme apathy and indifference. The word literally means not caring, or being unable to care, even to the point of being unable to care that you can't care.

Norris refers to acedia as a “spiritual morphine” because it creates a numb dullness that “causes us to lose faith in ourselves and in our relationships with others.” Her newest book, *Acedia & me: A Marriage, Monks, and a Writer's Life*, details her lifelong struggle with this spiritual illness.

“I was not aware that even as I maintained a busy and productive life, sloth, acedia's handmaid, had a firm grip on me,” she writes.

Norris will read from *Acedia & me* today at 7 p.m., at the Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn St. Admission is free.

The book blends memoir, essay, and spiritual writing into a captivating work of literature, theology, and personal narrative. It weaves the literary and religious history of acedia with Norris' lifelong struggle with the illness, especially during her marriage to the late poet David Dwyer.

“With both my father and my husband, who were clearly in the last

years of their lives, hope became both fragile and more precious,” she said. “Acedia would tempt me to hopelessness.”

Acedia is not only restricted to individuals, she said; it should also be seen as a social problem.

Looking at the statistics for the University Counseling Services, this might well be true. There was a 10 percent increase in the number of counseling sessions from last year, which translates to 2,165 counseling sessions last fall alone, with around a quarter dealing with depression.

The differences and similarities between acedia and depression is a topic of much debate and a prevalent theme discussed in *Acedia & me*.

“Having experienced both [depression and acedia], I think it's likely that much of the restless boredom, frantic escapism, commitment phobia, and enervating desire that plagues [us] today is the ancient demon of acedia in modern dress,” Norris said.

Wary of the over-prescription of depression medication, she cites a National Institutes of Health study stating that pharmaceutical drugs failed to help nearly half of the test patients. The difficulty lies in figuring out the difference between acedia, situational depression, and clinical depression.

Even mental-health professionals recognize acedia as a common experience.

“I think it's important for us to learn to sit with some level of distress,” said Julie Corkery, a University Counseling assistant director. “It is important, in part, because distress is a normal part of the human experience.”

Despite this, Norris acknowledges the seriousness of clinical depression.

“[Depression] is a very real thing that should not be ignored,” she said. “Some people with actual brain-chemistry imbalance benefit greatly from



PUBLICITY PHOTO

Writer Kathleen Norris — author of seven books of poetry and five books of nonfiction — will read from her latest, *Acedia & me*, a poignant yet humorous blending of spiritual memoir and theological essay today at the Iowa City Public Library.

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— Kathleen Norris, author

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the aid of antidepressants, but there is a very real danger of over diagnosing.”

Both Norris and Corkery stressed the importance of the willingness to seek help.

“Acedia traps [us] within ourselves,” Norris said. “It helps to recognize it ... to join the community instead of rejecting it, anything to stop the flow of negative thoughts.”

MOVIE REVIEW

Down the rabbit hole

Tim Burton's latest flick offers viewers a new take on an old classic.



PUBLICITY PHOTO

Tim Burton's latest film, *Alice in Wonderland*, is a mix of good and bad.

By **MARISA WAY**
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Throughout the film *Alice in Wonderland*, the heroine is never the right size. Alice either drinks potion and becomes too small, or she eats a magical cake and becomes too big. Only toward the end of the film does she achieve a size that is “just right.”

The movie itself might have a similar effect on audiences: Some may find it too weird, others may find it too Disney-fied, while a handful of viewers may find it just right.

Tim Burton's *Alice in Wonderland* is not as much a remake of Lewis Carroll's 1865 novel as it is a sequel.

In the most recent version of the story, Alice is 19 years old. She has been having the same dream for 13 years — a dream that is filled with grinning cats and blue caterpillars. As a teenager, Alice (played by Mia Wasikowska) doesn't seem to belong in her world, and this doesn't bother her much. She falls into Wonderland

(literally) while escaping a social gathering that surprises her by being an engagement party — for her.

Burton gives the world Lewis Carroll created so long ago a newer, darker life. Wonderland itself has a brilliant, unusual landscape filled with talking animals and unknown creatures. At the same time, this silliness is juxtaposed with dark, swirling skies and characters that push past absurd and into neurotic.

Previews and posters that preceded the movie had the audience holding its breath for the first glimpse of the Mad Hatter, played by Johnny Depp. While his weirdness in the film does not disappoint the viewers, the Hatter's mumblings and musings are sometimes difficult to hear and leave the audience wondering if they are meant to be heard at all. The Hatter's and Alice's relationship throughout the film is an affectionate one, with each character playing the role as mentor to the other at some point.

The nonsensical qualities people have come to expect with Alice's story are preserved. The quirky lines sprinkled throughout the 109-minute movie mostly belong to the Mad Hatter. For example, he

motivates Alice into action with the comment “You've lost your muchness,” and a running question throughout the story is “Why is a raven like a writing desk?” These and many other musings will either leave viewers deep in thought, chortling with laughter, or just as lost as Alice is in Wonderland.

While certain aspects of the movie allow the viewers to sit back and enjoy the film, other parts leave the audience members' heads spinning. The supporting cast accompanying Alice through her journey definitely claim the spotlight. Anne Hathaway is enchanting as the White Queen, Alan Rickman is surprising and hilarious as the rude Blue Caterpillar, and Helena Bonham Carter's talent is as big as the Red Queen's head.

However, these entertaining characters can't make up for the writing itself, which is at times rather rushed. The ending of *Alice* tries too hard to neatly wrap up all the questions asked throughout the movie, causing viewers to feel surprisingly unfulfilled.

Ultimately, the movie has some hits and misses. At times it will seem too big, at other times too small, and sometimes it will feel just right.

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Editorial

Instead of 21-ordinance, city should consider increasing number of bar stings

Councilors are tired of the city's drinking culture. That much is clear after they resurrected the 21-ordinance last week.

But will the 21-ordinance, which top University of Iowa officials support, really have the effect proponents hope it will?

As stated in our editorial last week, we believe such a broad ordinance would not. Instead, we favor more targeted efforts by the council and university to fix the drinking problem.

Specifically, the Editorial Board supports an increase in the number of alcohol-compliance checks, or bar stings. The last compliance checks, conducted in February, caught six establishments out of the 49 checked.

The Editorial Board has consistently viewed overconsumption — rather than underage drinking — as the root problem. Still, if the city truly wants to crack down on underage drinking, it should emphasize compliance checks, not pass the 21-ordinance. This approach would address the concerns councilors have with underage drinking, while averting some of the unfortunate ramifications of the 21-ordinance.

If the Iowa City police were to conduct more bar checks — without the city enacting the ordinance — they would ensure that the individuals actually responsible for selling alcohol are compliant with the law rather than just punishing bar owners. Just as we support individual responsibility for those consuming alcohol, we back responsibility for those servers and bartenders who may be serving underage patrons to help themselves for tips, pay, etc. The proposed 21-ordinance would do little to encourage

personal responsibility.

In addition, increasing bar stings would underscore the need for bar owners to adequately train their staffs. In order to solve the city's drinking problem, all actors need to take responsibility — bar patrons, bartenders, and bar owners.

While some fear alcohol-compliance checks may involve deceptive practices on the part of law enforcement, the manner in which the Iowa City police conducts the checks is not deceptive in any sense.

"When we do alcohol-compliance checks, first of all they are all the same," Iowa City Police Sgt. Denise Brotherton said. "There is an officer who observes the entire process, our volunteers use their real IDs, they do not try to deceive whoever checks their IDs, and we check to see if everyone from the door person to the bartender checked their IDs."

If the council approves the 21-ordinance, it would be a clear public-relations boon for officials weary of alcohol-related problems. But our more nuanced proposal

of increasing alcohol-compliance checks would enforce the existing laws governing alcohol purchases without adding an overly broad ordinance.

Coupling this with smaller measures, such as limiting drink specials and drink quantity, could change Iowa City's drinking culture for the better. While this approach may not be as expansive as the proposed 21-ordinance, it certainly would be less punitive and more effective.

Your turn. Should the police increase the number of bar stings? Weigh in on dailyiowan.com.



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Hats off to Hanson

The Iowa City School Board believes it is letting Clark Kent walk out of the door at the end of the school year. What the members fail to realize is that City High President Mark Hanson is, in truth, Superman, whose greatest strength has always been the ability to inspire good deeds from those around him. What he has done at City High is truly remarkable, and yet we will all have to wonder what could have been.

If Hanson is moving on of his own free will, then the only thing left to say is, "Good luck, and thank you very much for all that you did for us." If there is any truth to the rumor that Hanson was forced out because he spoke out against the proposed redistricting plans, then heads other than his should roll. How incredibly shortsighted could somebody be? Even if the rumor is completely false, shouldn't the board attempt to keep one of the very best leaders it has?

Mark Hanson was my favorite teacher over a decade ago at Waterloo's West High. He got the most out of his students because he connected with them and knew how to gently push each one of them. During my time at West, Hanson had his first taste of being a high-school administrator, and he excelled. He treated the students with grace, class, and respect no matter what situation or issue came up. In return, he continued to get the respect of the students as well (no easy task given the age group).

When I heard that City High had hired Hanson, I was thrilled. I looked forward to sending my children there under his care. I mourn the fact that Iowa City students will soon no longer have the same benefits many of us did. The board looks at him as Clark Kent, but for those of us who have been lucky enough to have Mark Hanson affect our lives, we know differently. For that I shall always be thankful to you, Mr. Hanson.

Ben Bessman
Iowa City resident

Guest opinion

History department given short shrift in task force report

By CONSTANCE BERMAN

Let me weigh in here, as I have attempted to do elsewhere, on the recent report from the UI Task Force on Graduate Education.

First, it's biased: The entire exercise is one that has a built-in bias against the humanities — and history in particular — despite protestations to the contrary. Whatever the accuracy of the data used, the metrics used to evaluate graduate programs will always strongly favor non-humanities programs. To decide to use them, while ignoring national rankings of programs, is to decide before you start that you want to limit humanities programs

to undergraduate teaching. This is not the tradition of this institution, where the graduate program has strongly supported humanities graduate programs. Let me explain why.

Selectivity, one of the evaluation criterion the task force used, is based on entering GRE scores, something that may not reflect the more important indicator in our view: the writing sample. An individual can get a double 800 on her or his GRE exam and not have the slightest comprehension of what history is, how it is practiced, or the insights about sources, argument, and interpretation that are vital to history.

We also have made considerable efforts to incorporate the under-represented (women, minorities, international students, those with disabilities) into the practice of history by recognizing that GRE exams are culturally determined and that they privilege the privileged and disadvantage those from disadvantaged backgrounds. That such students often want to write histories of those groups has opened the field of history — but the sources for those groups are often those least easily available, requiring longer collection of materials and numerous consultations of archives.

This affects a second criterion: years to degree. For any historian, the time to degree will be longer than, say, any computer scientist precisely because of outside support for graduate students. History — and the humanities more generally — are fields for which there are no outside grants. I would be happy to apply for outside institutional support for my current five graduate students if there were any to apply for. They do apply for dissertation-writing grants from AAUW or research grants from the Fulbright Program, DAAD, and other institutions. But the best

that is available is a one-year grant, gained in competitions for which the odds are 20-1 or worse.

That there is such bias towards all humanities programs in this study is a particular sham in the case of history, for we have a wonderful graduate program because of the way it has changed the very nature of history in the United States. History was once strongly biased toward traditional political histories recounting the accomplishments of men and governments. Our department has been a leader in establishing the histories of women,

minorities, the disabled, the disempowered, and the non-mainstream.

Our students are employed by thoughtful departments of history because they are researching and uncovering the history of new groups. History once over and done with is never written for once and all, but is like the sciences — constantly subject to new interpretation, newly uncovered evidence, and new interests.

Our program is an outstanding one that has been given too little attention at the UI.

Constance Berman is a UI professor of history.

The fight for students

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The perception is growing among many Americans that Washington is broken. According to a recent Ipsos/McClatchy Poll, 80 percent of Americans believe that nothing can be accomplished in Washington. It's beyond frustration; people are becoming disillusioned.

Much legislation has made its way through Congress and onto the president's desk to become law. What many people see, however, is too much bickering and petty partisanship at a time of tremendous pain throughout the country.

Efforts to reform health care drag on. Our financial sector is in desperate need of structural changes but, you guessed it, legislation is stalled in the Senate.

And the economy. Combined unemployment and underemployment exceeds 16 percent. For every one job available, there are nearly five people unemployed. All this while the greatest deliberative body on the planet debates a new jobs bill without much haste. A calculation by *The Hill* found that 290 bills passed by the House have not been acted upon by the Senate.

One such bill that's been on hold in the Senate since September of last year is the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act. The act would shift all federally backed student loans to a Federal Direct Loan program and return some of the savings gained to students in the form of increased financial aid. Under the current system, the federal government subsidizes private lenders to make student loans. Banks then service loans, collect the debt, keep the interest, and turned a profit. When borrowers default on loans, taxpayers foot the bill.

Not anymore. The aid proposal is expected to save the government more than \$80 billion over 10 years. And although the University of Iowa administers its loans directly through the federal government, UI stu-

dents would greatly benefit. A strengthened Pell Grant and Perkins Loan, lower interest rates on need-based federally subsidized loans, and a simplified application form would serve many students well.

The House passed the bill 253-171. Iowa Democrats Bruce Braley, David Loebsack, and Leonard Boswell voted for the bill; Republicans Steve King and Tom Latham voted against it. I hope all Republicans who voted "no" or are obstructing this important piece of legislation will be held accountable come November. But what's keeping the benefits of greater financial aid from millions of students are the efforts of a few banks.

An aggressive lobbying campaign by the nation's biggest student lenders has significantly jeopardized the passage of student-aid bill in the Senate. By cutting out the middleman in the administration of student loans, private student lenders stand to lose millions in profits. These banks are likely to still service additional private loans, but piggybacking off federal government guarantees is a very lucrative business.

So the Senate has a choice — the interests of a few banks, or yours.

Passage of the act is critically needed. The cost of tuition is likely to only increase in the future, which means students will be saddled with greater debt. Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, is the chairman of the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee, which has jurisdiction over education issues. While I agree with and support Harkin's progressive proclivities, I hope he provides the necessary leadership on this issue to shepherd the act through the Senate.

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, will eventually have a vote on this issue. Let's hope that he chooses to side with the interests of students who critically need help. If he doesn't, that's what elections are for — and he is on the ballot in 2010.

The Senate is trapped in an impasse for structural (read: obstructionist and partisan) reasons. And students — along with many Americans are suffering — because of it. ■

Tip unit aids area police

Local CrimeStoppers outfit builds rapport between local police and community.

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An increase in anonymous tips to the local chapter of CrimeStoppers shouldn't place a heavier burden on the Iowa City police, officials said.

Though police Lt. Jim Steffen said the motivation in calling varies for each nameless tipster, monetary rewards of up to \$1,000 for certain tips may be an incentive to dial in a helpful clue.

Local law-enforcement officials said the service has been helpful, pointing to a recent case in which an anonymous tip led to the arrest of a suspect in the homicide of John Versypt.

"Some people call because they feel it is their duty and are not motivated by the money," Steffen said. "Because it is anonymous, people may give information they otherwise would not have because they would not want to endanger their safety."

Police Chief Sam Hargadine campaigned for a local CrimeStoppers tip line when he joined the department in 2006. The Iowa City area became one of roughly 1,200 communities worldwide to adopt CrimeStoppers in June 2007.

A board of eight community members operates the organization and decides the sum of the given reward, but the goal of CrimeStoppers is ultimately to get that information to the police, who document the CrimeStoppers' tips on

'Some people call because they feel it is their duty and are not motivated by the money.'

- Lt. Jim Steffen, Iowa City Police Department

a computer system. Most tips involve drug busts, but authorities said house parties, burglaries, and suspicious individuals are also common subjects.

Since its inception, there are 14 known instances in which a tip has led to an arrest for one of the six area police forces that cooperate with CrimeStoppers. Tips sent directly to the police are not listed under CrimeStoppers.

The most recently publicized tip also happens to be the most well-known to date.

Iowa City area CrimeStoppers, which does not usually release reward sums, recently took the unique action of guaranteeing the maximum \$1,000 reward for information concerning the Oct. 8, 2009, slaying of landlord Versypt at 1958 Broadway, one of the properties he managed.

Police Sgt. Denise Brotherton, who could not provide details about the tip, said it was "essential to the investigation" and was filed three days after the murder.

That tip led to the eventual arrest of 17-year-old Charles W.C. Thompson last month, police said.

CrimeStoppers

Local departments cooperate with CrimeStoppers

- Coralville police
- Iowa City police
- Johnson County Sheriff's Office
- North Liberty police
- UI police
- University Heights police

Source: Sgt. Denise Brotherton, CrimeStoppers website

"The tip that came in was very useful, but homicides are major investigations," Hargadine said. "Trying to finish an investigation early could be detrimental and things could be missed."

Even with the inevitable influx of tips following a \$1,000 reward, officers say the benefits of receiving the information far outweigh the potential clutter the tips provide.

"Sometimes, we get a lot of tips that are pretty outlandish, but we still follow everything up," Steffen said. "We prioritize them in order of importance. The benefits still nullify the extra work they sometimes cause."

And even if a tip does not lead directly to a conviction, officers said, most of the information provided gives valuable insight into criminal trends and guilty individuals it the community.

"We are always advocating for more public support and involvement, so CrimeStoppers definitely plays into this," Brotherton said.



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Keep dancing

ABOVE: Dancers perform during the Nachte Raho in the IMU Main Lounge on March 6. Nachte Raho means "keep dancing" in Hindi. Participants in the competition came from schools all around the Midwest. This year's Nachte Raho marked the debut of the UI's South Asian dance team.

BELOW: A dancer performs during Nachte Raho in the IMU main Lounge on Saturday. The event showcases dancing with storytelling as one big aspect of South Asian/Indian culture. Log on to dailyiowan.com for more photos.

METRO

News groups join UI lawsuit

A number of news-related organizations have filed "friend of the court" requests for the court case between the *Iowa City Press Citizen* and the University of Iowa, according to representatives from the organizations.

In October 2009, 6th District Judge Douglas Russell ordered the UI to turn over more than 1,100 documents relating to a sexual-assault investigation involving two former Hawkeye football players. However, the university appealed the decision to the Iowa Supreme Court.

The lawsuit stemmed from an alleged Oct. 14, 2007, incident in which the football players were accused of sexually assaulting a female student-athlete. Neither of the men has gone to trial yet.

Six news organizations have collectively filed the request: Gazette Communications Inc., the Associated Press, the Des Moines Register & Tribune Company, the Iowa Freedom of Information Council, the Iowa Newspaper Association, and the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, a national organization based in Washington.

- by Sam Lane

2 Northern Illinois wrestlers suspended after IC fight

Northern Illinois University wrestling coach Dave Grant suspended a pair of wrestlers indefinitely after they were allegedly involved in a fight last month in Iowa City.

Northern Illinois junior Brad Dieckhaus, 21, and sophomore Mason True, 20, were charged Feb. 27 with assault causing bodily injury. True was also charged with public intoxication.

According to reports, Dieckhaus and True left University of Iowa sophomore Trent James with a bloody nose and mouth, along with extreme

bruising to the face, after a fight on Dubuque Street.

James, who reportedly suffered a broken nose, was punched several times and kicked in the face when he was on the ground, police said.

Dieckhaus allegedly threw the first punch, and True, who had slurred speech and the odor of alcohol, kicked James' face, according to reports.

The *DeKalb Daily Chronicle* reported the suspensions. True will miss this weekend's MAC wrestling championships. Dieckhaus has not wrestled this year because of an injury.

Assault causing bodily injury is a serious misdemeanor generally punishable by up to a year in prison and a maximum fine of up to \$1,875.

- by Jordan Fries

UISG deadline looms

The deadline for UI Student Government candidates to submit their applications is 4 p.m. today.

UISG holds an election each spring to select the presidential party and a slate of senators.

As of Sunday, there was one party on the ballot running for president and vice president.

Elected officials are sworn in before summer and will serve throughout the next academic year.

The UISG Student Elections Board will meet at the end of the week to discuss the specific concerns in having only a single party if no other party files by this afternoon.

- by Jordan Fries

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City closes Section 8 list

Iowa City serves more than 1,200 families with Section 8 funding.

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Iowa City is joining several other cities statewide in putting a hold on Section 8 housing.

The local Housing Authority is no longer accepting applications for the low-income housing program because of an extensively long waiting list of around 2,400 families, some who have been waiting for two to five years, said Steven Rackis, the city's Housing Authority administrator.

Both Davenport's and Waterloo's housing authorities have closed their waiting list for Section 8 housing because of a rising number of applicants.

Cedar Rapids has seen an increase as well, said Scott Seibert, the director of the Cedar Rapids Housing Authority.

That agency was assisting 1,229 families as of the end of January, and it has approximately 2,400 applicants on the waiting list. Seibert said the rise in the applications for assistance came after the 2008 flood hit and continued to rise afterward, putting displaced families at the top of their list.

"Aside from Cedar Rapids' flood, I think more people are applying for housing assistance from living in a metro areas, where it's difficult to

find affordable housing that's decent," he said.

Iowa City's Housing Authority supports 1,214 families with a budget of \$5.7 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

While city officials are unsure of when they will accept applications for the program again, Rackis said, the change is a positive one.

"In a sense, it gives families false hope in receiving assistance soon which they might not get, and we don't want to do that," he said.

The increased number of applicants could stem from the misperception that Iowa City's Housing Authority is the only one around, Rackis said.

There are 71 housing authorities across Iowa, 45 of which support Section 8 housing.

Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher and public housing programs are funded by the federal Housing and Urban Development Department, which provides rental assistance to low-income families or individuals who rent from private landlords. The Housing Authority directly pays landlords the federal allowance for the housing expense.

Des Moines has the largest housing authority in the state, serving approximately 3,000 families

Iowa City Housing Authority

The organization uses federal funding to help local families:

- Established in 1969
- Located at 410 E. Washington St.
- Aids more than 1,200 families
- Works with approximately 450 different landlords

Source: Iowa City Housing Authority

throughout Polk County. Some of its preferences are determined by the family composition, arrest history, past participation in federal subsidy programs, and income guidelines set by the federal department.

Iowa City Housing Authority officials prioritizes people residing in Johnson County with elderly, disabled, and children under the age of 18 at the top of the list. After these cases are chosen, the rest of the applications are selected by date and time.

Iowa City City Councilor Mike Wright said he wasn't surprised to hear the waiting list for Section 8 assistance closed, and he doesn't see a major problem.

"Having a waiting list that is so hard to get on is ineffective," he said. "The only thing that has changed is the expectations of the people wanting to get on the list."

What's in a man?

Faculty and students stress the importance of discussing masculinity, the topic of a panel today.

By **HOLLY HINES**
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A lack of media portrayals of black male intellectuals concerns Ahmad Washington, the University of Iowa doctoral student in counselor education said.

He said pop culture and the media typically portray African American men as criminals, athletes, and entertainers who struggle with academics.



Washington doctoral student

These images have negatively affected many people, he contended.

Washington and three other speakers are set to discuss this, and other ideas related to masculinity, at a UI International Mondays Brown Bag Series panel at noon today at the Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn St.

Washington said it's important for people to discuss their notions of masculinity, because those affect their interactions and men's mental health.

He hopes people will walk away from the panel with useful skills and more courage to have conversations about the topic.

Carly Andrews, the event's facilitator, said speakers will focus on ways gender norms differ around the world at the panel, titled "What Makes a Man? Cross-Cultural perspectives on Identity and Masculinity."

Elizabeth Heineman, a UI associate professor of history who will speak at the event, said it's important for students to consider their notions of masculinity, because they face questions regarding how gender roles will affect their future families and careers.

She said people began focusing more on the topic of masculine gender roles since women's issues and gay issues have become more prominent.

Heineman, who teaches history and gender, women, and sexuality studies, said she plans to compare gender roles in East Germany and West Germany as part of her panel discussion. She has also published scholarly articles on issues regarding post-World War II gender constructions in Germany.

Derrais Carter, a UI graduate student who will also speak at the event, said if students and faculty discuss masculine identity, they will better understand how

Panel Topics

Speakers at today's masculinity panel will discuss:

- Anthropological aspects of masculinity
- Masculine-identity constructions in post-World War II Germany
- Comparisons of masculinity in East Germany and West Germany
- The effects of hip-hop music on gender roles
- How portrayals of prominent African-American figures affect young black males

Source: UI students and faculty speaking at the panel

gender affects social interactions.

He said the panel will help prevent people from focusing only on women's issues when discussing gender.

Carter plans to speak on ways in which the prevalence of hip-hop role models for African American males affects their definitions of manhood.

Andrews said the organizers have seen high interest in the event so far. People across disciplines seem excited about challenging masculinity norms, she said.

"I think there's some particular pulse it's hitting," she said.

NATION

Man, 22, found dead at Carnegie Mellon frat house

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A former student who had been celebrating a friend's birthday by drinking and socializing was found dead Sunday in a Carnegie Mellon University fraternity house, police said.

The 22-year-old man "likely drank too much" while celebrating on March 6, police Detective Christine Williams said.

The man, whose identity wasn't disclosed because his parents hadn't been notified, was found Sunday afternoon by one of the friend's roommates at the Pi Kappa Alpha house, police said. The cause of his death hadn't been determined, but the university said foul play wasn't suspected.

The man was a student at the University of Pittsburgh-Greensburg, around 30 miles southeast of Carnegie Mellon. He had attended Carnegie Mellon during the 2007-08 school year, university spokesman Ken Walters said.

"The death of any young person is extremely sad," Walters said in a statement from the university, which was offering counseling to students affected by the death.

Carnegie Mellon, a top-ranked university recognized for its arts and technology programs, has more than 11,000 students and 4,000 faculty and staff.

Pi Kappa Alpha, an international, secret, social fraternity, was founded at the University of Virginia in 1868. The Beta Sigma Chapter at Carnegie Mellon was founded in 1921.

The fraternity didn't immediately respond to an e-mail message seeking comment on the man's death.

Police say bones of 14-year-old Calif. girl found

ESCONDIDO, Calif. (AP) — The bones of a 14-year-old Southern California girl who vanished more than a year ago while walking to school were discovered in a rugged, remote area, authorities said Sunday, less than a week after a registered sex offender was charged with killing another teenage girl who lived nearby.

The search for Amber Dubois had produced few leads until 17-year-old Chelsea King disappeared Feb. 25, last seen wearing running clothes in a park around 10 miles south of where Amber

was last seen walking with a man. A body presumed to be Chelsea's was found in a shallow, lakeside grave five days after Chelsea disappeared.

Searchers found Amber's skeletal remains early on March 6 on the Pala Indian Reservation, a sparsely populated area that occupies more than 12,000 acres in the northeast corner of San Diego County, said Escondido Police Chief Jim Maher. The county medical examiner's office confirmed later in the day the remains were Amber's through dental records, he said.

Maher declined to answer questions during a news conference Sunday because he said the discovery was part of an ongoing murder investigation. He said a "lead" brought investigators to the reservation, but he did not elaborate.

"I certainly had hoped that when the day came to do a press conference on Amber it would be under much different circumstances, but that was not to be," he said.

Amber's parents, Maurice Dubois and Carrie McGonigle, appeared distraught at his side. Maurice Dubois briefly thanked everyone who searched for Amber since her Feb. 13, 2009, disappearance near Escondido High School, particularly volunteers.

"They were the most dedicated people you could ever imagine," he said. "Without them, we couldn't have done anything."

John Albert Gardner III, 30, pleaded not guilty Wednesday to murdering Chelsea and raping or attempting to rape her and attempting to rape another woman in December, a potential death-penalty case.

Kansas City wants to close half its public schools

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Kansas City was held up as a national example of bold thinking when it tried to integrate its schools by making them better than the suburban districts where many kids were moving. The result was one school with an Olympic-sized swimming pool and another with recording studios.

Now it's on the brink of bankruptcy and considering another bold move: closing nearly half its schools to stay afloat.

Schools officials say the cuts are necessary to keep the district from plowing through what little is left of the \$2 billion it received as part of a groundbreaking desegregation case.



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Vancouver 4, Nashville 2
Calgary 5, Minnesota 2
Carolina 4, Atlanta 0
Buffalo 2, NY Rangers 1 (OT)



Chelsey Carmody

SOFTBALL

Team loses 2 of 3

The Iowa softball team dropped two of three games this past weekend at the Matador Classic, and the fourth game was postponed because of weather.

The Hawkeyes (8-9) opened in Northridge, Calif., with a loss to Cal State-Northridge, 7-4, but Iowa bounced back to defeat the Matadors, 4-1, in Game Two.

Rain postponed Iowa's contest with St. Mary's with the game locked in a 3-3 tie heading into the sixth inning. The game will be finished at a later date.

Although rain postponed Game One on Saturday, the Hawkeyes managed to play Game Two against Cal State-Bakerfield, losing to the Roadrunners, 3-0.

Junior Chelsey Carmody hit her season fifth home run in Game One against Cal State-Northridge, and fellow junior Jenny Schuelke and freshman Johnnie Dowling went deep in Game Two against the Matadors.

Senior pitcher Amanda Zust picked up her fifth win of the season.

The Hawkeyes will be back in action March 13-18 in Boca Raton, Fla.

— by Mitch Smith

BASEBALL

Baseball drops 3 of 4

The Iowa baseball team dropped three of its four games against Kansas in Lawrence, Kan., this past weekend.

The Hawkeyes (4-5) split a double-header with the Jayhawks on March 5, dropping the first game, 8-1, before bouncing back to win the second, 5-3.

Iowa then dropped the March 6 and Sunday contests, 8-4 and 15-7.

Junior Kurtis Muller continued to stay hot at the plate for the Hawkeyes, recording eight hits this weekend and extending his hitting streak to 20 games, dating back to last season.

Hawkeye junior Zach McCool belted his first home run of the season, and fellow junior Trevor Willis added five hits and a pair of RBI over the four-game stretch.

Phil Schreiber picked up his first win of the season. The sophomore hurler allowed five hits and one earned run over six innings of work.

The Hawkeyes will take the field in Texas for their next nine games. Iowa has a four-game series with Texas March 12-14, followed by two contests against Texas-San Antonio on March 16-17 and a three-game series with Texas-Pan American on March 19-20.

— by Mitch Smith

BIG TEN EVENTS

This week, Todd Lickliter and the Hawkeyes will head to Indianapolis for the 2010 Big Ten Tournament looking to make a run and Tom Brands and his crew will head to Omaha next week, seeking a third-straight national championship. *The Daily Iowan* will have you covered.

From stories to photo slide shows to live Tweets, the *DI* will have ample coverage of both events. Be sure to visit dailyiowan.com starting Thursday for the Big Ten Men's basketball tourney, and all next week throughout the NCAA wrestling championships.

Can't tell winners



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Above: Iowa players walk off of the court as Ohio State players celebrate their 66-64 victory in the Big Ten Tournament championship game on Sunday in Indianapolis.

Top: Hawkeye 174-pounder Jay Borschel stands at the No. 1 position on a podium after beating Minnesota's Scott Glasser in the finals of the Big Ten wrestling championships at Crisler Arena in Ann Arbor, Mich., on Sunday.

from the losers

Jay Borschel and Dan Erikson won individual titles, and 10 Hawkeyes qualified for the NCAA championships.

BY J.T. BUGOS
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ANN ARBOR, Mich. — The wrestling world spun on its head Sunday afternoon when Iowa's first three championship contenders fell, but order was restored when the Hawkeyes captured their third-straight Big Ten title.

Led by individual champions Jay Borschel (174) and Dan Erikson (285), Iowa scored 156.5 team points to best second-place Minnesota by 37.

Borschel captured his first Big Ten title with an 8-1 decision over Golden Gopher Scott Glasser. The 174-pound Hawkeye scored three takedowns in his match, but afterwards, he said he had already started to focus on the NCAA championships.

"It was the next event on the calendar," he said. "We have a lot of focus on it, but I can't really think about anything else but the next two weeks here. That's kind of what your career is defined by — winning championships."

Borschel said he moved on from his title-winning bout "pretty quickly," and he frequently thinks about an NCAA title.

Erikson needed fewer than two minutes to put Indiana's top-seeded Nathan Everhart in an insurmountable deficit.

Twelve seconds in, Erikson scored a take-down and moments later had the Hoosier in a cradle. The Hawkeye senior couldn't stick both shoulders to the mat, though, instead collecting three near-fall points for a 5-0

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lead that turned into a 9-6 victory.

"That shot was open, and I took it right off the bat," the Eagle, Idaho, native said. "He stood up with his head right next to his knee, and I just locked it up. I was a little surprised I got it, but if you see an opening, you just take it. You don't think about it."

Erikson wasn't entirely happy with his second-straight Big Ten title, however. He said he wanted to wrestle a lot tougher and he should have gone hard the entire seven minutes.

SEE WRESTLING, 3B

OHIO STATE 66, IOWA 64

The women's basketball team fell to Ohio State in the final seconds.

By JORDAN GARRETSON
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See more of the action with a photo slide show and a Daily Iowan TV report.

INDIANAPOLIS — The Iowa women's basketball team was just one bucket shy of adding a Big Ten Tournament championship chapter to its Cinderella storybook.

No. 10 Ohio State (30-4) defeated the Hawkeyes (19-13), 66-64, in Sunday's championship game at Consecro Field House. The tournament title is Ohio State's second straight and third overall.

Jantel Lavender, who was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player for the second-straight year, was the one to slam the clock to midnight on Iowa.

Iowa freshman Trisha Nesbitt was whistled for a shooting foul while

providing defensive help on Lavender with 1.9 seconds remaining and the score knotted at 64-64. The Buckeye junior posted the final two of her 35 points on the two subsequent free throws — the most total points ever scored in a Big Ten Tournament championship game. Her two freebies gave Ohio State a 66-64 lead.

During the game's final play, sophomore Kamille Wahlin said she had a pretty good look at the basket. The Hawkeye point guard said his fellow sophomore Kelly Krei's long inbound pass put the ball in perfect position.

SEE HOOPS, 3B



MINNESOTA 88, IOWA 53

Gophers prevail

Iowa suffered its biggest loss of the season against Minnesota on Sunday.

By SCOTT MILLER

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In a season during which the Hawkeyes have practically invented ways to lose, perhaps this was a fitting way for the regular season to end.

Showing little resistance, Iowa (10-21, 4-14) wilted under Minnesota's full-court pressure on way to its most lopsided defeat of this season. Unable to regain traction after the Gophers' 17-0 first-half run, Iowa fell 88-53 on Sunday evening in Williams Arena.

The Hawkeyes' 21 losses are the most in program history. And in closing the regular season, Iowa lost two consecutive games by 62 points. With Sunday's defeat, head coach Todd Lickliter's squad will play Michigan for the third-consecutive year in next week's Big Ten Tournament, this time as the tourney's No. 9 seed.

"I don't think any other team in the Big Ten had both of their last two games on the road," Lickliter said on the Hawkeye Radio Network. "It's tough, especially for a team full of freshmen and sophomores."

After falling down 22 at half, Iowa allowed Minnesota's lead to balloon as big as 37 in the second half. If it had not been for sophomore Aaron Fuller's 16 points — his sixth double-figure game in the last eight contests — it could have been much worse.

The Gophers flattened the Hawkeyes behind a season-high 12 3-pointers and 37 combined points from senior Lawrence Westbrook and sophomore Devoe Joseph.

"It's definitely a lot of frustration," junior co-captain Jarryd Cole told the Hawkeye Radio Network. "It's actually so much frustration that as a player, you're actually torn between wanting to stay in the flow of things ... [and] forcing things and trying to get the lead down as fast as possible."

"You can't play basketball



Minnesota's Justin Cobbs (left) hits the floor as Iowa's Cully Payne controls the ball in the first half Sunday in Minneapolis.

that way."

Usually a staple of Lickliter's teams, Iowa's defense crumbled at the hands of the Gophers. The Hawkeyes gave up a season-high 58.5 percent shooting. Also a season-high for Lickliter's squad was Minnesota's 88 points.

Compounding its defensive problems, Iowa committed 14 turnovers — six by freshman Cully Payne — leading to 21 Minnesota points.

"That's unbelievable for us," Lickliter said of the Gophers' 88 points. "They got rollin'. They just got to feeling so good we couldn't do anything with them."

The Hawkeyes hung with the Gophers early, staying within five points at the 13-minute mark of the first

half. But thanks to poor outside shooting and a plethora of turnovers, a 22-2 Minnesota run ensued over the next 10 minutes. It wasn't until Cole nailed a long jumper with 3:16 remaining that Iowa ended its shooting slump.

In all, the Hawkeyes missed 10-consecutive field-goal attempts and went 7:39 without scoring during the run.

"It was tough," Cole said on the Hawkeye Radio Network. "We came out and defended well for the first few minutes. We had a lapse, and they came at us hard."

Battling Minnesota's full-court press, Payne committed four first-half turnovers. In fact, Iowa had as many turnovers as field goals (nine) in the first 20 minutes.

While the Hawkeyes struggled to score, Tubby Smith's squad plowed ahead by making 6-of-9 from the 3-point line and shooting nearly 60 percent overall in the first half. Iowa went 0-of-8 beyond the arc and fell too far behind to ever make a legitimate run at the Gophers.

Lickliter's squad has until Thursday to recover for Damian Sims and Michigan, which it will play at 1:30 p.m., Central time on ESPN2 that afternoon.

"We've been through a lot of adversity," Lickliter said. "We've struggled this year, but I don't think it has really affected their effort. I do think it has affected their confidence at times. ... We've got to overcome that."

INTRAMURALS

Dime Pieces wins big

Dime Pieces remain undefeated in women's intramural hoops.

By ETHAN SEBERT

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The Dime Pieces topped the Guidettes, 52-38, Sunday night in intramural competition in the Field House.

The final game of pool play for both teams was a rematch of the first game of the season, a game the Dime Pieces won, 41-16, on Jan. 31.

"We should beat them, but it might be a little tougher this time," Dani Olerich of the Dime Pieces said before the game.

Olerich was right — the Guidettes scored more points in the first half (24) than they did their entire first game against the Dime Pieces, who are ranked third in the women's division.

The victory kept the Dime Pieces undefeated at 4-0 and dropped the Guidettes to 0-4, likely ending the team's season.

The game began as a four-on-four contest until the Dime Pieces' fifth player, Megan Hullermann, showed up with 6:32 left to play in the first half. Unfortunately for the Guidettes, their fifth player never showed up, forcing them to play four-on-five the rest of the game. Four against five were familiar odds for the Guidettes considering this was their second game without a full squad.

The team believed not having a full roster and just living the "Jersey Shore" lifestyle caused their dismal season.

"We could have been a lot better if we would have had four players every game," the Guidettes' leading scorer, Megan McLaughlin, said.

The first half was a back-and-forth affair until the end, when

McLaughlin sank two free throws with five seconds left to tie the game at 24-24.

However, the missing player proved to be too much for the Guidettes, and the Dime Pieces were the only ones fist-pumping in the second half.

"We put up a good fight, but we just got really tired," Amanda Macchione, the Guidette's leading rebounder, said.

The Dime Pieces players kept their opponents' fatigue in mind as they regrouped for the second half and developed a new, slower offense to take advantage of the Guidettes' missing player.

"We decided to slow things down a bit and take smarter shots," the Dime Pieces' Lauren Friedman said. "We wanted to pass the ball around a lot and just find the smart shots."

Friedman, like the rest of her team, also picked up her play defensively in the second half, blocking shots and grabbing rebounds in the low post. The Dime Pieces allowed just 14 points in the second half.

They also heated up on offense, especially their late arrival, Hullermann. She scored just two points in the first half, but tripled her offensive output in the second half.

"I just took my time more and took better shots," she said.

The Dime Pieces players hope to continue the hot shooting they showed in the second half during this year's playoffs, which begin after spring break.

"We haven't all been on our A-game at the same time this year," Friedman said. "If we all play our best together in the playoffs, I think we will do really well."

Men's gymnastics falls short

The men were unable to win their final home meet of the season.

By NICK GANS

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For 31 years, Iowa men's gymnastics head coach Tom Dunn had shaped Iowa gymnastics into a perennial power.

On Sunday, Dunn coached for the last time in Iowa City when his eighth-ranked Hawkeyes hosted No. 3 Illinois at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Senior Day. Iowa provided Dunn and the seniors with memorable routines and its best performance of the year thus far, but the Hawkeyes fell short, 357.500-346.600.

"We had a very good team performance as a whole and a bunch of [season] records," Dunn said. "That's something I'll remember most about the meet today."

Team captain and senior Jon Buese said the team didn't approach the meet any differently, but the members knew the meet would be more special for their head coach than past ones.

The Hawkeyes started the meet in symbolic fashion, with team captain and senior Reid Urbain tying Iowa's season high and setting a personal best of 15.100 on the floor exercise. His routine helped Iowa achieve a new team-high score of 58.950.

Urbain suffered a concussion during his most recent floor exercise routine at the Pacific Coast Classic, but he said he refused to let that affect him on Sunday.

"Anytime you get an injury, it's in the back of your

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mind," he said. "Sometimes that just makes you go more aggressive, and that's when bad things happen."

Junior Ben Ketelsen also set new season-highs on the vault (15.900) and parallel bars (14.100). The Lancaster, Ohio, native credits his performance on the vault to a change in his routine.

"I've been training each individual skill more than I'm used to doing," he said. "I've been focusing on the double full maneuver and been cleaning it up a lot in practices."

In the rings, Hawkeye freshman Broderick Shemansky was quick to leave his mark on the Iowa record books, tying the school record with a score of 14.800. The team score of 58.100 was the highest of the season.

Senior Joel Snyder and junior Mike Jiang set individual season highs on the horizontal bars with identical 14.400 scores, good for second overall at the meet.

Even though the Hawkeyes set personal and season records against Illinois, there was one event that proved detrimental to Iowa once again.

"We just haven't gotten over the hump in the pommel horse. We've made the same mistakes we've made throughout the season [Sunday]," Dunn said. "But we



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Iowa gymnast Ben Ketelsen performs a tumbling pass while competing on the floor exercise during Iowa's meet against Illinois on Sunday in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

have some good pommel horse performers, so we'll find the right combination and keep pushing the rest of the year."

With only two meets left this year before the Big Ten championships, the Iowa seniors said they have started to appreciate their remaining time at Iowa and

pushing to leave their mark on Hawkeye gymnastics.

"Senior Day was a little sad. I'll miss it for sure," Urbain said. "It was fun, and I had a blast. I'm not going to get too sad about it now. We still have more meets to go."

The Hawkeyes will return to action on March 13 against No. 4 Minnesota.

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WRESTLING

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The heavyweight wasn't the only Iowa grappler less than pleased with his performance. Four Hawkeyes who advanced to the finals fell short of capturing a title.

Matt McDonough (125), Daniel Dennis (133), Brent Metcalf (149), and Phillip Keddy (184) all took second place.

McDonough fell to three-time Big Ten champion Angel Escobedo of Indiana, 6-4.

"You never want to lose, but you have to take away from a loss what you can," the Big Ten Freshman of the Year said. "Sometimes you can take more away from a loss than a win. But either way, every match I had there's something I can improve on, and I'll definitely use that match to build myself as a wrestler."

Dennis dropped a 9-3 decision to Minnesota's Jayson Ness, and Keddy fell to Illinois' John Dergo, 5-3.

Top-ranked Metcalf was bested by Ohio State's Lance Palmer, 9-3.

"Some of those matches got away from us in ways that are like it's a landslide, and there's nothing you can do but manage it at the



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Hawkeye 174-pounder Jay Borschel wrestles Minnesota's Scott Glasser during their finals match at the Big Ten wrestling championships in Crisler Arena on Sunday. Borschel won, 8-1.

front end," said Iowa head coach Tom Brands, the Big Ten's Coach of the Year. "It's like you're letting things go against you that are building against you, and when you feel that coming, you have to stop it, and then get the momentum going back in your favor with good, tough wrestling."

Brands said the Big Ten championships mean nothing going forward. Just as the whole year wasn't cumulative, Iowa enters the national tournament with a blank slate.

"We're going to find out how tough we are," Brands

said. "We're going to find out if we're sucking our thumb or if we're getting tough."

After crowning just two of six finalists, Brands said, the coaching staff has some explaining to do, noting the Hawkeyes weren't ready.

"You don't always get your way in this sport, and you don't always get your way in this life, no matter who you are," he said. "When things get out of your control a little bit and go against you, your character is what's going to get you back on track, and then some."

HOOPS

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The Crookston, Minn., native's shot was released before the game's final buzzer, but the ball skimmed off the right side of the rim. Wahlin said the shot felt good off of her hands but knew the shot was off to the right when she saw it in the air.

"I turned around, I was probably pretty far out on that [shot]," said Wahlin, who was selected as a member of the all-tournament team after leading Iowa with 20 points. "[It] didn't work to my advantage. But I just tried to get a good look and let it go in. Unfortunately, it didn't go in."

The legitimacy of the final foul call was a hot point of discussion at the press conference following the game.

Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder said she obviously wished the official wouldn't have blown the whistle on the Lavender play. The 10th-year head coach thought an extra five minutes of basketball would have been great. But she also said that her team, along with everyone else in the building, knew the ball would wind up in Lavender's hands.



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Kamille Wahlin tries to keep the ball in bounds during Iowa's Big Ten Tournament championship game against Ohio State in Consecro Field House on Sunday.

Lavender, who was named the Big Ten Player of the Year for a second-consecutive season, was 14-of-25 from the field and a perfect 7-of-7 from the charity stripe. Her 35 points broke the record set by former Purdue player Stephanie White-McCarty in 1999 of 31 points in the Big Ten title game.

"When the game's on the line, she's going to perform for you," Bluder said. "And that's what makes her so special. She's so strong. She's so talented."

Krei and junior Kachine Alexander also earned spots on the all-tournament team, joining Wahlin. Krei scored 18 points on Sunday to finish with 42

total points in three tournament games, while Alexander's 13 brought her weekend total to 44 points.

The loss drops Iowa to 2-1 in tournament championship games. The Hawkeyes are expected to receive an at-large bid in the NCAA Tournament, but they will await the March 15 tournament selection show to learn their fate.

"From what I hear from other people, you know, we do have a good chance of getting in [the tournament]," Wahlin said. "So hopefully, we proved ourselves in the [Big Ten] Tournament that we are capable of playing in the NCAA Tournament."

COMMENTARY

Wrestlers suddenly seem vulnerable

The Hawkeyes were tarred and re-feathered at the Big Ten championships.



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ANN ARBOR, Mich. — For about an hour-and-a-half Sunday afternoon, Crisler Arena became the "Twilight Zone" for the Iowa wrestling team.

The Hawkeyes were trapped within the perplexing parameters of a disorderly world in which frustration is copious and individual Big Ten title dreams don't come true: wrestling world's equivalent of the Bermuda Triangle.

Undefeated records were smeared. Momentum proved null.

Iowa may have won its 34th conference championship and its third straight since 2008, but not without sacrificing the program's invincibility tag.

Only a 32.5-point lead amassed throughout the first two sessions a day earlier and Minnesota's Sunday misfortunes saved Iowa from an Icarian freefall.

Partially, I blame myself for the team's troubles. Earlier in the day, I used a \$10 bill to buy a vanilla Starbucks frappuccino and a pack of strawberry mint Orbit gum. I got \$6.66 in change — an omen even the gas-station cashier picked up on.

Luckily, though, the

Hawkeyes placed the bulk of the liability on themselves. And even though they tried to seal their discontent inside their broken bodies, it sporadically surfaced.

Atop the runner-up rung after his 6-4 loss to two-time defending Big Ten champion Angel Escobedo, Iowa redshirt freshman Matt McDonough stood ferociously heaving.

His face turned to granite as he posed for publicity photos, and before he disappeared into recesses of Crisler Arena, he whipped off his silver medal.

Senior 133-pounder Daniel Dennis followed suit, clearly uncomfortable on the podium following his 9-3 loss to Big Ten Wrestler of the Year Jayson Ness of Minnesota.

Dennis may have finished to his No. 2 seeding, but the idea of meeting expectations unrelated to his own butchered his crew.

Brent Metcalf, however, couldn't be found moments before the 149-pound award ceremony. The two-time conference title winner had to be called out onto the arena floor in the wake of his third-career defeat — a 9-3 finals loss to Ohio State's Lance Palmer that ended an undefeated run.

And alongside Palmer, he stoically basked in

his own exasperation as Buckeye fans hooted and hollered for their champion as the Ohio State fight song reverberated in the background.

Granted, Montell Marion, Jake Kerr, and Ryan Morningstar earned NCAA championship berths via the consolation bracket to give Iowa 10 contenders in next week's national meet — one more than No. 2 Iowa State.

And Jay Borschel and Dan Erikson did come away with first-place finishes to help the Hawkeyes score more team points than the Cyclones and Oklahoma State Cowboys combined in the Big 12 championships (69 and 70.5, respectively).

But based on Sunday afternoon alone, when Iowa went 2-for-6 in title matches and 6-for-14 overall, the outside consensus isn't too flattering.

The Hawkeyes left their frail bird chests exposed and showcased Iowa's vulnerability.

COMMENTARY

Hawks come aching close

The Hawkeyes' valiant effort was not rewarded.



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INDIANAPOLIS — The Iowa women's basketball team deserved a better fate than what it received on Sunday.

As a No. 3 seed in the Big Ten tournament, the Hawkeyes put together a remarkable run to the championship game against top-seeded and 10th-ranked Ohio State.

After leading for most of the contest, Iowa just couldn't hold on, falling 66-64 to the Buckeyes.

The turning point of the game came when Ohio State had possession of the ball. With the squads tied at 64-64, with 1.9 seconds left, the referees called a foul on Iowa freshman Trisha Nesbitt. It allowed reigning Big Ten Player of the Year and junior Jantel Lavender to reach the free-throw line. Her two buckets from the charity

stripe gave Ohio State the lead and sealed the game.

During the postgame press conference, head coach Lisa Bluder addressed the issue of the foul call.

"Obviously, I wish [the ref] wouldn't have made the call," she said. "I think it would have been a great overtime. ... It is what it is."

While the 10th-year Iowa coach won't say it, I will.

To determine a game with under two seconds left by calling a foul when it hasn't been called the previous 39 minutes in the contest is questionable. And with so much on the line, how they can feel good about that decision is beyond me.

I'll give Lavender credit; she was clutch. She nailed both of them perfectly. She was named the Most Outstanding Player for a reason. I had to bite my tongue in disbelief with that ruling.

I almost had the same feeling in my stomach while watching Lavender drain those feel throws as I did when Devin Barclay hit the game-winning

overtime field goal for the Ohio State football team back in November against Iowa in a game that decided the Big Ten's Rose Bowl representative.

Slow, painful, and inevitable.

While the team may be left in tears now, the Hawkeyes are undoubtedly a force in the Big Ten. Iowa should have been ranked in the top 25 coming into this game, but because of a slow start during the beginning of the season, weren't.

The Hawkeyes' strong play the last month and a half — in which it won 11 out of its last 14 games — has likely guaranteed them a spot in the NCAA Tournament.

Losing to Ohio State twice by a mere eight points, I hope the Hawkeyes get a chance to redeem themselves.

"I feel like we played hard," Bluder said. "We didn't get the victory, and it hurts right now, but I think we'll bounce back and be ready for the tournament."

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Hawks upset DePaul

The Iowa women's tennis team prevails in a series of close matches.

By JON FRANK
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Silence loomed over in the upper-level balcony as all eyes were glued to a game-deciding showdown between the top players for both Iowa and No. 24 DePaul. For each point scored, cheers erupted from fellow team members, coaches, and fans.

In the end, Hawkeye sophomore Sonja Molnar triumphed over DePaul senior Anna Redecsi, and the Hawkeyes upset the Blue Demons on Sunday, 4-3, in the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex.

The match started with a 6-4 victory for Molnar in the first set. But Redecsi didn't give up.

For the next 30 minutes, the two jockeyed for advantage in the second set. In the end, Molnar, tired but still fighting, was able to pull out the second set in a tie-breaker (7-6 [7-5]).

She credits her success largely to the pressure placed on her to win.

"I was tired, the match was long," she said. "I wouldn't have competed as well if the match didn't count for so much. I had to step it up and take one for the team."

The rest of the team also competed in close matches.

Junior Lynne Poggensee-Wei's match was decided in the third set. She won the first set, 6-4, against junior Selma Salkovic, but fell in the second and third sets, 6-2 and 6-3.

Poggensee-Wei had a difficult weekend in



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Senior Merel Beelen (left) repositions herself while sophomore Sonja Molnar returns the ball during a doubles match against DePaul in the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex on Sunday. The duo won, 9-7, and the Hawkeyes upset the Blue Demons, 4-3.

singles play, losing her matches against DePaul and Missouri, which Iowa defeated, 5-2, on March 6. Her loss to Salkovic tied the series at 3-3.

The Hawkeyes split singles play 3-3 with wins from junior Alexis Dorr (6-3, 6-2) and senior Merel Beelen (6-3, 6-3). Dorr's victory improves her singles play record to 8-1 this season.

One of the few advantages for Iowa came at the beginning of the match in doubles play.

On paper, the Blue Demons seemed to have the advantage. Their No. 1 duo of Redecsi and Salkovic were ranked 10th nationally prior to the meet. Molnar and Beelen refused to let their opponents' reputation intimidate them.

The 9-7 win over Redecsi and Salkovic was Molnar and Beelen's second doubles victory over a ranked opponent. The first came on Feb. 27 over Princeton's then-No. 26-ranked Hilary Bartlett and Taylor Marable.

"We didn't find out they were ranked until a few minutes before the match," Molnar said. "It made us more motivated. Any time you get to play a top-ranked team, it's a great opportunity."

Junior Jessica Young and senior Kelcie Klockenga won their doubles match 8-8, 8-6, as did Poggensee-Wei and Dorr, 9-7.

"[Winning doubles] was very important," Poggensee-Wei said. "We ended up splitting singles, so that

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determined the match."

Aside from Iowa's strong doubles play against DePaul, the win against an inferior Missouri team may have played an important role in the success on Sunday.

Although Iowa was heavily favored over Missouri (2-6), the Tigers fought hard, forcing the Hawkeyes to work hard for every point scored.

"We looked at the Missouri game, and we knew we had to raise our level of play," Iowa head coach Katie Dougherty said. "We needed better execution and higher energy to win against DePaul."

GymHawks soar, win two

The team collected its two highest team scores of the season.

By ROBBIE LEHMAN
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Facing its first test of two dual meets in the same weekend, the Iowa women's gymnastics team passed with flying colors.

The 30th-ranked GymHawks were all smiles after they upset No. 21 Southern Utah, 195.300-194.475, in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Sunday afternoon.

This came after the GymHawks asserted revenge on No. 17 Iowa State on March 5 in Ames, winning 195.175-194.150. The Cyclones beat the Hawkeyes in Iowa City last month.

Iowa head coach Larissa Libby has told her team all season to put everything together in the same meet. It did for two meets, making the sixth-year coach beyond thrilled.

"I told them Friday night that there had been a lot of proud

moments in my coaching career, but none more than Friday night, and this night as well," Libby said. "We're a depleted team, and this team has been thrown hurdle after hurdle after hurdle, and they just don't give up. That's a champion to me. Whatever happens the rest of the year, that's a champion."

Before knocking off the Cyclones, Iowa had been in a slump, having not won a dual meet since beating Ohio State at home on Feb. 6.

Junior Rebecca Simbudas had an outstanding weekend, winning the all-around in Ames with a 39.225. She then tied for the all-around against the Thunderbirds, sharing the title with junior teammate Houry Gebeshian at 39.325.

Several Hawkeyes posted high scores and contributed brilliant performances, but the team effort

overshadows the individual statistics — and the GymHawks are fine with that. Iowa posted its highest score of the season against Iowa State, then set a new high score against Southern Utah.

More than anything, that is what delighted the Hawkeyes most, said Gebeshian, who had a good feeling going into the weekend.

"We're super excited," she said. "I knew going into this one we were going to do great. I think we're just going to keep going. We got the momentum. We finally figured out how to compete, finally know what it feels like to win. Once you get that first one, it becomes routine."

Sophomore Jessa Hansen also had a hand in helping Iowa pull off its successful weekend. She hit a career-high of 39.100 in Ames to place third in the all-around.

Then she placed fourth on Sunday with a mark of 38.325.

It was no question which GymHawk brought the most energy, though. Jenny Donar, the team's only senior, approached her last home meet with everything she had. When she spoke about it afterward, she was downright giddy that Iowa had found its groove.

"We're definitely going in the right direction," she said. "I'm very proud of this team. I was hoping for a good weekend, because we really needed it to qualify for nationals."

Currently at No. 30, Iowa seems to be in decent shape to qualify for nationals, which takes the top 36 teams regardless of region. The Hawkeyes will need more total team efforts like they recorded this past weekend.

"We finally put it together," Donar said. "This team really brought it [on Sunday]."

HAWKEYE SPORTS

2 tracksters set school records

The Iowa men's track and field team took advantage of the Last Chance Meet this past weekend.

The squad added two big provisional qualifying times that also happened to be school records.

Freshman Jeff Thode earned first place in the mile with a time of 4:03:07, beating the previous Iowa record set in 1981. Steven Willey was the other record-breaker, racing to a 46.75 second-place finish in the 400 meters.

An unfortunate miscue, with the baton, cost the 4-by-400-meter relay team a chance to automatically qualify for the NCAA championships — the team ended up eighth.

Results will be released today for the marks necessary to grab a coveted spot in the NCAA meet that take place this weekend in Fayetteville, Ark. Several Hawkeyes have already provisionally qualified, and they will be eager to hear

if their marks have earned them a spot at the elite event.

— by Matt Schommer

Praska provisionally qualifies for NCAA

The Iowa women's track and field team did not accomplish what it ultimately hoped for at the NCAA Qualifier held Saturday in Ames.

The Hawkeyes sent 10 athletes whose times and jumps were close to NCAA qualifying standards. The meet — informally dubbed the Last Chance Meet — gave the runners one more shot at automatically qualifying for the 2010 indoor championship.

Iowa coach Layne Anderson said the weekend did not put any of his women in a significantly better position for nationals, but there were still some highlights for the Hawkeyes.

Junior Bethany Praska provisionally qualified for the championships in the 800 meters and earned third all-time at Iowa with a time of

2:08. Junior Karessa Farley ran 8:32 in the 60-meter hurdles finals — earning her second place at the meet and a season-best finish.

However, she did not directly qualify for nationals at the Last Chance Meet — something she accomplished at the same meet in 2009.

"I think we accomplished some things and improved some things," Anderson said. "We showed [the women] that we had faith in them going into that meet. We wanted them to know we believe in them, and, hopefully, by taking them to that meet, they realized that."

— by Michèle Danno

Men's tennis drops 2

The No. 49 Iowa men's tennis team dropped two meets in Denver this past weekend to fall to 6-3 on the season.

Iowa lost a 4-3 heartbreaker to Sacramento State (6-6) on March 6.

Although Tommy McGeorge

and Will Vasos combined to win their sixth-straight doubles match, 8-3, the Hawkeyes' No. 1 and No. 3 teams were defeated to give Sacramento State the doubles point.

The Hawkeyes salvaged a split in singles play, but two close losses sealed the defeat. No. 1 Marc Bruche was defeated by Kiryl Harbatsiuk (7-6, 7-5), and No. 4 Will Vasos lost to Jason Smith (6-3, 6-7, 7-6) in the deciding match.

Iowa remained in Denver Sunday to face Denver University (10-2) and lost to the No. 32 Pioneers, 6-1.

The Hawkeyes won the doubles point with victories by No. 1 team Bruche and Nikita Zotov and the No. 2 team of McGeorge and Vasos.

The strong start was negated in singles play, in which Bruche retired from his match and Iowa dropped the rest of its matches. No. 3 Reinoud Haal's (6-3, 6-4) defeat to Enej Boan ended the senior's seven-match singles winning streak.

— by Seth Roberts

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My Oscar predictions, all of which came true

- I will make continual and obnoxious references to “Baba Wawa” and her final Oscars special throughout the evening.
- I will mercilessly mock the unprofessionalism of E!’s entire staff during their preshow coverage.
- I will threaten physical violence prior to the announcement of the Award for Best Supporting Actor in the event that Christoph Waltz doesn’t win.
- My vicious rhetoric will be rightly disregarded as a series of empty threats by the entirety of my invited guests.
- I will openly deconstruct every reason given to me for the presence of any of the following: Andy Dick, Amanda Bynes, anyone with the last name Kardashian, and either half of “Speidi.”
- I will be drunk by 8 p.m. Eastern.
- I will gush over Tina Fey to the point that my girlfriend will be forced to move across the room to the other couch in an effort to avoid smacking me.
- I will take a bathroom break during the recap of the Technical Achievement winners, all awarded earlier.
- I will have heard of approximately six of the 30 people recognized during the “In Memoriam” segment.
- Out of respect, I will pretend to have heard of them all.
- I will use the phrase “there will be blood” at least six times.
- I will be statistically eliminated from winning my own Oscar betting pool before the Best Actress category is announced ... for the third straight year.
- I will be asleep and snoring by the time the Best Picture winner is announced.

— Andrew R. Juhl would like to thank the Academy, but it hasn’t given him an Oscar. Yet.

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Monday, March 8, 2010
— by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 Keep an open mind, and share opinions with people from different walks of life. Travel will help you realize what you want to do in the future. Uncertainty will lead to inconsistency and must be kept to a minimum.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Keep your eyes wide open, and do what you can to help others. Your gestures of friendliness will pay off. An open-ended opportunity will lead to knowledge that will help you move forward with a plan you’ve had for a long time.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Keep your thoughts to yourself. Not everyone will be trustworthy. Don’t be fooled by insincere gestures of friendliness. Don’t lend or borrow with someone you consider to be a friend.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22 Do what you say, and you will make a good impression. Don’t fear being a little different; in the end, it will set you apart from the competition. Focus on advancement.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 Don’t jump too quickly, or you will make a poor choice. Take your time, especially when it involves money or a contract. Romance is in the stars if you stick to socializing instead of trying to do business.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Opportunities to make some alterations are apparent, but don’t trade one set of problems for another. Meddling in someone else’s life will come back to bite you. Don’t take part in something you know is wrong.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Emotional conversations will be upsetting if you take what’s said too seriously. Spending too much time with someone you work with may lead to trouble, especially if you share some of your personal thoughts or secrets.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Your creative, intuitive know-how will surprise everyone, including yourself. You will open up avenues that were closed to you in the past. Network as much as you can, and you will meet someone with good connections and positive ideas.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You’ll have a hard time getting away with anything, so keep things as close to the truth as possible. Don’t exaggerate or make impossible promises. Focus on the one you love and how you can make improvements to your home, lifestyle, and relationship.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Someone from your past will offer to help you with an old idea, but before you dump your responsibility on someone else, realize the job will not be done to your satisfaction or specifications. A partnership will need some new rules if it’s going to be workable.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Extend a helping hand, but do so with sincerity. If you are expecting something in return, you will be disappointed. You cannot push others to do things your way. Uncertainty regarding money, a settlement, or contract will cause anxiety.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 Don’t let emotional situations lead to overreacting, overdoing, or overindulging. You will invite criticism and partnership problems if you are difficult to deal with. Contain your feelings; acting prematurely could lead to a ruined reputation or relationship.

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- **Senior Center Horns Group**, 11:30 a.m., Walden Place Retirement Residence, 2423 Walden Road
- **International Mondays Brown Bag Series**, “What Makes a Man? Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Identity and Masculinity,” noon, Iowa City Public Library
- **Art Adventure: Jar Lanterns**, 3 p.m., Iowa Children’s Museum, Coral Ridge Mall
- **Teen Tech Zone**, 3 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Biostatistics Seminar**, “Response Plots and Related Plots for Regression,” David Olive, Southern Illinois University, 3:30 p.m., 1117 Medical Education and Research Facility
- **Young People’s Company**

- Auditions**, 3:30 p.m., Riverside Theatre, 213 N. Gilbert
- **Biology Seminar**, “Synapse Formation and Axon Degeneration Lessons from Flies and Mice,” Aaron DiAntonio, Washington University, 4 p.m., 101 Biology Building East
- **Open Studio**, 4 p.m., Dawn’s Hide & Bead Away, 220 E. Washington
- **Speak Up or Lose Out**, 4 p.m., Johnson County Mental Health and Disability Services, 855 S. Dubuque
- **Advanced Animal Portrait**, 5 p.m., Iowa Children’s Museum
- **An Education**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **Free Pool**, 7 p.m., TCB Pool Hall, 114 E. College
- **Kathleen Norris reading**, 7 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **University and Concert Bands**, 7:30 p.m., IMU Main Ballroom
- **Foreign Movie Night**, 8 p.m., Latino Native America Cultural Center
- **Broken Embraces**, 9 p.m., Bijou

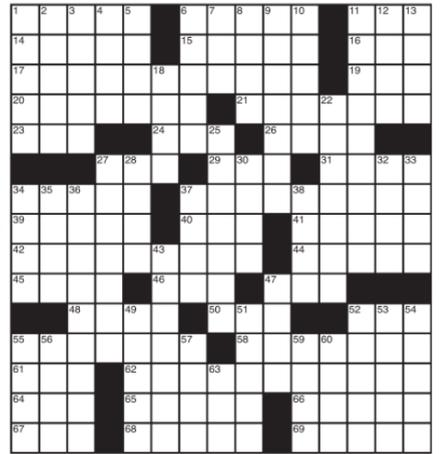
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- Across**
- Harold of “Ghostbusters”
 - “Stainless” metal
 - Krazy
 - “Alas and ...”
 - “You gotta be kidding me!”
 - Misery
 - They’re choosy about what they chew
 - Quaint lodging
 - 12 months from now
 - Dressed in lab attire
 - Morning droplets
 - Use a Singer machine
 - vera
 - Mach 1 breaker
 - “Ben-”
 - Siberian city
 - Certain Indonesian
 - Sensational 1990s-2000s talk show host
 - Walled city near Madrid
 - Blown-up photo: Abbr.
 - Many- (large, as an estate)
 - Popular online reference
 - Couples (with)
 - Drink at a sushi bar
 - AOL alternative
 - Round about the belly
 - Concerning, on a memo
 - Miracle- (garden care brand)
 - G.I. grub
 - Speaker’s stand
 - Say “Holy cow!” or “Hot dog!”
 - of Good Feelings, 1817-25
 - Walt Disney creation
 - Tire fill
 - Sell online
 - Nash who wrote “I don’t mind oils / Except as meals”
 - “On Majesty’s Secret Service”
 - Small baked desserts
 - Interminably
- Down**
- Swift
 - 1950s Dior dress style
 - Bird important in Mayan symbology
 - Very unpleasant
 - terrier
 - Trap
 - Tyke
 - Providers of sheep’s milk
 - Politician’s add-on
 - Disinfectant brand
 - Store on TV that sells KrustyO’s cereal
 - Super-duper
 - Care for, with “to”
 - Sunup direction
 - Beat Generation persona
 - Annoying complaining
 - Noteworthy
 - Lose it
 - The Bruins of the N.C.A.A.
 - Ball (arcade game)
 - Some colorful sneakers
 - Highest-grossing film before “Star Wars”

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- Across**
- Adidas alternative
 - “It Must Be Him” singer, 1967
 - Ruby and scarlet
 - “Rock” (Simon & Garfunkel hit)
 - Retired, as a female professor
 - Cunning
 - Convened anew, as the Senate
 - Projector items
 - Bea Arthur role
 - No longer in bed
 - Alter, as text
 - Sister of Rachel
 - Upstate New York’s Canal
 - Raleigh’s home: Abbr.
 - “Get the lead out!”
 - The Olympic rings, e.g.
 - Collection of items for a modelist

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SOLUTION TO FRIDAY’S PUZZLE

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5	2	9	8	7	1	6	3	4
4	8	1	9	3	6	5	7	2
7	3	6	5	4	2	1	9	8
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- Campus channel 4, cable channel 17
- 3 p.m. Maia Quartet Concert, Feb. 13
- 4:30 “The Great Recession: How We Got Here and How We Get Out,” Dean Baker, Economic & Policy Research, Jan. 27
- 6 Human Rights Week Lecture, “Educating Leaders in Health Care for the 21st Century,” Freeman A. Hrabowski III, Jan. 19
- 7 “Civility in a Fractured Society,” guest lecture James Leach, head of the National Endowment of the Humanities and former Iowa congressman, Feb. 16
- 8 Maia Quartet Concert, Feb. 13
- 9:30 Daily Iowan TV News
- 9:45 Dance at Iowa Highlights
- 10 Talk Iowa, students discuss current events, Student Video Productions
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