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Both Iowa basketball teams were involved in blowouts on Thursday. The women won. The men? Get real — they were at Northwestern. **SEE SPORTS, PAGE 10**



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CORRECTION

The Feb. 8 article "UISG passes resolution to oppose House voter-ID bill" contained several errors. If passed, the bill would take hold in 2014, not in 2012. Additionally, the article compares the bill with a measure in Wisconsin that cost the state \$8 million. However, the Secretary of State's Office estimates the cost of implementing the Iowa bill would be far less. Finally, the story did not make clear that voters do not need IDs if a qualified adult can vouch for their identities. The *DI* regrets the errors.

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Sports graduation rate high

Hawkeye athletes graduate at a higher rate than the rest of the student body.

By **LOGAN EDWARDS**
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Some university leaders are worried college athletes are getting a bad rap. Officials said at a Presidential Committee on Ath-

letics meeting on Thursday that the University of Iowa's athlete-graduation rate last year was 74 percent — the highest it has been in the last few years and 4 percentage points higher than that of non-athletes. Leaders attributed the jump to established rules ensuring athletes complete academic work.

Despite those numbers, committee member and history Professor Jeffrey Cox said the media often focus too much on negative stories.

"What gets lost here is a success story," Cox said.

The university has been so successful, he said, because of the strict guidelines it has in place to promote student-athletes' academic growth.

"Our goal is to make sure student athletes have the autonomy to choose a major themselves," Cox said.

Student-athletes are required to take 14 credit hours each semester to ensure their progress toward graduation, and they are allowed to miss

eight class days per semester. They also have strict guidelines against enrolling in online courses to prevent coaches from having them schedule classes around practices. This has led, said Associate Athletics Director Fred Mims, to the UI ranking fourth or fifth in the Big Ten in overall graduation rates for student-athletes.

"Seventy-four percent graduation rates don't happen by accident," Athletics Director Gary Barta

Graduation Success Rate

Percentage of NCAA student-athletes of the entering class of 2004 who earned college degrees within six years, according to the division's most recent study:

- Overall rate for entering class of 2004: 82 percent
- Rate for entering classes 2001 through 2004: 80 percent
- 2001-2004 rate for male student athletes: 73 percent
- 2001-2004 rate for female student athletes: 88 percent

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Source: naaa.com

'MOVE' MOVEMENT



Michelle Obama does the Interlude Dance with fitness expert Bob Harper and Des Moines area children. Michelle started the kick off of her "Let's Move" campaign in Des Moines on Thursday. (The Daily Iowan/Jacklyn Couppee)

Read the story on page 5.



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Go online to watch first lady Michelle Obama's speech in Des Moines from Thursday.

Celebrating some firsts

The University of Iowa hired its first black professor, Phil Hubbard, in 1954.

By **BETH BRATSOS**
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Locals say the Iowa City area has African-American history to be proud of, but local minorities still face some discrimination.

On Thursday, the Senior Center hosted the Outside In program, part of a traveling exhibit funded by Humanities Iowa in celebration of Black History Month.

Dr. Hal Chase, a speaker from the Iowa Humanities Speakers Bureau, presented a documentary of important people and events in Iowa's African-American history, emphasizing the Johnson County area.

"Everybody in the room here has some story that is



Speaker Hal Chase introduces the book *Outside In: African-American History in Iowa, 1838-2000* and the exhibition *The Only One in the African American Museum of Iowa in the Senior Center on Thursday. Thirty-nine people spent six years without payment to complete the book. (The Daily Iowan/Ya-Chen Chen)*

part of African-American history," he said. "African-American history in the United States is at least 50 percent white. With no whites, there [would be] no slave trade; no whites, no slavery; no whites, no white racism."

He went on to highlight notable African-Americans in Iowa City and the University of Iowa's history. For instance, in the 1970s Ted Wheeler was

the first African-American track coach in the Big Ten.

Currier Residence Hall first became integrated in 1946, Chase said.

"The Iowa Federation of Colored Women's club bought a property and had a boarding house [for African-American women]," he said. "Open housing in UI dormitories followed

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GOP fired up about gun law

Republicans in the Iowa House are pushing to enshrine the right to keep and bear arms in the state Constitution.

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State Republicans want to bring Iowa's Constitution in line with those of 44 other states.

Iowa is one of only six states in the Union that do not have a Second Amendment-like right to keep and bear arms enshrined in their Constitutions.

Gun-rights advocates — such as Stephanie Samford of the National Rifle Association's Institute for Legislative Action — say the resolution, House Joint Resolution 2005, is necessary to protect Iowans' right to have firearms.

"We have to move beyond the idea of only having a handgun in the home for self-defense," Samford said.

Advocates for the resolution have cited two landmark Supreme Court cases — *District of Columbia v. Heller* and *McDonald v. Chicago* — as reasons why Iowa needs its own constitutional protection for gun ownership. The two cases, regarding a state's and municipality's right to restrict access to handguns, were decided by a one-vote margin in favor of gun rights.

"We have to prevent the worst of these judicial abuses which threaten Iowans' rights to arms," Samford said.

Rep. Matt Windschitl, R-Missouri Valley, said the potential for activist judges to change Iowa's gun law should concern all Iowans.

"There are numerous opportunities out there for future judges to overturn those Supreme Court rulings or make other rulings that would not be consistent with what Iowans believe," he said.

Windschitl, a gunsmith by trade, said gun-rights advocates need to stay on the offensive or they will see their rights continually chipped away.

"This is a foundation and a protection for our Second Amendment rights," he said. "There are a lot of different views on where gun rights can go in the future, but we can't do that without our Second Amendment."

However, Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville, said the resolution goes too far.

"Decent, law-abiding Iowans have a right to bear arms, yes," he said. "But they won't benefit from this resolution — criminals

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Libraries head for 'E'

Print publications of some journals may no longer be available in 10 years, library officials say.

By **BETH BRATOS**
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Electronic formats of some scholarly publications may knock the print version out completely, library officials say.

Ed Shreeves, the University of Iowa associate university librarian for collections and scholarly communication, said UI Libraries usually no longer gets the print equivalent of electronic versions of materials, partly because of increased certainty in the longevity of electronic formats.

UI Libraries spends more than 70 percent of its materials budget on electronic materials. That number is up from just 42 percent in fiscal 2005.

"When electronic formats first started coming out, libraries wanted to get both versions because they were not sure the electronic format would stay around," Shreeves said. "Cost is similar between hard copy and

electronic [versions]. What is most expensive is getting both forms at the same time."

He said some specialized journals in academic fields, particularly the sciences, are only published in electronic form, and he wouldn't be surprised if these types of journals cease to be available in print over the next 10 to 15 years. But there are some cases in which print versions might still be purchased.

"Subscriptions [to certain journals] only give us access to part of those journals," he said. "In cases like that, we would typically try to continue getting a version of the journal in paper as well. Something we could provide to users in the case we would cancel the subscription."

Steven Sowards, assistant director for collections at Michigan State University, said its libraries are also strongly moving in the direction of electronic materials, particularly in scholarly articles and publications. In recent years, Michigan State libraries spent more than 70 percent of its entire materials budget on electronic formats, a huge jump from the 10 percent spent 10 years ago, he said.

In some cases, the paper version is not purchased.

"We get [some] science journals pretty much exclusively in 'E,'" he said. "We have what are called 'Big Deals.' For libraries and publishers, a 'Big Deal' means you have a licensed subscription to get all titles published by one publisher."

The University of Wisconsin-Madison libraries spends more than 50 percent of its budgets on electronic materials, according to library officials.

Ed Van Gemert, interim director of libraries at Wisconsin, said the university sees the trend of faculty and students wanting and needing electronic resources.

He said Wisconsin is part of a group of institutions working with Macmillan in a pilot test of the use of electronic textbooks.

"We are working with six classes on campus this semester to determine whether there is a cost saving and what learning outcome differences [there] might be between electronic textbooks and printed," he said.

He said there are also challenges that come with the 'E' trend.

"Library budgets have not kept pace with the need

Move toward 'E'

What other schools are doing:

- Michigan State: Licensed subscriptions to all titles of one author
- University of Wisconsin-Madison: Pilot-testing Macmillan with the use of electronic textbooks

Source: Library officials

[for electronic formats]," he said. "People want more and more; unfortunately, we are not able to provide everything people want."

UI computer-science Associate Professor Doug Jones has been publishing scholarly articles since the late-70s and first began publishing fiction pieces in 2004. He said reputable journals in the computer-science field allow authors to put copies of their work on their own websites, resulting in an expectation that as soon as things appear in print, the online version will also appear.

"I think we need both. It's not a case of either/or," he said. "For casual journalism, [like] daily papers, I can't stand online environments. For research, I can't live without them."

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Wende Fugate spreads coloring on the pattern for screen-printing on a tote bag during the annual "Blick Madness" on Thursday at Blick Art Materials, 201 S. Clinton St. The public can learn how to screen-print tote bags and enjoy free music and food during the event. (The Daily Iowan/Ya-Chen Chen)

METRO

Some football tickets go up

The price of nonstudent Iowa football tickets will rise by an average of \$2 apiece for the 2012 season, the Hawkeye Athletics Department said during a meeting of the Presidential Committee on Athletics on Thursday.

A seven-game season ticket for the general public will now cost \$388. UI faculty tickets will cost \$318.

Student season tickets will still cost \$175 for all seven Iowa home games, but students can purchase a six-game package for \$150. That package won't include a seat at Iowa's game against Nebraska on Nov. 23.

"Every year, we have to sit down and figure out how we bring in more revenue — or at least as much revenue as our expenditures," Athletics Director Gary Barta told reporters after the

meeting. "When you look at our schedule coming up this year and the national prices, this was the year we decided we needed to increase by \$2."

Single-game ticket prices were also announced on Thursday. Iowa's games against Iowa State and Nebraska will cost \$70; Big Ten matchups against Minnesota, Penn State, and Purdue will cost \$65. The Hawkeyes' other two nonconference home games will cost \$60 (Northern Iowa) or \$55 (Central Michigan).

Those single-game tickets will go on sale in June or July, if they're still available.

— by Seth Roberts

Occupy applies for permit renewal

Occupy Iowa City leaders have applied to renew the group's permit to camp at College Green Park.

Iowa City Parks & Recreation officials said they will review the application, which was filed Monday, and decide whether to renew the permit in the next week.

The Occupy Iowa City movement first set up tents in College Green in October.

— by Luke Voelz

Supervisors OK budget publication

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously Thursday to authorize publication of the county's fiscal 2013 budget.

The budget will see 15 out of 21 property classes face overall tax decreases, while properties including agricultural dwellings and residential properties will see slight increases.

The supervisors initially predicted the decreases to lower the

county's overall tax levy by 25 cents compared with last year. However, they received notification from the Iowa Department of Management on Feb. 3 that Johnson County would need to increase its levy in mental health and disability services by \$250,000 in order to remain eligible for state mental health and disability funding for fiscal 2013.

Supervisor Terrence Neuzil said the supervisors decided to increase that levy now because they can lower a budget following publication but not raise it. The revised overall county-wide levy is now 21 cents lower than last year.

The county's overall budget following the new levy will be \$84,208,573.

The supervisors set a public hearing for the budget estimate for 6:30 p.m. Feb. 29.

— by Luke Voelz

BLOTTER

Javonte Carter, 24, 2103 Kountry Lane, was charged on Feb. 9 with OWI.

Jonathan Chun, 22, 411 E. Market St., was charged on Feb. 2 with

possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Justin McNeal, 21, 308 S. Gilbert Court, was charged on Feb. 9 with

public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

David Monroe, 27, Des Moines, was charged on Feb. 6 with public intoxication.

Alexander Schwabe, 23, 411 E. Market St., was charged on Feb. 2 with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

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said. To track progress, UI academic officials conduct interviews with student-athletes at the beginning of each semester to identify problems and refer stu-

dents to resources. Mims said that alongside the semester evaluations, the university establishes a new set of goals on an annual basis. "We take great pride in the collaborations we have on campus. Without all the support we receive, we could not accomplish all we do," Mims said. "We work to establish a culture that has been very well-received. Not just in the Big Ten but

nationwide." Producing successful alumni will help the university long-term, he said. "Athletes become our future recruiters," Mims said. "We take the students from where they're at. We respect them for being themselves, and we work with them from there." Peter Gray, an associate director of athletics student services, spoke highly of

the student-athlete tutoring program offered at the university. Gray said just under 3,000 tutor sessions have been held this academic year so far. All athletes are eligible for free tutoring, taught by tutors who have degrees in their specialties. Gray emphasized all tutors must be well-educated on NCAA rules and regulations.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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in the next five years. African-American women got that job done." As of the 2010 census, Johnson County was 86 percent white and just under 5 percent black, a 1.9 percent increase over 2000. Iowa City resident James Hicks, who grew up in Gary, Ind., said he has lived in Iowa City since the 1990s and has found the city more accepting than his former places of residence. "As an African- Ameri-

'As an African-American, I've lived on the East Coast, the West Coast, all coasts. I've encountered less racism here than anywhere else in the nation. I lived in Chicago 10 years before I came here. I was stopped by officers routinely ... [It was] just a normal thing.'

- Iowa City resident James Hicks

can, I've lived on the East Coast, the West Coast, all coasts. I've encountered less racism here than anywhere else in the nation," he said. "I lived in Chicago 10 years before I came here. I was stopped by officers routinely ... [It was] just a normal thing." But some speakers said the Johnson County community still needs to be more welcoming toward people in disadvantaged or

minority populations. "One man was talking [and said], 'It really makes me think back on my time and realize how much things have changed but also how much things still need to progress,'" said Meagan McCullum, education and outreach coordinator at the Johnson County Historical Society. "That's why it's an important story to tell. It's not over and done with. It's still some-

Coaches

UI has hosted a number of first African-American coaches and athletes throughout history.

- Carlton "Kinney" Holbrook, 1895, first Big Ten football player
- Dick Culberson, 1944, first Big Ten basketball player
- Philip Hubbard, 1954, first UI professor
- Ted Wheeler, 1970's, first Big Ten head coach in track
- Vivian Stringer, 1990's, first head coach of women's basketball

Source: Dr. Hal Chase

thing people are confronting today." The *Only One* exhibit will be on display at the African-American Museum of Iowa in Cedar Rapids until Dec. 31.

GUNS

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will. "The people who are pushing for these new gun laws are the same ones who, two years ago, said they only wanted Iowa to become a 'shall-issue' state. So I have to question where

these people will stop." Jacoby pointed to the Iowa Family Defense Act, a bill before the House that would legalize lethal force against someone who they consider to be a threat, as an example of where gun rights in Iowa could be heading. "This bill opens up whole new conversations and potentials we have never had to consider before, and

should never have to consider," the Coralville Democrat said. Jacoby indicated that Senate Majority Leader Mike Gronstal, D-Council Bluffs, was likely to oppose the resolution, leaving it with little chance of passing in the Senate. "The fact is this resolution is simply a political ploy in an election year," Jacoby said. "The process of changing the Constitution takes years, so this will benefit Republican politicians far more than those who voted for them." However, Windschitl said Iowans across the political spectrum have contacted him in support of the reso-

Gun Law

Six states do not have the right to keep and bear arms in their state constitutions:

- California
- Iowa
- Maryland
- Minnesota
- New Jersey
- New York

Source: UCLA Law School

lution, and urged him not to give up the fight. "Iowans are already convinced that Iowa needs this legislation," he said. "It's about convincing their legislators that this is what their constituents want."

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Editorial

Should birth-control users win a lawsuit against Pfizer?

Yes

A manufacturing disaster by Pfizer Inc., one of the world's leading pharmaceutical companies, led to some birth-control pills being distributed with the pills out of order.

This means that a patient could have unknowingly skipped a pill and raised her risk of unwanted pregnancy. Oops.

Pfizer has recalled approximately 1 million packets of Lo Ovral-28 and the medicine's generic brands — meaning there is a possibility of 1 million unwanted pregnancies because of the error.

Not only should women be able to sue Pfizer for this mistake — they should win.

Of course, you can argue that the women engaged in sexual behavior leading to pregnancy, and the pill is not said to be 100 percent effective. It can be said it was the woman's choice in the first place to have sex, so she is the only one who should be held liable.

But it was the women's choice in the first place to take action preventing unwanted pregnancy — and for that they relied on one of the world's largest drug producers under the advisement of their doctors. The women were responsible enough to combat the risks of getting pregnant.

The pill is often said to be nearly 100 percent effective when used correctly — if Pfizer wants to argue the pregnancies could have happened anyway, because there is a very small percent chance its product doesn't work, it will have a hard time arguing to future patients its product works at all.

Also, it's the precedent. Giant industries such as pharmaceutical companies should not be able to get away with their products being defective. They can't just get away with dodgy arguments such as "a person may have gotten pregnant either way" or "you should have used another means of birth-control along with the pill."

Pfizer packaged the pills wrong. It made a mistake. Women who may have been victims of this mistake will have their entire lives changed, good or bad, not by choice, but by a company's error.

If we don't hold these companies liable, then what does the precedent say? The auto industry shouldn't be held liable for faulty brake systems because there is a relatively high chance drivers would have died in a crash anyways.

No — the company manufactured a defective product and it should compensate the customers who were victims of its mistake.

— Benjamin Evans

No

The recent Pfizer recall of a popular birth-control pill has caused quite the buzz in the female community, especially on college campuses, where sex is always a hot topic. Along with this recall, debates have risen over whether women will have the right to sue Pfizer if the faulty pills result in an unintended pregnancy.

It would be naïve to believe that a lawsuit against Pfizer would be possible or even justified.

The recalled pill, Lo Ovral-28, comes with an insert in every pill-pack that charts statistics about the effectiveness of this pill. Not once does this insert claim that the pill is 100 percent effective and is actually only 91.3 percent effective with women's ideal use of the pill (not taking it at the same time of day, skipping pills, etc.).

Because the company never claims that the pill is 100 percent effective, women cannot file a suit against the company for a risk about which they have been warned repeatedly.

If women were to disregard this logic and file a suit against Pfizer, it would be a civil suit that will be messy and unproductive. The amount of money they would demand to compensate for their pregnancy could possibly creep up to \$226,920 each, which is the average cost of raising a child in the United States.

Another negative effect of this civil suit is that it would be fairly easy and convenient for women taking this recalled pill to jump on the compensation bandwagon and take advantage of the situation. One million packs were recalled, and if every woman on this pill claimed a part of the compensation not only might this bankrupt Pfizer, but not all the women would be compensated.

The claim to any sort of compensation from Pfizer for an unintended pregnancy is unrealistic because it is virtually impossible to place the blame on Pfizer when it never claim its product to be 100 percent effective. If a lawsuit were to follow these recalls, it would be chaotic and have no positive outcomes.

This should not even be a debated issue. What ever happened to consumer responsibility?

— Rebecca Abellera

Your turn. Should the former consumers be able to sue? Weigh in at dailyiowan.com.

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Walk the talk and drop the butt

Everyone talks about giving up smoking cigarettes, but no one does anything about it. Even the scary new packaging graphics won't help. Who's afraid of the big, bad graphic? A government report last month revealed that of all the smokers last year who wanted to quit, only 6 percent succeeded — and 50 percent never even tried.

Here's a three-step method that worked for me and will work for you. Step one is to imprint on your mind a date you'll never forget, such as your birthday. For me, the date is Aug. 25, 1981, the day I quit cigarettes forever. Step two is to initiate on that same day two constructive, but easier feel-good activities. For me, it was a short run and a change in my lunch regimen, a big salad and only that. It's do-able, satisfying, and most importantly, takes your mind off the biggie — ditching the ciggie.

Step three is to count the days every day and verbalize to yourself: "Today is the second day after I quit smoking." "Today starts the second week since I quit smoking." "Today I quit smoking a whole month." Say it every day. You can quit because you have a method with positive daily reinforcement — Step 3 — and a way of taking your mind off the cold turkey quit — Step 2.

It's always the right day to start. For me it was quite a few decades after I knew, after I knew without a doubt that I had to stop. My parents had made me aware of pioneering research at Johns Hopkins in 1934 that documented that smoking cigarettes resulted in a high incidence of lung cancer. Well, I finally listened. Now you listen.

You will thank me. But do not send money. Unless, of course, it's another easy feel-good action that will help you stay the course.

Norm Vance
Grand Rapids, Mich.

Anti-pot bill may help legalization

The governor introduced a bill that so blatantly ignores the role of actual science in our lawmaking process that I can't help but urge you to oppose it.

The bill — HSB 552 — is an overreaction to the 2010 decision by the Iowa Board of Pharmacy to place medical marijuana in Schedule II of our state's law. This bill seeks to revoke the authority of the board of pharmacy to make decisions as they relate to medical marijuana and to reclassify medical marijuana as a Schedule I substance under our state's laws.

Make no mistake, for the seriously ill in our state, the decision by the Board of

Pharmacy did not provide relief (as pharmacists are still unable to prescribe marijuana because of federal law), but it did provide hope. If our state's Pharmacy Board found no reason why the seriously ill shouldn't have access to medical marijuana, surely our state's lawmakers would react by removing criminal penalties for the seriously ill who use and possess medical marijuana under their doctors' recommendations, right?

Please oppose this bill. Politicians with no medical training should not undo pharmacological decisions made by qualified pharmacists. Instead, our lawmakers should seek to provide relief to the seriously ill in our state by passing medical marijuana legislation.

Trust our best pharmacists, oppose HSB 552, and support a sensible medical-marijuana bill.

Our elected officials obviously need to be better educated on medical marijuana and its true benefits. Please help by contacting your representatives today.

Jason Kersten
Iowa resident

Come to the movies, discuss social issues

Everyone attending the free movie series at the Senior Center every second Sunday

afternoon and following Monday evening is aware from the movies and following discussions that we find heterosexual people, lesbians, gay men, and transgender people in every tribe and continent and every century. In December, we saw Christians and how the various denominations treated their LGBT members in *For the Bible Tells Me So*. In January, we saw treatment of LGBT members of the Hebrew faith in *Trembling Before God*. On Feb. 12 and 13, we will see Muslim LGBT people from 12 countries, speaking nine languages (with subtitles, of course) in *A Jihad for Love*.

Sadly, from the news accounts, we have been led to believe that "jihad" means "war." But this movie reclaims the Islamic concept of "jihad" as "an inner struggle" or "to strive in the path of God."

In presenting these free movies, Senior Center staff and volunteers seek to bring both entertainment and information to 100 percent of the community, so that we can all understand and appreciate each other better and treat each other gently and fairly, with equality as human beings, residents of Planet Earth.

Everyone is invited, all ages, all sexual orientations. See you there.

Elsie Gauley Vega
Iowa City resident

Patriots and Republicans



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Durgin was born and raised in Burlington, Vt. The first time he walked more than five steps, he was wearing a red and blue New England Patriot onesie.

His grandpa, a long-time Patriot season-ticket holder, bought it for little Durgin before he was born. Durgin's mom, with her big baby-belly hanging under her shirt, thought it was so cute when she opened it at the baby shower. She was a Patriots fan, and so was everyone else in the family.

Louie was born and raised in Dickinson County, Iowa. His parents owned a business and went to church every Sunday. He used to be a Bible-quizzer.

When Louie was in fourth grade, he talked up George W. Bush like it was his business. The elections were going on, and his classmate used to talk up Al Gore like his hot-lunch desert depended on it. Both of their parents told them the same thing: that their candidate was the greatest thing since seedless watermelon and the other candidate spat on poor people.

Fortunately for Louie, he was not in the minority. His classmate, a teacher's kid, seemed to be the only one talking up the "great" Al Gore, founding father of the Internet. Louie and his classmates picked on the little leftist until he shut his darn mouth. Of course, Bush ended up winning, and Louie felt that he, too, had won something.

Meanwhile, a few years later in Vermont, the great quarterback Tom Brady had led the Patriots to their third Super Bowl victory in four years.

A 14-year-old Durgin felt like he was floating. According to him and his family, he was witnessing the greatest dynasty in the history of ever. He talked smack to Bulls' fans, Yankee fans, and the occasional Maoist. Not only was Coach Belichick the greatest coach ever, but he could wipe the chessboard clean with Bobby Fischer and intimidate Ron Jeremy out of a YMCA shower.

Two years later, "Spygate" dropped. Every non-Patriot-fan in school hounded Durgin. The great Patriots' "dynasty" was

built and maintained on a foundation of cheating. They told Durgin the only way the Patriots could win was by videotaping the opposing sideline.

Belichick was a cheat, Brady was an (extremely handsome) ass, and the entire Patriot organization deserved a good water-boarding.

'This past weekend, Durgin pouted by himself Sunday night as the Patriots lost the Super Bowl. Not a lot of people around him shared his misery, because a lot of people around him were loser Midwestern sports fans.'

Durgin hardly batted an eye at the haters. They were just jealous because their teams sucked and his team was the best.

Everybody was videotaping sidelines, he told them. Belichick was just the only one that got caught.

Meanwhile, in Iowa, Louie was catching flack from his liberal classmate. It turned out that there were no weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, and Saddam Hussein had as much to do with 9/11 as he had with women's rights. Who woulda thunk?

"At worst, he's a deceptive, blood-thirsty, oil-obsessed daddy's boy," Louie's classmate told him. "And at best, he's really stupid."

Louie hardly batted an eye at the hater. He's a big, dumb, tree-hugging, tofu-munching, tax-taking Democrat. What does he know? Anyone would have gone to war. Everybody thought Iraq had WMDs.

Today, both Louie and Durgin go to the University of Iowa. Of course, in Iowa City, Patriot fans might be the only thing more rare than a Republican.

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Louie's been pouting a bit himself this weekend. Mitt Romney is running away with the Republican nomination, but Obama keeps on beating him in recent polls. Not a lot of people around shared his misery, because a lot of people around him are limp-wristed liberals.

Go team! ■

'Let's Move' hits DM

Gov. Terry Branstad proclaimed Thursday to be 'Let's Move Day' in Iowa.

By KRISTEN EAST
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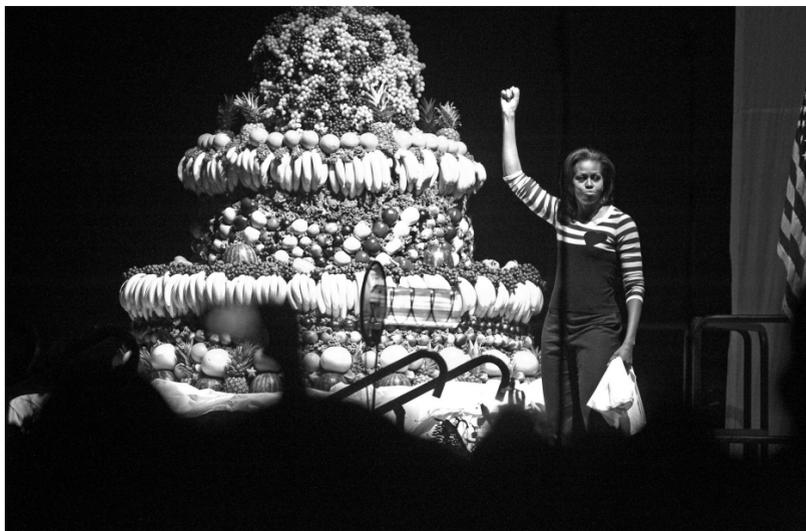
DES MOINES — Local, state, and national leaders are pushing students to lead healthier lifestyles. But one local nutritionist said the push to make kids healthier should come more from home and not just from politicians.

First lady Michelle Obama was in Des Moines on Thursday to promote her "Let's Move" campaign. She was joined by Gov. Terry Branstad and a handful of high-profile athletes. Iowa was the first stop in Obama's three-day tour, which includes stops in Arkansas, Texas, and Florida.

Jason Bradley, a nutritionist who works in Iowa City, urged parents and educators to take a more active role in instilling good diet and exercise practices in their children.

"What it comes down to is that it's our responsibility as teachers and adults to help our children to make good choices, and they'll help their peers," he said. "But a government-sponsored initiative is a really great start."

During her stop Thursday, Obama applauded Branstad for his push to make Iowa the healthiest



First lady Michelle Obama kicked off her "Let's Move" tour in Des Moines on Thursday at the Wells Fargo Arena. In honor of the event, they gave her a giant fruit cake. (The Daily Iowan/Jacklyn Couppee)

Let's Move Day

Many Iowa natives and professional athletes turned out for the event held in Des Moines Thursday morning.

- Tamika Catchings, 2011 WNBA Most Valuable Player
- Carl Edwards, NASCAR racing champion
- point
- Katelyn Epperly, "American Idol" Season 9 finalist
- Bob Harper, trainer on NBC's "The Biggest Loser"
- Shawn Johnson, Olympic gold medal gymnast

Source: Healthiest State Initiative

state in the nation. Dubbed the Healthiest State Initiative, the program encourages Iowans to eat better and exercise more. The 2010 Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index ranked Iowa as the 19th healthiest state in the country.

"We could have gone

anywhere [first], but there is a reason we wanted to come here to Iowa to be with all of you," Obama said. "And that's because I am so proud of what you all are doing to make Iowa the healthiest state in this country by 2016."

Branstad, a Republican, introduced her at the event.

"Our goal has been very clear: to make Iowa the healthiest state in the nation," he said. "It has inspired Iowans young and old to come together and make wellness a priority. We're all in this together."

Obama said Iowa ought to serve as a model for the rest of the nation.

"We want every single state in this country to do exactly what Iowa is doing," she said.

Students from the Des Moines area attended Thursday's event and par-

ticipated in short exercises led by various athletes, including ice-skating champ Michelle Kwan and Bob Harper, a trainer on NBC's "The Biggest Loser." The crowd also heard from Des Moines native and Olympic gold-medalist Shawn Johnson.

The Iowa Department of Education is promoting the healthiest state initiative in a different way.

Jason Glass, the director of the Education Department, said officials have asked the state Legislature to add physical education to the Iowa Core — the education department's academic expectations for students.

"There's no state-level expectations right now, and that's something we're working to address in this legislative session," Glass said.

Sustainability event to open

The upcoming Sustainability Summit is the UI's second.

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Jon Finley wants businesses to view sustainability efforts as more than just hugging trees.

"The more corporations focus on sustainability, the cheaper it gets," the 2012 M.B.A. candidate said. "These aren't tree-hugging people. These are major corporations trying to make money, and this is how business is going to be handled from here forward."

Finley, a member of the University of Iowa Net Impact chapter, will speak at today's Sustainability Summit in the IMU alongside representatives from Coca-Cola, UPS, and Iowa-based Kum & Go. The summit is part of an all-day sustainability effort on campus, to be followed by a UI International Programs-produced WorldCanvass sustainability history presentation in the Old Capitol.

Recent technological developments and an uptick in corporate participation has made developing these sustainable efforts cost-effective, Finley said. He cited shortening UPS truck routes as a recent method one business has taken to save millions of gallons of gas, cut time, and reduce the company's carbon footprint.

"We're trying to bring awareness to the fact that sustainability really, truly does make business sense

and extends beyond being green or recycling," said Kyle Bogler, UI Net Impact president.

Bogler agreed that cheaper energy-efficient technology has made such efforts more palatable, pointing to an initiative among Kum & Go stores to install more energy-efficient refrigerating units and light bulbs.

Sustainability and environmentalism are different, said UI engineering Assistant Professor and WorldCanvass speaker Craig Just.

"We must understand beyond environmentalism," he said. "If you want to protect the environment and tell people what they can't do, it won't work. We're a market-based world, that's not going away. You have to combine market approaches, people approaches, and environmental approaches. It's not environmentalism, although that is a component of sustainability."

These approaches can be furthered by expanding the push for sustainable efforts outside the business and academic spheres.

"Defy the disciplines," Just said. "You can't solve the biggest problems of today with any one discipline. It takes artists, musicians, engineers, scientists, etc."

UI WorldCanvass host Joan Kjaer supported simplifying and expanding the delivery of sustainable advocacy.

"You're learning about something that you have an interest in, hopefully," she said. "And it's relaxed in the sense that all the important but fairly esoteric jargon related to the academic fields is left behind."

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Gymnastics to be on TV

Saturday's triangular meet takes on a little extra importance for the Hawkeyes — the competition will be televised live on the Big Ten Network.

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A men's gymnastics meet will be televised live on the Big Ten Network on Saturday night for the only time before the Big Ten championships.

The Hawkeye men's gymnastics team will host the competition when it faces Minnesota and Nebraska at 7 p.m. at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

Each of the seven teams in the Big Ten will be featured twice on the Big Ten Network — once in a dual or triangular meet, and again at the Big Ten meet, to be held April 6-7 in Iowa City. Saturday's competition will be the only regular-season meet televised live on the network.

Sophomore Brody Shemansky said competing on national television takes the energy of Carver-Hawkeye to a different place.

"There's another level of excitement because it's on the Big Ten Network," he said. "It's really nice to go out and perform in front of cameras, and it gives us an opportunity to get our work out there and show what we've been working on in the gym."

Second-year Hawkeye coach JD Reive said he's looking forward to seeing how the Hawkeyes handle the bigger stage that television coverage provides.

"In theory, this should be a lot of fun. There's TV, we're at home, and it's a great venue, so there will be a lot of energy," he said. "The question is, who has the mental ability to handle that pressure and rise above it and not crumble under the bright lights."

While the television appearance provides some exposure for the team, he said, the main emphasis against the No. 6 Golden Gophers and No. 11 Cornhuskers must be on improving the Hawkeye scores.

"The real importance of this meet is we have to put up a good team score, even if these two teams finish ahead of us," Reive said. "That's my focus, and that means doing the best I can to distract [the Hawkeyes] from all that other stuff."

Each of the three teams has at least one gymnast ranked in the top seven nationally in a certain event — Nebraska's Eric Schryver is ranked seventh on pommel horse, and Iowa junior Javier Balboa is No. 5 on parallel bars. Gopher Zack Chase is fifth on vault, and teammate Russell Dabritz is No. 7 on the parallel bars.

The Hawkeyes will be aided by the return of one of their top gymnasts. Junior Matt McGrath has been hampered by a knee injury that caused him to miss Iowa's Jan. 28 meet



Iowa's Matt McGrath practices on the parallel bars at the Field House on Feb. 23, 2010. McGrath is slated to return this week to all events after suffering a knee injury. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

against Illinois-Chicago, and he only competed on rings and parallel bars in the season's first two events.

Reive said he expects McGrath to make his season debut on floor exercise, estimating that even a low-difficulty routine from the Wheaton, Ill., native will be the team's highest on the event.

McGrath said he looks forward to returning to competition, but he is mindful about protecting his knee.

"It'll definitely be very exciting," McGrath said. "I just have to make sure to stay careful and hit some safe sets."

Softball opens in Texas

The Iowa softball team will kick off its season in Waco, Texas, this weekend when it plays five games at the Getteman Classic on Baylor's campus.

The Hawkeyes will challenge Wichita State at 12:30 p.m. and No. 7 Baylor at 5:30 p.m. today. The team is scheduled to face Arkansas and Texas-Arlington, and it will wrap up the tournament against Belmont on Feb. 12.

The Hawkeyes are a combined 6-8 all-time against their Getteman opponents; they have collected three wins against Wichita State, one over Arkansas, and two against Texas-Arlington. Iowa has a 0-1 record against Baylor, but the Hawkeyes said they're pleased with the opportunity to face a top-10 opponent

in their opening road trip.

Head coach Marla Loooper welcomed nine new players to her squad — five freshmen and four transfers — and said the extra bodies will have a big effect on Iowa's depth this year.

She said some freshmen will get playing time in the infield, and others will likely get in the game in substitute positions, such as pinch-running and pinch-hitting. Iowa will likely see some of these "newbies," as she called them, on the field this weekend.

"We actually have a lineup we can play around with this year, instead of, 'Here's our starting nine, [and] I don't know who our 10 or 11 is,'" Loooper said. "This year, we have a lot of depth ... and we can play with this lineup a little bit because of that."

— by Molly Irene Olmstead

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BASEBALL

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about throwing a baseball again.

He is healthy now, and he said he's in the best shape of his college career.

"There were a lot of doctor's appointments, a lot of visits, and a lot of different people along the way," he said. "[The injury] might have been overlooked [by some people]."

Brown has bounced around a bit while at Iowa, even appearing as a designated hitter during his freshman and sophomore seasons. He had settled into the starting rotation before the injury last year.

Head coach Jack Dahm said Brown would likely either be the setup man or closer this spring.

"It's the last season for me, so [the injury is] the last thing I want to be worried about," Brown said. "I just need to push through that and have a great season."

No cupcakes for Hawkeyes

Iowa will open its season next weekend at the Big East/Big Ten Challenge in St. Petersburg, Fla. The Hawkeyes will face Pittsburgh, Notre Dame, and West Virginia.

Iowa will play in more tournaments the following two weekends. Most notably, Dahm's squad will play Coastal Carolina on Feb. 24; the school has won 40 or more games each of the last two seasons.

So the Hawkeyes won't only play their first 16 games away from Iowa City; they'll do so against some of the top programs in the country.

"It's a very challenging schedule for us, but I think it's manageable," Dahm said. "We want to play much better early on. We want to get off to a good start before spring break and hopefully, come back after those first three tournaments with some wins."

Brotherly love

Dahm will likely start freshman Eric Toole in left field and have the 18-year-



Iowa pitcher Nick Brown speaks to the media during the Hawkeyes' media day on Thursday. Brown made only seven appearances last year before he was shut down with an elbow injury. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

old bat in the leadoff spot.

Toole's older brother, Justin, made his mark on the Hawkeye baseball program from 2006-08; he set a school record with a 25-game hitting streak and finished with a career .366 batting average. He now plays in the Cleveland Indians' organization.

That made Eric Toole's college decision easier.

"When Justin was here, I would come and see some of his games and got used

to the system and talked to the coaches a lot," he said. "As the recruiting process moved along, he told me what I should expect and what I need to look for ... It's played out well overall, and it's been going good so far."

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Jack Dahm says this edition of the Hawkeye pitching staff is the deepest he has had while at Iowa. Log on for the full story.

WRESTLING

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Minnesota head coach J Robinson said he believes a national dual-meet tournament is an important step toward growing wrestling's fanbase.

"If you go to any high-school tournament and watch, they have individuals wrestling on one side of

the gym and teams wrestling on the other side — you listen to where the most noise is," Robinson said after Minnesota's loss to the Hawkeyes on Jan. 29. "You're rooting for teams. If you want wrestling to grow, you've got to have dual meets."

Hawkeye coach Tom Brands agreed.

"We have to make sure we get the message out to the fans to support it," he said. "The whole idea of this is to generate buzz for

the NCAA to pick it up."

The wrestling association analyzed wrestling's fans last year and determined that only 11 of the nation's 78 wrestling programs have an average base of greater than 1,000 fans. Moyer said it's important for the National Duals to succeed in order to change that.

"I don't see any other way of growing the spectator base without this event," he said. "I truly believe that."

No. 4 Iowa at National Duals

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WOMEN'S B-BALL

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mates propelled the Iowa offense.

"Our offense is to spread the floor, look for each other and create for each other," Wahlin said. "Once you see someone like Sam open up a game with a hot hand with shooting and scoring, you feed off each others' energy. It flows onto everyone else."

Junior center Morgan Johnson logged only 23

minutes but shot 9-of-13 from the floor to score 23 points, to go with 8 rebounds.

The Platte City, Mo., native became the 32nd Iowa player to reach the 1,000-point plateau for her career when she scored late in the second half of the game.

Head coach Lisa Bluder said she was pleased by the offensive effort, and the attack worked because everyone on the team can fill any role needed on the offense.

"That's what I like about our team ... Melissa was open in Indiana, she hit open shots [for 19 points]," the coach said. "Tonight

maybe they had a better eye on her, so other people hit their shots. They understand they don't have to force things. They don't have to score 20 points or 19 points every time out in order to consider they did a good job."

The Hawkeyes have had to regroup without their leading scorer; Printy, who was pouring in 16.9 points per game, was on crutches after having surgery earlier this week to repair a torn ACL. She'll be unavailable for the rest of the season.

Wahlin said Iowa's healthy players will make a group effort to replace

Printy's production in order to, hopefully, lead Iowa to a NCAA Tournament berth.

"Everyone knows exactly what Jaime brought, and everyone knows it's not going to be one person who fills her role," Wahlin said. "It's something you see in our games — Dixon stepped up last game, now this game Sam stepped up with scoring."

"Whatever night it is, that person will find that role to fill in."

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Life without Printy: Iowa offense turns out good performance without its star guard. Log on for the full story.

Hawks aim for sharp times

Jeff Thode set a school record at last year's Husky Invitational, and he hopes to do the same this weekend.

By ELDON GIANNAKOUROS
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The Iowa men's track team will divide its roster across numerous meets for the second weekend in a row.

The bulk of the Hawkeyes will head to Ames for the Cyclone Classic; others will make their way to Fayetteville, Ark., for the Tyson Invitational or to Seattle for the Husky Invitational.



Thode All-American

All-Americans Jeff Thode and Erik Sowinski will compete in the Husky meet, a famously competitive field in which they've both had success. Both hope they can post the national qualifying times they've been waiting for all season, they said.

"The earlier you can get a qualifying mark in the season, it's just going to be that much easier on you later on," Sowinski said.

Thode set a school record in the 3,000 meters last year in Seattle, but he'll focus on the mile this year.

It's a distance he struggled with last weekend at the Mevo Invitational; he entered that meet hoping to break the four-minute mark for the second time in his career, and head coach Larry Wiczorek said the race would be an important milestone for the talented junior. The longtime Iowa coach called it "his first opportunity this year to really try to go run fast."

Thode finished at the front of his heat and earned ninth place overall, but he fell short of the four-minute mark with a 4:08.06.

"I was on pace for a 3:57-3:56 if I finished the last 400 [meters] strong," Thode said. "It was a learning experience for me, to run 4:08. I couldn't believe I went from running that fast to winding up with that slow of a time."

Thode said the disappointing time came from a lack of motivation from being at the head of the pack for most of the race. This weekend, he said, he's in shape to break four minutes against stiffer competition.

"Coach and I weren't really disappointed about it, because we felt that maybe if I had raced differ-

ently and had someone lead me instead of leading the entire pack, I would've easily broken four minutes," Thode said. "We have some kinks to work out — hopefully, this weekend will be a little bit better."

Thode might find himself in a familiar bind if he can't break four minutes this weekend, with just over a month to go before the NCAA indoor championships. His breakout performance in the mile at last season's national championship wouldn't have been possible without a last-minute qualifying bid at a last-chance meet.

But Thode said he doesn't find the prospect of coming down to the wire overly frightening.

"In the back of my mind, I have a feeling that might be the case," he said. "In realistic terms, I don't really care as long as I get under four minutes before the end of the indoor season. That satisfies me."

Sowinski has also had his fair share of success at the Husky Invitational. This year, he'll try to do the same against some of the nation's best middle-distance runners.

"That's definitely the

reason to go up there: to compete against some of the top competition in the country and hopefully qualify for nationals," Sowinski said.

In Ames, Troy Doris — the top triple-jumper in the Big Ten thanks to a mark he set two weeks ago in Fayetteville — will shift his focus to sprinting.

"I'm really focusing on my 60 [meter dash] this weekend; I'm really hoping to get a faster time," Doris said. "I'm hoping I can take a little bit of my technique into competition, not just be a really good athlete in practice."

The Hawkeyes will return home on Feb. 17 to host the Iowa Invitational, the Hawks' last meet before the Big Ten indoor meet on March 9-10 in Lincoln, Neb.

"This is definitely a big weekend for a lot of guys, and hopefully, we'll put up some big marks," Sowinski said.

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Hot Hawk start dooms Gophers



Iowa guard Sam Logic dribbles past Minnesota guard Kiara Buford in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Thursday. Logic scored 20 points in the Hawkeyes' 75-58 victory. (The Daily Iowan/Melissa Wilson)

Iowa used an early run to bury Minnesota without star guard Jaime Printy.

By BEN WOLFSON

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The Iowa women's basketball team used a hot first half to rout Minnesota on Thursday in Carver-Hawkeye Arena, 75-58.

What started as a close game quickly unraveled as the Hawkeyes went on a 16-2 run to surge ahead by 15 points almost before Minnesota could blink. Injured Iowa star Jaime Printy was watching from the sidelines, but senior guard Kamille Wahlin did her best Printy impression as she calmly drained

a trio of 3-point shots in a two-minute span in the first half.

The win was the fourth in a row for the suddenly surging Hawkeyes (15-10, 7-5 Big Ten), who used dominant perimeter defense and a 43-26 rebounding advantage to overwhelm Minnesota.

"We're putting things together now," freshman guard Sam Logic said. "It's unfortunate that Jaime isn't with us, but we need to keep moving — and she wants us to keep moving. It's all coming together at the right time, and we're peaking at the right moment."

Freshman guard Melissa Dixon was in the starting lineup again for Printy, and she helped the perimeter defense stay strong; the victory marked the second time this season that the Hawkeyes limited their opponent to two or fewer 3-point field goals.

Logic set the tone early for Iowa, scoring or assisting on 9 of the Hawkeyes' first 11 points. She ended the first half with 16 points.

She only scored 4 more the rest of the game, but strong shooting by her team-

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NOTEBOOK

Brown makes it back

Nick Brown's return from an elbow injury will boost the Iowa baseball team's pitching staff in the 2012 season.

By MATT COZZI

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Iowa pitcher Nick Brown thought he was suffering from just another injury, so he iced his elbow and rested his arm.

But the pain persisted. Finally, he received a diagnosis.

The senior missed nearly all of last season because of a stress reaction — created by bone-on-bone contact — in his right elbow. He made just seven appearances for the Hawkeyes, who finished 20-32 overall, 9-15 in the Big Ten.

"It was hard to figure out for the longest time," Brown said at the Iowa baseball team's media day on Thursday. "The bone in my elbow got really weak and started to break down. I thought it was a ligament or tendon. I just iced, and about midweek it would go away. Then Friday and Saturday, it would come up again."

Because of the unusual nature of the injury, Brown said he visited three or four doctors over a span of a few months.

His levels of frustration and disappointment rose while he sat out, but he had no choice. The 6-3, 250-pound right-hander needed to recover fully before even thinking



Brown pitcher

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NATIONAL DUALS

National Duals trying to grow

Officials of the upcoming National Duals are trying to change the model of college wrestling's season.

By SAM LOUWAGIE

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Tony Ramos knows the success of his season will largely come down to a pair of individual tournaments. The place he achieves at the Big Ten and NCAA championships will determine how Ramos' excellent season is ultimately viewed.

But the Hawkeye sophomore also knows what excites wrestling fans most — and it isn't a tournament.

"I like watching dual meets," he said. "You see it coming down and you've got a close score, and there are two or three matches left, and everybody's getting excited. There's a lot of buildup there. Some [wrestlers] put more of a show on. You definitely can feel the energy in the air."

That philosophy drives a new format for the National Wrestling Coaches Association's National Duals tournament, a two-weekend event beginning on Saturday.

The National Duals will expand to a regional format for the first time since the event began in 1989; four six-team regions —

'We need to make wrestling more relevant across the country on a campus level. Our spectator base is stagnant, and it wasn't big enough to begin with.'

— Mike Moyer, the executive director of the National Wrestling Coaches Association

hosted by Rutgers, Cornell, Oklahoma State, and Iowa State — will square off this weekend. The Hawkeyes will travel to Ames as the top seed in their region. They'll be joined by Oregon State, Iowa State, Virginia Tech, Northern Iowa, and Wisconsin.

The winners of each region will then enter a "Final Four"-style championship weekend at a location to be announced.

Mike Moyer, the wrestling association's executive director, said a primary goal of the National Duals is to add importance to every regular-season dual meet. With today's wrestling model, he said, regular-season results mean little because everything is decided by an individual tournament at the end of the season.

Moyer believes that

model is why the sport struggles to attract fans.

"We need to make wrestling more relevant across the country on a campus level," he said. "Our spectator base is stagnant, and it wasn't big enough to begin with."

The wrestling association has big plans for the National Duals to improve that. Moyer said his goal is for the new and expanded Duals to do well enough financially that the NCAA will buy the event. That, he said, would legitimize the tournament enough to make it a yearly crowning of a national dual-meet champion and a complement to the individual NCAA championships. Teams would then try to qualify for the Duals tournament based on season dual-meet results, rather than invitations.

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NORTHWESTERN 83, IOWA 64



Northwestern freshman Dave Sobolewski drives to the basket against Iowa's Matt Gatens during the Wildcats' 83-64 win over the Hawkeyes on Thursday in Evanston, Ill. Log on to dailyiowan.com for a full recap of the game. (Associated Press/Jim Prisching)

Hawks lose to Northwestern yet again

Victories at Welsh-Ryan Arena continue to elude the Iowa men's basketball team.

The Hawkeyes (13-11, 5-7 Big Ten) fell to Northwestern (15-8, 5-6) on Thursday night in Evanston, Ill., 83-64. It marked the Hawks' fourth-straight loss in the series and their seventh in the last eight road games against the Wildcats.

Iowa surrendered a season-high 13 3-pointers, including a perfect 3-of-3 from reigning co-Big Ten Freshman of the Week Dave Sobolewski. He finished with a game- and career-high 23 points after entering the game averaging

8.4 points per contest.

"I have a lot of respect for him. He really handled his business," Iowa forward Aaron White said in a postgame radio interview. "... I don't think we did our best containing him, but you have to give him his props. He's a good player."

White, Sobolewski's fellow Freshman of the Week honoree, finished with a team-high 17 points on 7-of-10 shooting and notched 12 rebounds for his second-career double-double.

Iowa appeared puzzled by Northwestern's 1-3-1 zone defense and turned the ball over 10 times in the first half; the Wildcats had but 3. Consequently, the Hawkeyes trailed 38-29 at halftime.

The ball security didn't improve much in the second half, and Iowa lost the turnover battle, 18-7. Northwestern scored 20 points on Hawkeye turnovers.

Coach Fran McCaffery said a bigger issue than Northwestern's tricky zone was Iowa's apparent lack of competitiveness.

"We were absolutely soft. Soft in every facet of the game," he said in a postgame radio interview. "... We just didn't compete, and that's really disappointing."

Iowa will return to action on Feb. 16 with a 7 p.m. game at Penn State. The Hawkeyes beat the Nittany Lions at home, 77-64, on Feb. 4.

— by Jordan Garretson