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Locals applaud Obama speech

UI students and professors laud President Obama for his optimistic speech.

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President Obama on Tuesday stressed to members of Congress and the American people that the solution to the nation's many economic

challenges lies within reach — something two UI faculty members say brought a positive tone to the president's address, his first to a joint session of Congress.

Calling on Americans to "confront boldly the chal-

lenges we face," Obama framed a slew of topics ranging from the economic pitfalls to health-care concerns in his 52-minute speech.

"He's taking the problem very seriously," said UI College of Business Associate Dean Charles Whiteman, who noted that he believes Obama showed his plans carry real possibility. "It was being addressed in a very

forceful and forthright way."

But the speech was very positive — certainly an decision by Obama to boost the people's spirits, Whiteman said.

Whiteman, also a professor of economics, said he was delighted with how Obama emphasized the importance of getting funds flowing in the stimulus package — which he called not simply another bank-bailout plan.

Obama's speech was heavily weighted toward the credit crunch, which, Whiteman said, he was surprised about even in the time of economic crisis.

"It was a little wonkish," he said, but added the credit discussion may have been given a disproportional weight.



Obama
president

SEE OBAMA, 5A

Haute cuisine for a cause

Longtime friends and local chefs donate their time and talent to a March of Dimes fundraiser Tuesday at Vesta.

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Armed with all different types of citrus — blood oranges, limes, and lemons — three local chefs showcased on Tuesday their special ingredient in a medley of dishes, including orange-flavored chocolate cake and key-lime marinated shrimp and crab.

The event was part of a \$4,000 package auctioned off at an annual March of Dimes Signature Chefs Auction in November 2008. The auction raised more than \$130,000 during that fundraiser, which has been held every year since 1989.

Tuesday's dinner was a quasi-Iron-Chef competition among three local restaurant chefs and good friends — James Adrian from Atlas World Grill, Tracy Tanning from Blackstone, and Seth Hershey from Vesta.

They served nine courses to a group of around 20 locals, donating their time and talent to the effort.

Tanning has been involved with the March of Dimes — an organization dedicated to babies' health — as chef chairman since the beginning of the Signature Chefs Auction. His active participation prompted the other chefs to get involved.

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ON THE WEB

 Check out a photo slide show of Tuesday's March of Dimes cook-off at dailyiowan.com.

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James Adrian, the head chef and co-owner of the Atlas World Grill, creates spun sugar at Vesta in Coralville on Tuesday. With Adrian was Tracy Tanning of Blackstone, Seth Hershey of Vesta, and a crew of Vesta cooks, who worked together during their Iron-Chef-like competition.

Ethics system little used

UI officials are spending upwards of \$7,000 each year to maintain a little-known program.

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A UI system that allows students, staff, and faculty to anonymously report policy violations remains relatively unknown to portions of the university population it's meant to serve.

The UI adopted the system, called EthicsPoint, four years ago to provide an avenue for individuals to report ethics and policy violations without being identified, said Todd Stewart, the director of internal audit for the state Board of Regents.

In the years since the program was initiated, Stewart said the UI has only had 15 to 20 reports of policy violations.

"I guess it's a good thing we don't get a lot of activity," he said. But getting the word out about the program is still a priority — to staff and faculty, at least.

Though the UI's EthicsPoint homepage states the service is intended for students, as well as faculty and staff, Stewart said he was not positive the system is available to students.

Other Iowa universities, including Iowa State University, also employ the program.

ISU launched EthicsPoint two months before the UI, in August 2005. Since its installation, the program has been uti-

SEE HONESTY, 5A

Delving into the assassination of Abraham Lincoln

An area doctor details Lincoln's assassination and says modern medicine could not have saved him.

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When it comes to the death of former President Abraham Lincoln, Cedar Rapids doctor Blaine Houmes takes a special interest.

And on Tuesday at the UI Main Library, the emergency-room physician discussed the famed president's death. Even by today's medical standards, he said, Lincoln's life could not have been saved.

For those less familiar with the assassination, actor John Wilkes Booth — angered by the Confederacy's Civil War loss —

shot and killed Lincoln on April 14, 1865, at the Ford Theatre after sneaking into the president's box.

If Booth's bullet fully penetrated Lincoln's brain, death would be certain, Houmes said. However, the final resting place of the deadly bullet may never be known.

Doctors labored to revive Lincoln that night.

Charles Leale, a Union Army surgeon, was the first man to try to resuscitate Lincoln. He had a lot of knowledge regarding gunshot wounds, and it's believed he performed an early version of CPR.

"Charles Leale almost saved Lincoln's life," Houmes said on

In Lincoln's words

"My parents were both born in Virginia, of undistinguished families — second families, perhaps I should say. My mother, who died in my 10th year, was of a family of the name of Hanks ... My father ... removed from Kentucky to ... Indiana, in my 8th year ... It was a wild region, with many bears and other wild animals still in the woods. There I grew up ... Of course when I came of age, I did not know much. Still somehow, I could read, write, and cipher ... but that was all."

Source: whitehouse.gov

Tuesday. "He originally thought Lincoln had been stabbed."

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Area doctor Blaine Houmes displays slides relating to the assassination of former President Abraham Lincoln in the Main Library on Tuesday. Houmes discussed numerous points relating to the assassination and conspiracy theories.



Sales tax to go on ballot

Iowa City puts a local-option sales tax on a ballot for 'high-ticket' flood relief, Mayor Regenia Bailey said.

By **AMANDA MCCLURE**
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After weeks of debate, the Iowa City City Council approved the language for a 1-cent sales-tax increase to be placed on May 5 special-election ballot.

"It's important that people know there's no way we can fund these three projects without the sales tax," City Councilor Connie Champion said at a meeting Tuesday. "Flood relief is vital to our community, and this is our best resource."

The wording — that the money would be used for "remediation, repair, and pro-

tection of flood-impacted public infrastructure" — passed unanimously. Pending voter approval, the tax would take effect July 1.

The 1-cent increase is part of a statewide effort to aid flood-affected counties. If passed, sales tax in Iowa City would become 7 percent for the next five years; it could potentially generate an estimated \$45 million.

But some councilors were concerned the language was too specific and would not allow for movement when determining projects for the potential funds.

"I'm disappointed we're not

allowing flexibility to purchase flood-damaged homes," Councilor Amy Correia said.

Councilor Matt Hayek noted the council's use of the possible money is not for random projects but for city flood relief.

"It's limited in its scope. If it passes, it will be limited to flood relief," he said. "What we're proposing is consistent with the intentions of the state Legislature and will benefit all of our residents."

Johnson County Republicans member Deborah Thornton asked councilors to reconsider the nonpartisan tax increase.

"Flood mitigation is admirable, but the city and the county need to do what the rest of us are doing," Thornton said. "We're tightening our belts and eating Mac and Cheese to save costs."

Iowa City officials expect to

use the money to elevate Dubuque Street, reconstruct the Park Road bridge, and relocate the North Waste Water Treatment Plant — projects estimated at \$84 million.

"As we know, Dubuque Street is one of the first places that floods," said Bailey, who recently went to Washington, D.C., to lobby for extra funds. "Fixing these projects will benefit our community members, the university, and all those who visit Iowa City."

The council's decision to move forward with the measure means other towns in the county will now be able to put the 1-cent increase on their ballots. Because Iowa City has more than 50 percent of Johnson County's population, it is the first jurisdiction in the county allowed to put the sales tax on the ballot.

School plan sparks dissent

Iowa City community members express frustration Tuesday.

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Frustration and confusion swept over the standing-room only crowd of community members during discussion Tuesday about what to do about Roosevelt Elementary.

The Iowa City School Board was met with strong opposition to its strategic facilities-improvement plan, which includes the possibility of relocating Roosevelt.

The board's plan doesn't set a final decision, but it gives the members a "working document" they can review annually, board member Gayle Klouda said.

"We are not saying by accepting the plan that we agree with the Roosevelt recommendation or any others in it," she said.

District officials have garnered a lot of opposition since the presentation of the plan, which is a long-term proposal

for development. The plan is composed of projects expected to individually cost more than \$50,000 and set to be funded by money from the district's school-infrastructure local-option sales tax.

Included in the plan is a proposal to build a new Roosevelt Elementary at the Crossings, a residential development near West High.

This move would affect where some students go to school by changing enrollment boundaries for Roosevelt, Horn, Kirkwood, and Weber children.

The plan would also build an addition to Horn Elementary, because its population would increase from 280 to 400 if Roosevelt were moved.

Those attending the meeting said the plan seems rushed; board members want to make a decision by March 24. Some think they won't elicit enough community opinion.

"We have yet as a neighborhood to meet with anyone about our needs," said Mary Knudson-Dion, who lives near Roosevelt. "For it to be a month away is so fast. We ask to postpone this and consider progressive thinking for this plan."

A majority of the crowd members wore stickers on their chests that read, "We love our neighborhood schools."

Ruth Baker, who passed out the stickers, said she wanted to ensure the board knew there was a lot of opposition to the plan.

While the board discussed the matter until almost 9 p.m., iterating that nothing is permanent yet, shouts and grumbling came from the restless crowd.

"Let the people speak," one crowd member yelled. Another person screamed, "You're ignoring us."

Board President Toni Cilek said she was frustrated that people thought the board didn't want community feedback — which was met with more dis-

gruntled yells from the crowd. Jennifer Kardos, a member of the Morningside-Wendale Neighborhood Association of parents from Hoover, Longfellow, and Mann Elementaries, thought the board's approach to the plan without community input was odd.

"When I compare [the plan] with other opportunities that I have had to engage in conversation with public officials, there were a series of meetings that involved the public before there was a plan adopted," she said.

Anne Bendixen, a Roosevelt parent, told the board although she hasn't been satisfied with Roosevelt, she blamed the district's neglect toward the school as the reason for its problems.

"I want you to acknowledge the district's decisions led to this decline," she said. "We have a chance to again make Roosevelt a school that we can be proud of."

Officials will hold two public forums on March 2 and March 7 about the Roosevelt issue.

METRO

Coralville city tax to stay the same

City tax rates for Coralville residents will not increase after the City Council approved its fiscal 2010 budget at its Tuesday meeting.

Finance officer Terry Kaeding said

the tax rate for Coralville citizens — determined by the city — will remain \$13.42 per \$1,000 of property value.

Rex Brandstatter, an Iowa City and Coralville real-estate agent, said he was impressed with the decision.

"I think [it's] rather amazing considering everything the city has been through in the past year," he said.

"We had more than we bargained for."

State property taxes based on assessed values will increase by \$20.16 for an \$100,000 home. While residential property owners paid 44 percent of their assessed value for fiscal 2009, they will pay 45.6 percent in fiscal 2010.

The council also approved the bal-

lot for the local-option sales tax, stressing the money will go solely to flood-reconstruction efforts.

"We certainly don't want it to be an ongoing forever tax, but we certainly want the bang for our buck," Councilor John Weihe said.

— by **Kassie Friedrichs**

STATE

Gazette Co. announces restructuring

CEDAR RAPIDS (AP) — The Gazette Co., which includes Gazette Communications, the Gazette newspaper, and KCRG-TV, announced Tuesday that it is eliminating around 100 jobs as part of a companywide reorganization.

In a news release, CEO Chuck Peters said the restructuring has been in the works for two years but changes were needed after last summer's flood and the current economic crisis. He said many of the company's advertisers have been affected, and he cited increased newspaper costs.

The reduction will occur across the company, but the company said it will continue to pursue new business opportunities and continue to provide comprehensive local information.

"The actions we are taking are designed to allow us to pursue these new opportunities to serve our communities while adjusting to current fiscal realities," Peters said.

In a separate blog, Gazette Editor Steve Buttry said he laid off 13 people Tuesday.

The news release indicated that Buttry will now be responsible for leading all information content creation for all products and services of Gazette Communications, including print, online and mobile.

The company also announced that Lyle Muller, a senior editor in charge of the Gazette's Iowa City office, was promoted to editor of the newspaper.

The company employed 600 people at the time of last year's flooding. Peters said after the reductions, it will employ approximately 500.

Coyote forces Cedar Falls students inside

CEDAR FALLS (AP) — A coyote hanging out on the playground forced a Cedar Falls elementary school to keep students inside.

Students at Hansen Elementary School were kept inside for their morning recess on Monday after the coyote was spotted under on school grounds.

Principal Tony Reid says he was told by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources that the animal would be afraid of the students and not approach them.

Students were allowed outside later in the day with increased supervision.

Police say the city has had a number of coyote reports since early January. Recent reports have involved a female coyote.

Police say they're looking at options for dealing with the animal, including trapping it and releasing it away from the city.

Iowa Senate approves school funding bill

DES MOINES (AP) — The Iowa Senate has approved a 2 percent increase in state funding for local schools. That amounts to about \$60 million in new money for local school districts in Iowa.

Supporters say the increase was the best the state could do in tough economic times. Opponents say it was too much.

The Senate approved the measure Tuesday on a 32-18 party-line vote, with Democrats in favor and Republicans opposed.

The additional state money would be for the 2010-2011 school year. The Legislature sets basic state aid to local schools a year in advance to give school officials the opportunity to plan.

The House will likely deal with the issue later this week.

Man's body found in Boone County

RIDGEPORT, Iowa (AP) — Authorities say a man's body has been found in a wooded area in Boone County.

Authorities say the body was found about 6 p.m. Monday by two men who were searching for deer antlers north of Ridgeport. A police report says it's unclear how long the body had been in the woods.

The man's name wasn't immediately released.

The body was taken to the state medical examiner's office in Ankeny, where an autopsy will be performed.

SE Iowa man dies when tree falls

BURLINGTON (AP) — A southeast Iowa man has died after part of a tree that he was cutting down fell on top of him.

Officials with the Des Moines County sheriff's office say 53-year-old Edward Menke, of West Point, was cutting down a dead tree in rural Des Moines County on Sunday when the accident happened.

Officials say Menke's son called them about 9 p.m. reporting that his father hadn't been seen since 3 p.m. that day.

Deputies say Menke was pronounced dead at the scene.

Human Services opted not to act on bunkhouse

DES MOINES (AP) — The state Department of Human Services acknowledged Tuesday that it had twice looked into the treatment of mentally disabled men from Texas who were housed for decades in a battered house in eastern Iowa and worked at a meat-packing plant.

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Marshalltown man claims \$1 million prize

DES MOINES (AP) — A Marshalltown cafeteria worker has stepped forward to claim \$1 million he won playing Powerball.

Iowa Lottery officials say 48-year-old Ricky Rushton claimed the prize Tuesday after checking his ticket at a convenience store, three days after all of his numbers except the Powerball number matched Saturday's drawing.

Rushton, who works the overnight shift in the cafeteria at Swift & Co. in Marshalltown, chose an option on the ticket that bumped the standard \$200,000 prize for that match to \$1 million. After taxes, Rushton will take home \$700,000.

Rushton, who lives in an apartment with his family, says he wants

to be debt-free and buy his family a house.

Group says Iowa lawmaker too close to hog industry

DES MOINES (AP) — A citizen's group filed an ethics complaint Tuesday against a northern Iowa legislator who heads the House Agriculture Committee, claiming she was unfairly influenced by her close ties to the hog industry.

The complaint by Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement contends that Ottosen Rep. Dolores Mertz's sons own a 4,000-head confinement hog operation in southern Kossuth County. The group said that connection has left Mertz unable to fairly oversee the Agriculture Committee.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Samuel Allen, 22, 1313 Marcy St., was charged Feb. 20 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Brian Beranek, 30, West Liberty, was charged Tuesday with OWI.

Rickey Brown, 47, Wapello, Iowa, was charged Feb. 21 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Clifton Carter, 20, 2401 Highway 6

Apt. 4012, was charged Feb. 20 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Nicholas Grbich, 20, 327 E. College St. Apt. 1711, was charged Feb. 13 with keeping a disorderly house.

Thomas Heath, 27, 1833 Lakeside Drive, was charged Tuesday with OWI.

Harold Howard, 51, 224 S. Lucas St.

Apt. 9, was charged Monday with public intoxication.

Jermaine Jones, 30, 1100 Arthur St. Apt. C1, was charged Monday with interference with officials acts and possession of cocaine.

Ryan Kotars, 20, 237 E. College St. Apt. 1711, was charged Feb. 13 with keeping a disorderly house.

Nicholas Morrone, 20, 327 E. College St. Apt. 1711, was charged Feb. 13 with keeping a disorderly house.

Albert Tew, 21, 327 E. College St. Apt. 1711, was charged Feb. 13 with keeping a disorderly house.

Aushima Thakur, 26, 1014 Oakcrest St. Apt. 5, was charged Monday with criminal trespass.

'Transparency' the word of the day

City Council pledges transparency for spending stimulus dollars.

By **AMANDA McCLURE**
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As Iowa City officials prepare to allocate funds from the federal economic-stimulus plan, they aren't worried about the transparency of their actions.

President Obama has told officials across the country that he would use his full power to "expose and crack down on them" if they misuse funds from the \$787 billion stimulus package.

Iowa City Mayor Regenia Bailey said the council works through every public outlet possible to make sure Iowa City residents are informed about the council's actions. This includes holding open meetings and giving access to city records.

"We've always been transparent about our budget. I can't imagine circumstances where we would go off script," she said. "It's got to be regular spending to a certain degree. It's silly to alter our plans just because there is a lot of funding coming in."

Iowa is set to receive roughly \$1.9 billion from the stimulus package.

Though state officials have allocated funds to programs and cities, the exact amount Iowa City will receive is still being discussed.

The city maintains a three-year capital-improvements plan, and when stimulus funds become available certain projects may be accelerated, Bailey said.

Councilor Mike O'Donnell said the council will always



ROBIN SVEC/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa City Mayor Regenia Bailey (center) presides over an Iowa City City Council meeting in City Hall on Tuesday night. President Obama recently advised officials across the country to be transparent about how they spend funds from the economic-stimulus package.

remain open and clear.

"I don't think we have to make any extra efforts to do that," he said. "This council takes extra steps to make sure that openness is business as usual."

Bailey said one reason Obama may be concerned is due to non-transparent governments in other parts of the country — a problem she said Iowa doesn't have.

"I think in Iowa, we do have a generally transparent process and good dialogue with citizens about where the money is going," she said. "That may not be the case in other areas around the country."

Though government responsibilities vary from city to city, she said, the council is always working to keep Iowa City residents informed.

"We're not building any bridges to nowhere," she said. "We have an expectation in this city, and I think we uphold that."

After weeks of debate over benefits for Iowa City residents, the City Council held a

public hearing Tuesday before its decision to put a 1-cent local-option sales tax on a ballot.

"We've done all we can to make this clear and accurate for our community members," Councilor Mike Wright said. "At this point, it's up to the voters to approve the funds for flood relief."

Bailey noted the complexity of the stimulus package, as well as the fact that Iowa City residents on advisory boards provide public input when designing city projects.

"If citizens become aware of opportunities for funding that they don't think the city is doing, this is a time where coming forward would be helpful," she said.

O'Donnell said no matter what the council decides to spend stimulus dollars on, the needs of Iowa City residents are always considered the top priority.

"You get the money and try to get biggest bang for the buck for our community members," he said.

Officials hope for agreement on activity fees

UI administrators said they hope undergraduate and graduate student leaders can reach an agreement over their split.

By **MICHELE DANNO**
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Officials from the UI Student Government, the Executive Council of Graduate and Professional Students, and UI administrators agree on one thing: There needs to be an agreement over the student activity fees' allocation — and soon.

If not, officials are worried it could interfere with student organizations submitting their budgets to student leaders on March 14.

"[UISG President] Maison [Bleam] and I want to come to an agreement before the end of February, because we don't want to confuse organizations for which they submit budgets to," Executive Council President Steve Wieland said.

While Bleam didn't give a deadline for compromising, he said the groups' leaders are planning to meet this week.

Wieland said if no agreement is made by the end of February, he expects the UI administration to intervene.

The Executive Council unanimously passed a measure on Feb. 11 to withdraw from the Partnership of Student Governments at Iowa — a constitution that binds them

to UISG.

But UISG officials said last week that they would not recognize the withdrawal.

Now, the two groups must compromise in order to allocate the Student Activity Fee this spring.

The Executive Council wants its portion of the fees to go to graduate-student programs, Wieland said, but the current system favors the undergraduates.

Earlier this year, the UI administration placed the groups on professional mediation, hoping to force them to resolve the allocation issue.

But Bleam said he will not allow the administration to step in again.

"I believe that the students should be in charge of how the funds are handled," he said. "Because, at the end of the day, the students pay that mandatory fee."

Tom Rocklin, the interim vice president for Student Services, said the administration also wants the students to figure this out on their own.

"This is fundamentally a student-government matter, and it is not one for us to solve," he said. "Our goal is to have them work this out."

Executive Council adviser

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— Maison Bleam, UISG President

David Grady, the director of University Life Centers, said the administration wants to "provide tools" for the groups to reach an agreement.

"It's always better if the two parties can reach an agreement on their own," said Grady, also a former adviser for UISG. "But we have to make sure that student group's funding is not affected by this disagreement."

Bleam said his group would agree to splitting the fee — if it is handled by students.

"As long as students play the leading role and make the decisions of the split, then we are on board," he said. "But if we are going to have something mandated on us and the administration is going to intervene, then we are not on board with it."

NATION

Some colleges offering degrees in 3 years

Associated Press

Not much else seems to be helping keep down college costs, so maybe this will: a three-year college degree.

It's an idea that's never really caught on, at least in the United States, but it may be gaining traction with the economy in deep recession.

On Tuesday, Hartwick College, a liberal-arts school in Oneonta, N.Y., became perhaps the most high-profile school yet to announce it would offer a broad range of students the opportunity to finish a bachelor's degree in three years, saving a full year of tuition and fees (which run \$42,705 there this year).

It's probably not a solution to the national problem of surging college costs. Faculty may object and worry about standards. And at big public universities, it's already hard enough to get into all the classes you need. Sometimes students are lucky to get through in five years.

Still, the economic troubles

seem to have generated more buzz around the idea.

At the American Council on Education's annual meeting earlier this month, Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., and a former university president, pressed college presidents to offer three-year degrees. In Rhode Island, legislators are considering a bill that would create a standard set of college-level classes for high schools, so all students could have an opportunity to finish college in three years.

Three years is the norm for undergraduate degrees in Europe, and a handful of U.S. colleges offer variants of a three-year program, including Judson College in Alabama, Manchester College in Indiana, and Seattle University. Others, such as Bates College in Maine, offer highly qualified students some three-year options. And of course, at many schools, students with a large number of Advanced Placement credits may be able to graduate early.

Free UIHC parking ends

Increased expenses have killed complimentary parking for outpatients at the UI Hospital and Clinics.

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Elaine Andrews said she visits the UI Hospitals and Clinics every three months because she suffers difficult asthma problems.

The Lawler, Iowa, resident said parking for free has been a nice break financially. But now she must pay, and she fears the hourly fees will add up, especially because her hospital visits can last all day.

"It's probably going to hurt me really bad," the 47-year-old said.

Officials at the UIHC said Monday they will discontinue the complimentary parking program for outpatients on March 16 because of the economy's effect on the healthcare industry.

Increased hospital expenses and declining payments

from third-party payers, such as insurance companies, are two reasons the program will be terminated.

"We are very sorry that financial issues have forced us to take this step because we understand this change will have a direct impact upon our patients and visitors," said UIHC CEO Ken Kates in a statement.

The free parking began in 2002. UIHC spokesman Tom Moore said the hospital reimburses UI Parking and Transportation, which costs the hospital \$1.2 million every year.

Instead of free parking, clinic patients will be offered a reduced rate. The lower fee will charge patients 75 cents in the first hour and 90 cents for every hour after that. The regular rate charges 75 cents for the first hour and \$1.65 between one and two hours.

The daily rate for parking will be \$15 for all parking. UIHC officials said they will still offer valet parking for a \$10 fee.

Still, some people said they will be affected significantly when they start paying the hourly parking fee on top of their medical bills.

"It's just too much money to park a cotton-pickin' car so you can get health care," said Sharon Voss. "It's ridiculous."

Voss, a Tipton resident, said she brought her grandson into the hospital on Tuesday for a checkup because he recently had surgery.

And free parking may not be the only program slashed because of the economy. UIHC officials are reviewing all programs and services in order to reduce hospital expenses, Moore said.

UIHC officials are already in the process of contacting patients about the new change, he said. Outpatients can expect notification through letters, phone calls, and signs in the parking ramps.

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Support group targets new mothers

A new support group offers women the chance to talk about feelings they experience during motherhood.

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Mothers may not know it, but when dealing with newborn babies or young toddlers gets tough, there is somewhere to turn.

The UI Hospitals and Clinics is offering a new support group, Moms Supporting Moms, in which mothers with infants and toddlers can talk about the joys and struggles of motherhood.

"We see a lot of new moms who are pretty lonely and isolated after the birth," said Jessica Schultz, a UI doctoral student in counseling psychology. "While they're pregnant, they're very excited, and it's a very joyous time, but also it can be a really difficult time."

West Branch resident Jennie Embree said she thought the group was a good idea. Although she has not attended, she said she felt raising young children can be overwhelming at times.

"I think in our society, it can be looked down upon to say [motherhood] is difficult," the mother of three said. "I don't know if we think moth-

erhood is easy, but it's really hard."

Schultz and Jana Owczarzy, a social worker at the UI ob-gyn clinic, facilitate the group, which meets every second and fourth Tuesday at the UIHC. Mothers might discuss such topics as career changes, isolation, and relationships between partners.

One challenge many women encounter after having a baby is deciding whether to be a stay-at-home mother or to go back to work.

Both Schultz and Owczarzy agreed, and they said they've talked with women who found themselves in similar situations.

"Sometimes, women experience guilt when going back to work, or often there are mixed emotions surrounding that return to work or stay at home," Schultz said. "They each carry unique challenges with them."

Owczarzy said she felt the need to create the group after speaking with new mothers who wanted to talk. She said she felt there were not many outlets for women to express the anxieties and happiness of motherhood.

"We hear its kind of difficult to find someone to talk to," she said. "This is a venue where [mothers] can be honest."

The media often present images that focus on the positives of motherhood. This effect, sometimes, can keep women from talking about all the feelings they experience, officials said.

"I'm struck more and more in our society when you have a child and it's always going to be this really great thing — it's just going to be wonderful," Schultz said. "It's not too often that women are able to have an honest conversation."

Schultz works in the Women's Wellness and Counseling Service, where she helps treat pregnant women and new mothers who experience mood and anxiety disorders. Although the group is sponsored by the UIHC, mothers who don't use the hospital can still participate in the group.

"We are just trying to offer a safe and confidential environment and discuss both positive and negative experiences," Owczarzy said.

'We hear its kind of difficult to find someone to talk to, this is a venue where [mothers] can be honest.'

— Jana Owczarzy,
a facilitator of Moms Supporting Moms



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Jessica Schultz (left) and Jana Owczarzy stand in the UI Hospitals and Clinics on Tuesday. The two are the facilitators of Moms Supporting Moms.

Learning through drama

The Rape Victim Advocacy Program is planning on performing plays addressing a variety of issues this summer.

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UI students who may be bored with sitting through long, melodramatic plays the likes of Shakespeare will have an opportunity to be involved in a new type of theater, starting this summer.

Acting out stalking, homophobia, and sexual-assault scenarios will be part of a new venue UI students will perform in as part of the Iowa Student Interactive Theatre Experience, a new peer-education group.

The main goal of the program, which is sponsored by the UI Rape Victim Advocacy Program, is to educate students about the university's new sexual-misconduct policy.

"We want to teach people to intervene if they see a bad situation about to happen," RVAP Assistant Director Diane Funk said.

RVAP is now taking applications from students who want to act in the plays, which will be produced in residence halls and at various university events. Student actors — who need not have any prior acting experience — in the performances can receive credit for volunteer hours.

Throughout the plays, the audience will be encouraged to comment on what the actors are doing, RVAP forum theater coordinator Jamie Schlote said. An example that may occur during a



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Jamie Schlote, the Rape Victim Advocacy Program's forum theater coordinator, describes the program's plan to put on interactive plays about a variety of issues. The plays, which will be performed in residence halls and at various UI events, are intended to educate students about the UI's new sexual-misconduct policy.

performance could involve a woman drinking too much and then deciding whether she should go home with an eager stranger. The play will stop, and the facilitator will ask the audience what the woman should do.

Though many men may not be enthusiastic about playing the part of a potential rapist, Schlote encourages men to apply.

"I would love to have guys in it," she said.

A federal Flagship grant, which was awarded to the UI, Iowa State University, and the University of Northern Iowa last year, will fund the project, Funk said. The state Board of Regents signed off on the three universities receiving the grant, which is specifically designated for anti-violence issues. Iowa was one of only four states that received the grant.

Schlote got the idea for the forum theater while working as a facilitator on a similar project while she was going to school at the University of Central Missouri. She said she will probably be the facilitator for the program until a student capable of heading it is chosen.

With an interactive audience, a play may have a tendency to drag on if the audience is large and asks a lot of questions, Schlote said.

"The facilitator's job is to keep the play moving," she said.

Alyssa Clayden, a first-year UI social-work master's program student, hopes to act in the forum. She said she sees the performances as a good way to reach students, as opposed to learning the material in a classroom.

"To keep somebody's attention, you have to make it dramatic and active," she said.

Schlote is planning to start meeting with the student actors after spring break, and she hopes to start the performances in August.

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Obama strikes chord

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"It was not really the time for specifics," Whiteman said, and it is difficult for people to understand the complexity of many issues associated with the banking crisis.

Whiteman's only criticism was that Obama didn't offer more emphasis on what steps are being made next in regard to the stimulus package.

Political-science Associate Professor Tim Hagle agreed, saying he would have liked to see more direction as to what is next, but he understood the difficulty to do so in this type of speech.

In a joint-session speech, he pointed out, it is not unusual for the president's address to

became more geared toward the American people rather than members of Congress.

This may have been an effort for Obama to show a positive attitude exuded in his campaign, Hagle said.

"It was not as doom and gloom as some other stuff has been," he said.

Hagle said the speech showed the American public it's time to "roll up our sleeves, pitch in, and realize we can get out of this."

Despite the positive nature of the speech, he said, he didn't think Obama broke across party lines in the address.

"It was more aimed at his base," he said. "It did enough to keep some Republicans on the edge of their seats."

UI sophomore Alyce Arnold said she thought the speech was a good mixture between show-

ing the magnitude of the situation and hope for the future.

Rather than just talking about the large sum of money, she said, she thought Obama did well laying out which issues were critical in the stimulus plan.

Fellow UI sophomore Caity Francomb said she thought Obama carried the same vibrancy shown in his campaign.

She was worried when Obama took office that he would lose some of his passion, she said, but said he showed he was not another "stuffy old president."

UI freshman Mara Van Buer said watching Obama's address showed "he gets it," emphasizing his care for the average American.

"He knows the road ahead for economics, health care, and education won't be fixed overnight," she said.

Ethics system not used

HONESTY

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lized considerably more than the UI's system, with 40 incidents reported. ISU's system averages about one report per month, ISU policy administrator Sheryl Rippke said.

Besides the increased popularity of ISU's watchdog system, the utilization of its EthicsPoint program differs from the UI's in that it is actually used more by students.

"We are always trying to encourage people to use it," Rippke said, noting that ISU officials aim to increase the program's popularity.

ISU advertises the service every semester in its student publication, she said.

At the UI, many students have never heard of the system.

UI junior Katherine Stanislawski said she wishes the UI would advertise the program to students.

"If I knew about it, and knew how to get to it, and thought [the violation] was important enough, [I would use it]," she said.

Stewart said faculty and staff were made aware of the program through discussions

about it at various meetings with campus administrators.

"It's hard to say [if it's underutilized], but we've gone and done a few things over the last couple years to try and market it more," he said.

The UI can easily communicate with the individual reporting the violation without learning the informant's identity, Stewart said, and the program is useful for people who are worried about reporting an incident through their department.

Though the EthicsPoint system offers a haven for UI whistleblowers, maintaining the program isn't cheap.

The university must make an annual payment to keep EthicsPoint, UI spokesman Steve Parrott said. During fiscal 2008, the program cost the UI \$7,538, and this amount generally increases a few percent each year, Stewart said.

Every year, ISU pays \$1 for each full-time employment faculty member to maintain EthicsPoint, Rippke said. ISU employs approximately 7,700 staff and faculty members, she said.

EthicsPoint is a global program, which provides hotline and case management solu-

tions internationally for more than 2,000 clients, according to its website.

"It's much more guaranteed anonymous because [a report] goes through a third-party vendor," Stewart said. "They put it into a website and we get an e-mail notice that says there has been a new report."

People can report violations in two ways using EthicsPoint: The web or a toll-free phone number.

Stewart said the UI follows up on every message, although nothing big has been reported yet.

Most violations involve people misusing university resources, driving university vehicles without permission, or incorrectly reporting work hours.

"It only takes one big finding that would pay for it," Stewart said.

But he noted EthicsPoint is not really intended for serious cases, such as the sexual-harassment allegations against UI faculty members Arthur Miller and Mark Weiger.

"The kind of stuff we're seeing on the hotline is not of that nature," Stewart said.

3 local chefs aid cause

MARCH OF DIMES

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"I think it's a great program because [the organization] helps babies who are helpless," he said. "I'm lucky I have three healthy children, so I want to see what I can do to help the cause."

Hershey said he has supported March of Dimes since opening his co-owned restaurant less than a year ago.

"I just thought it was a great function to go to and donate to," he added.

Diners also feasted on cured salmon, diver scallops, duck ravioli, and raspberry soufflé served with margarita sorbet, among many other dishes. Each recipe included a hint of citrus.

The battle's focus originated from the chefs' decision to choose a versatile ingredient — something that would be easily incorporated into different parts of the meal.

Competition between the three was a friendly one — with no winner announced — and all three chefs continually lent help in preparation for each course.

"It's not necessarily who wins or loses," Tonning said. "There's a lot of camaraderie among the three of us."

In addition to helping support March of Dimes efforts, the friendly battle was also an opportunity to showcase talent



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Head chef and co-owner of Atlas World Grill James Adrian finishes his orange-flavored chocolate cake dessert inside Vesta on Tuesday. Adrian noted the ease and simplicity of using silicon baking cups to cook the cakes.

by the chefs and play around with "extraordinary foods" that aren't used in everyday cooking, Hershey said.

Both March of Dimes and the chefs are certain they will continue to feature this package in the Signature Chefs Auction. All three chefs agreed the event went well.

"I think we had a fabulous event," Adrian said. "I think all the chefs that participated did an extraordinary job."

Hershey agreed. "Seeing people's satisfaction is what drives me to cook," he added.

Cooking for a Cause

The charity meal featured:

- Orange-flavored chocolate cake with caramelized orange peel ice cream
- Grilled andouille with sweet potatoes, roasted beef, and roasted garlic with a sweet and sour sauce
- White chocolate-cherry-orange creme brulée
- Trio of lamb on toast point, duck ravioli with a balsamic orange reduction, and Thai salad
- Raspberry soufflé with margarita sorbet

Source: Participating chefs

M.D. describes Lincoln death

LINCOLN

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Also, Houmes said, the doctors "noticed that every time they kept the wound open, his vital signs improved, he breathed more easily. Every time it clotted shut, he got worse."

So even though the doctors of the era had no knowledge of brain behavior, they were able to relieve the swelling of his brain to some extent.

Lincoln was later taken across the street to the

Petersen house. Sixteen doctors attended to Lincoln through the night. They tried to extract the bullet, revive him with brandy, and monitored his vital signs.

Despite their efforts, doctors pronounced him dead after his pulse stopped at 7:22 a.m. on April 15, 1865.

"In a way, he went out in a blaze of glory," UI history Professor Colin Gordon said in a separate interview Tuesday. "The way he's remembered has a lot to do with all of the cir-

cumstances at the time."

At the lecture, Houmes asserted that when Lincoln died, "he went from being reviled to this almost mythical figure."

Although not at the speech, UI American studies major Mike French agreed with the assessment.

"Sometimes, it takes something bad to happen in order to realized and find the good that can come from a person," the 20-year-old said. "I think people realized this about Lincoln after his assassination."

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Editorial

The farcical Facebook fiasco

The recent brouhaha over Facebook changing its terms of service offers a good illustration of how easily issues can be blown out of proportion in online discussion.

Columnists, bloggers, and a wide assortment of Facebook users became upset when a rumor began to spread that the popular social-networking company had inserted some nefarious new legal language into the user license that everyone who logs onto the site agrees to follow. The accusation was that the new terms gave Facebook complete ownership over any information its users upload to the site. However, this was not the case.

Facebook founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg responded personally to the controversy in an attempt to allay users' concerns.

"Our philosophy is that people own their information and control who they share it with," he wrote on Facebook's corporate blog. "When people share information on Facebook, they first need to grant Facebook a license to use that information so that we can show it to the other people they've asked us to share it with."

Both software engineers and lawyers use a lot of specialized terminology. And by no means are most of Facebook's 175 million users familiar with either profession's jargon. Thus, attempts by Facebook's lawyers to draft the company's terms of service in such a way as to allow its programmers to get the site to function properly are bound to sometimes be misunderstood.

The vast majority of Facebook users have likely never given much thought to how the site actually works. Though one's account can be accessed from any computer connected to the Internet, Facebook actually stores all of its users' data on its own servers. Whenever an individual uploads a picture of party, writes a message to a friend, or takes any other action on the site, Facebook stores that information for later use. Then, when another user views that picture or reads that message, Facebook's servers send copies of that

data to the user's computer. Furthermore, as Zuckerberg explained on his company's blog, even if a user deletes her or his Facebook account, pictures or messages that person sent to others who have retained their accounts will not be erased. In order to be able to do any of this, Facebook must maintain the legal right to store and publish any data users add to the site.

Getting upset about Facebook's terms of service is similar to becoming indignant that others keep copies of e-mails or even old-fashioned paper letters that one sends to them. As soon as one sends information out to others on the Internet, that information is no longer ever fully private or protected. That's just common sense. But, for whatever reason, it's a concept that some of the more excitable assembly of Facebook's 175 million-member user base doesn't seem to have grasped. And that's not even the strangest concern that some of these misinformed reactionaries have.

Rather than simply being worried about the privacy and security of their personal information, some Facebook users have expressed concern that the company might be planning to steal their valuable data and make money with it. The absurdity of such a proposition is self-evident: The vast majority of the material users upload to Facebook is of very little value. If college students are really concerned that Facebook's owners may be plotting to enrich themselves by surreptitiously grabbing up the intellectual property rights to their pictures of keg stands and notes listing 25 random personal facts, they need to take some economics courses. Frankly, almost nothing posted on Facebook has any value at all.

People who use free online sites need to remember that information handed over to such services is never truly private or secure. This doesn't mean people shouldn't use these sites, just that they should be cautious about how they do and that they should stop acting scandalized when confronted with such an obvious fact.

Grasping manhandle



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People have favorites. Favorite color, favorite team, favorite movie/book/painting/teenage mutant ninja turtle — people will gravitate toward, identify with, and vehemently defend a favorite on even the strangest of topics (as, obviously, any cursory glance of the Internet would've told you).

Some people may even have a favorite word.

Or if not a favorite word, a word that catches their ear, a word they sometimes find themselves wondering about, a word that seems curious beyond its dictionary meaning.

For me, recently, that word has been "manhandled."

It's a word that fascinates me, that begs contemplation, that seems to demand some sort of cultural or etymological explanation because, well, as it stands, it's just sounds too goddamn creepy.

I mean, really, say it: "manhandled."

It's the type of word you'll then repeat a couple of times and begin to wonder to yourself, what, exactly, it's supposed to mean. According to *Merriam-Webster*, there are at least two contemporary definitions of the word: "to move or do by human strength only, without mechanical aids," or "to handle roughly." However, this simple answer seems to do little to prevent further probing of the word itself, especially when considered in context of its second meaning.

The questions just flow. When exactly does it stop being a case of "handling" and the stuff gets rough enough to call it a case of undeniable "man-handling?" Is there a discernable point at which one can decide that an object has really and truly been handled by a man. Can the distinction between "man-handling" be arrived at as it happens? Or can it only be discerned after the handling event itself that it was truly done in a manly fashion?

What's more, why must it be that all this rough handling come only from a man? Are we to believe that the word is only effective in its current gender format, and if that is the case, then does the fact that the "manhandle" belongs only to, well, man, not contribute gigantically to its inherent disturbing connotations?

Etymology may answer the question in part, as the Online Etymology Dictionary suggests that "manhandle" may have been nautical term

dating back to the mid 1800s (and meaning essentially the same as the first definition). Given that female sailors (minus of course dread pirate Kiera Knightly) were in fairly short supply during that period, the masculine connotation almost begins to make sense.

However, the same dictionary suggests that this simple etymology is somewhat contested and points to a much older (and again, far, far, more disturbing) potential origin for the word, one that dates back to the 15th century.

Further compounding the confusing nature of the word and quite simultaneously making it exponentially more unusual (and giggle inducing in our cultural milieu) is that the oldest meaning of word is to "wield a tool."

Which then leads one to wonder (as manhandling may lead one to do) if that is the reason for the word's nonexistence in other parts of speech. Though "manhandle" the verb has certainly placed its masculine paws on more than one set of dictionary, and one might (might) be able to roughly shape an argument that it could be an adjective, one can almost guarantee that outside the world of low-budget adult cinema starring, say, a lumberjack or a robot, will someone use that word as a noun.

"Manhandle," "manhandle," "man-handle," it's a word I just can't quite get a grasp on, and yet as strange, as hilarious, and as just downright disturbing as the word is, it's still more than anything mysterious. "Manhandle" is a riddle that I cannot crack, but one I'd rather like to, so much that that I've even gone ahead and dedicated 800 words of a respected college newspaper to delving in to the history of a word that sounds like the title of a porno flick.

But the question lingers — what scribe, or salty sea captain, or who knows what, sat down and thought, "manhandled, can't see any problem with that."

If there's any discernable use from this exercise however, I guess it would have to be that it illustrates almost any word can have an abundance of nuance, history, and perhaps even a touch of the inexplicable to it — the inherent sort of complication that arose when the earliest people went around deciding this means "tree," this means "water," and this means "giant-ass creature about to eat me." It's the enigma of communication wrapped up into bite-sized chunks of words, and each one has something to contribute to the overall spectrum of language as a whole.

Even if it's one as supremely creepy as manhandled. ■

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Guest Opinion

My Mardi Gras, after a nomadic life

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I've never really had a culture of my own. Oh, the grand sweeps of national character, maybe, participating in this or that element of Americanism — I know what a fast-food cheeseburger tastes/looks/hurts like, and, more importantly, I know my criteria by which it should be assessed — but nothing that I cleave to, nothing that I could leave without hesitation my own. I am pure Irish, an unbroken line of micks traced right back to the Emerald Rock itself, but both sides of the family have been festering in Appalachia and the South for four and five generations, so the "Irishness" isn't there any longer. I am a Southerner, then, except that I was born in Wenatchee, Wash., a tiny little town over the

mountains from Seattle that erected its first Starbucks four years ago. I did manage to escape the Washingtonian wastelands by the time I was 4 years old and spent the next five years in New Guinea, Indonesia (I believe the territory is called Papua now, after the latest in Indo's let's-pretend method of nation-minding), becoming comfortable with the expat lifestyle — a "culture" we could term this — but at 9 years old, I was whisked away again back Stateside. My family drifted around a lot, jumping by hundreds of miles at a time into another pocket of localized culture: marshy suburb in Louisiana, New Mexican McHacienda atop the mesas, pine-strewn hamlet in Colorado, and then, just before high school, New Orleans. Blurs of geography and people, an overlapping of

loyalties, and I struggled to arrest myself within my life with a "place." I have since moved on from New Orleans, tried to make my place here in Iowa City, even spent a year in magical, wistful Prague, but something lingers of my Big Easy years. It may have been the simple fact of growing up there, that is, the important formative years of middle and high school, or maybe that such a dazzling, seductive, jealous city as New Orleans conducts a stronger hold than most, but I keep it rather more fondly than other corners of the world I've seen. But still, it's not quite my corner. I just tend to get nostalgic for my adopted culture at around this time of year because of a very special holiday.

Mardi Gras is not from New Orleans. Not everyone knows this, but it isn't important. It has

been claimed by New Orleans more fiercely than other cities, except perhaps for Rio de Janeiro's equally unique and intense rendition, condensing from the original mobile mystic societies the now-familiar collage of parade krewes, beads, booze and galas. I threw myself into it with the shiny-things fascination of a kid when I first lived in Mandeville, a town across Lake Pontchartrain from New Orleans, and marveled at the wizardry of glamour and upset. Things — loud, bright, rushing things were going on around me and I was swept along, wide-eyed and mind-blown. When my family returned a few years later to New Orleans proper, I approached the parades more skeptically and turned my attention instead to the masques and balls, the dreamworlds of cos-

tume and tradition. The magic cemented itself in the practice of Mardi Gras, not just the witnessing of it. Dancing schizoid waltzes with a woman draped head to toe in a cardboard-and-sequins catfish outfit ... with two enormous cardboard-and-sequins breasts. Waiting breathlessly for the lucky discovery of the tiny golden Christ Child in a slice of king cake, and a bracing round of applause for the poor sucker who would then have to buy the next feast's cake. But I couldn't shake the feeling that I was a complete fraud — my family wasn't from this place, had no firm ties to its culture and traditions, or even the funny way they have of speaking (we have our own, a mongrel of Tennessean, Virginian, Louisianan, and blander, less-definable "American" dialects that reflects my

lack of anchor far more directly than means of merry-making).

And now in my early 20s, I live in this pleasant Iowa enclave, and Mardi Gras has become just another party. An opportunity to break the night open with another Hand Grenade shooter (a vein-drip of Red Bull in the arm to take the edge off), a wavering cry of "Throw me somethin', mister" ringing across the Ped Mall at someone who won't, and a feeble whimper into sleep with the knowledge that this, like St. Patrick's Day or Purim, holds no meaning or attachment, no anchor for me other than the party itself. The abstinence of Lent may be exactly what I need — except, of course, that I'm not religious, and any solace found in ascetic piety would be further example of a life annexed from those around me.

Sliding down into grey

Season five of "Grey's Anatomy" goes from unbelievably twisted to just plain bad as the series snakes its way to the season finale. Hopefully, the show will rescue itself before it heads to total crap.



Mer and Der share a romantic moment when they should probably be saving a life. Just another day of health care at Seattle Grace Hospital, home of "Grey's Anatomy."

PUB PHOTO

mous Izzie/Denny sex scenes. OK writers, I know you're pissed that Katherine Heigl said her role on the show last season wasn't big enough to warrant an Emmy. Maybe if you had given her more to do, you wouldn't have to vent on us poor viewers who do not, I repeat DO NOT, want to see Izzie getting it on with a dead guy. Please spare us and send Denny back to the grave and return the poor girl's sanity. Please.

Continuing on with the theme of awkward relationships, Callie Torres and Erica Hahn? I mean seriously? While I am in no way against a relationship between two females, I'm seriously perturbed by the pairing. Callie has spent the past few seasons hooking up with guys (OK, George was a total mistake, but I'm going to let that one slide), and then she's suddenly with Hahn? Seriously? That pairing is more awkward and uncomfortable than seeing Richard Simmons fornicating with a woman. Or fornicating with anyone, actually. Apparently producers agreed because "Grey's" ousted Hahn at the start of the season.

With Hahn's departure, the "Grey's" cast is starting to shift in a painfully aggravating way. Take the arrival of masochist doctor Owen Hunt (I've taken it upon myself to rename him McFreaky). When he isn't having the residents glue scalpels back together (because that's how they did it in the war, but McFreaky forgot he was in Seattle),

he's shoving scalpels into pigs and crying on Cristina Yang in the on-call room. That is, when they aren't busy doing the McNasty, as George O'Malley would put it. Yang and Hunt's relationship is off in every way possible. It's about time Cristina got a man, but it would be nice if it was someone sane and semi good-looking, and not played by a homophobe (yeah, Isaiah Washington, I'm talking about you).

While season four left viewers with a fabulous sparkle of possibility in the saga between McDreamy and title character Meredith Grey, season five has thus far failed to deliver any hope that the two will end up together. McDreamy has the ring for Meredith and almost proposed, but then his ex-wife Addison (Kate Walsh *Private Practice* star) had to make an appearance and ruin it all. Sounds familiar — didn't she do that a few seasons ago? Are the writers ever going to let "dark and twisty" Meredith be happy with McDreamy? One thing is for sure, the drama surrounding the lovers is getting old faster than Priscilla Presley (yeah, that plastic surgery isn't fooling anyone).

The sexually confused doctors of Seattle Grace better get their collective shit together before I decide to go suds it up with James Franco instead of staying in for another round of fisticuffs with McDreamy and McSteamy.

ment on Jan. 30. The server was attempting to deliver papers notifying him that Britney Spears' father and attorneys were seeking a restraining order against him.

According to a news release, the process server clung to the hood of Ghalib's car to avoid being pinned and broke his wrist. The 36-year-old paparazzo, who has not yet been arrested, also faces battery and hit-and-run charges.

A current phone number for Ghalib could not be located. He did not appear for a Monday hearing on the restraining order.

Just a joke: Cowell has no deep-freeze plan

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A spokeswoman for Simon Cowell says reports

that the "American Idol" judge wants to be frozen after death are greatly exaggerated.

Cowell was making a tongue-in-cheek remark at a dinner in London two weeks ago with British Prime Minister Gordon Brown and other guests, spokeswoman Lisa Dallos said Tuesday.

But the cryogenics comment that Dallos said was meant as a joke was trumpeted in a number of news reports as a serious plan by Cowell, a music industry executive and TV producer ("America's Got Talent," Britain's "The X Factor").



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These Arms Are Snakes takes its name from the folklore surrounding Otis Redding's song "These Arms of Mine."

Experimental snakes

These Arms Are Snakes grabs (bites?) a piece of Iowa City nightlife with a show at the Picador.

By **BRIAN DAU**
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When I spoke with bassist Brian Cook of Seattle's These Arms Are Snakes, the rest of the band was in the middle of a sound check at the first stop on the group's current national tour. As such, nearly everything he said was randomly punctuated at some point with the booming reverberation of a stray guitar chord, temporarily drowning out all communication.

The interruptions actually felt pretty appropriate, considering the band's high-energy, anything-goes music, a sound based in punk and metal but often diverging toward something more experimental.

"I'm always worried about falling into some sort of rut or playing things out of habit instead of being excited and feeling like you're discovering something new," Cook said. These Arms Are Snakes will play at 9 p.m. today with Darker My Love, All The Saints, and Private Dancer, at the Picador, 330 E. Washington, at 9 p.m. today.

On "Red Line Season" from These Arms Are Snakes' latest album, 2008's *Tail Swallow*

and *Dove*, the band members often interrupt the slow, deliberate guitar riff in the verse with staccato blasts of sound alongside vocalist Steve Snere's piercing yells. The effect is as disorienting as the song's music video, which features odd angles and oscillating camera effects, as well as background photos of things as disparate as Mount Rushmore and human skulls.

For These Arms Are Snakes, the two music videos it has done represent an opportunity once reserved only for pop-music and other, more mainstream acts.

"In the '90s, the only reason to make [a music video] was to try to get on MTV," Cook said. "I felt like bands were just flushing their money away. Now, you can make a cool art piece for next to nothing."

Central to the band's mix is drummer Chris Common, who drives the music forward with crashing cymbals and

machine-gun fills in a way Cook described as "very assertive." In a band where the music can frequently detour into uncharted sonic territory, a strong rhythm section is vital in keeping the sound rooted to something concrete.

"He always tries to make what he's playing engaging on its own," Cook said. "He makes the drums more than just a metronome, but a really expressive instrument."

Cook believes the entire quartet embodies this playing style. The members of These Arms Are Snakes don't have to be playing "anything complicated," but they strive to make even the simplest sounds "interesting or engaging in some way."

People are beginning to take notice. The band has released three albums since 2004, and it was recently signed to Suicide Squeeze Records, a "pretty well-respected" independent label, said Nathan Gould, the KRUI general manager.

"It has been getting consistent blog buzz, and it doesn't seem like one of those one-hit wonder bands," he said. "It's one of those up-and-coming bands that will probably have a pretty big Iowa City following."



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GIVE A LISTEN

These Arms Are Snakes
Tail Swallow and Dove

Featured Tracks:
• "Red Line Season"

If you like it:
See **These Arms Are Snakes** with Darker My Love, All The Saints, and Private Dancer, at the Picador, 330 E. Washington, at 9 p.m. today.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Audrina Patridge posts burglary video

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Audrina Patridge is sharing video from a different kind of tense life episode: a break-in at her house.

The star of "The Hills" posted surveillance video Tuesday on her blog of the break in, which police said was reported Monday.

The footage shows a young man and woman, apparently aware of at least one camera, running around her Hollywood hills home in the dark. Patridge was not home at the time.

She blogged Tuesday that the robbery was "pretty devastating," but that most of the items taken are replaceable. She asks anyone with information to call police.

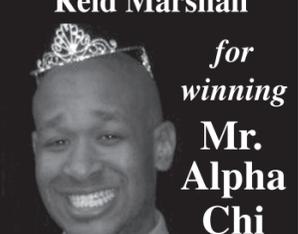
Video surveillance played a role when \$2 million in jewelry was stolen from Paris Hilton's Sherman Oaks home was last December. No suspect has been caught in that case.

Britney Spears' ex faces assault charge

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Prosecutors have charged Britney Spears' former boyfriend, Adnan Ghalib, with three felonies including assault with a deadly weapon.

Ghalib allegedly struck a process server with his car outside his apart-

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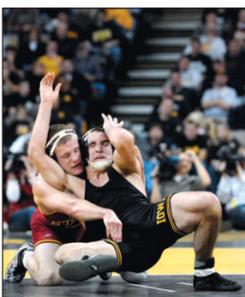
BASKETBALL

Senior Kristi Smith hopes her play has rubbed off on teammate Kamille Wahlin. **2B**

SCOREBOARD

NHL
 Anaheim 3, Buffalo 2
 Boston 6, Florida 1
 Nashville 5, Chicago 3
 Philadelphia 4, Washington 2
 Montreal 3, Vancouver 0
 Ottawa 4, Carolina 2
 Nashville 5, Chicago 3
 Los Angeles 2, Minnesota 1, SO
 St. Louis 2, Phoenix 1
 Edmonton 5, Tampa Bay 3

Calgary 4, Columbus 1
NBA
 Cleveland 94, Memphis 79
 Toronto 118, Minnesota 110
 Miami 103, Detroit 91
 Chicago 120, Orlando 102
 L.A. Lakers 107, Oklahoma City 93
 San Antonio 93, Dallas 76
 Houston 98, Portland 94
 Phoenix 112, Charlotte 102



Brent Metcalf

WRESTLING

Metcalf honored

Iowa 149-pounder Brent Metcalf has been named Big Ten Wrestler of the Week. Metcalf, the final winner of the weekly award for the 2008-09 season, won his 60th and 61st straight matches over the weekend while helping the Hawkeyes complete an unblemished 24-0 (8-0) record — the first time an Iowa team has finished the regular season unbeaten since 1999-2000.

In Iowa's 24-12 win over Indiana Feb. 20, the Hawkeye junior earned a 19-4 technical fall over Nick Walpole before adding a pin of Andrew Nadhir in 4:28 on Sunday in a 34-13 win over Northwestern. Metcalf has 15 pins on the year and has scored bonus points for the Hawkeyes in 27 of 29 matches this season.

With the two wins, the defending national champion pushed his regular-season record to 29-0 with a perfect 8-0 record in Big Ten duals.

Metcalf is the fourth Hawkeye to earn the honor this season. It was the third time he has received the award in his career.

— by Zach Smith

VOLLEYBALL

V-ball aide honored

The Iowa volleyball team enjoyed its best season since 2000 last year, finishing 2008 with 14 wins overall and six conference victories for first-year head coach Sharon Dingman.

A member of Dingman's staff, assistant coach Chris Gaskill, has been honored with the American Volleyball Coaches Association "Thirty Under-30 Award," which spotlights young professionals in the volleyball community.

"I am extremely honored to be one of the 30 individuals to receive this award," Gaskill said in a release.

"It's very humbling to be on this list with so many talented coaches across the country."

Gaskill moved to the Hawkeye program after a stint at Illinois State with Dingman. He is the youngest assistant coach in the Big Ten.

"We are very proud to have Chris receive this honor," Dingman said in a release. "Chris is passionate about coaching and it shows in how he conducts himself and how he represents the Hawkeyes."

— by Mike Brownlee

TV TODAY

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

- No. 2 Connecticut at No. 8 Marquette, 6 p.m., ESPN
- Virginia Tech at No. 12 Clemson, 6:30 p.m., ESPN2
- Iowa at No. 9 Michigan State, 7:30 p.m., BTN
- No. 7 Duke at Maryland, 8 p.m., ESPN
- Texas Tech at No. 25 Texas, 8:30 p.m., ESPN2
- NBA**
- Chicago at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m., CSN



LINDSEY WALTERS/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa men's tennis player Patrick Dwyer returns a ball during practice at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex on Tuesday.



LINDSEY WALTERS/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa junior tennis player Patrick Dwyer serves at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex on Tuesday. Dwyer is from Franksville, Wis.

Third coach among peers

Iowa junior Patrick Dwyer has helped coach the Hawkeyes this season.

By AMIE KIEHN

Pete Sampras was in his prime while Patrick Dwyer was hitting tennis balls in his hometown of Franksville, Wis. Dwyer watched as Sampras executed his flawless volleying skills that won him Grand Slam after Grand Slam.

It's befitting that the Iowa junior's game resembles the tennis legend.

He is quick like Sampras, the court is his playground. "As an athlete, he is one of the fastest guys on the team," Iowa assistant coach Steve Nash said. "He is strong and has become stronger."

Although Dwyer's immense talent is visible on the court, he is still waiting for the opportunity play for the Hawkeyes this year. While he waits — he'll coach.

Rules designate teams to have three coaches — a head coach, an assistant coach, and a volunteer coach. Since the Feb. 8 match against Denver, Iowa's volunteer coach has been the team's go-to-guy — Dwyer.

"He is a junior now and has seen a lot here," Nash said. "He knows how this game is supposed to be played, so we feel pretty confident with him on the court helping guys out because he is going to tell them the right things to do."

SEE DWYER, 3B

Tennis faces Drake

The Iowa men's tennis team needs no pep talk to play the Bulldogs.

By AMIE KIEHN
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Great rivalries have been a fixture of the sporting scene — Roger Federer versus Rafael Nadal, Duke against North Carolina, Celtics versus Lakers.

One rivalry that hasn't dominated the headlines but is still deeply impassioned approaches tonight, when the Iowa men's tennis team faces its biggest rival — Drake.

"Drake is very much a rival for us," Iowa head coach Steve Houghton said.

"We've had close matches over the years, back and forth."

"People think it's a small school, but one of the sports it has always emphasized a lot is tennis, particularly on the men's side of things."



Houghton coach

The Bulldogs enter tonight's dual meet at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex with a 2-6 record, while the Hawkeyes come in with a 4-1 mark. Although Iowa is 23-8 against the Bulldogs, Drake might be coming to Iowa City as prepared as ever. Former Hawkeye assistant Matt Brothers is at the helm of the Bulldogs' men's tennis program. Brothers was an assistant coach under Iowa's head coach, Steve Houghton, for five years.

SEE TENNIS, 3B

Iowa (4-1) vs. Drake (2-6)

When: 6 P.M.
Where: HAWKEYE TENNIS & RECREATION COMPLEX
All-Time Series: IOWA LEADS 23-8
Admission: FREE

ON THE WEB

Hear what the Iowa men's tennis team has to say about today's 6 p.m. dual meet against Drake at dailyiowan.com.

Hawks look for two in a row

Iowa will travel to Michigan State today to see if it can put two wins together.

By SCOTT MILLER
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Twice this year, Iowa has won big games at home — Jan. 21 against Wisconsin and Feb. 7 against Northwestern — only to falter on the road a few days later.

After the Wisconsin game, the Hawkeyes suffered a heartbreaker at the hands of Penn State, and following the victory over Northwestern, head coach Todd Lickliter's squad got blown out in the Kohl Center by the Badgers.



Lickliter coach

SEE BASKETBALL, 3B

LINE UPS

Iowa (14-13, 4-10)			
F. Aaron Fuller	6-6	210	Fr.
F. Jarryd Cole	6-7	250	So.
G. Matt Gatens	6-5	215	Fr.
G. Devan Bawinkel	6-5	210	Jr.
G. Jake Kelly	6-6	185	So.

Michigan State (21-5, 11-3)			
C. Goran Sutton	6-10	245	Sr.
F. Delvon Roe	6-8	225	Fr.
G. Durrell Summers	6-4	195	So.
G. Kain Lucas	6-0	180	So.
G. Travis Walton	6-2	190	Sr.

Iowa (14-13, 4-10) at No. 9 Michigan State (21-5, 11-3)

When: 7:35 P.M. TODAY
Where: BRESLIN CENTER, EAST LANSING, MICH.
Where to watch or listen: TV: BIG TEN NETWORK; RADIO: KXIC 800 AM

SEE BASEBALL, 3B

Baseball decision hits home

While Northern Iowa announced its plans to drop baseball after the 2009 season, Iowa head coach Jack Dahm says his program is on 'safe ground' financially.

By RYAN YOUNG
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Iowa head coach Jack Dahm understands why the question must be asked. In fact, he expects to hear it a lot over the next three months.

With Northern Iowa announcing on Monday that its baseball program will be cut at the end of the season, he knows it's natural for people to question him about his job security.

But even as the eventual last Division I team standing in the state, a team that finished last in the Big Ten a year ago, Dahm said he feels safe.

"Gary Barta doesn't want to drop any programs. He brings that up on a regular basis with us," the sixth-year Hawkeye head coach said.



FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa third baseman Wes Freie makes it to first base as Northern Iowa's Brett Featherston misses the ball and collides with Freie on April 17, 2007, at Banks Field. Northern Iowa will cut its baseball program after this season.

SPORTS 'N' STUFF

MEN'S BIG TEN BASKETBALL

Conference	W			L			PCT		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT			
Michigan St.	11	3	.786	21	5	.808			
Purdue	10	4	.714	21	6	.778			
Illinois	10	5	.667	22	6	.786			
Minnesota	8	7	.533	20	7	.741			
Ohio St.	8	7	.533	18	8	.692			
Penn St.	8	7	.533	19	9	.679			
Wisconsin	8	7	.533	17	10	.630			
Michigan	7	8	.467	17	11	.607			
Northwestern	5	9	.357	14	11	.560			
Iowa	4	10	.286	14	13	.519			
Indiana	1	13	.071	6	20	.231			

Tuesday's Game

Ohio State 73, Penn State 59

Today's Games

Iowa at Michigan State, 7:30 p.m. BTN
Northwestern at Indiana, 5:30 p.m. BTN

Thursday's Games

Minnesota at Illinois, 6 p.m. BTN
Purdue at Michigan, 8 p.m. ESPN

Saturday's Games

Iowa at Northwestern, 1 p.m. BTN
Ohio State at Purdue, 3 p.m. ESPN
Indiana at Penn State, 5 p.m. BTN

Sunday's Games

Michigan State at Illinois, 1 p.m. BTN
Michigan State at Illinois, 3 p.m. CBS

WOMEN'S BIG TEN BASKETBALL

Conference	W			L			Pct.		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.			
Ohio State	13	3	.813	22	5	.815			
Michigan State	12	4	.750	19	8	.704			
Purdue	12	4	.750	19	8	.704			
Iowa	11	5	.688	18	9	.667			
Minnesota	10	6	.625	18	9	.667			
Indiana	10	7	.588	17	9	.654			
Wisconsin	6	11	.353	16	12	.571			
Penn State	5	11	.313	10	16	.385			
Illinois	4	12	.250	8	19	.296			
Michigan	3	13	.188	10	17	.370			
Northwestern	3	13	.188	7	20	.259			

Thursday's Games

Illinois at Iowa, 8:05 p.m. BTN
Michigan at Purdue, 6 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Iowa at Northwestern, 2 p.m.
Purdue at Michigan State, 11 a.m.
Michigan at Indiana, 1 p.m.
Illinois at Minnesota, 2 p.m.
Penn State at Ohio State, 3 p.m.

TOP 25 COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Providence 81, #1 Pittsburgh 73
#18 LSU 81, Florida 75
Boston College 72, #23 Florida State 67

Other Scores

Northern Iowa 69, Illinois State 67, 2 OT
Iowa State 71, Baylor 62

WOMEN'S SCORES

#1 Connecticut 74, Villanova 47
#23 Virginia 68, #11 Florida State 63
#12 Texas 66, Missouri 56
#19 Pittsburgh 72, West Virginia 60

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Atlanta	38	19	3	79	182	151
New Jersey	32	17	9	73	193	171
Philadelphia	31	23	7	69	151	170
N.Y. Rangers	29	26	6	64	185	191
Pittsburgh	18	35	6	42	144	198
N.Y. Islanders	11	28	1	23	130	176

Northwest

Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	30	22	8	69	167	165
Carolina	31	25	6	67	166	173
Tampa Bay	20	29	12	52	155	196
Atlanta	22	33	6	50	180	214

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Central	39	13	8	86	228	177
Detroit	34	17	8	76	197	148
Chicago	6	36	6	26	117	184
Nashville	29	28	4	62	147	171
St. Louis	26	26	8	60	167	179
Northwest	36	18	6	78	191	174
Calgary						

Vancouver	30	22	8	68	181	173
Minnesota	30	24	5	65	152	137
Edmonton	30	25	5	65	170	185
Colorado	28	32	1	57	168	190
Pacific	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	41	8	9	91	200	140
Dallas	29	23	7	65	174	180
Anaheim	30	27	5	65	176	179
Los Angeles	26	24	9	61	157	171
Phoenix	27	29	5	59	157	186

Tuesday's Games

Anaheim 3, Buffalo 2
Boston 6, Florida 1
Atlanta 4, Colorado 3
Philadelphia 4, Washington 2
Montreal 3, Vancouver 0
Ottawa 4, Carolina 2
Nashville 5, Chicago 3
Los Angeles 2, Minnesota 1, SO
St. Louis 2, Phoenix 1
Edmonton 5, Tampa Bay 3
Calgary 4, Columbus 1

Wednesday's Games

Los Angeles at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
San Jose at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic	46	12	.793	—
Boston	27	28	.491	17 $\frac{1}{2}$
Philadelphia	25	32	.439	20 $\frac{1}{2}$
New York	24	32	.429	21
New Jersey	23	36	.390	23 $\frac{1}{2}$

Southwest

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	41	15	.732	—
Atlanta	32	24	.571	9
Miami	30	26	.536	11
Charlotte	22	35	.386	19 $\frac{1}{2}$
Washington	13	43	.232	28

Central

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	47	11	.800	—
Detroit	27	28	.491	17
Milwaukee	26	31	.456	18
Chicago	28	31	.475	19
Indiana	24	35	.407	22

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Southwest	38	17	.691	—
San Antonio	36	21	.632	3
Houston	33	22	.600	5
New Orleans	33	23	.589	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Dallas	15	41	.268	23 $\frac{1}{2}$

Northwest

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	37	20	.649	—
Portland	35	21	.625	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Utah	34	23	.596	3
Minnesota	18	38	.321	18 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oklahoma City	13	44	.228	24

Pacific

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	47	10	.825	—
Phoenix	37	20	.649	—
Golden State	20	37	.351	27
L.A. Clippers	14	43	.246	33
Sacramento	12	46	.207	35 $\frac{1}{2}$

Tuesday's Games

Cleveland 94, Memphis 79
Toronto 118, Minnesota 110
Miami 103, Detroit 91
Chicago 120, Orlando 102
L.A. Lakers 107, Oklahoma City 93
San Antonio 93, Dallas 76
Houston 98, Portland 94
Phoenix 112, Charlotte 102

Today's Games

Memphis at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 6 p.m.
Chicago at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Orlando at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Utah at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Detroit at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Denver, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Boston at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
BOSTON CELTICS—Signed F Mikki Moore.
NEW YORK KNICKS—Waived G Stephen Marbury.

FOOTBALL

National Football League
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Released WR Marvin Harrison.
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Unsung seniors

Despite seeing limited action this season, seniors Nicole VanderPol and Lindsey Nyenhuis have been integral parts of the team.

By MIKE BROWNLEE
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Thursday night's Iowa women's basketball game at home against Illinois will be the final contest for the Hawkeye seniors, including three — Wendy Ausdemore, Megan Skouby, and Kristi Smith — who will finish their career as the highest-scoring trio from one class in Big Ten history.

But they're not the only fourth-year players being recognized at Iowa's Senior Day ceremonies.

Guard Lindsey Nyenhuis and forward Nicole VanderPol arrived in Iowa City four years ago along with their aforementioned senior brethren, with the expectation their careers would turn out the same.

It hasn't gone as expected, however.

VanderPol has endured a career hampered by injuries, including missing all but the first two games this season with a leg injury. She averaged 3.5 points and 3.5 rebounds in Hawkeye contests against Texas State and Kansas.

Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder said VanderPol will suit up Thursday.

"[We want her to] at least have an appearance on the floor in her last outing," Bluder said. "I think that would be a great way for her to go out, but the game has to be going in the right direction for that to happen. A lot of it will depend on how we play and what the scoreboard looks like

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at the end of the game."

VanderPol said she's excited to hit the Carver-Hawkeye Arena floor one more time.

"I went and talked to Coach Bluder about it," she said. "I just felt like I just wanted to wear my jersey one more time and then be on the court one last time."

The Grundy Center native said she grew up rooting for Iowa and looks forward to being able to put on the Iowa jersey one last time.

"It'll be really special and probably a little emotional as well, but it's just going to be really special to be able to put it on again," VanderPol said. "I grew up a Hawkeye. Just being able to come down here to play at Carver-Hawkeye Arena is a dream come true, and I cherish every moment that I had with it."

Nyenhuis has seen her minutes dwindle over her career and has seen limited action this season. Despite not playing much, Nyenhuis is a fixture on the Iowa bench. She's the first to stand up after a big play, the first to run onto the floor to greet players during a time-out, and the resident team joker.

Bluder said that Nyenhuis — who everyone on the team calls "Niner" — is a key player in the program.

"She's been there, worked

Hawks' Wahlin getting the point

Iowa women's basketball freshman guard Kamille Wahlin is learning everything she can from veteran guard Kristi Smith.

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Heir apparent. Passing the baton. Next in line. Circle of life. Changing on the guard (literally). Whatever cliché you want to use, it's going on at point guard on the Iowa women's basketball team.

After four years of running the point, Hawkeye guard Kristi Smith will graduate this season, and the duties will fall on freshman Kamille Wahlin next year.

But while Smith is still around, Wahlin is learning everything she can from the veteran.

"That was the plan coming in," she said about her arrival in the fall. "The coaches said that I'd learn from her, and that's what went on all year."

Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder said early in the season that Wahlin would only play point guard, learning the position and spelling Smith during games. That plan was eventually

"When we talked last year at the end-of-the-year meetings, we told Kristi that this was going to be an additional role that she'd have to fill this year. I think she's embraced it and Kamille's welcomed it."

— Lisa Bluder, coach

the floor. The coach has played Wahlin at shooting guard along side Smith at the point.

"They're both scoring point guards, and so they both have the ability to play the 1 or the 2," Bluder said. "I think it's nice to have them both out there at the same time,

the end-of-the-year meetings, we told Kristi that this was going to be an additional role that she'd have to fill this year," Bluder said. "I think she's embraced it and Kamille's welcomed it."

Whatever Smith has taught Wahlin, it has worked so far. The freshman from Crookston, Minn., is averaging 6.7 points and 2.4

assists-per-game, sixth and fourth on the team and best among Hawkeye freshmen.

In conference action, she's averaging 8 points-per-game, good for fourth among freshmen, and she is second among freshmen at three assists-per-game. Her 1.92 assist-to-turnover ratio in league games is tops in the conference.

Wahlin got her first start of the season against Michigan on Jan. 26, in place of then-injured junior forward JoAnn Hamlin. Wahlin scored

14 points and dished out 10 assists in that contest, and she has started the eight games since, with Hamlin coming off the bench since her return on Feb. 12. Bluder said she plans to have Wahlin start the final two regular-season games but is unsure of who will start after that.

As a starter, Wahlin is scoring 11 points, grabbing 4.9 rebounds, and doling out 4.2 assists per game.

"She just had to get her confidence," Smith said. "She realized she can play with people in this conference."

Smith, who averaged 7.1 points and 2.8 assists-per-game as a freshman, said Wahlin has been a willing pupil.

"Kamille has been very receptive to everything that [I've] had to teach her," Smith said. "She always comes up to me asking questions, with ideas, 'What if I do this? What if I do that?'"

"She has a good basketball IQ," Smith said she has enjoyed the role of mentor.

"[Former Hawkeye point guard] Crystal Smith helped me out my freshman year," the Thornton, Colo., native said. "It's part of being a senior. I've accepted the role, and I try to do my best."

"I hope I've done a good job."

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Now, three days after Iowa defeated Michigan 70-60 at home, the Hawkeyes (14-13, 4-10) will face Big Ten leader and No. 9 Michigan State (21-5, 11-3) in East Lansing at 7:35 p.m. today.

When asked about the importance of stringing together two consecutive victories, Lickliter said if his team was able to play similar to the way it played against Michigan on Sunday, then it would be fine.

"We don't really talk in bunches," he said. "We try to concentrate on the task at hand. ... What we've got to do is whatever it was that we did against Michigan, we've to try to duplicate it and tailor it to Michigan State."

"It's demanding. There's no question. But I guess that's what makes it that much more enjoyable if you're able to compete with these teams."

That task may have gotten a little bit easier with Lickliter's news that senior Cyrus Tate, who has missed nine games with an ankle injury and played sparingly against the Wolverines, will probably play about seven minutes per half against the Spartans and will be available "from here on out."

Lickliter also said sophomore Jeff Peterson (hamstring) and junior Jermain Davis (knee) were both day-to-day with their ailments.

"We've got more guys on the mend than we have healthy," he joked in his teleconference on Tuesday. "We haven't dwelled on it, our players have not used any excuses, but I don't know if there's a team that's ... had to make any more adjustments than we have."

The adjustments won't stop just because Tate is finding his way on the floor again.

Against Michigan, Lickliter played only seven players, and four of his starters went all 45 minutes in the overtime contest. But the head coach contended he's not worried about his team's energy, despite only having two days off to recover.

"I'm really not concerned," he said. "Part of what we do is try to be efficient as far as our non-competition days. I really believe they'll recover and be fine. ... Now, with that said, Michigan State is one of the fastest teams I've witnessed, and they're one of the most physical. It's going to take a lot of energy."

On the other hand, after the Hawkeyes' Feb. 22 game against the Wolverines, sophomore Jake Kelly, who was

named Big Ten Player of the Week for his 23-point performance against Michigan, said he was concerned about his energy level for the upcoming contest, especially since he'll be playing point guard tonight against the Spartans.

"I'm going to have to get a lot of rest in because they're going to be pressuring me and trying to make me tired," he said after the Michigan contest. "But I'm just going to try to control the game as best I can."

While the speed the Spartans like to play with hasn't changed since their 71-56 thumping of the Hawkeyes on Jan. 29, Michigan State forward Raymar Morgan, who played only eight minutes in the teams' previous meeting, has been seeing more floor time since missing three games with an illness.

"They've added a few sets, and Morgan's coming back and playing some for them," Lickliter said. "With [head coach] Tom [Izzo], ... his teams they continue to grow because they emphasize [the things] that are important to them. ... They're going to keep getting better because the way they approach the game."

"Michigan State demands every bit of your attention. There's just no way around it."



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Iowa men's tennis player Patrick Dwyer practices at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex on Tuesday.

Many ways to serve

DWYER
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Iowa head coach Steve Houghton knows the coaching position isn't the ideal situation for Dwyer.

"This year, he is basically our No. 7 man at the moment," he said. "I think, to his credit, that it's a very hard situation where you kind of had a role, and it's been diminished a little bit. But to his credit, he has a good attitude about it, keeps working hard in practice, and along with it, he has done the coaching."

Tennis has been a part of Dwyer's makeup since he picked up a racket as a kid. Growing up, he was lucky to have his own Sampras at home to study — his father, who played tennis at Western Michigan from 1974-78. The

long history tennis has played in Dwyer's 20 years made the transition from playing to coaching a hard one.

"[I'm] just trying to help out whenever possible, doing what I can," he said. "Obviously, you'd prefer being out there and winning the match for your team, but if that's not what I am being called to do, then I am going to do everything I can — whether it's to be loud — to try to help our guys."

Dwyer's roommate, junior Tommy McGeorge, sees the effect of his presence on the court.

"Patrick is one of my best friends," McGeorge said. "He is a great teammate for everybody, always vocal. He knows a lot about tennis, which is why I think Coach has him on the court helping us out in matches. He does everything he can, on and off the court, to

make us better."

Dwyer has always been right on the cusp of breaking into the lineup. Nash says his opportunity will come soon enough.

"The only thing he has to do is put more balls in play," Nash said. "He's got every shot we could ask for, it's just under pressure, he needs to learn to relax and get balls in play. He tends to get a little tight, almost to amped up at points and miss balls. So that's what we are trying to do with him, to calm him down when the pressure is on."

Houghton said he knows ever fiber in the 6-0 Dwyer wants a shot to play. Teammates can see the fight in Dwyer as well.

"He'll get his shot one of these days," McGeorge said. "He's doing all the right things."

UNI decision hits home

BASEBALL
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"The program here is in good shape, and we're very fortunate that football has been very successful. We have a lot of TV revenue coming in, and [men's basketball] coach [Todd] Lickliter is going to get that basketball program going. We're not concerned about the baseball program here. We're on pretty safe ground."

What Dahm is concerned with is the dwindling number of in-state opportunities available to Iowa high-school hardball players pursuing Division I careers.

Northern Iowa is the second state school to eliminate baseball this decade. Iowa State dropped its program in 2001.

More significantly, the Panthers boast 24 Iowa natives on their 35-man roster this season — four of them being seniors.

Iowa senior pitcher/infielder Wes Freie feels for the numerous Northern Iowa underclassmen, who are currently facing hardship. At Wilton High School, he played alongside Drake Austin, a true freshman this season playing for the Panthers.

"I haven't really gotten a chance to talk with him yet," Freie said. "It's just a hard situation for, not only them, but the state of Iowa — losing a Division I program that's been competitive the last couple years."

Dahm said he had spoken with Northern Iowa head coach Rick Heller several

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— Jack Dahm, Iowa's baseball head coach

times during recent years about the fate of the Panther program.

At an early February meeting with the Iowa High School Baseball Coaches' Association, Dahm said, Heller again squashed the doom and gloom rumors with confidence when the topic arose.

"He didn't think [Panthers] would drop the program," Dahm said. "I'm disappointed for Rick Heller. He's done a tremendous job. He does so much with not a lot of resources. And I feel bad for the players, especially the timing of it."

"They're getting ready to go through their season, and they find out the day of their first game that their program is going to be dropped."

Despite the announcement to cut the program on Monday, though, Northern Iowa Athletics Director Troy Dannen released a statement on Tuesday regarding the possibility of Heller and his team staying afloat through private fundraising efforts.

According to the statement, in order to sustain the program for the next three years,

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the Panthers need to raise \$1.2 million by college baseball's national letter of intent signing day in early April. After that, they would need an additional \$10 million to fully instate the program and maintain it beyond 2012.

"After meeting with the baseball team and head coach Rick Heller, they were adamant that they have the chance to attempt to raise funds to save their program," Dannen said in the statement. "The program has the opportunity to raise funds privately in place of those eliminated as a result of the funding cuts ... While this is a steep hill to climb, they have accepted this challenge."

Tough match ahead for men

TENNIS
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In the team's last meeting in 2008, Brothers led the Bulldogs to a 5-2 victory in Des Moines.

Houghton expects this to be a premier match for Iowa, which needs its players to compete at their peak.

"It will be a very hard-fought, emotional-type match," Houghton said. "As far as getting prepared, I'm probably not going to have to say much to motivate our guys."

The last time these two teams met, Iowa claimed only one singles victory — then-junior Christian Bierich defeated

Ricardo Lau (6-2, 6-2). This time out, Houghton notes that the Hawkeyes have been sweeping the competition in doubles, but he knows singles could be the weak spot against a top-notch Drake squad. Iowa senior Greg Holm is the only Hawkeye who remains unbeaten in singles.

"I'm happy with where the doubles are right now," Houghton said. "If anything, we've dominated in doubles right now. Singles have been good, too, but I still feel we have two or three of our guys who aren't playing at their best, and we'll need them to be that much better by Wednesday."

Iowa had a 10-day window between its most recent meet against Western Michigan, on Feb. 15, and tonight. The team said the break was needed to address its strengths and weaknesses.

"Last year was kind of a heartbreaker, so there really is nothing we haven't been focusing on," junior Patrick Dwyer said. "This week, with the weekend off, a lot of fitness. A lot of guys just getting back because some guys were sick, so we're just getting back into it and getting mentally prepared for a tough team and a tough rivalry."

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Twins eye knuckleballer

By **DAVE CAMPBELL**
Associated Press

FORT MYERS, Fla. — When the Twins' pitchers gather on the grass for their daily warmup tosses, R.A. Dickey moves to the side of the formation. His throwing partner, bullpen catcher Nate Dammann, quickly puts on a mask.

Dickey lightly follows through with his delivery, deftly pushing the ball with his fingers and watching it flutter forward.

It dives. It ducks. It bends. It breaks.

Then, finally, it lands in Dammann's glove.

Sometimes.

"That's my entertainment. Because I can't play catch, I watch him throw to Nate to see if he can hit him in the face or something," said a laughing teammate Pat Neshek, who isn't yet allowed to pitch while he recovers from surgery.

Dickey is one of only a handful of knuckleballers in the game. Minnesota signed the bearded right-hander to a minor-league contract, bringing him to spring training for an opportunity to earn a spot as a long reliever. Dickey still hasn't mastered this skill, which isn't exactly a problem for the Twins. They haven't had a knuckleballer in decades.

"I'm trying to pick his brain, when it's right and when it's wrong," pitching coach Rick Anderson said. "You're kind of looking where his arm is when he's right, and I'm kind of learning the whole thing as we're going. When to use it, when not to use it."

The uniqueness and unpredictability of the knuckle ball usually draws a crowd. It's like a spin on the old television commercials — "When E.F. Hutton talks, people listen" — for the famous brokerage firm.

When R.A. Dickey pitches, people watch.

"It's like that everywhere you go," Dickey said. "It's a different thing, so you kind of feel like a circus act for a little while. People are kind of standing around. And I would be doing the same thing."

Tim Wakefield has been a fixture in Boston's rotation for years, but he's the only knuckleballer currently on a major-league roster. Dickey, like

Charlie Zink with the Red Sox and Charlie Haeger with the Los Angeles Dodgers, is in camp without a guarantee of making the team.

But Dickey has a decent chance with Minnesota, which learned Tuesday that right-hander Boof Bonser will have exploratory surgery on his pitching shoulder. Thus, the Twins need someone to fill a long-relief role.

Rule 5 draft pick Jason Jones, who must be returned to the New York Yankees if he's excluded from the 25-man roster for the regular season, is another candidate. So is Phil Humber, one of the players acquired last year in the Johan Santana trade who can't be sent to the minors without first clearing waivers.

Dickey, of course, has a way to differentiate himself from the competition.

"He knows how to pitch," manager Ron Gardenhire said. "He's had some really good years, most of them in the minor leagues, but some really good years."

Dickey throws his knuckle ball nearly 75 mph, 10-15 mph harder than Wakefield and most others who've used it. At the suggestion of former Cy Young Award winner Orel Hershiser, who was the pitching coach for Texas at the time, Dickey became a full-time knuckleballer in 2005 after he had difficulty recovering from a back injury. He still pitches conventionally, occasionally, throwing a cut fastball and a slider or a curve when the knuckle ball isn't, well, knuckling.

He's had his moments. That first outing as a full-time knuckleballer, in Triple-A? "Five innings, 10 runs, all earned. Like 13 hits," he said. "No strikeouts."

In 2006, he matched a major-league record by giving up six homers in a game. Last August at the Metrodome with Seattle, Dickey tied another mark by throwing four wild pitches in one inning.

"The process has been hard," he said. "And not without its adversity."

Dickey's career ERA is 5.57, dating to his debut with the Rangers in 2001. Last year, in 32 appearances (including 14 starts) that covered 112 1-3 innings with the Mariners, he went 5-8 with a



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Minnesota Twin knuckleball pitcher R.A. Dickey throws as Twin pitching coach Rick Anderson watches during a spring-training workout in Fort Myers, Fla., on Feb. 19. The Twins hope the Metrodome's controlled climate can provide the right environment for the right-hander to use his unpredictable pitch.

5.21 ERA with 51 walks and 58 strikeouts. But he's excited about the opportunity to focus on a specific role, rather than bouncing back and forth between the rotation and bullpen.

"It's really just trying to embrace the mentality of 'right now' for me," said Dickey, an English literature major at the University of Tennessee whose full name is Robert Alan. "I'll never get it back, so to really try to commit to that helps me to have a more consistent knuckle ball and a more consistent approach to pitching. I hate that it's taken me so long to do that, but I'm hoping I've got six or seven good years left."

"I'm 34 years old, so that's like 26 in knuckleball years."

Throwing strikes is critical. He won't make the team if the Twins can't trust him to do that. Developing a rhythm with the catchers is always a challenge, too. Veteran backup Mike Redmond has

picked it up, having caught knuckleballers Charlie Hough and Dennis Springer in the past.

"You let the ball get as deep as you can into your body and kind of take out the break and just react to it," Redmond said.

Joe Mauer, however, has never done this. He's currently unable to catch, too, while recovering from off-season kidney surgery.

"I've seen it, but I haven't tried to stop it," Mauer said, laughing.

Dickey is excited, too, about the chance to pitch in the climate-controlled Metrodome. Without the wind or other natural weather effects to worry about, the knuckle ball can be more effective.

"It's kind of a natural air conditioner," Dickey said. "The ball grabs that air that's shooting right into you and throws it pretty well, so I'm looking forward to it."

Huggins returns to Cincinnati

By **JOE KAY**
Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Bob Huggins' face is all over town, just like the old days.

Two large electronic billboards along Interstates 71 and 75 featured a photo of him and Cincinnati coach Mick Cronin on Tuesday, trying to entice basketball fans back to the arena that Huggins made famous.

He'll bring his West Virginia team to the Shoemaker Center on Thursday night, returning to the court where he turned the Bearcats into a nationally respected program before getting ousted more than three years ago.

A lot has happened since that ugly divorce between school and coach. Finally, there might be a chance for some closure.

"I think so," said freshman forward Yancy Gates, who grew up in Cincinnati and followed Huggins' ouster. "It was kind of like an up-and-gone thing. I think a lot of people felt he deserved to be here."

"I think after the game is over, it will all just fade away."

Cincinnati sure hopes so.

When Huggins lost a battle of wills with President Nancy Zimpher a few weeks before the start of the 2005-06 season, fans were in an uproar. Zimpher didn't like the basketball program's image under Huggins, who sealed his fate with a drunken-driving arrest.

Instead of going quietly, he stuck around town, allowing the wound to fester. He did commercials. He attended a Cincinnati game at Xavier. He accepted an invitation from senior players to attend the final home game of the season at the Shoemaker Center, sitting across from West

Virginia's bench while the Bearcats beat the Mountaineers, 78-75, that emotional day.

Eventually, he took the head coaching job at Kansas State and returned to play Xavier, an event that drew thousands of purple-clad fans there for one reason alone: to welcome him back.

This time, his former school is the one with arms open.

The university will honor him by passing out signs that say "Thanks Huggs" on one side and "Go Bearcats" on the other — a perfect symbol of the conflicted emotions. Also, there will be a tribute to his 16 seasons at Cincinnati on the videoboard.

Huggins hasn't given much thought to his homecoming. He expects his emotions will get to him when he reaches campus with his Mountaineers (19-8, 8-6 Big East).

"I'm sure it will when I walk in the building," Huggins said, in a phone interview from Morgantown. "I have a lot of memories there. I had the most wonderful kids in the world. I had terrific experiences there."

Not so terrific in August 2005, when Zimpher forced him out before the start of Cincinnati's first season in the Big East. Now, Zimpher is on her way out as well, preparing to take over at the State University of New York on June 1.

Asked how he feels about the university these days, Huggins didn't provide much insight.

"I don't live in the past," he said. "I've moved on."

His feel-good return could be more than a little awkward for his former team.

The Bearcats (17-10, 7-7) are tied with Syracuse for eighth place in the conference. They need to beat the Mountaineers to maintain hope of reaching the



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West Virginia head coach Bob Huggins gestures to the fans following a 79-68 win over Notre Dame in Morgantown, W.Va., on Feb. 18.

NCAA Tournament. They're coming off a loss to Louisville that prompted Cronin to move them to a less-plush locker room.

All signs of desperation. "We're going to have to win this one," sophomore guard Larry Davis said.

That might be difficult under the circumstances. Many in the crowd will be cheering Huggins. As those billboards attest, the game isn't sold out, a reminder of how far the program has fallen.

"If my guys ever worried about the crowds, we'd have packed it in a long time ago," Cronin said Tuesday. "It's not like we've been selling out every night."

Cronin might be in the most awkward position of all. He was Huggins' assistant for four years before moving on to be Rick Pitino's assistant and recruiting coordinator at rival Louisville. He coached at Murray State for three seasons before returning to his hometown to try to dig Cincinnati out of its mess.

Asked about their relationship, Huggins said, "It's fine.

We don't talk on the phone every day, but I don't talk to a lot of people every day."

Cronin didn't care to talk about how his move to Louisville has affected their relationship.

"It's a long time ago," he said. "I'm sure we both pull for each other. I know I pull for him when we're not playing. He knows how grateful I am to him for everything he did for me."

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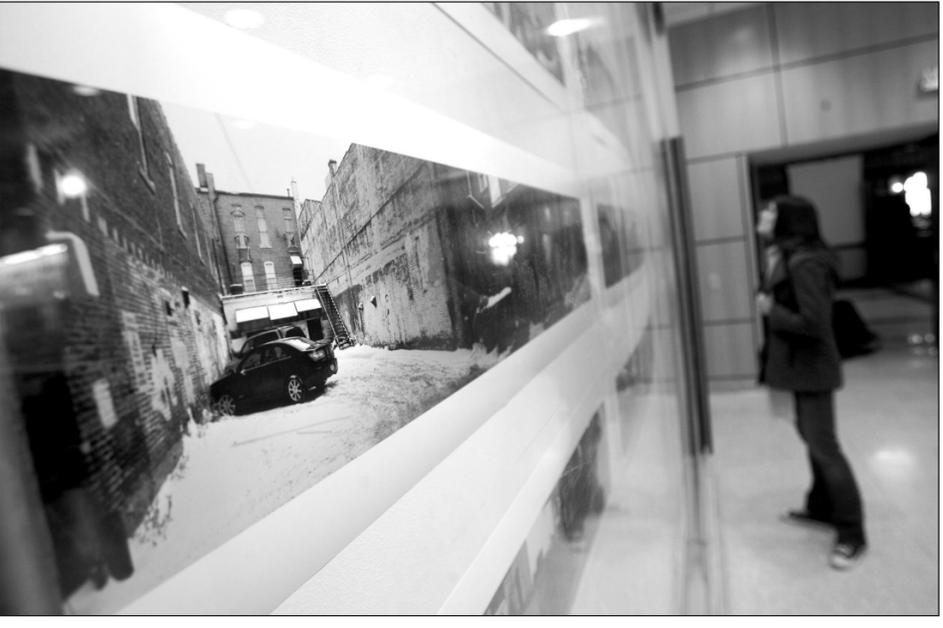
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- If any AI has a calm, soothing voice and complete control over an environment, chances are it will go crazy and start killing people.
- Almost any vehicle can absorb almost any impact caused by almost any car chase ... unless it's a road-trip comedy.
- Sex is gentle, sensual, and clean — requiring no water breaks, verbal communication, or postcoital cleanup.
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- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 **Love is skyrocketing, and solid ground can be found on which to build your life.** Past connections that were never allowed to develop will now help to fulfill your dreams, hopes, and wishes for the future.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 **You've got a lot at stake, and if you don't resolve past issues first, you may lose out on something good.** A little fancy talking, a few crucial maneuvers, and you should be in the ballpark for an opportunity that develops.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 **Your best offers will come from the past, and with your ability to develop and creatively and intelligently put things together, you will find yourself placed in a key position.** Social activities and networking will be to your advantage.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 **Get out and about where you can breathe easily and discover what it is you really want to see happen.** Get away from your normal routine and negative people. It will help you gain a clear picture of what you must do. It's up to you to bring about positive change in your life.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 **Someone will try to outmaneuver you by making last-minute alterations or decisions.** Don't fall into an unstable trap. Follow your heart, and stay within your means financially, mentally, and emotionally. Positive changes should be made at work and at home.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 **Everything will depend on how you feel and what you do.** Don't let an emotional relationship cause you to second-guess your next move. An interesting change in what you do to earn a living will allow you to go in a direction that has always interested you.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 **You'll be looking through rose-colored glasses, and you must give yourself a reality check.** Put things in perspective. You may be surprised to find out who's been watching and waiting for you to notice her or him.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 **Be forgiving, open, and respectful of others.** Consider your own faults, and fix anything you have left unfinished. Change will bring about stability and a better future.

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SOLUTION TO TUESDAY'S PUZZLE

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9	8	1	7	4	2	5	6	3
3	6	4	1	9	5	8	2	7
8	5	6	4	7	9	1	3	2
2	1	7	3	5	8	4	9	6
4	3	9	2	1	6	7	8	5

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today's events

Want to see your super special event appear here? Simply e-mail the name, time, date, and location information to: daily-iowan-calendar@uiowa.edu

- **Pain Research Seminar, "Contraction-Evoked Muscle Pain,"** Erin Dannecker, University of Missouri, 9 a.m., 2-322 Bowen
- **Story Time,** 10 a.m., North Liberty Community Library, 520 W. Cherry
- **National Eating Disorders Awareness Week, Free and Confidential Eating Disorder Screenings,** 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 341 IMU
- **Preschool Story Time,** 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S Linn
- **Spirituals of Slavery: Hope for tomorrow,** 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Afro-American Cultural Center
- **Spring Job & Internship Fair,** 11 a.m.-4 p.m., IMU Main Lounge
- **Maximizing Student Motivation, Center for Teaching,** 11:30 a.m., 2390 University Capitol Centre
- **Movies at the Museum of Natural History, "Crash: A tale of Two Species,"** 2 p.m., Macbride Hall
- **Okoboji Entrepreneurial Institute Information Meeting,** noon, Bedell Entrepreneurship Learning Laboratory
- **Anime and Manga Festival for Teens,** 3:30 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Free Dental Screenings and X-rays,** 5-6 p.m., Dental Science Building
- **Knitting with unspun roving,** 5 p.m.-7 p.m., Home Ec. Workshop, 207 N. Linn
- **Welcome Home Wednesdays,** 5:45-8:30 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Society, 10 S. Gilbert
- **PJ Story Time,** 6 p.m., North Liberty Community Library
- **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** Lea Vander Velde, nonfiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Bicyclists of Iowa City,** 7 p.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Harvar Beats Yale, 29-29,** 7 p.m., Bijou
- **Burlington Street Bluegrass Band,** 7 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Free Pool,** 7 p.m., Nickelodeon, 907 Second St. Coralville
- **Speed Networking,** 8 p.m., Pappajohn Business Building
- **Happy-Go-Lucky,** 9 p.m., Bijou
- **Comedy Night,** 9 p.m., Summit, 10 S. Clinton
- **Karaoke Night,** 9:30 p.m., Saloon, 112 E. College
- **Talk Art Cabaret,** 10 p.m., Mill

UITV schedule

Campus channel 4, cable channel 17

- 12:30 p.m.** News from Québec (in French)
- 1** "Prairie Lights" Archive, LeAnn Howe
- 2** News from Germany (in German)
- 3** "The Exchange," 2/13/2009
- 3:45** Faculty Jazz Concert, 1/25/2009, Fine Arts Performance
- 4:45** University Lecture Committee, Inga Muscio
- 6:15** University Lecture Committee, E.O. Wilson
- 7:45** "The Exchange," 2/13/2009
- 8:30** Faculty Jazz Concert, 1/25/2009, Fine Arts Performance
- 9:30** Daily Iowan Television News
- 9:45** "The Exchange," 2/13/2009
- 10:30** Daily Iowan Television News
- 10:45** "Java Blend" Encore, Damon Dotson
- 11** Faculty Jazz Concert, 1/25/2009, Fine Arts Performance

ENTERTAINMENT

The Killers sues former manager

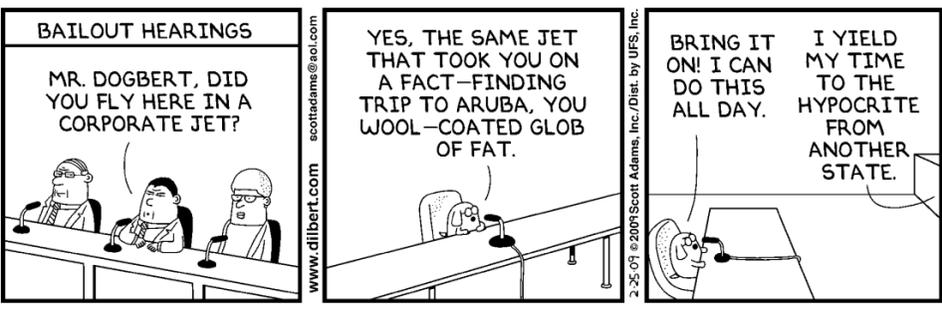
LAS VEGAS (AP) — The Killers is countersuing a former manager in federal court in Nevada, where the two sides seek millions of dollars from each other over breach-of-contract allegations.

In the most recent filing in the 3-year-old case, lawyers for the Las Vegas-based group accuse Braden Merrick of "double-dealing" in representing the band after it burst on the music scene with the multiplatinum album *Hot Fuss* in 2004. Lawyers for the band allege "Merrick was an incompetent manager who

abandoned his clients." The counterclaim was filed Feb. 20 with U.S. District Court Judge Philip Pro in Las Vegas. It alleges that Merrick was secretly paid by Island Def Jam Records while managing the band. The countersuit came in response to a \$16 million breach-of-contract lawsuit Merrick filed in February 2006.

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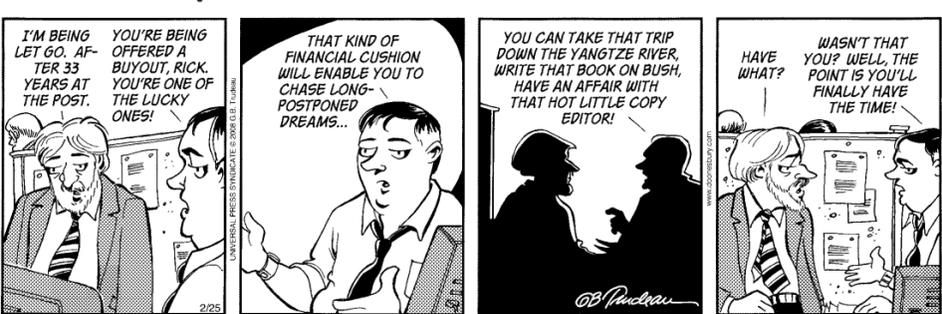


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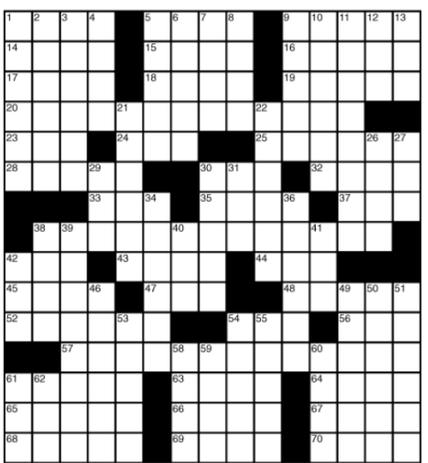
The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0114

- Across**
- Electrical bridges
 - Disney output, once
 - Winter warmer
 - Polo on TV
 - Place to pay a toll, perhaps
 - Jude Law title role
 - "___ unrelated note ..."
 - Buggy place?
 - 4 x 100 meters need
 - Genghis Khan's non-pedigree domain?
 - George ___, longest-reigning English king
 - Round fig.
 - Narrowest winning margin in baseball
 - Rush hour pace
 - Word after pen or gal
 - Newcastle's river
 - Be indisposed
 - In the thick of
 - So last year
 - Non-pedigree essential courses?
 - Monopolist's portion
 - Margin marking note ..."
 - Author of "The Island of the Day Before"
 - "___ Houston" of 1980s TV
 - Far from welcoming
 - You can open with them
 - Repugnant
 - Letters on tires
 - Talladega unit
 - Casey's non-pedigree team?
 - Put on the books
- Down**
- Like super-precise clocks
 - "The Bathers" painter
 - Head cases?
 - Be a fink
 - Hands over
 - Jump for joy
 - Singles bar delivery
 - Pipe part
 - Salk
 - contemporary school activities, informally
 - Bordeaux wine
 - Words from Alphonse or Gaston
 - Ipanema locale
 - Place for reeds
 - Items in some illicit trade
 - Miranda rights readers
 - "One" on a coin
 - Court divider
 - Cabinet department until 1947
 - Kegger, e.g.
 - "___ losing it?"
 - Elizabethan ballad player, maybe

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Puzzle by Fred Piscop

- Ernie the Muppet's rubber toy
- Decked out
- Frisbee game involving body contact
- Nonacademic school activities, informally
- Chaney of "The Wolf Man"
- Latin 101 word
- "You got me!"
- Potassium source
- Goes on a spree
- Out-and-out
- Results of some bargains
- Apply spin to
- Baby bottle?
- On one's duff
- Time on a marquee
- Ways around Chi-town
- N.L.'er since 2005

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