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**Q:** "What's the deal with having card access on the women's Field House locker room but not on the men's? And what's the deal with the constant propping open of the men's locker room door?"  
**A:** Ray Beemer, Recreational Services coordinator, said the women's locker room in the Field House has a card-swipe entry because six or seven years ago, the UI had an incident in which a man entered the locker room while women were dressing. By law, the university was required to install preventative measures at the Field House. The university has not experienced anything similar with the men's locker room. Beemer said the door gets propped open to help the air circulate. The Field House is an older building, and it's hard to keep the building at a steady temperature. He said students should feel free to close it if they are uncomfortable.

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# New UI rec center not scaring local gym owners



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

The construction site of the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center sits empty on Sunday. The facility will include a 50-meter swimming pool and 20,042 square feet of fitness space. Local gym owners have mixed reactions on what it could do to downtown fitness centers.

Owners say they're not too worried about the coming Hawkeye rec center taking away business.

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With the UI Campus Recreation & Wellness Center set to open summer 2010, local gym owners say though they may lose some of their business, the losses won't be devastating.

"I'd be lying if I said I don't think the new rec center won't affect us at all," said Rhiannon Pharr, the owner of the 1-year-old Anytime Fitness, 521 Westbury Court Suite 2. "But I think things are going to stay pretty steady."

But some students are already planning their switch.

UI students Kristina Smiley and Maggie Hanson normally exercise at Iowa City Fitness, 221 E. College St. Though they are both satisfied with their current

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To see what students are saying about the UI Campus Recreation & Wellness Center and what it will do to their workout routines, visit [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com).

## Campus Recreation & Wellness Center

## Features:

- 20,042 square feet of fitness area over three levels
- 54-foot climbing wall
- Steam room and sauna
- Eight-lane, 50-meter competition pool with separate diving well
- Café and lounge space
- 9,000-square-foot Wellness Center

Source: UI Division of Recreational Services

# Law targets illegals

Iowa lawmakers consider two different immigration-related bills, though they will likely face the same result.

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Reflecting the stark dichotomy of opinion on immigration in the Iowa Legislature, two bills under consideration champion strikingly disparate policies.

On the right, a measure sponsored by nine House Republicans would require community colleges and state universities to check applicants' citizenship status before admitting them.

If the individual isn't a U.S. citizen or "lawfully present in the United States," the universities or community colleges would be barred from admitting the person. Colleges that didn't comply would face funding cuts.

While the UI's admission process includes asking applicants if they are U.S. citizens, Senior Associate Director of Admissions Emil Rinderspacher said, officials assume students are telling the truth, and the university is unsure of how many undocumented immigrants attend the university.

It's the kind of process that makes Craig Halverson, the director of the anti-illegal immigration group Iowa Minuteman Civil Defense Corps, bristle.

He argues that the proposal would save taxpayers money and prevent undocumented immigrants from gaming the system.

"Look at the money that is being wasted in our colleges," Halverson said, noting he opposes foreign students

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# A career spent communicating

The UI's new consultant on binge drinking comes with a great deal of experience in communications strategies.

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Mary Stier says she isn't at the UI to halt binge drinking — just to "examine students' relationship with alcohol."

Stier, the UI's new anti-binge-drinking consultant, was hired in January by UI Provost Wallace Loh to work with University Relations staff and key communicators at the UI.



Stier  
consultant

"I was not hired to solve the problem," she said with a laugh. "I have a lot of relationships across the state, and I want to connect people together on something important to the university."

UI President Sally Mason announced Stier's appointment at the state Board of Regents meeting last week.

Stier's résumé boasts numer-

ous successes. She is founder and CEO of the Brilliance Group, and she has spent 25 years in the media field, most recently as president and publisher for Gannett Co. Inc., a Fortune 500 company. Stier recently founded Mary Stier Connects, offering executive coaching and strategic planning for aspiring women in new divisions of leadership.

At the UI, she will hold focus groups with students, parents, faculty, and community members to gauge how to bring the groups together and create an effective communications plan to curb excessive drinking.

"I care very deeply about the university," the 52-year-old UI alumna said. "I had a great experience [at the UI] and I want that for every student there."

Loh said the university needed a partnership among various groups in the community and Stier could make that happen.

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# Study links smoking, aging

A new smoking study by UI researchers is the first of its kind.

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Cigarette smoke significantly accelerates the aging process, a recent study by UI researchers shows.

A protein that protects the body against aging, known as the Werner's syndrome protein, decreases dramatically in lung cells due to cigarette smoke, said senior researcher and Professor of internal medicine Gary Hunninghake.

Toru Nyunoy, a lead researcher and UI assistant professor of internal medicine, said it is common for heavy smokers to look much older than normal.

"I was interested in health and genetics disorders such as Werner's syndrome," Nyunoy said. "Because of the common connections between smoking and Werner's syndrome, I looked at the Werner syndrome protein and how it is mutated."

While everyone produces the Werner's syndrome protein, those with a short supply of it are diagnosed with the syndrome.

People with it age normally



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Cigarette butts sit in an ashtray outside an Iowa City house on Monday. UI researchers have made the first link between smoking and the aging process by studying proteins found in lung cells.

until their early teenage years, then the process speeds up, Hunninghake said. Death from age-related complications usually occurs during middle-age.

These complications arise if the Werner's syndrome protein mutates and becomes non-existent in cells. Nyunoy discovered something similar in the lung cells — lung fibroblasts — of smokers.

"Cigarette smoke decreases the amount of protein in lung fiber," Nyunoy said.

Normally, Nyunoy said,

healthy cells continue to grow and divide throughout life. However, just like in Werner's syndrome, the cells of smokers stop dividing.

"We looked at people who smoked and had emphysema and found that [they] drove that protein to near zero," Hunninghake said. "It wasn't as dramatic as in Werner's syndrome, but it was significant."

Researcher Al Klingelutz, an associate professor of microbiology, said smoking causes divi-

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# Council eyes being stricter on liquor-license renewals

City councilors are talking on more alcohol-related resolutions.

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The Iowa City City Council unanimously passed a resolution that allows for stricter liquor-license renewals for bars that have a PAULA rate per visit of 1.00 or more.

Mayor Regina Bailey said that while Iowa City police have been following the procedure for the past year, it's official now.

"Simply increasing our use of the tools already available can have the desired effect of penalizing underage persons who choose to drink and encouraging establishments to better control minors' access to alcohol within the bar," City Attorney Eleanor Dilkes said in a statement to the council.

But local business representatives are concerned about the constitutionality of the act, saying it would affect some bars more than others.

Dilkes disagreed. "These citations are the most direct tools we have to address underage drinking," Dilkes said. "There's nothing unconstitutional about the proposed resolution."

UI senior Max Lerman said other punishments for bars should be used.



ROBIN SVEC/THE DAILY IOWAN

UI students wait in line outside of the Summit on Nov. 6, 2007. Under a resolution passed Tuesday night by the Iowa City City Council, officials will be more strict on liquor-license renewals for bars that garner an average of one PAULA a day. The Summit was listed as one of those bars in a December 2008 Iowa City police report.

"A PAULA is a PAULA. If other bars get them [but don't exceed an average of one per day], they should be punished, too," he said. "Another form of punishment needs to be imposed."

Councilor Matt Hayek backed the decision for stricter renewal decisions, saying the goal for the resolution is to make sure the majority of drinkers in the bar are of the legal age.

"By creating a standard like this, we liken the power of the establishment to keep their

bars legal," Hayek said.

According to the Iowa City police December 2008 PAULA report 808, Et Cetera, 3rd Base, One-Eyed Jakes, the Sports Column, and the Summit would be affected by the resolution.

The council is also considering a new ordinance that would increase ticket prices for people under 19 in a bar after 10 p.m. to \$500 — double the current fine.

"I think it's a little over the top, price-wise," UI freshman Jill Bogar said. "Most of the

people who are under 19 are freshmen, and you probably shouldn't be going crazy your first semester anyway."

"It sets a standard that kids need to be more responsible," Lerman said. "The bar scene is one aspect of college life. There are so many opportunities to do other things than drink."

No decision will be made on this resolution until the council discusses it more at its next meeting.

DI reporter Jennifer Delgado contributed to this report.

# Roosevelt plan draws concern

Parents at many local elementary schools have problems with the School Board's proposal.

By CLARK CAHILL  
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Local parents and community members voiced concern Tuesday night about a proposal from the Iowa City School Board that suggests rebuilding a new Roosevelt Elementary at a different site is the district's best option.

The discussion came during the board's talk on its facilities-improvement plan, a 10-year plan for the district to lay out future projects.

Mary Knudson — who lives across the street from Roosevelt and is the mother of a current Roosevelt student — expressed concern about the school being taken away from her neighborhood.

"It is a stabilizing force in the neighborhood, and it gives

our neighborhood an identity," she said.

Knudson suggested the board consider refurbishing the building or rebuilding it on the same site. But district officials say classrooms at Roosevelt are too small, the school is overcrowded, and there are significant repair and maintenance needs that warrant rebuilding at a different site that has more land.

Lori Enloe — a mother of two Roosevelt students — presented board members with a packet of questions from Roosevelt parents and members of the neighborhood. Board members said they'd prepare answers for the next public forums, which are set to take place March 2 and March 7.

Roosevelt families aren't the

only ones concerned about moving the school. Parents from Horn Elementary also talked with the board Tuesday night, discussing the effect on them if the board decided to move Roosevelt.

Kip Sheldon, a Horn parent, said the growth at Horn would far surpass what the school was ever built for. Some reassigned Roosevelt students would attend Horn, according to the district's documents. But district officials plan to build an addition to the school if Roosevelt is rebuilt at a new site.

Parents from Mann and Longfellow Elementaries also had problems with officials' facilities-improvement plan.

Eric Gidal — the father of two at Mann Elementary — said he and fellow Mann parents have felt "betrayed" by the plan, adding the elementary has not received the attention other schools have. Gidal noted the promise board members made

when asking for taxpayers to approve the School Infrastructure Local-Option sales tax two years ago.

"We feel a certain amount of equity is incumbent from the board that you do something about these schools," Gidal said.

But Board President Toni Cilek noted that just because officials don't yet have plans for these schools doesn't mean they're neglecting them. She added the board feels a more urgent need to do something with schools such as Roosevelt Elementary before figuring out improvements for schools that do not need them right away.

Superintendent Lane Plugge thanked those who showed up to voice their problems with the facilities plan.

"It is greatly appreciated that all of those concerned have put together these well-thought-out questions," Plugge said.

## METRO

### Coralville OKs sports complex

The Coralville City Council approved a \$2.9 million contract for a new youth sports complex at its meeting Tuesday night.

The complex will be near 12th Ave and Forever Green Road.

The approved contract with City Construction Group includes three soccer fields, five baseball fields, a concession stand, and a maintenance building. The council also approved lighting for one of the soccer fields and one of the baseball fields.

Games are currently played in neighborhood parks around the city, said Sherri Proud, Coralville parks and recreation director.

"[The new sports complex] will create a great atmosphere for playing ball and playing soccer," she said.

Building the complex will begin as soon as May 1, 2009 with field seating in by Sept. 1. Completion is estimated for May 2010.

In the future, four tee-ball fields will

be added to the complex, Proud said.

— by Kassie Friedrichs

### Culver announces transportation projects

Iowa Gov. Chet Culver announced on Tuesday \$2.8 million will be provided for transportation infrastructure projects in the state.

The Iowa Transportation Commission approved the finances, which will build new transit facilities, federal recreation trail programs, roadways, and turning lanes. "These projects will help address the unmet infrastructure needs that exist in these communities across the state, and most importantly, keep Iowans working," Culver said in a statement.

The finances will fund various projects in Coralville, including the construction of new transit facilities. Roughly \$880,000 will finance the new facilities that were destroyed during the summer floods. The state money will also assist Coralville's Clear Creek Trail.

To invest in infrastructure projects,

Culver proposed a \$700 million Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure initiative earlier in the year. This will generate jobs and reconstruct older roadways and facilities in the state.

— by Jennifer Delgado

### Man charged with theft

Iowa City police arrested a man after he allegedly stole a car, authorities said.

Bryant Smith, 20, address unknown, was charged Feb. 1 with second-degree theft.

According to Iowa City police, Smith entered a person's apartment without permission and took her car keys.

He then took the car and left for an unrelated reason a short time later, police reports show. Police said the car was valued at under \$10,000.

Second-degree theft is a Class D felony, punishable by up to five years in prison and a maximum fine of \$7,500.

— by Regina Zilbermints

### Council renews 16 liquor licenses

All 16 bars eligible for liquor-license renewal were granted their requests by the Iowa City City Council on Tuesday night.

Downtown bars including Bo-James, Brothers, One-Eyed Jakes, and the Yacht Club were given the new licenses despite an increase in PAULAs for some establishments.

"There were no recommendations to not pass the listed establishments, so it wasn't a problem," Mayor Regina Bailey said.

Earlier this month, Iowa City police reported that Bo-James and One-Eyed Jakes had sold alcohol to patrons under 21. A resolution also passed Tuesday night by the council would be stricter on liquor-license renewals for establishments with a PAULA rate per visit of one or more.

— by Amanda McClure

## POLICE BLOTTER

**Regina Adams**, 43, 1515½ Jackson Ave., was charged Sunday with OWI and driving while revoked.

**Khaleelah Allen**, 28, North Liberty, was charged Monday with fourth-degree theft.

**Rafael Cano**, 27, Coralville, was charged Sunday with fifth-degree theft.

**Letitia Libman**, 59, 801 Third Ave.,

was charged Monday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

**Michael McCullum**, 24, 2224 California Ave., was charged Monday with possession of drug paraphernalia.

**Cecil McNeal**, 46, 1442 Plum St., was charged Monday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

**Teresa Obert**, 21, Coralville, was charged Monday with

fifth-degree theft.

**Anthony Parenti**, 21, Hanover Park, Ill., was charged Feb. 7 with disorderly conduct, public intoxication, and interfering with official acts.

**Boris Patent**, 20, Skokie, Ill., was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

**Conception Rivera**, 32, 513 Mineral Point, was charged Monday with driv-

ing with a suspended/canceled license.

**Tyler Smetana**, 19, Stoddard, Wis., was charged Feb. 7 with public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

**Bryant Smith**, 20, address unknown, was charged Jan. 14 with second-degree theft.

**William Wright**, 18, address unknown, was charged Monday with disorderly conduct.

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# Gyms not worried

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membership, they could see themselves changing gyms because of such factors as crowding, cost, and location.

Owners of local gyms, such as Anytime Fitness, Fitness Express, and 319 Fitness, said they think their specific gyms' unique qualities will help them survive, even after the new rec center opens.

Pharr said she thinks the atmosphere of her gym will keep business coming, noting that it is geared more toward adult exercisers.

"We have a lot more families who live right around us, and most of the students we have as members are right by us and want to get away from the student life," she said.

Kevin Polley, a club manager at Fitness Express, 1059 Highway 6 E., said that although he

expects a drop-off of students at his gym, he isn't too concerned

Polley said one reason he is confident his gym will remain successful is because his staff treats people with a high level of respect. More over, he said, not many other gyms in the area have parking, and to his users, that's a premium.

At 319 Fitness, 111 E. Washington St., owner Stan Szeto said he doesn't expect his 400-to-450 person membership to dwindle.

"Our gym is not about socializing," he said, noting that a majority of his members are students. "Nobody is standing around taking up room. Our members absolutely want to get in shape, and they can get on machines on a consistent basis."

But UI students are already talking about the new addition to campus.

"It's pretty hard to miss — a huge building going up right in the middle of campus," said UI

junior Kyle Crowley. "I think everyone's pretty excited."

Since coming to the UI, Crowley has worked out at the Field House as well as the student-dominated Iowa City Fitness, 221 E. College St. He said availability of equipment is the most important factor when deciding which gym to use.

Among other possible draws, the new recreation center's location — at the intersection of Burlington and Madison Streets, just across from the Main Library — is a big plus for some.

"[Switching gyms] would be a possibility because it's going to be close on campus," Hanson said.

The Hawkeye Campus Recreation & Wellness Center is on schedule to open in May 2010, said Steve Otto, a Facilities Management construction engineer. Despite challenges posed by winter, he said, the center's progress hasn't been delayed.

# Stier a communicator

STIER

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"We need somebody who has an expertise in communication," the provost said. "We want students to have a good time, but we want them to be safe."

During Mason's announcement to regents, she described Stier's hiring as "necessary and important."

"I have allocated a portion of our very discretionary support to pay for these consulting needs," Mason said. "We need to obtain the necessary reductions from creative changes without harming our students."

Stier will be paid \$25,000 for seven months of work, funded through the UI Foundation. But she said she'll probably only work through the spring.

Stier was born in Memphis, Tenn., but said she mostly grew up in St. Louis. At 17, she came to Iowa to attend the UI and is a self-proclaimed

"avid Hawkeye." She now lives in Des Moines with her husband of 28 years, an Iowa City native, and 13-year-old daughter Emma. Her son Ryan is a senior at Simpson College.

Last week, Stier gave the keynote speech for a "Pay for Play" event at the University of Northern Iowa, and she is available for hire as a motivational speaker through Mary Stier Connects. She also teaches a master's class at Drake University in communications leadership.

Outside of her busy life, she has a great interest in live performance and has been on the board of the Civic Center of Des Moines since 2005. She is currently working with the center on organizing a fundraiser for Hancher Auditorium this summer.

Stier also enjoys yoga and hiking and is an ardent reader.

Some UI students said they wonder if spending the money on an anti-binge drinking consultant is a good idea for a university dealing with budget cuts.

"I don't think you can curb binge-drinking on a college campus — it's always going to happen," said UI senior Katie Seddon, a communications-studies major. "I don't think it is money well spent."

Stier said the most important thing to her is helping the UI in any way she can.

"The focus is on students' safety and well-being," she said.

DI reporter Jennifer Delgado contributed to this report.

# Law would repeal English-only

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attending state universities as well because of the current economic situation. "Our American students should be getting to go to college and pay in-state tuition."

Why should an out-of-state citizen have to pay out-of-state tuition, Halverson asked rhetorically, "when you have illegal aliens paying in-state tuition?"

But Rinderspacher dismissed the free-loading argument as erroneous.

"It just doesn't work that way," he said. "Somebody has to pay the bills."

In addition, he said, the "misguided" bill would require additional staffers to check citizenship statuses — something legislators don't enjoy hearing in a

year of layoffs and budget crises.

"It would be a huge amount of work for the very, very few undocumented students that we see," he said. "It would certainly add to the cost of what we're doing."

Olga Rua, the UI Latina/o Graduate Student Association president, argued that colleges should disregard an applicant's citizenship status when deciding whether to admit the individual.

"I think being admitted to higher education should not be based in your citizenship status but in your academic merits," she said.

The bill's ideological antithesis is a measure sponsored by Rep. Bruce Hunter, D-Des Moines, that would repeal English as the state's official language.

While proponents assert the change would make the state

more welcoming, some opponents contend the law is needed to unite Iowans around one language.

Rua conceded official languages make communication easier among the population. But the UI graduate student said she worried about the extent to which the law homogenizes the state.

"Being Iowa's largest minority, the Latino community has been affected," she wrote in an e-mail. "I see often Latinos who don't learn their mother tongue simply because it is not used in this state."

But Halverson argued lawmakers didn't err in passing the original law.

"If an individual is a patriotic American, then House File 14 will not pass. It's America's language," he said. "If it was good

enough for our forefathers, it's good enough for us, and it's good enough for our kids."

Halverson may not have to worry about changes to the law any time soon, though.

Subcommittee Chairwoman Rep. Vicki Lensing, D-Iowa City, said she won't move the measure out of subcommittee.

"I just think that there are too many things out there," said Lensing, who supports the bill nonetheless.

Lawmakers will likely take up the measure again next year, she said.

Likewise, Rep. Greg Forristall, R-Macedonia, gave the citizenship-check bill little chance of passing out of subcommittee. The subcommittee for the bill, which Forristall is a member of, has yet to meet.

# Smoking hazardous to your age

SMOKING

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sion in lung cells to stop sooner.

"This study ... also brings the Werner's syndrome protein into the picture and provides a mechanism to prove it," Klingelhutz said.

Hunninghake said these effects will mainly be seen in long-term smokers.

That fact led Assistant Director of Health Iowa Tanya Villhauer to wonder if the informa-

tion will be helpful in swaying students to stop smoking.

"I'd have to find a way for how it could relate to students," she said.

Hunninghake said students should take notice of the study if they are interested in retaining their youth for longer, and they should always be worried about lung disease.

Smokers already shorten their lives by approximately 10 years, Toru said. This new connection shows smokers can lose even more years of youthfulness.

"[The study] is quite a deter-

rent," said 18-year-old UI student Mason Wiekert, a smoker. "No one really cares about aging until after they're 23. After that [age], I'd really like to quit."

Following the two-year study, Klingelhutz said the next step will be to develop an animal model system to test whether the same aging process occurs in animals.

Further testing would allow researchers to start finding possible treatments for humans, such as the use of antioxidants.

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# Lawmakers mull DNA-sample law

### Law-enforcement authorities support the DNA measure, while a civil liberties representative has concerns.

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A proposal before the Iowa Legislature would require anyone convicted of an aggravated misdemeanor to submit a DNA sample — something local authorities say would “absolutely help.”

Iowa City police Sgt. Troy Kelsay said the proposal would aid the department in conducting its investigations while putting little additional burden on local agencies.

Current law only requires DNA from registered sex offenders and convicted felons.

The roughly \$660,000 price tag of the program per year would be funded by the Iowa Department of Public Safety,

said the agency’s legislative liaison, Ross Loder.

“We are supportive of the concept, but the critical piece is the funding,” he said.

The department faces a 2.5 percent budget cut for the next fiscal year.

Public Safety would pay for all expenses associated with DNA collection. While area sheriff’s offices may have to allocate more staff time to collect the samples, the process, which usually consists of a mouth swab, takes only moments and should cause no real burden, Loder said. He and Kelsay agreed municipal police wouldn’t be affected.

Kelsay noted several cases in which DNA evidence has helped

### ‘It must be a balancing analysis between the appropriateness of taking certain information against rights to privacy’

— Ben Stone, ACLU Executive Director

Iowa City police to solve crimes. In November 2008, police were able to solve a robbery and arrest Ahkinea Cox after DNA taken after his arrest matched evidence found at another crime scene.

In April of that year, Iowa City police were conducting surveillance on a home in which a sexual assault had occurred. They saw a man walking around the home and peering in windows. Jonathan Schiefer was charged with trespassing and a DNA sample was taken. That sample

matched DNA from saliva collected after the assault and Schiefer was charged in connection with the crime.

In February of 2008, eight months after a brutal home invasion in Iowa City, officers arrested Micah Matthews when DNA collected from him after a burglary matched DNA from the home. He was charged with three felonies and if convicted, faces life in prison.

“Those career criminals, especially the violent, high-risk ones, that’s where DNA is going to help,” Kelsay said.

Having additional samples in the database would only lead to police solving more crimes, he said.

But the Iowa ACLU is against the measure, because it involves the collection of private data, Executive Director Ben Stone said.

“It must be a balancing analysis between the appropriateness

of taking certain information against rights to privacy,” he said.

The current line determining whether DNA is collected is set between misdemeanors and felons, and the ACLU believes it should stay there, Stone said.

“The question is: Is the nature of the data of high enough value that it warrants collection?” he said.

Iowa’s classification of aggravated misdemeanors is unique — every other U.S. state has a maximum incarceration period for a misdemeanor of one year. In Iowa, someone charged with an aggravated misdemeanor faces up to two years in prison.

“This proposal would include crimes that most consider to be felonies anyway,” Loder said.

The state database has 50,000 DNA samples from convicted offenders, with an additional 2,000 samples collected from crime scenes that are not linked to specific individuals,

Loder said.

Since its inception in 2001, there have been 334 hits in the state DNA database and an additional 130 hits to the national database.

At the current rate, about 12,500 samples are said to be added to Iowa’s DNA database each year. If the proposal passes, Loder expects an additional 13,900 profiles to be said each year.

Every state requires sex offenders to provide a DNA sample, and 46 states require samples from all convicted felons, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Eleven states require those convicted of only specific misdemeanors to submit samples, and 15 states allow DNA sampling at the point of arrest.

Iowa’s law would require offenders to submit samples only at the point of conviction, and it would take effect Jan. 1, 2010. It could not be applied retroactively.

# Births raise citizenship questions

By CHRISTOPHER SHERMAN  
Associated Press

ALAMO, Texas — The citizenship of hundreds, possibly thousands, of people who insist they are Americans is being called into question because they were delivered by midwives near the U.S.-Mexico border.

The federal government’s doubts have arisen as many people in the border region try to meet a June 1 deadline to obtain U.S. passports so they can freely cross from one country to the other.

The people delivered by midwives have documents such as birth certificates and medical records. But the agency that grants passports is challenging the credibility of those papers, citing a history of some midwives fraudulently registering Mexican-born babies as American.

The passport applications being questioned include those of children of Mexican women who crossed the border to give birth in the United States, and even employees of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection agency who were born on the border and now work to protect it.

The government has “effectively reduced to second-class citizenship status an entire swath of passport applicants based solely on their being of Mexican or Latino descent and having been delivered by midwives in nonhospital settings in



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Anna Karen Ramirez, 19, poses with her passport at her home in Alamo, Texas, on Tuesday. Ramirez had to sue the State Department to get her passport so she could continue to visit her parents in Reynosa, Mexico.

Southwestern border states,” according to a federal lawsuit against the State Department filed last year in the border town of McAllen, around 120 miles south of Corpus Christi.

Immigration attorneys and the American Civil Liberties Union hope to have the case certified as a class action because they believe thousands of people could be affected, with most still living near the border.

Since 1960, 75 Texas midwives have been convicted of fraudulently registering Mexican-born babies as American. At one point, the government assembled a list

of nearly 250 “suspicious” midwives but never explained what made them suspicious.

State Department spokesman Andy Laine declined to comment because of the litigation. The agency also declined to release statistics on passport application refusals.

After June 1, anyone re-entering the United States from Mexico or Canada will have to show a passport, not just a driver’s license and birth certificate, which are the only current requirements.

For families who have lived in the area for generations, the border is just a river in the mid-

dle of one community. Many people live on one side of the border and work on the other.

“Going back and forth is as natural for them ... as going across town is for the rest of us,” said Lisa Graybill, legal director for the ACLU in Texas.

If the lawsuit is not resolved before June 1, families “will have to choose if you’re going to live in Mexico or you’re going to live in the U.S. You won’t be able to cross,” said Lisa Brodyaga, the immigration attorney who filed the lawsuit against the State Department.

Anna Karen Ramirez had to sue the State Department to get her passport, even though she had a birth certificate, medical records and receipts from her 1989 birth at a clinic in Hidalgo, just south of McAllen. She also had signatures of two police officers who witnessed the event.

Ramirez’s parents lived in Mexico and raised their daughter there. But they decided to have their child in the United States.

With the deadline looming, and the State Department suspicious of her citizenship, the family met several times with U.S. consular officials to obtain a passport, but their request was refused.

Ramirez’s father, Narciso, drives a taxi back and forth across the border every day. He said he was warned that the family’s dogged pursuit of the matter could threaten the visa that allowed him to operate his cab.

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# Law-school suit rare, hard to prove

Discrimination lawsuits involving political affiliation generally don't occur in Iowa, attorneys say.

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Attorneys say employment discrimination lawsuits, similar to the one filed against the dean of the UI College of Law last month, are extremely rare and difficult to win.

Teresa Wagner, a part-time writing instructor in the UI College of Law, filed a federal lawsuit on Jan. 20 claiming she was rejected from a full-time position at the school because of her conservative views. She named UI College of Law Dean Carolyn Jones, who will step down and resume teaching instead at the law school by 2010.

Martin Diaz, a personal-injury lawyer in Iowa City, said employment-discrimination suits are generally difficult to prove.

"You have to be able to establish enough evidence to get by a judge," he said. "The burden then shifts to the defense to show a good reason that is nondiscrimi-

natory. It's like a tennis match."

But with employment cases — as with all civil cases — 90 percent never make it to trial, said Mark Zaiger, an employment law attorney with Shuttleworth and Ingersoll PLC in Cedar Rapids. Of the 10 percent that make it to a jury trial, he guessed that around 50 percent are won.

"The main ones we see tend to be sex, age, and ethnicity," Zaiger said. "[Wagner's claim] is an unusual claim, and unusual claims are difficult, generally."

With Wagner's suit, Diaz said certain factors may give her a slightly better chance at winning.

In the suit, Wagner contends that Matt Williamson — who was ultimately given the position — admitted he was not qualified as a full-time writing instructor. Williamson had never taught at a law school, never practiced law, and had no published works, Wagner alleged.

But he is a Democrat, she stated, referring to an e-mail in which he openly states Republicans make him angry.

Diaz said having "something to look at," such as the person who was hired, is a good resource in proving her case.

"You can look at that person and say, 'Is that person qualified?'" he said. "If it's a close call, the employees probably lose, but it could be pretty obvious that person wasn't qualified or as qualified as the person who is suing."

But Diaz said someone in Wagner's position could still run into problems. Juries tend to give long-term employees the benefit of the doubt. Wagner has worked for the UI College of Law since August 2006.

"As the plaintiff, she hopes to get to a trial, where she would have a chance to tell her story to a jury. However, there are obstacles," Zaiger said.

# Staying green, saving \$

Sustainability may jump to the head of the line during economic downturn.

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Amid the seemingly never ending budget-crunch talk, investing in energy-efficient technologies still has high priority at the UI.

In December 2008, UI officials created the Office of Sustainability, and since then, the support for the idea has continued to grow — proposals of creating five new positions across campus are in the works — said Liz Christiansen, the director of the Office of Sustainability.

Despite the budget cuts bringing many initiatives to a halt, she said, the economic problems have perhaps given energy-efficient projects the spark they need.

"It has forced us to look at inefficiencies across campus that could be a positive impact now and in the future," she said. "By the university undertaking some of these projects, we can realize some cost savings in energy now."

This could help the UI get a head start in combating rising energy costs, she said, noting the paybacks for investing in energy efficiency could be seen in as few as 18 months.

Specifically, she said, lighting as well as heating and cooling projects have both long- and short-term benefits that could drastically help the university.

And now, more than ever, Christiansen said, environmental issues have generated new interest.

"We realized for a number of years we've been living above our economic means, and I think for a while we've

been living beyond our environmental means," she said.

Noting that the federal stimulus package bill could focus on sustainability, Christiansen said she hopes the UI will be able to move some projects "up the pipeline" as a result of funding that may soon become available.

At the UI, there are six new campus buildings under or set for future construction that are expected to be certified under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design program.

Zuhair Mased, a senior engineer in UI Facilities Management, said cutting energy costs can garner financial incentives from MidAmerican Energy.

In fact, he said, in 2008 alone, the university received an approximately \$300,000 bonus for its energy-saving efforts.

But looking at it in the short-term, the investments are still costing the university more money than the bonuses bring in, Mased said. Still, in the long run, investing in the new technologies has proven to save the university money.

When constructing new buildings, he said, his group exceeds the American Society of Heating Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers code requirements — a national organization designed to promote sustainable futures — by roughly 30 percent each year.

"Our efforts have become more extensive now because of the sense of urgency," he said, noting the financial crunch had created an oppo-

## Future UI buildings to be more energy efficient

Six buildings are expected to be Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certified.

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- Old Music Building Renovation
- State Hygienic Laboratory
- Institute for Orthopedics, Sports Medicine, and Rehabilitation

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site effect than most sectors are facing.

For future plans, Mased said upgrading the building control systems — allowing heating, air conditioning, and lighting systems to be automatically controlled across campus on a daily basis — would make it easier to see if inefficiencies remain.

If implemented, the UI Power Plant would produce the exact amount of energy needed on campus.

"In a big way, either for staff, students, or faculty, the effort is getting more momentous than anytime before," he said.

Jonathan Carlson, the senior associate to UI President Sally Mason, agreed, saying during a time of tightening budgets, people often see the direct financial benefits from consuming less energy.

But he said he wouldn't be surprised if some energy-efficient projects were put on hold.

"It is possible to cut a budget in a way that's totally unsustainable because you shift costs, and next year you have the problem all over again," Carlson said.

# GM to cut 10,000 more jobs

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NEW YORK — General Motors Corp. is planning to slash another 10,000 salaried jobs this year, saying the cuts are unavoidable with a government restructuring deadline looming and industrywide sales in one of the worst downturns in history.

The Detroit-based automaker said Tuesday it will reduce its total number of white-collar workers by 14 percent to 63,000. Approximately 3,400, or 12 percent, of GM's 29,500 salaried U.S. jobs will be eliminated.

Most of the company's remaining salaried employees will have their wages cut.

In its plan to Congress submitted late last year, GM said it would have to reduce both salaried and hourly positions so that the company could become viable long-term. The company plans to reduce its total U.S. work force from 96,537 people in 2008 to between 65,000 and 75,000 in 2012, but did not specify how many of the surviving jobs will be salaried or hourly.

GM Chief Executive Rick Wagoner, who was meeting with congressional leaders in Washington about global-warming legislation, said Tuesday's announcement is "indicative of the kind of things we need to do to get this viability plan in shape and respond to these tough market conditions."

GM has dramatically down-



Carlos Osorio/Associated Press  
The General Motors logo is seen outside the GM headquarters in downtown Detroit on Dec. 12, 2008. GM on Tuesday said it will cut 10,000 salaried jobs, citing the need to restructure itself.

sized both its salaried and hourly work forces in recent years as the U.S. auto market has shrunk from an annual sales rate of around 16 million vehicles to 13.2 million last year.

Since 2000, GM's salaried work force has shrunk by 33 percent from its 2000 high of 44,000 people. At the same time, the number of hourly workers has plunged by more than half — to about 63,700 people at the end of last year from 133,000 in 2000.

Most of the cuts announced Tuesday are expected to take place by May 1. GM said the cuts will vary by global regions depending on staffing levels and

market conditions.

The company's statement said there would be no buyout or early retirement packages as GM had offered in the past, but laid-off employees will get severance pay, benefit contributions and other assistance.

GM spokesman Tom Wilkinson would not say exactly where the U.S. cuts would come from, but he said the automaker will continue to staff areas such as electric vehicle development that it expects to be important going forward.

"The goal is to put our people in the areas that are critical to our future success," Wilkinson said.

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## Editorial

# Don't can our recycling progress

Groggy caffeine-deficient students have a wide range of options when it comes to jump-starting their tired minds: coffee in its myriad forms, soda in its variety of flavors, and the increasingly prevalent energy drink. However, when it comes to recycling the containers, students' options decrease slightly. The popularity of energy drinks has led to the rise of vending machines across campus, and in some cases, energy drinks occupy greater cooler space at area convenience stores than do bottles of soda (or pop, if you're really going to fight that battle). Given the widespread consumption of energy drinks contained in aluminum cans, the university should look at instituting an aluminum-recycling program on campus.

With the amount of electricity saved by recycling just one aluminum can, a television can run for six-consecutive hours, not that it should. That's quite a bit of energy, and it's based on a 12-ounce can, not the monstrous 16- or 24-ounce Rockstars. The lack of aluminum recycling receptacles is not a criticism of the UI's recycling program, just a helpful suggestion. When it comes to environmental consciousness the university should, in fact, receive a huge pat on the back.

Last year, the university was awarded the 2008 Iowa Recycling Association Annual Award for Best Practices for recycling programs and efforts on campus. The university increased cumulative weight of recycled items by nearly 20 percent between 2007 and 2008 and redirected more than 22 percent of its general waste flow as a result of its recycling practices. These efforts have had a very tangible effect

on campus refuse — the UI is producing 11 percent less total waste than a decade ago.

The laudable conservation efforts are not limited to recycling projects. A pilot program transformed roughly 17 tons of food waste from Hillcrest Food Services into 45 cubic yards of nitrogen compost. During 2008, the university limited 69,000 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> by using a system that generates both heat and energy for the campus. The UI burns natural gas, coal, and oat hulls at the Power Plant, producing 30 percent of the electricity and steam needed for the main campus and the UI Hospitals and Clinics. By burning oat hulls — acquired from the Quaker Oats plant in Cedar Rapids — instead of just coal, the campus saves \$1 million on average per year.

During Earth Day Week festivities last year, the UI Center for Human Rights, in association with Iowa Campaign for Human Rights, accepted donations of glass bottles and aluminum cans at the IMU. All deposit proceeds went to support summer student internships in human rights. When it comes to the campus eco-conscience, we should be proud. We are making great strides at being environmentally friendly and redirecting waste from landfills. Recycling programs are a large undertaking and take a great deal of time and effort to use effectively. That being said, the university provides, and arguably profits from, the sale of energy drinks in aluminum cans on campus. They may not be present in every campus building, but they are around. Perhaps some recycling receptacles for aluminum should be, too.

# Liquor crowd lip service?

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Alcohol control is one of Iowa City's biggest issues, and it's one that has been paid lip service again and again by both the university and the city without much effect. In 2008, it was reported that alcohol-related incidents and crime were up from 2007, including two brutal homicides, one over a game of chess and another in which a 21st birthday ended in the death of a 75-year-old man.

The Iowa City City Council recently talked about voting on a "social host" ordinance, under which parents would be held accountable for parties in their homes with underage drinking. City Attorney Eleanor Dilkes recommended the city not pursue a such an ordinance, stating that "prosecution would likely be difficult, as it would require proving what the defendant knew, including not only that there was drinking, but that it was by persons under legal age." If it is difficult to enforce, how likely is it that Iowa City will see any change or improvement in underage drinking and drinking behavior? Is it really parties at parents' homes that are resulting in such extreme alcohol-related behaviors?

Now, there's a new plan on the books for the UI: to have students pitch ideas to the university for alcohol-free activities that would occur on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, starting 10 p.m. or later and ending after 1 a.m. In this time of financial cuts, the UI has managed to allocate \$50,000 to the cause, and it is actively looking for students to pitch ideas, including capitalizing on the movie nights that already occur periodically. It is a plan that looks good in writing but has the makings of just another lip-service-only initiative.

Tom Rocklin, the UI interim vice president for Student Services, in an interview with the *Iowa City Press-Citizen* said he will call these alcohol-free nights a success if participation rates are high.

Rocklin does not, however, provide information on how to calculate "high" participation. Universities across the nation have student populations that drink little or no alcohol. It is simply that these students are not out fighting, getting citations, or injuring themselves on a weekly basis. They are unseen, but that does not mean they do not exist. How does Rocklin intend to judge whether or not those students attending these approved boozeless shindigs are the same students he is trying to keep out of the bars?

Rocklin's statement in the Feb. 8 *Press-Citizen* that "fewer students, drinking on fewer nights, and drinking less when they do" is an admirable goal and one that deserves to be supported by the university, the students, and the community. What this community needs to insist on from Student Services is a clear, step-by-step outline of how this new plan will be implemented, at whom it will be targeted, and how information and statistics of each activity will be compiled and analyzed. Iowa City doesn't need one more tactic that falls flat; it needs people with the stamina and creativity to really make a dent in the alcohol-related citations, accidents, abuse, and attacks that are a constant companion of this small city.

I applaud any attempt to minimize the use of alcohol on a university campus and, in particular, any attempts to provide a safe and fun environment for students where alcohol is not the main focus of a gathering. However, without the university's full attention, these alcohol-free options are likely to fizzle out, and there has been no mention of where funding will come from once the original \$50,000 has been used. As community members, we need to ask: Has the UI finally found an initiative that will battle the college drinking scene? Or is this a Band-Aid fix, used only to salvage the university's reputation after the rash of alcohol-related rapes and scandals of the past two years? ■

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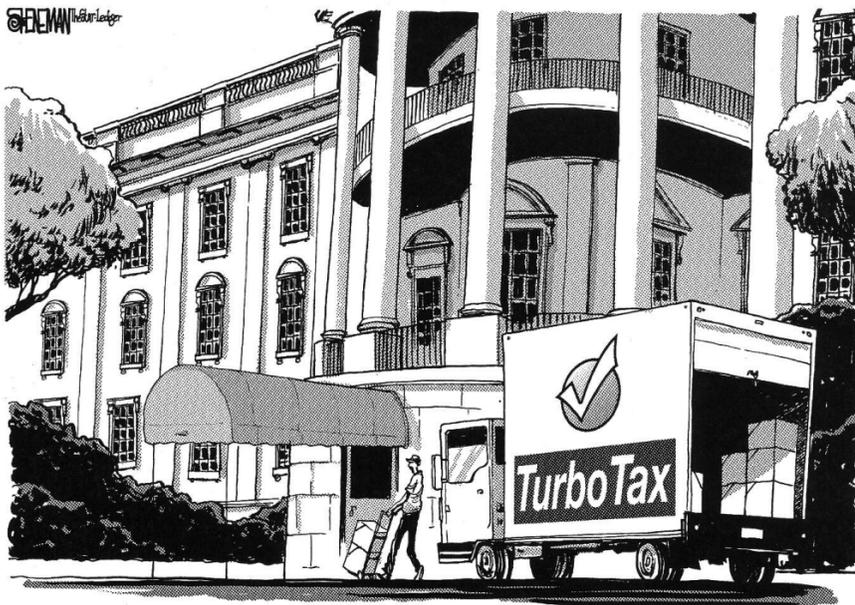
## Good call on U's bad call

Monday's editorial on our school's latest anti-alcohol overkill was well-written and on the mark. More than 100 college presidents get it at the Amethyst Initiative, which in part seeks to lower the drinking age. If more time and energy were spent on responsible drinking, many of these issues would go away. Part of the college experience is learning responsibility. Shouldn't the system participate in that process, and because alcohol is legal once you reach the age of 21, would it not be better to have learned to drink responsibly?

Our European friends drink at much lower ages, alcohol is just not that big a deal and a part of life. Cracking down on the troublemakers and the obvious drunks who are causing problems would be better than intolerance. Prohibition proved that intolerance doesn't work. Social responsibility is taught for a variety of issues from race, political views, and religious views and actually promoted by a world-class university, just as it should be.

My congratulations to the *DI* for doing a good job of keeping issues like these on the front burner. That is the mark of good journalism, and you are doing well at your jobs.

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## Guest Opinion

# Hawkeye writers, let your words be heard

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Last semester, our young publication *CONTENT Magazine* ran a flash-fiction contest for undergraduates, and it was a smash. We received more than 200 entries in fewer than 30 days from students in majors ranging from mathematics and engineering to English and theater, and our five finalists — Alex Rummelhart, Ambika Athreya, Kerry Mallon, Kevin Kelleher, and Kyle Anson — turned in electric pieces about pickpockets,

prude girls ready for anal sex, and an Edouard Manet painting. Rummelhart's piece was selected after great deliberation by the Writers' Workshop as the winner, and *DI* Opinions Editor Nate Whitney will be happy to e-mail it to you, along with the original draft of this editorial, for your consideration. And if the finalists and anyone else who placed an entry in the contest happen to be reading, then I offer my thanks for doing so. Only the brave enter, says Indiana Jones, and those entries gave us the freedom to ignore the many e-mails we received

from creative-writing majors demanding to know why they weren't allowed to contact their "good friends" the judges as well. The Writers' Workshop, as were we, was happy to tell them to piss off.

I owe many more thanks to Prairie Lights, UISG, the *CONTENT* staff, One Twenty-Six for affording us the use of its loft in December to present the winners and to get leathered on the creep, and to Vern, the bike mechanic of Sigourney who repaired my tires when they snapped on my way to Omaha in exchange for a story, written on the back of a

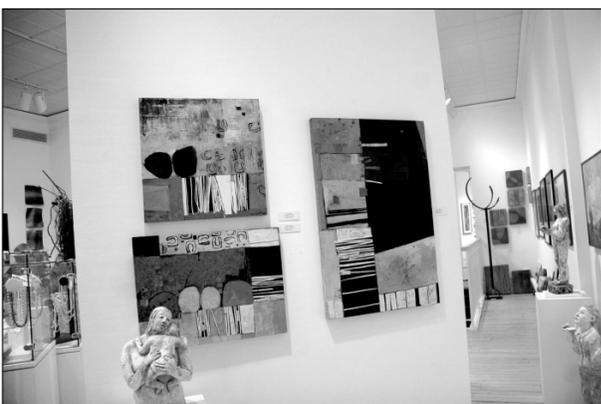
milk carton. I had no money with me, but he knew I was from Iowa City and assumed I was writer. "Football players and writers, that's what comes out of Iowa City," he said, chewing on his tobacco leaf. "Goddamn writers. Never know what they'll do." I am indebted to thank Vern, not because he likes to see his name in the papers, but because that afternoon was the inspiration for the contest; if I were a free man, I would ride out there one day again and teach him how to read so he could finally know what I wrote just for him.

Of the many lessons in uni-

versity I've learned, forgotten, and learned again, the relationship of the writer and the reader is perhaps my favorite. It explains to me why a man who can't read still enjoys a story written for him, why so many of the university's undergraduate writers come from such diverse backgrounds, and why those who label themselves as writers are so vain, and it explains the crippling strength of the words carefully left unwritten. They are the roots of Mescalito, the legendary Belgian-American writer who never wrote a word, too fearful of what he

might not say, and they are the synapses tying our imaginations together as if they were built of millions of lonely cells, lost and disconnected from one another like stars in the sky.

We at *CONTENT* and the UI eagerly await the next round of pieces we hope to see for this semester's poetry, short-story, and photography contests. Until then, I can only offer the words Mescalito — who Whitney would also be happy to tell you more about — spoke to me the only time I met him, five years ago in Belgium: "In the land of the blind, I am the only king."



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Corrine Smith's mixed media *Garden Series* hangs in Chait Galleries Downtown on Monday. The gallery is featuring three female artists' work this month.

# Chait features three women

It's Women's Month at the Chait Galleries Downtown, and local artist Marcia Wegman is happy to be part of the festivities.

By NICK FETTY  
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## ART EXHIBITION

**Corrine Smith (mixed media),  
Dena Tollefson (oil on canvas),  
and Marcia Wegman (abstract)**

**When:** Weekdays, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. and  
Saturdays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Where:** Chait Galleries Downtown,  
218 E. Washington

**Admission:** Free

Despite the hard hit the UI Arts Campus endured in last summer's flood, the Iowa City art scene continues to thrive.

This month, the Chait Galleries Downtown, 218 E. Washington St., will highlight the work of three artists, including three new pieces by Iowa City's own Marcia Wegman. Corrine Smith and Dena Tollefson will also be featured in the exhibit.

Since its founding in 2003, the Chait has provided Iowa City with a full-service venue for visual art. Over the years, it has also presented work by several UI students and professors.

"We always get a pretty good response to most all of the work that we show here," gallery owner and digital photographer Benjamin Chait said.

Because she has lived in Ohio and Iowa, it makes sense that the Midwestern landscape is a common theme in Wegman's art. In addition, she has drawn everything from national parks to children's books. After receiving an M.F.A. in printmaking from the UI she worked with various materials before discovering pastel, which wasn't considered a true form of art when she was student.

"[Art] is just one of those things I have done all of my life since I was a child," she said. "I have never not been drawing or painting."

Today, she lives in Iowa City, and her art has been showcased at Iowa City's Iowa Artisans Gallery, 207 E. Washington St., as well as the Campbell Steele Gallery in Marion. She also has several works that have been commissioned by the Coralville Marriott Hotel & Conference Center.

Wegman's proudest moment

as an artist is having a work displayed in the reception room of the administrative offices of the UI Carver College of Medicine. The picture is a quadriptyc, which is four separately framed pieces that form a single landscape; it has been on display for around a year.

As an artist who is frequently featured in Iowa City, she said, she focuses on doing abstract works for the Chait and landscapes for the Iowa Artisans Gallery across the street, to be fair to both galleries.

The Gallery Walk Show will replace Wegman, Smith, and Tollefson's exhibit, but the work of the three female artists will continue to be displayed, in a lower-profile manner indefinitely.

"We have a very wide range of art from contemporary to very traditional," Chait said. "And that most importantly I think [tells] people not to be afraid to come in and look."

Wegman has been involved with the Chait since it first opened, and she had nothing but positive things to say about the gallery.

"[The Chait has] a very good reputation," she said. "It carries high-quality work ... and I think that it does a good job of giving young artists that opportunity to show."

# Close 'The Office'?



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Someone has to say it: "The Office" needs to end.

I know what you're thinking. You're thinking that's the worst idea you've ever heard. You're thinking that with its memorable characters creating moments of awkward hilarity, "The Office" is one of the best shows on television. You're thinking that it's blasphemy for a college viewer to dare suggest an end to what has become an iconic piece of pop-culture history, and in doing so, it's possible that I very well may be the devil.

However, it's only because of the divine love I've developed for Jim, Pam, Dwight, Jim, Kevin, Jim, Michael, and (mostly) Jim that I'm willing to lay myself on the line as a martyr for this fantastic show. I've been a devout "Office" viewer since its premiere in 2005, and I feel like a heroin addict during withdrawal if I have Thursday night obligations that prevent me from turning to NBC at 8 p.m. There's an entire shelf in my entertainment center dedicated to displaying every season of "The Office" that's been released on DVD. I once got into a very heated eBay war over a Dwight Schrute bobblehead. If that's not enough proof of my Dunder Mifflin-cred, I also may or may not have a totally bad ass Scrantonicity T-shirt.

But as tantric sex god Sting once advised, "If you love somebody, set them free." And unfortunately, "The Office" is in dire need of a little space right now. Season six has been full of disappointment after disappointment — from Ryan's relegation to the story-line ghetto to Pam's regression from empowered female to Jim's slightly bitchy "well-I-

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didn't-want-to-be-a-graphic-designer-anyway" fiancée.

"The Office" hasn't suddenly found itself in a comedic swan dive into "Two and a Half Men" territory, it's just that its glory days have obviously passed. The sexual tension between Jim and Pam was essential, and now that they're as happy as Chris Brown and Rihanna (pre-Grammys ... too soon?), they've become like most other adoring couples — boring as hell. The supporting cast has become predictable in their responses to Michael's politically incorrect leadership, and the once-complex proliferating plot lines have dwindled into something distinctly linear and distinctly less exciting. If the writers don't clean up their acts soon, it's possible the show may be remembered as something less than the television revolution it truly is.

By letting "The Office" go, we have the power to rescue the show from this decidedly average fate. Classically speaking, dramas end in death and comedies end in marriage, so how about taking a page from the BBC precursor of "The Office" and turn Jim and Pam's wedding into a made-for-TV movie? Or hell, let the show go out with the AK-47-sized bang it deserves and turn the wedding special into a marriage spectacular, joining Michael and Holly, Dwight and Angela, and Andy and the members of his former a cappella group in holy matrimony for ever and for always.

Sometimes, it's hard to do what's best for the ones we love, but in considering the entertainment industry, the truth of the matter is that it's always better to burn out than fade away. It may hurt a little at first, but in the end it'll all turn out fine.

That's what she said.



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"Dwight, you ignorant slut, depression is not just a silly word for feeling 'bummed out,' or so Dunder Mifflin regional manager Michael Scott said. In fact it describes my exact emotional state every week until Thursday at 8 p.m.

And no, I am not planning on jumping off a three-story roof hoping to land safely on a trampoline, then take a few extra bounces for fun, and walk out around a corner just to prove my point. But I will say this: Since its introduction to NBC's lineup in March 2005, "The Office" has held its own competing with such other prime-time shows as ABC's "Grey Anatomy" and Fox's "Hell's Kitchen."

Combining characters Michael Scott (Steve Carell), Dwight K. Schrute (Rainn Wilson), Jim Halpert (John Krasinski), and Pam Beesly (Jenna Fischer) has made Scranton, Pa., not only a regional destination for paper products but also Thursday night's prime entertainment location.

Question: What bear is best?

No, actually, let's figure out why "The Office" is continually growing in its size and strength. And yes, that is what she said.

1) Pushing the boundaries and not sticking to what conventional wisdom says is acceptable.

Continually, I have found myself looking at the television during "The Office" and asking myself, "Michael, did you really say that?" For instance, in the episode "Take your Daughter To Work Day" Michael said, "Oh, I have the perfect screen name: LittleKidLover," when the camera crew asks him if he likes children. The writers want viewers to understand Michael as a character through his moments of ignorance and outright disrespect, and ideally the audience

will embrace him anyway.

2) Sheer quotability.

The act of engaging in one's favorite television show is a definite perk. Now, you may be saying to yourself, "OK, Kurt, I get your point that people want to feel like they're part of the show, but how many viewers would actually quote from a television show in a real workplace setting?"

I will tell you who. Kevin Cunningham, my dad. And no, he's not assistant to the regional manager. He's vice chancellor for student affairs at Palmer College of Chiropractic.

My dad called only to inform me that he was finally able to work in the ingenious wisdom of Michael Scott during a board meeting.

"Kurt, I said to them, 'Guys, the question is, do I want you to fear me or love me? Both. I want you all to fear how much you love me.'"

3) Sharing a connection with the characters.

As with "Seinfeld" before it, "The Office" has taken the bond between viewer and onscreen personality a step further, presenting the audience with four main identity archetypes in Jim (the nice guy), Pam (the cute/shy receptionist), Dwight ("Three words — hardworking, alpha male, jackhammer. Merciless. Insatiable."), and Michael (socially inept).

Since its origins in 2005, "The Office" has progressed as one of television's funniest sitcoms. Winning several awards and being nominated for many others for five seasons now it has made us laugh, laugh our asses off, and I am not ashamed to say shed a tear (when Jim finally proposed to Pam).

Television shows do not necessarily have a life expectancy. If Jack Bauer can continue to save the world in yet another season of "24," than why can't Michael and his dedicated workforce continue to crack racy jokes, employ cute humor, and say funny double entendres that help to take it all in.

That's what she said.

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Archaeologists work among remains found in a ruined pyramid in Tlateloco neighborhood in Mexico City on Tuesday. Archaeologists digging in a ruined pyramid in downtown Mexico City found a mass grave that may hold the skeletal remains of the last holdouts among the Aztecs who fought Cortes.

# Grave may be that of Cortes resisters

By MARK STEVENSON  
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Archaeologists digging in a ruined pyramid in downtown Mexico City said Tuesday they found a mass grave that may hold the skeletal remains of the Aztec holdouts who fought conquistador Hernan Cortes.

The unusual burial holds the carefully arrayed skeletons of at least 49 adult Indians who were buried in the remains of a pyramid razed by the Spaniards during the 1521 conquest of the Aztec capital.

The pyramid complex, in the city's Tlatelolco square, was the site of the last Indian resistance to the Spaniards during the

months long battle for the city.

Archaeologist Salvador Guilliem, the leader of the excavation for Mexico's National Institute of Anthropology and History, said the Indians might have been killed during Cortes' war or during one of the uprisings that continued after the conquest.

Guilliem said many burials have been found at the site with the remains of Indians who died during epidemics that swept the Aztec capital in the years after the conquest and killed off much of the Indian population.

But those burials were mostly hurried, haphazard affairs in which remains were jumbled together in pits regardless of age or sex.

The burial reported Tuesday is different. The dead had many of the characteristics of warriors: All were young men, most were tall and several showed broken bones that had mended.

The men also were carefully buried Christian-style, lying on their backs with arms crossed over their chests, though many appear to have been wrapped up in large maguey cactus leaves, rather than placed in European coffins.

The mass grave contained evidence of an Aztec-like ritual in which offerings such as incense and animals were set alight in an incense burner, but Spanish elements including buttons and a bit of glass also were present.

# Australia rethinks policy on wildfires

By TANALEE SMITH  
Associated Press

HEALESVILLE, Australia — The high death toll from hundreds of wildfires across southeastern Australia has forced authorities to re-examine an accepted survival strategy when blazes threaten: Get out early or hunker down and fight.

Many people waited too long and perished as they tried to escape the weekend infernos.

"People need to understand that a late departure is the most deadly," Fire Chief Paul Rees said.

Recovery teams moving into burned out towns in Victoria state found charred bodies on roadsides and in wrecked cars — grim signs of futile attempts to flee the raging wildfires fed by 60 mph winds, record heat, and drought. The number of deaths was expected to surpass 200, and a few fires were still burning.

"The clear evidence is that the most dangerous place to be is on the road," Rees, Victoria's country fire authority chief, told reporters Tuesday.

The scale of the disaster has shocked a nation that endures deadly firestorms every few years.

Authorities defended their preparations and actions during the fires that swept southeastern Australia on Feb. 7, saying the extreme weather conditions made catastrophe almost inevitable.

But they agreed the "stay and defend" policy, under which homeowners remain to protect their properties from fire, needed to be reviewed.

"It is the application of that policy and a lack of an alternative that we need to work on," Rees said.



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A firefighter stands by to man the pump on his truck at a fire at Chum Creek, near Healesville, north east of Melbourne, Australia, on Tuesday. Australian officials are taking a second look at their wildfire policies.

Evacuation is not mandatory in high-risk areas, and Australia's wildfire services largely comprise volunteers who lack the resources to protect every home.

In Victoria, there is no formal alert system to warn of approaching wildfires, though the Country Fire Authority distributes advice and updates on its website and through radio broadcasts.

One expert suggested Australia's shifting demographics could be partly to blame for the scale of the tragedy.

Mark Adams of the Bushfire Cooperative Research Center told Australian Broadcasting Corp. Television that many urbanites who moved to city outskirts have no experience with wildfires and rely wholly on the fire service for help. But families who have lived in the area for generations are prepared to battle blazes themselves, Adams said.

Victoria state Premier John Brumby said he asked Prime Minister Kevin Rudd

to consider setting up a national emergency fire warning system months ago.

But officials agree that in the worst conditions, the direction and intensity of fires can change so quickly that sirens, e-mails and other warning systems are not effective.

The wildfires outside Melbourne, Australia's second-largest city, destroyed more than 750 homes, left 5,000 people homeless, and burned 1,100 square miles of land, the fire authority said.

While the official death toll stood at 181 Tuesday evening, Brumby said there were an additional 50 bodies that the coroner had not identified and were not included in the official tally.

"This is going to be a significant number. It will exceed 200 deaths," he said.

One elderly resident of Healesville, who asked not to be identified by name, said he escaped before the blaze engulfed his home but he lost two friends.

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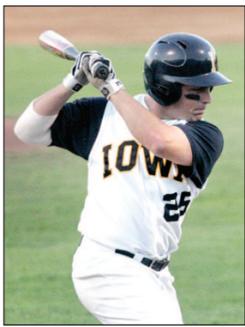
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### BASEBALL

#### Tickets still available for Leadoff Dinner

Iowa baseball fans looking to attend the Hawkeyes' annual Lead-Off Dinner, scheduled for Feb. 17 at the Coralville Marriott Hotel, may purchase tickets until Friday.

Tables for nine can be reserved for \$475, which includes VIP reception access. Tickets for the dinner and program are \$35 for adults and \$25 for children ages 12 and under.

Afterward, there will be an autograph session with the current Iowa roster.

Fans interested can order by phone by contacting Iowa baseball secretary Joyce Rossie at (319) 335-9329.

Iowa head coach Jack Dahm and Major League Baseball umpire Tim McClelland are the event headliners. McClelland began working in the major leagues in 1983 and was a part of the George Brett "Pine Tar" game and the Sammy Sosa corked-bat game.

"The banquet continues to grow every year and that is because of the great support of the Hawkeye fans," Dahm said, in a statement. "We look forward to another great event as we honor last year's seniors and get ready for an exciting 2009 campaign."

— by Ryan Young

### WRESTLING

#### Dennis honored

Top-ranked Iowa 133-pounder Daniel Dennis was named Big Ten Wrestler of the Week on Tuesday, the first conference honor of his career.

Over the weekend, the junior tallied two road victories, including a 3-2 road triumph

over defending Big Ten champion Franklin Gomez of Michigan State on Feb. 6.

Two days later, Dennis seized a 6-3 victory over No. 9 Jake Strayer of Penn State on Sunday to improve to 21-2 overall, 4-0 in conference duals. He is also on a six-match winning streak.

Dennis is the third Hawkeye grappler to earn Big Ten Wrestler of the Week honors this season. Senior 141-pounder Alex Tsirtsis and junior heavyweight Dan Ereksan have also earned the accolade.

Tsirtsis was named on Dec. 9 after the Iowa State dual, and Ereksan was named on Jan. 27 after a pair of weekend wins against Wisconsin and Illinois.

— by Ryan Young

### TV TODAY

#### NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

No. 23 Syracuse at No. 1 Connecticut, 6 p.m., ESPN  
 Iowa at Wisconsin, 7:30 p.m., Big Ten Network  
 No. 3 North Carolina at No. 6 Duke, 8 p.m., ESPN  
 No. 2 Oklahoma at Baylor, 8 p.m., ESPN2

#### NHL

Chicago at Atlanta, 6 p.m., CSN  
**SOCCER**  
 Men's World Cup Qualifier, U.S. vs. Mexico in Columbus, Ohio, 6 p.m., ESPN2

# Unhappy warriors on the road

Iowa will travel to Wisconsin tonight, hoping to end its road woes.



PATRICK LARKIN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa sophomore guard Jake Kelly maintains control of the ball during a drive during Hawkeyes' game against Northwestern on Feb. 7 in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Kelly and the Hawkeyes look to sweep the Wisconsin Badgers tonight in Madison.

"[The Badgers] were actually playing good basketball before. Two of those six games [during their previous six-game losing streak], I think, were overtime, and two others were single possession."

— Todd Lickliter, coach

By **SCOTT MILLER**  
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Maybe it's something about the team bus, or the airplane the squad occasionally flies on, or the hotel it stays at, or those black jerseys it wears, but the Iowa men's basketball team is a woeful 1-9 on the road this season.

In fact, head coach Todd Lickliter's teams have "amassed" only four road wins since his arrival in Iowa City two years ago.

It will be a challenge for Iowa (13-11, 3-8) to get Lickliter his fifth road victory tonight when the Hawkeyes travel to the always-hostile Kohl Center in Madison, Wis., to play a streaking Wisconsin team (14-9, 5-6).

The Hawkeyes, who were struggling before their 56-51 victory over Northwestern on Feb. 7, contend that regardless of their record, they have a lot at stake in their remaining games.

No one knows that better than the Badgers, whose nine losses make their margin for error razor thin if they want to find themselves in the NCAA Tournament when March rolls around.

Iowa handed Wisconsin one of those nine losses the last time the two teams played. But the Badgers, who fell, 73-69, in overtime to the Hawkeyes nearly three weeks ago, are playing much better lately, coming off two consecutive double-digit wins over a couple of the Big Ten's better teams — Illinois and Penn State.

"[The Badgers] were actually playing good basketball before," Lickliter said. "Two of those six games [during their previous six-game losing streak], I think, were overtime, and two others were single possession."

"Without being there and hearing what they are saying, I don't know if there has been a direct change."

Regardless of what caused the change, it's apparent this is a different team from the one Iowa played on Jan. 21.

Over the last two games, the Badgers are shooting 43 percent from the field and defending their opponents to 35 percent. The last time the two teams played, the Hawkeyes shot nearly 50 percent from the field.

David Palmer heavily contributed to that good-shooting night by scoring a career-high 21 points without senior Cyrus Tate in the lineup. But in the five games following that performance, the junior from Antioch, Tenn., is scoring a measly four points per game, while playing minimal minutes.

While Palmer has been a nonfactor, Jarryd Cole has stepped in nicely on the inside. The sophomore captain was inconsistent at the beginning of the year while recovering from a knee injury, but he has since been more of a factor.

"The game is so physical," Cole said. "I finally starting to feel like I'm getting there, but there's a long way to go. ... The confidence is coming back slowly but surely, and I'm grateful for that."

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#### Iowa (13-11, 3-8) at Wisconsin (14-9, 5-6)

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##### Iowa (13-11, 3-8)

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F Cyrus Tate	6-8	255	Sr.
G Devan Bawkinel	6-5	210	Jr.
G Jeff Peterson	6-0	192	So.
G Jake Kelly	6-6	185	So.

##### Wisconsin (14-9, 5-6)

F Marcus Landry	6-7	230	Sr.
F Jon Leuer	6-10	225	So.
F Joe Krabbenhoft	6-7	219	Sr.
G Trevon Hughes	6-0	193	Jr.
G Jason Bohannon	6-2	198	Jr.

#### ON THE WEB

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## Women push for tourney berth

The Iowa women's basketball team talks NCAA Tournament.

By **MIKE BROWLEE**  
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With seven games left on the regular season schedule, NCAA Tournament talk is amplifying for the Iowa women's basketball team.

The Hawkeyes are 14-9 overall and sit in sixth place with a 7-5 Big Ten record. Iowa is a half-game behind Indiana in the Big Ten for fifth, which has an 8-5 record. Ohio State leads the conference at 10-2, followed by Michigan State (10-3), Minnesota (9-3), and Purdue (9-4).

Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder said she thinks six teams from the Big Ten will make the tournament. "I think if it was picked today, we'd be in," Bluder said at her weekly press conference Tuesday. "It's so close, among those top six teams."

Iowa is rated 40th in the latest Jeff Sagarin/College Basketball News RPI rankings, thanks

in large part to its strength of schedule, quality wins against Iowa State and Indiana, and its ability to avoid what Bluder calls a "bad loss" — being defeated by a team below it in the Big Ten or with a losing record.

"Going into the last part of the year, we're playing some of the teams that are lower in the division," Bluder said. "We have to avoid [any bad losses]."

#### Minnesota loss hurts

The Hawkeye resumé would've been furthered with a win at Minnesota on Feb. 8, but Iowa squandered a late lead and lost, 64-58.



Bluder coach

SEE NOTEBOOK, 5B

## Tennis' unsung leaders

Merel Beelen and Jen Barnes have shown the Hawkeyes leadership skills that go beyond tennis.

By **ROBBIE LEHMAN**  
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Of the eight women on the Iowa women's tennis team, only six make the lineup for a dual meet. Interestingly, the two players who have not seen the court this spring happen to be the two cocaptains.

Senior Merel Beelen and junior Jen Barnes earned their teammates' backing to become cocaptains for the 2008-09 season. Both also have interesting stories on how they became Hawkeyes in the first place.

Beelen is from Grubbenvorst, Netherlands. What sold her on being a Hawkeye was the coaching staff, even though she had no idea where Iowa was located. "I really had no clue where I was going," she said. "I had never come on a visit, and the



CHRISTY AUMER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa women's tennis captains Merel Beelen (left) and Jen Barnes (right) hold their rackets during the Hawkeyes' practice on Monday at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex. Beelen and Barnes are captains despite not being in the team's regular rotation.

day before I left, my family and I looked at the map where exactly I was going."

Barnes, a Bettendorf native, always knew she wanted to go to Iowa, but it wasn't until her sophomore year of college that she decided to walk on to the tennis team.

"I missed playing the sport," she said. "In high school, I would play for hours when

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school was out. My freshman year, I rarely picked up a racket. When something takes up that much of your life, you really miss it when it's over."

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Ohio St.	7	4	.636	17	5	.773
Purdue	6	4	.600	17	6	.739
Minnesota	7	5	.583	19	5	.792
Penn St.	6	5	.545	17	7	.708
Wisconsin	5	6	.455	14	9	.609
Michigan	5	7	.417	15	10	.600
Northwestern	4	6	.400	13	8	.619
Iowa	3	8	.273	13	11	.542
Indiana	1	10	.091	6	17	.261

**Tuesday's Game**  
Michigan State 54, Michigan 42  
Michigan 62, Indiana 54

**Today's Games**  
Iowa at Wisconsin, 7:30 p.m., BTN  
Penn State at Purdue, 5:30 p.m. BTN

**Thursday's Game**  
Iowa at Northwestern, 8 p.m. ESPN or ESPN2

**Saturday's Games**  
Purdue at Iowa, 3:05 p.m. BTN  
Minnesota at Penn State, 12:30 p.m. BTN  
Ohio State at Wisconsin, 8 p.m. ESPN

**Sunday's Games**  
Illinois at Indiana, 12 p.m. CBS  
Michigan at Northwestern, 2 p.m. BTN

## WOMEN'S BIG TEN BASKETBALL

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Ohio State	10	2	.833	19	4	.826
Michigan State	10	3	.769	17	7	.708
Minnesota	9	3	.750	17	6	.739
Purdue	9	4	.692	16	8	.667
Indiana	8	5	.615	15	7	.682
Iowa	7	5	.583	14	9	.609
Penn State	4	8	.333	9	13	.409
Wisconsin	4	9	.308	14	10	.583
Michigan	3	10	.231	10	14	.417
Illinois	3	10	.231	7	17	.292
Northwestern	2	10	.167	6	17	.261

**Thursday's Games**  
Ohio State at Iowa, 7:05 p.m.  
Michigan State at Indiana, 6 p.m.  
Northwestern at Illinois, 7 p.m.  
Penn State at Wisconsin, 7 p.m.

**Monday's Game**  
Iowa at Penn State, 2 p.m.  
Northwestern at Ohio State, 10 a.m.  
Illinois at Purdue, 12 p.m.  
Minnesota at Michigan, 4 p.m.

**Today's Games**  
Indiana at Wisconsin, 6 p.m.

## NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE										
Atlantic		W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
New Jersey		34	17	3	71	168	134			
Philadelphia		28	15	9	65	167	153			
N.Y. Rangers		29	20	5	63	135	149			
Pittsburgh		26	24	5	57	167	168			
N.Y. Islanders		16	31	6	38	131	178			
Northeast		W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Boston		39	9	7	85	190	126			
Montreal		29	19	6	64	164	159			
Buffalo		28	20	6	62	161	148			
Toronto		20	24	10	50	161	198			
Ottawa		18	25	8	44	122	149			
Southeast		W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Washington		34	16	4	72	178	155			
Florida		26	19	8	60	151	150			
Carolina		27	22	5	59	142	156			
Tampa Bay		18	25	11	47	135	167			
Atlanta		19	31	5	43	156	191			
WESTERN CONFERENCE										
Central		W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Detroit		36	11	7	79	204	157			
Chicago		29	14	8	66	172	133			
Columbus		26	23	5	57	145	152			
Nashville		25	26	3	53	131	153			
St. Louis		22	25	6	50	154	167			
Northwest		W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Calgary		31	18	4	66	167	157			
Vancouver		25	20	8	58	160	156			

Minnesota	27	22	3	57	134	118	
Edmonton	26	23	4	56	146	166	
Colorado	25	28	1	51	146	166	
Pacific		W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose		37	7	7	81	177	121
Anaheim		27	24	5	59	156	156
Dallas		26	19	7	59	162	164
Los Angeles		24	21	7	55	138	145
Phoenix		24	25	5	53	136	164
Tuesday's Games							
San Jose 5, Boston 2							
Columbus 3, Colorado 0							
Los Angeles 4, N.Y. Islanders 3, SO							
Florida 5, Toronto 4, OT							
Atlanta 3, Tampa Bay 1							
Detroit 5, Nashville 3							
Vancouver 6, St. Louis 4							
Today's Games							
Chicago at Atlanta, 6 p.m.							
N.Y. Islanders at New Jersey, 6 p.m.							
Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.							
Ottawa at Buffalo, 6:30 p.m.							
San Jose at Pittsburgh, 8:30 p.m.							
Colorado at Minnesota, 7 p.m.							
Phoenix at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.							
Calgary at Anaheim, 9 p.m.							
Montreal at Edmonton, 9 p.m.							

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EASTERN CONFERENCE										
Atlantic		W	L	Pct	GB					
Boston		42	11	.792	—					
Philadelphia		26	24	.520	14½					
New Jersey		24	29	.453	18					
New York		21	30	.412	20					
Toronto		20	34	.370	22½					
Southeast		W	L	Pct	GB					
Orlando		38	12	.760	—					
Atlanta		30	21	.588	8½					
Miami		27	24	.529	11½					
Charlotte		20	31	.392	18½					
Washington		11	41	.212	28					
Central		W	L	Pct	GB					
Cleveland		39	15	.720	—					
Detroit		27	23	.540	12					
Milwaukee		25	29	.463	16					
Chicago		23	29	.442	17					
Indiana		21	32	.396	19½					
WESTERN CONFERENCE										
Southwest		W	L	Pct	GB					
San Antonio		35	15	.700	—					
New Orleans		30	19	.612	4					
Dallas		31	20	.608	4					
Houston		31	21	.596	5					
Memphis		15	36	.294	20½					
Northwest		W	L	Pct	GB					
Denver		35	17	.673	—					
Portland		31	19	.620	3					
Utah		29	23	.558	6					
Minnesota		17	34	.333	17½					
Oklahoma City		13	39	.250	22					
Pacific		W	L	Pct	GB					
L.A. Lakers		42	9	.824	—					
Phoenix		28	22	.560	13½					
Golden State		18	35	.340	25					
L.A. Clippers		12	40	.231	30½					
Sacramento		11	42	.208	32					
Tuesday's Games										
Atlanta 111, Washington 90										
Indiana 96, Cleveland 95										
Denver 99, Miami 82										
San Antonio 108, New Jersey 93										
Toronto 110, Minnesota 102										
Chicago 107, Detroit 102										
Dallas 118, Sacramento 100										
Golden State 144, New York 127										
L.A. Lakers 105, Oklahoma City 98										
Today's Games										
Denver at Orlando, 6 p.m.										
Phoenix at Cleveland, 6 p.m.										
San Antonio at Toronto, 6 p.m.										
Memphis at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.										
Washington at Charlotte, 6 p.m.										
Atlanta at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.										
Indiana at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.										
Boston at New Orleans, 7 p.m.										
Sacramento at Houston, 7:30 p.m.										
L.A. Lakers at Utah, 8 p.m.										
Oklahoma City at Portland, 9 p.m.										
New York at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.										

# NCAA promises balanced tourney

By MICHAEL MAROT  
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The head of the NCAA Tournament selection committee would rather bust a budget than a bracket.

Chairman Mike Slive said his group will still try to keep teams close to their home fans, as it has in the past, but not if it would result in unfair competition.

"We're concerned, as are all Americans, but I think our primary obligation is to provide the nation with a geographically and balanced national tournament," Slive said during Tuesday's conference call with reporters.

The recession has some schools scrambling to fill budget holes and seats.

Last month, the Associated Press reported that Stanford projects a \$5 million shortfall over the next three years, and it is considering reducing its staff. At Indiana, Athletics Director Fred Glass has reduced ticket costs for balcony seating to \$5, hoping to improve slipping attendance.

Other schools are concerned about rising travel costs for teams, alumni, bands, and fans during the 65-team tournament.

In 2002, the NCAA adopted a system designed to keep schools as close to home as possible, by ending the practice of having an entire eight-team section of the bracket play in one place.

But last year, George Mason and Winthrop went to Denver, and Boise State wound up playing in Birmingham, Ala.

"The bracketing principles are designed to place teams as geographically close to their home city as possible, and we certainly understand the economic times," Slive said. "But I don't think we're going to violate those principles."

Selection committee members consider each team's individual résumé, regardless of conference affiliation. They use computer-generated rankings, nonconference strength of schedule ratings, head-to-head results, injuries, how teams fared in their final 12 games, and even consider teams they've seen play.

They also can use a computer program to determine how many miles each school would travel.

It's a program the committee has used since 2002, and while it can sometimes help the committee decide whether to send a team to, say, Birmingham or Denver, Slive insists travel expenses will not play a more significant role in seeding and bracketing than they have in the past.

That leaves the committee back with its more customary debate about who's in and who's out.

One question Slive anticipates being asked between

now and selection Sunday, March 15, is how many teams can be chosen from one conference.

There is no limit, meaning the Big East, Big Ten, and Atlantic Coast conferences, which have a combined 16 teams in this week's Top 25, could have a huge presence in March.

"It's a good time to remind people that each team is chosen based on its own merit and being in a particular conference does not help or hurt your chances of making the tournament," he said. "It's the committee's job to pick the best of the best."

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# Tejada charged with lying to Congress

By DEVLIN BARRETT  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — All-Star shortstop Miguel Tejada has been charged with lying to Congress about an ex-teammate's use of steroids, the latest baseball player to get caught in a web of cheating and juicing that has stained the sport.

Tejada is expected to plead guilty in court Wednesday. The charges against him were outlined in documents filed Tuesday in federal court in Washington.

The teammate is not identified in court documents, but he is referred to as having played with Tejada on the Oakland Athletics. Tejada won the 2002 American League Most Valuable Player award while playing for the Athletics and is a five-time All-Star. He now plays for the Houston Astros.

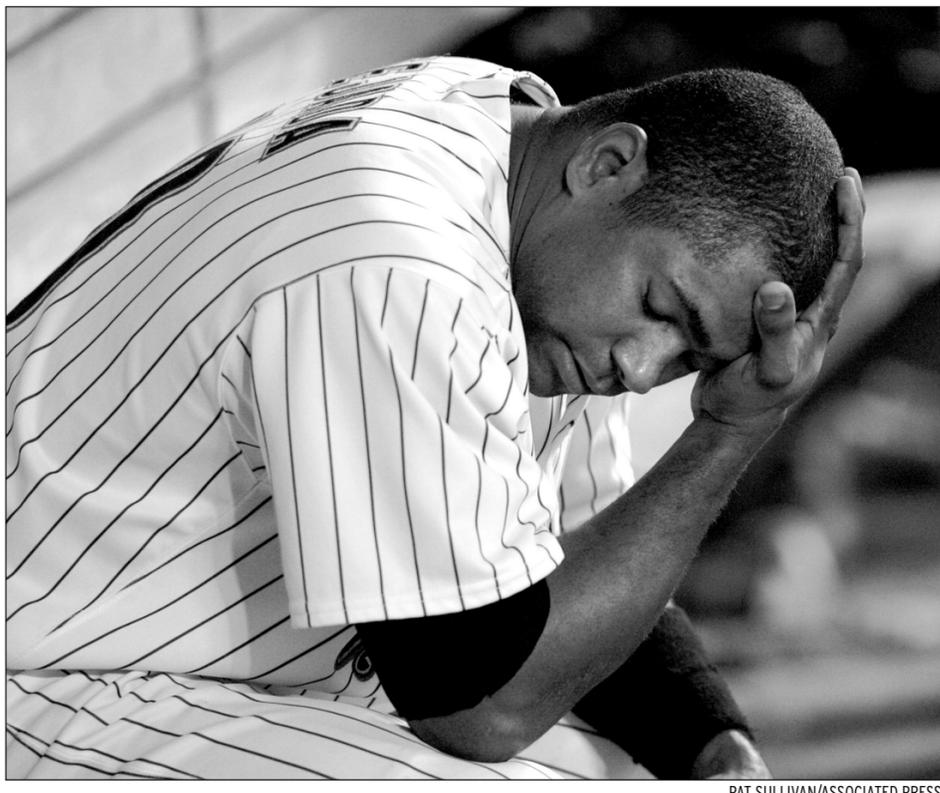
The documents indicate that a plea agreement has been reached with Tejada. The court papers were filed a day after superstar Alex Rodriguez acknowledged past use of performance-enhancing drugs. The New York Yankees third baseman does not face charges.

The FBI also is investigating whether Roger Clemens, a seven-time Cy Young winner, lied to Congress last year when he denied using steroids or human growth hormone. Clemens and Rodriguez top a list of big name, drug-tainted stars, including Barry Bonds, Mark McGwire, and Jose Canseco, whose actions cast doubt on their on-field accomplishments.

Tejada faces as much as a year in jail if convicted on the misdemeanor charge of making misrepresentations to Congress. Under federal guidelines, he would probably receive a lighter sentence.

The charge came in a legal document called a "criminal information," which only can be filed with the defendant's consent and typically signals a plea deal. A hearing is scheduled for 11 a.m. EST today in Washington, and Tejada and his lawyer plan to hold a news conference later in the day in Houston.

Messages left for his attorney, Mark Tuohy, were not immediately returned.



Houston's Miguel Tejada sits in the dugout after flying out in the ninth inning of the Astros' 4-1 loss to the Los Angeles Dodgers in Houston on July 2, 2008. The All-Star shortstop has been charged with lying to Congress about steroids. Tejada is scheduled to appear in court today, where he is expected to plead guilty.

In the documents filed Tuesday, Tejada is charged with lying to investigators for the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform in 2005. Congressional staffers did not place Tejada under oath when they questioned him, but they advised him "of the importance of providing truthful answers," according to the court papers.

During the interview, Tejada denied knowledge of an ex-teammate's use of performance-enhancing drugs.

Tejada "unlawfully withheld pertinent information from the committee because defendant Tejada, before and during his interview with the committee staff, then and there well knew that player 1, one of his teammates on the Oakland Athletics, had used steroids and HGH," the papers state.

Former Rep. Tom Davis, a Virginia Republican who chaired the committee in 2005, said he

believed Tejada lied. "It just shows that when you do something illegal like this, that you pay a price," Davis said in an interview with the Associated Press.

The court papers filed by Assistant U.S. Attorney Steven Durham charge that during spring training in 2003, Tejada had purchased a substance believed to be HGH from the player, giving him payments of \$3,100 and \$3,200.

In the Mitchell Report, which examined steroid use in baseball, Oakland outfielder Adam Piatt is cited saying he discussed steroid use with Tejada and having provided Tejada with testosterone and human growth hormone.

The Mitchell Report, issued in December 2007, also included copies of checks allegedly written by Tejada to Piatt in March 2003 for \$3,100 and \$3,200 — the same payment amounts in Tuesday's court filing.

Tejada came under scrutiny

after another ex-teammate, Baltimore Orioles' Rafael Palmeiro, testified before the House committee.

In January 2008, the House panel asked the Justice Department to investigate whether Tejada lied to committee investigators when he was interviewed in connection with the Palmeiro steroids case.

When that same House panel held a hearing in March 2005, Palmeiro jabbed a finger at lawmakers and declared: "I have never used steroids, period." Palmeiro was suspended by baseball later that year after testing positive for a steroid.

# Hawks need road victory

**BASKETBALL**  
CONTINUED FROM 1B

Lickliter will need Cole and Tate — who played 13 minutes against Northwestern on Feb. 7 in his first action since injuring his ankle — to play well tonight against a Wisconsin frontline featuring three players over 6-7 who average a combined 30 points per game.

The second-year head coach said Tate's ankle "responded well" to playing against Northwestern, and the coaching staff will "increase [Tate's] minutes if he does his job."

Regardless of how much Tate is able to contribute this evening against Wisconsin, Lickliter knows a win tonight, like in every other road contest, will not come easily.

"It is going to be a terrific challenge, and we have to love challenges," he said.



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**Iowa sophomore forward Jarryd Cole tries to pass during the Hawkeyes' game against Northwestern on Feb. 7 in Carver-Hawkeye. The Hawkeyes would like to continue their winning ways this evening against Wisconsin in Madison.**

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**NOTEBOOK**  
CONTINUED FROM 1B

"The loss to Minnesota puts added emphasis on every game that we play now," Bluder said. "There's not a lot of breathing room. Every game is very important to us."

Not only would a win have improved Iowa's NCAA Tournament chances, it also would've put the Hawkeyes in the top-five of the conference. The top five seeds get a first-round bye in the conference tournament, while all remaining seeds have

to play an extra game.

"It's big time, right now it's between us and Indiana," Iowa sophomore guard Kachine Alexander. "They have a tough schedule coming up. We have to do what we can do, and hopefully, we can move ahead of them."

### You can never go home

The Minnesota game was a disappointing homecoming for a trio of Hawkeyes. Guard Kachine Alexander (Minneapolis), guard Kamille Wahlin (Crookston), and forward Hannah Draxten (Fergus Falls) all

hail from the Land of 10,000 Lakes.

Around 300-400 Hawkeye fans were in attendance Sunday, including large contingents from Wahlin and Draxten's hometowns.

"It was a lot of fun. I got to see a lot of faces I haven't seen in a while," Wahlin said. "It was definitely an important game, one that we needed. We just let it slip away."

### Hamlin update

Junior forward JoAnn Hamlin has missed the Hawkeyes'

last five games after spraining her ankle in practice. Bluder said she hopes to have Hamlin suited up Thursday night against No. 18 Ohio State at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

"[Tuesday] she's going to do shooting drills and individual workout drills," Bluder said. "Now, that's a long ways to go from [those drills] to five-on-five competition in 48 hours. But it's a step in the right direction."

"If we can get her dressed and backing up Megan for a few minutes, that would be a tremendous step."

# Cocaptains lead by example

**TENNIS**  
CONTINUED FROM 1B

Considered a senior academically but a junior in eligibility, Barnes is in her second season of captaincy, and she has enjoyed being a Hawkeye. She is the next woman in if a teammate were to go down with an injury. This is the same case for Beelen, who would likely be seeing court time if it weren't for ankle surgery followed by an abdominal strain. From a distance, both fulfill their roles as team captains, encouraging teammates during meets.

"I try to stay positive and tell myself that things happen for a

reason," Beelen said. "But to tell you the truth, it really stinks. This is my senior year, and I want to play, not just for me, but also for my teammates and coaches."

"It's hard, but you have to realize that being part of a team is more than being in the lineup," Barnes said. "It's more of being there for you teammates when they need your, always being ready to step in and play."

Iowa head coach Daryl Greenan was happy with his players' choices of captains because of what each of them brings to the team besides their experience.

"I was perfectly fine with that," he said. "Jen is very mature. She has excellent

grades, she's a hard worker, and she's a good voice of reason among the women, and they respect her for that."

"I think they look up to Merel because she's a senior, and she's been here so long. She's played a lot of matches, but not as many as she should have because she has struggled a bit with injuries."

Both Barnes and Beelen take their roles seriously. Barnes, who is also a member of the Iowa Student Athlete Advisory Committee, interprets her role as being a link between the coach and the team. Beelen, agrees, adding the most important thing is communication.

"It's nice to know that people

are willing to listen to you and trust you with the responsibility," Beelen said.

The captains may have different stories, but they are driven by their common love for tennis. Barnes loves the thrill of competition, while Beelen finds herself impatiently waiting for the clock to strike 6 a.m., so that practice can officially start.

Neither one knows for sure what the future will bring, but Barnes speaks for the both of them, saying that life without tennis is unimaginable.

"You can always get better at tennis, and you can play it all your life," Barnes said.

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# Old dog takes best in show

By BEN WALKER  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — This old dog taught Westminster a new trick.

At 10, a Sussex spaniel called Stump became the oldest best in show winner at America's top canine competition, coming out of retirement last week and taking the big prize Tuesday night.

"He hasn't slowed down a bit," expert handler Scott Sommer said. "I thought it would be fun."

A nearly full crowd at Madison Square Garden cheered loudly when judge Sari Tietjen pointed to the new champion at the Westminster Kennel Club. Perhaps the fans knew Stump's backstory — he left the show ring in 2004 and later nearly died from a mysterious medical condition. The vets at Texas A&M saved him.

"It was miraculous," Sommer said.

Then again, maybe folks just liked rooting for the old guy. In human years, he's almost 70.

Sommer said Sussex spaniels can live to be 15. Never before had a dog from this breed won the show. The previous oldest winner was an 8-year-old Papillon in 1999.

With floppy ears and a slow gait, the golden-red Stump beat out a sparkling final field. Sommer guided him past a giant schnauzer that was the nation's top show dog, a favored Brussels griffon, a Scottish deerhound named Tiger Woods, a standard poodle with 94 best in show wins, a Scottish terrier and a puli.

After he won, Stump showed off his one trick: He got up on his hinds, as if he was begging. He didn't have to, he was already No. 1.

Nearly 2,500 dogs were entered at Westminster. Last year's champion, a beagle named Uno, was perhaps the most popular winner ever.

But with a bounce in his step, Stump is sure to win over plen-



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**TOP: Wild Fire on the Rocks, a papillon, is inspected by judge W. Everett Dean Jr. (right) during the 133rd-annual Westminster Kennel Club dog show on Tuesday at Madison Square Garden in New York.**

**BOTTOM: Douge de Bordeaux competes in the ring during the 133rd-annual Westminster Kennel Club dog show Tuesday at Madison Square Garden in New York.**

ty of people while he reigns for a year and gets extra playtime with his green Grinch toy.

"He really is retired this time," Sommer said.

Stump won the sporting group at Westminster in 2004, then went into retirement. Soon after, he nearly wasted away and spent 19 days in a pet hospital.

"It was very traumatic," Sommer said.

Once he recovered, Stump mostly spent his days hanging

out with Sommer, living a dog's life. That was more than fine with Sommer. He'd handled a great Bichon Frise called J.R. to the best in show at Westminster in 2001, and wasn't looking for Stump to try again.

Besides, Stump had two sons to take care of, named Root and Forest.

Then five days before this show, Sommer thought Stump might enjoy one last walk on the green carpet at the Garden. And

what a walk it was — his 51st best in show victory overall.

Stump began by winning the best of breed, then took best in group.

"Can you believe that?" said New York Yankees president Randy Levine, a regular at this event.

There was more in store, too. Stump lives with J.R. at Sommer's home in Houston, and may've gotten some advice.

"J.R. must've told him this morning, 'Keep up the family name,'" Sommer said.

This was the 133rd edition of Westminster and the dogs came in 170 breeds and varieties. Among them was Domino.

Asleep in his crate, Domino looked like the most peaceful, innocent pooch on the planet.

Ha! Just wait, handler Paul Clas cackled.

These Portuguese water dogs can cause all sorts of mischief, he said. And if President Barack Obama really does decide make one the First Dog, look out.

"They'll bring comedy to the White House. Interesting things would happen," Clas said earlier Tuesday. "I think it would be hilarious."

Pacifying this active breed — among the two the Obamas are considering — isn't always easy, even with a big yard and a big staff. It sometimes takes an extra treat.

"Obama may not take bribes, but his Portuguese water dog would," Clas said.

Clas wouldn't mind having one as a neighbor — he lives in Thurmont, Md., near the presidential retreat of Camp David.

Obama said his family had narrowed the choices to a "Porti" or a Labradoodle, a designer mix of a Labrador retriever and a poodle.

The president has said he is ready to begin visiting shelters with wife Michelle and daughters Sasha and Malia. A main consideration is a dog that is hypoallergenic.

# No. 9 Michigan State beats Michigan

By LARRY LAGE  
Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Delvon Roe is starting to make Tom Izzo's prediction come true.

Roe scored 11 of his season-high 14 points in the first half and finished one short of his career best with 10 rebounds, helping No. 9 Michigan State earn a cushion that paved the way for a 54-42 win over Michigan on Tuesday night.

Before the season, Izzo said it would take a few months for Roe to regain the form that made the Ohioan a highly touted recruit before he had surgery on both knees.

The freshman scored in double digits in consecutive games against weak opponents in December, then went 11 straight games with six or fewer points. Then, the 6-foot-8 forward averaged nearly eight points in the three previous

games before breaking out against Michigan.

"I'm not back yet, but I'm getting closer," Roe said. "I want to do this on a consistent basis, not just one night."

When Roe's offense cooled in the second half because he didn't get the ball much and shot just two times, Kalin Lucas made up for it with 13 of his 15 points after halftime.

"It was key for us to get him the ball early because we knew they didn't have any shot-blockers," Lucas said. "I saw him before his first knee surgery in high school and people are starting to really see what he can do."

The Spartans (20-4, 10-2 Big Ten) have won three straight to open a 2½-game lead over Illinois and Ohio State, moving closer to their first conference championship since 2001.

What would it mean to Izzo to end the drought?

"It would get guys like you off my back," Izzo said to a reporter. "Believe me, we have a lot of games left and some tough ones, but this was a big step."

The Wolverines (15-10, 5-7) have to finish the strong to play in the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1998. They've lost seven of their last nine after building confidence with wins over Duke, UCLA and Illinois.

Michigan's Manny Harris said Tuesday's matchup was a must-win game before it was played and stuck by his statement.

"But it's not over," he said. "We still have enough games to make a push."

The Wolverines, who are 1-6 as an away team, will have to dramatically improve on the road to avoid being relegated to the NIT because they're set to travel in four of their last six games.

"Obviously, I want to speed up this learning curve," coach John Beilein said.

Michigan, which trailed its rival by eight at halftime and 12 early in the second half, pulled within four with 4:48 left but couldn't get closer.

"We just couldn't get over the hump," said DeShawn Sims, who scored 18 for the Wolverines.

The Wolverines couldn't because Travis Walton, with some help from his friends, shut down Harris.

He had just two points in the first half and finished with seven on 2-of-10 shooting after entering as the Big Ten's second-leading scorer.

"A lot of it had to do with their defense," Harris acknowledged. "They were really tough."

Michigan State held its third straight opponent to fewer than 50 points for the first time since the 1951-52 season.

## NFL

### Parcells' escape clause with Dolphins expanded

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — Bill Parcells' escape clause with the Miami Dolphins was expanded before the sale of the team was completed last month, and he can now leave at any time and collect the balance of the \$12 million due him under a four-year contract.

The contract Parcells signed a year ago gave him a 30-day window to depart with full pay if the team was sold. Outgoing owner Wayne Huizenga said Tuesday he removed the window before completing the sale of the team Jan. 20 to Stephen Ross.

"It was the right thing to do," Huizenga said. "It was good for Bill. It was good for Steve. It was good for the Dolphins."

"We want to see Bill stay. He's good for the Dolphins. Bill now has no reason to leave. He's not forced to make a decision in a short period of time. He'll have plenty of time to stay as long as he wants to stay."

Parcells has said he plans to remain as executive vice president of football operations through at least the 2009 season.

The expansion of Parcells' escape clause was first reported by ESPN. In the first season under Parcells, Miami won the AFC East and went 11-6 after going 1-15 in 2007.

### Aikman getting college degree 20 years later

DALLAS (AP) — Troy Aikman's passing days didn't end when he retired from the Dallas Cowboys.

The Hall of Fame quarterback says he's passed his two final college courses and will graduate in June from UCLA — 20 years after he left for the NFL.

The Dallas Morning News reported Tuesday that Aikman will get a bachelor's degree in sociology and will participate in UCLA's graduation ceremonies.

The 42-year-old Fox Sports broadcaster says he's "finally taking care of unfinished business."

Aikman says he promised his mother, when he left school just two courses shy of a degree, that he would return and finish.

Aikman's final two courses included a class on ethnicity and another on aging. He earned an "A" for both.

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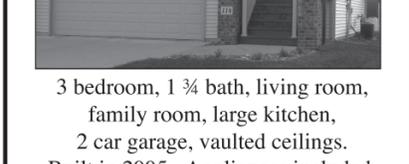
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