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Witnesses detail night of drinking

Witnesses give detailed descriptions of what happened the night Curtis Fry went drinking for his 21st birthday.

By **OLIVIA MORAN**
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Simon Maurer said he didn't believe Curtis Fry when he said he may have killed a man.

Maurer, a former coworker of 22-year-old Fry — who is on trial this week charged with second-degree murder — testified he was drinking with Fry and others in Iowa City for Fry's 21st birthday on Feb. 6, 2008.

When Fry went missing that night, Maurer said, he called a severely intoxicated Fry numerous times before finally having a conversation with him. He told Johnson County assistant prose-

cutor Meredith Rich-Chappell that Fry said he had been in a fight, the man he hit was making gurgling noises, and he thought the man was dead.

"He couldn't tell us where he was at," Maurer said. "I thought he was joking."

UI student Kevin Anson, a high-school friend of Fry's, testified first on Tuesday, recounting the events that night.

Anson testified Fry arrived at his Iowa City residence at roughly 6 p.m. that day. Anson lives at 513 Bowery St., just down the street from Fry's alleged victim — 75-year-old Patrick McEwen

ON THE WEB

For live coverage of Curtis Fry's trial this week, visit [The Daily Iowan's](http://TheDailyIowan.com) Twitter account at twitter.com/thedailyiowan.



— who lived in an apartment at 513 S. Van Buren St.

Anson, Fry's brother Cory Fry, Fry's sister-in-law, and others played beer pong at the residence for about an hour, Anson testified, before heading to their first stop, the Vine Tavern and Eatery. The group eventually made it to One-Eyed Jakes, where employees say a drunken Curtis Fry became aggressive when they kicked him out of the establishment for the second time, about an hour before Fry allegedly beat McEwen to death.



DAN WILLIAMSON, IOWA CITY PRESS-CITIZEN, POOL/ASSOCIATED PRESS
Defense attorney Peter Persaud (left) talks with defendant Curtis Fry during Fry's second-degree murder trial Tuesday in the Johnson County Courthouse. Fry is accused of beating to death Patrick McEwen last year.

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Local police deal with open cases



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY AMY ANDREWS/THE DAILY IOWAN

As of Monday, the Iowa City police had 163 active cases ranging from burglaries, assault, child abuse, domestic violence, and drug-related cases. The department is also in an ongoing process to close many unsolved open investigations such as Cody Kiroff's and Brian LaGro's cases.

In addition to PAULAs, public-intoxication tickets, and petty thefts, which make up the majority of the police blotter, Iowa City law enforcement is continually working to close cases that have stretched over months — sometimes even years.

By **REGINA ZILBERMINTS**
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In May 2008, UI senior Brian LaGro was rushed into surgery after being nearly

beaten to death.

Ten months later, his case remains open.

Between October 2006 and July 2008, almost 40 women were reportedly sexually

assaulted on the UI campus and near downtown. Almost two and a half years after the attacks began, only one has resulted in an arrest.

Law-enforcement authorities

have stressed that they're pouring resources into solving these cases, but that doesn't mean victims and concerned community members aren't frustrated.

"The main problem is that

the case is not being given high enough priority, not given enough of a push, and not given high enough urgency," said Phillip LaGro, whose son's case has been open for almost 10 months. Both the elder and younger LaGro are frustrated by the lack of progress and communication.

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UI Health Care officials to take pay cuts

Some UI Hospitals and Clinics workers support their leaders' pay cuts.

By **JENNIFER DELGADO**
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More than 40 UI Health Care senior management leaders will take pay cuts as part of a three-tier approach toward reducing health-care expenses, officials announced Tuesday.

UI Health Care officials — including UI Hospitals and Clinics CEO Ken Kates — will take voluntary salary reductions for the rest of fiscal 2009 and fiscal 2010 totaling \$1.6 million.

"UI Health Care believes these decisions are responsive to the significant challenges the overall

economy is experiencing," Jean Robillard, the UI vice president for Medical Affairs, said in a statement. "Our financial performance at UI Health Care is going to fall short of budget, and, therefore, senior leadership must lead the way in volunteering to help reduce expenses."

In addition to the pay cuts, the same senior leaders will not receive any salary increases

starting July 1 and will forgo any "incentive compensation" for reaching overall organizational and individual goals.

In total, UI Health Care — which includes the UIHC and the Carver College of Medicine — will save \$2.6 million from all of the initiatives.

Robillard said these steps could continue after the fiscal 2010, depending on the organi-

zation's financial performance. Some UI professors said they believed the pay cuts at the UI are necessary.

"It's as much about symbolism," said pathology Professor Michael Cohen at Tuesday's Faculty Council meeting. "If the faculty don't take cuts, it's a terrible message."

SEE **UIHC**, 5A



Magazines ponder e-world

As popular mainstream magazines look to convergence, Iowa City's local magazines keep to tradition — sort of.

By **KATHLEEN SERINO**
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David Hamilton, the editor-in-chief of *The Iowa Review*, said he can finally relax.

The UI English professor is looking forward to his summer retirement from the literary magazine because he'll no longer be at the helm of any major decision-making — particularly the push for online journalism.

But Hamilton's successor, Russell Valentino, a UI associate professor of comparative literature, said he looks forward to taking the magazine in that direction.

"We hope to take advantage of the all 'e' and print stuff going on here already," he said. "Also associate it with the writing university initiatives."

Hearst Corp., publisher of national magazines including *Cosmopolitan* and *Esquire*, announced a huge step in the online direction in late February. The magazine conglomerate plans to release a wireless e-reader device, putting thousands of electronic pages of Hearst publications in the hands of readers.

Despite Hearst's big leap into wireless reading, officials at local publications said they aren't too worried about the state of their businesses. These local editors and publishers have a lot in common: small staffs and a defined niche.

Though Valentino said he isn't too concerned over the current state of *The Iowa Review*, the incoming editor has plans to keep up with the times. He said he's hoping to digitally archive the past 40 years of the review, enhance the plain website with interactive media and extra literature that wouldn't otherwise

fit in the magazine, and collaborate with the UI's literary, scholarly, and artistic websites, such as the *Iowa Review Web* and the *Poroi Journal*.

The national Quill & Scroll Honor Society — based at the UI — is also working on revamping its magazine, Executive Director Vanessa Shelton said.

The society, which operates out of a small corner office in the Adler Journalism Building, is looking to shift *Quill & Scroll* magazine from paper to web-based because high-school readers are more of an "e demographic," she said.

The fall 2008 issue marked the beginning of a contemporary redesign — a new cover and full color throughout — because, Shelton said, today's journalism is so visual.

"You probably should be doing both at this stage in the game," she said in discussing splitting content between hard copy and online.

To save money, reducing distribution of paper copies and adding more to the website is still in question, she said.

Edible Iowa River Valley — the Iowa City area's local food quarterly — is one of 51 magazines nationwide under Edible Communities Inc., a grass-roots publishing company created in 2002.

Kurt Friese, who co-publishes the magazine, writes an e-mail newsletter before each issue and manages the website, adding teaser and recipe features, and stories to advertisers.

By next week, Friese, 45, said he'll begin posting a new virtual page-turning copy of each upcoming magazine.

Friese's wife, Kim McWane



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Kurt Friese and Kim McWane Friese stand in their kitchen on Tuesday. Friese, co-publisher of *Edible Iowa River Valley*, and McWane Friese, co-editor of the magazine, have increased the amount of online content for their local food magazine.

Friese, who co-edits the magazine, said that while they have increased emphasis on the magazine's web content, the print side has intrinsic value to readers.

"We consider it important that we have an online presence that is just as strong [as the print magazine]," said McWane Friese, 44.

They sell many back issues to collectors, and all 12,500 printed copies every quarter are distributed, she said.

Friese said he's heard from

people who strongly prefer the look, feel, and smell of the physical magazine. There's nothing like curling up with an issue, he said.

Hamilton noted people used to be comfortable knowing the world was flat. Standards eventually shift, though, he said, and a change may be coming for magazines, too.

But he stressed the importance of both media.

"Nobody seems anxious to move into the merely electronic world," Hamilton said.

Sgt. Jackson resigns after OWI

Officials said they will need city approval to replace resigning Sgt. Sid Jackson.

By **REGINA ZILBERMINTS**
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Iowa City police Sgt. Sid Jackson submitted a letter of resignation Monday, almost three weeks after being charged with OWI.

Jackson has been on administrative leave since the Feb. 21 incident while the department conducted an internal-affairs investigation, Iowa City Police Chief Sam Hargadine said.

The investigation had concluded, Hargadine said, and officials were meeting with Jackson when the 26-year veteran of the department resigned.

Officials said no further information was available, citing confidentiality in personnel matters.

According to authorities, an Iowa City police officer discovered Jackson on the morning of Feb. 21 and called UI police when he realized Jackson appeared to be intoxicated.

He was sitting in a vehicle with the door open, UI police said. He smelled strongly of alcohol and had bloodshot eyes, officers said.

Police reports show Jackson admitted he had been drinking but denied driving, though there were tire tracks in the fresh snow.

Authorities said Jackson walked away from the officer and refused to cooperate with testing, later refusing a breath test. Jackson was injured during the incident, police said, though no details about his injuries were available.

Jackson was not on duty at

the time and was in his personal vehicle, Hargadine said.

Though the internal investigation is over, that inquiry was separate from the criminal charges.

At least four officers have resigned from the Iowa City police force in the last year for a variety of reasons, Iowa City police Sgt. Troy Kelsay said.

"It's not unusual for there to be turnover," he said.

None of the other four officers had unresolved criminal charges against them, Kelsay said.

"This particular set of circumstances is a bit different," he said.

And while no specific numbers were available, Hargadine

said, internal investigations are not uncommon, and the department conducts reviews often. Every weapons discharge, rudeness complaint, and each grievance to the Police Citizens Review Board is followed by an investigation.

The department has an approved staffing level of 75 sworn officers, so they must now seek approval to replace Jackson. With the current economy and budget cuts, this will have to be discussed at the city level, Kelsay said.

Jackson had been with Iowa City police since 1982, and he received his first promotion in 1996. He was a lieutenant in the investigations unit, though he was later demoted to sergeant. Hargadine declined to comment on the reason.

Until his resignation, Jackson was one of two officers assigned to late-night patrol.



Sid Jackson
resigning

METRO

Coralville officially co-names road Hayden Fry Way

Coralville Mayor Jim Fausett proclaimed the stretch of First Avenue between Interstate 80 and Highway 6 to be co-named "Hayden Fry Way" during the Coralville City Council meeting Tuesday night.

Fry was the Hawkeye head football coach from 1979 to 1998, and he still has most wins in Hawkeye history. Fausett said Fry drove the stretch of First Avenue each day for 20 years to get to his office.

The co-naming is appropriate for

this year because it marks the 10th anniversary of Fry's retirement, the 30th anniversary of his first year as head football coach, and his 80th birthday, Fausett said.

The proclamation will be presented formally to Fry at the first annual Fry Fest, a celebration in the retired coach's honor, on Sept. 4.

"It is a celebration of all things Hawkeye," Fausett said.

Iowa Athletics Director Gary Barta informally accepted the proclamation from the mayor at the meeting.

"I know that Coach Fry is very honored," he said. "We look forward to celebrating."

— by Kassie Friedrichs

POLICE BLOTTER

Bryan Bly, 19, 1147 Slater, was charged Sunday with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Michael Bruckner, 23, Downers Grove, Ill., was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Todd Cook, 47, 1515 Prairie Du Chien Road Apt. 7, was charged Monday with driving while revoked, possession of marijuana, and littering from a vehicle.

Alexander Evans, 26, 420 Kimball Road, was charged March 4 with drug tax-stamp violation.

James Holderness, 60, 132 Wilson St., was charged Sunday with fifth-degree theft.

Brian Johns, 23, North Liberty, was charged March 4 with OWI.

Nancy McFall, 44, 2221 Muscatine Ave. Apt. 2, was charged Monday with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana, and littering from a vehicle.

Alexander Montgomery, 19, 729 Rienow, was charged March 5 with possession of marijuana and posses-

sion of drug paraphernalia.

Patrick Oboyle, 19, 4338 Burge, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Anthony Park, 21, Panora, Iowa, was charged March 4 with public intoxication.

Terry Rice, 53, address unknown, was charged Sunday with fifth-degree theft by check.

Keith Riley, 33, 1667 Hemingway Lane, was charged Sunday with driving while revoked and obstructing an

officer.

Alexandra Schissel, 19, Dubuque, was charged March 7 with public intoxication.

Christina Schmaltz, 27, 809 S. Summit St., was charged Tuesday with domestic assault.

Joseph Van Zant, 19, 239C Mayflower, was charged March 7 with public intoxication.

Samuel Wagner, 19, Davenport, was charged March 7 with public intoxication.

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STATE

Culver says he won't reappoint veterans home head

DES MOINES (AP) — Gov. Chet Culver says he won't reappoint the head of the Iowa Veterans Home in

Marshalltown.

Culver announced Monday his decision to replace Dan Steen as commandant as part of a plan to improve services to veterans.

Culver plans a major renovation of the veterans home and a sharper focus on veterans issues.

METRO

Woman charged with burglary

Iowa City police arrested a woman Monday who allegedly assaulted a man while trying to enter his apartment.

Marvella Lindsey, 20, was charged with first-degree burglary.

According to Iowa City police, officers responded to an assault at 732 Michael St. Apt. 6. The victim told police he had argued with Lindsey at the door of his apartment.

Lindsey asked to enter and when the victim refused, she pushed into the doorway, pushing the victim back, authorities said.

She reportedly swung at the victim several times and scratched his neck, and the alleged victim had bleeding on the left side of his neck, police reports show.

Lindsey had fled by the time officers arrived, authorities said.

First-degree burglary is a Class B

felony, punishable by up to 25 years in prison.

— by Regina Zilbermints

Man killed in I-380 accident

A Minnesota man was killed in a single-vehicle crash in Johnson County on Tuesday, reports from the Iowa State Patrol show.

Robert Ideker, 53, of Hokah, Minn., was pronounced dead at the scene, authorities said.

According to the State Patrol, Ideker was traveling north on I-380 when he entered the east ditch.

His vehicle continued north in the ditch, ran over two-mile marker posts, and struck a bridge support, troopers said.

The accident remains under investigation by the State Patrol, officials said.

— by Regina Zilbermints

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Obama-poster artist could face new charges

By RUSSELL CONTRERAS
Associated Press

BOSTON — The street artist who created the famous “Hope” poster of President Barack Obama expects to face new vandalism charges relating to the red, white, and blue image, but his lawyer said Tuesday that the accusations would cover a period of time when the artist wasn’t even in Boston.

The artist, Shepard Fairey, and prosecutors went before a clerk magistrate in Brighton District Court on Tuesday. The hearing was closed to the public, but Fairey’s attorney, Jeffrey Wiesner, said police asked the clerk magistrate for permission to charge Fairey with illegally posting his Obama images in Boston’s Allston neighborhood between Nov. 25 and Dec. 25.

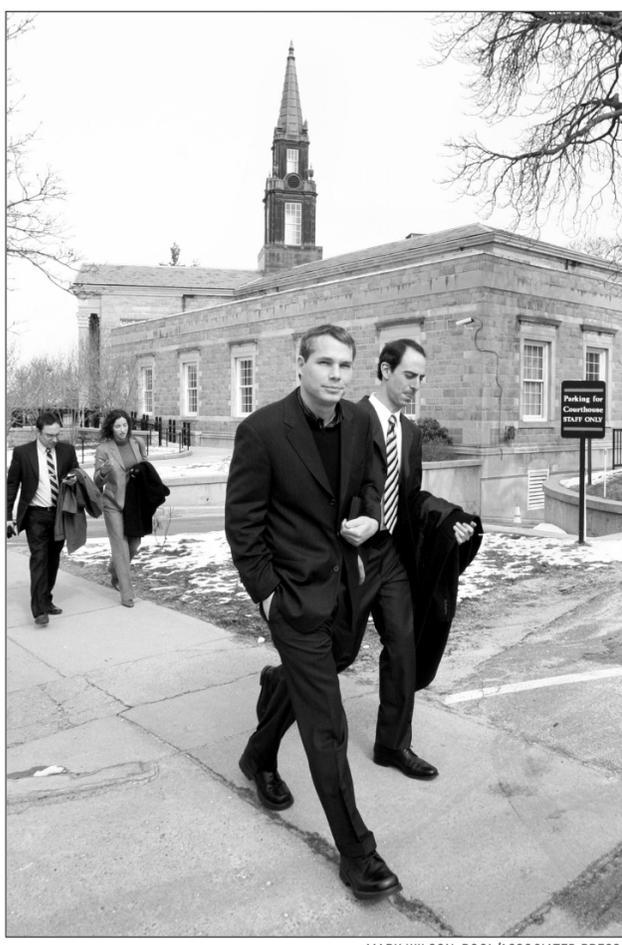
Fairey, a 38-year-old Los Angeles resident, wasn’t even in town during that period, Wiesner said. “There’s no basis for these charges, and there’s no evidence that links him,” Wiesner said.

Fairey was arrested last month over two separate vandalism cases in Boston.

One stems from a September 2000 arrest in which police say they saw him pasting a poster on an electrical box. He is accused of failing to appear at his arraignment for that offense. The other pending vandalism case accuses him of tagging property with graffiti in the weeks before he opened an exhibit at Boston’s Institute of Contemporary Art on Feb. 6.

Jake Wark, a spokesman for the Suffolk County district attorney’s office, said “it is conceivable” that Fairey could face the new charges related to the Obama poster as early as Wednesday.

In a statement, Fairey said that his art is widely available on the Internet and that he was



MARK WILSON, POOL/ASSOCIATED PRESS
Shepard Fairey (foreground) leaves Brighton District Court with attorney Jeffrey Wiesner (right) after a hearing Tuesday in Boston. Fairey, who created the “Hope” poster of Barack Obama, was in court on a graffiti charge dating to 2000 after police allegedly saw him pasting a poster on an electrical box.

not involved in the illegal display of his “Hope” posters in Boston.

“I can only assume that the gratuitous piling on of felony charges by the Boston police is related to my long-standing advocacy as an artist for the idea that public visual space should be filled with more than just com-

mercial advertising,” Wark said.

Eddy Chrispin, a Boston police spokesman, said all the pending charges against Fairey are substantiated.

“If he has problems with the charges, he should take issue with the law not the people who enforce it,” Chrispin said.

Fee fight continues

UI Student Government unanimously voted against a constitutional amendment Tuesday.

By MICHELE DANNO
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During the group’s meeting on Tuesday, UI Student Government President Maison Bleam submitted a constitutional-amendment resolution to its partnership with the Executive Council of Graduate and Professional Students.

Graduate students have disagreed with undergraduate students over the breaking of their partnership contract, which binds the two groups together. They’ve been in a disagreement over the allocation rights of the student-activity fees.

The amendment proposed Tuesday would, in part, change the structure of the budget committee that allocates student fees to campus student organizations and calls for UI officials to not intervene in student-government affairs unless both groups request it or they break university policies.

Still, even though Bleam wrote the amendment, he said he’s opposed to any split in the student-activities fees.

“I think it’s a big mistake to divide the funds,” he said. “However, this is the fairest

way to split the fee if we are actually going to do it.”

The conflict over the student-activities-fee allocations has been brewing for almost two years now, UISG officials said. Tuesday’s proposal was “a step in the right direction,” Executive Council President Steve Wieland said.

But UISG members unanimously voted against it.

“Now, it’s up to the administration, and they are going to pass something through,” Wieland said. “It’s not going to be as favorable to the undergraduates as what they turned down tonight. They did that at their own peril.”

The amendment would change the structure of the Student Assembly Budgeting and Allocating Committee, which currently has six UISG representatives to allocate the 76 percent of the fee generated by undergraduates. The Executive Council has three to represent its 24 percent of the fee. Under the proposal, that ratio would change to seven undergraduates and two graduates.

The bill also asked that the Office of the Vice President for Student Services agree that

they will never intervene in student-government affairs again. It noted they could become involved if requested by both governments or if the groups violate university policies, state or federal laws, according to the proposed amendment.

But the Executive Council wants its own committee, separate from UISG. Officials said this new committee, the Graduate and Professional Allocations Committee, will be modeled on the current system, except that it will only represent graduate and professional students.

“It’s just an issue of two different groups of people having different priorities,” Wieland said. “Not to say that our priorities are better than what undergraduates might have. We are just asking for a system where we agree that there are some organizations that are beneficial to everyone, and some that aren’t.”

UISG Sen. Michael Currie called the split a “logistical mess.”

Other UISG officials said they feared that a split will hurt student organizations. They noted they want to protect the students and be fair to student groups who are required to submit yearly budgets.

NATION

Realtors survey shows drop in Iowa farmland values

WEST DES MOINES (AP) — A survey released Tuesday showing Iowa’s farmland values dropped for the first time in nearly 10 years does not surprise agricultural experts.

The survey by the Realtors Land Institute indicates farmland values declined by an average of 7.6 percent in the past six months. That hasn’t

happened since September 1999.

Iowa State University farm economist Mike Duffy said the decline fits a trend that began late last year, when the Federal Reserve estimated a 6 percent drop in farmland values during the fourth quarter.

“It’s reflective of a lot of the problems in the overall economy, agriculture in particular,” Duffy said. “We had that run up for the last couple of years due to the ethanol boom. The bloom came off that rose.”

The land institute splits Iowa into

nine districts, and all showed drops in value. The steepest decline was in west central Iowa, which saw a 14 percent drop.

The land institute is part of the National Association of Realtors that specializes in farm and land sales, management and appraisals.

Troy Louwagie, a trends and values chairman with the institute, said the overall numbers are not as bad when paired with last September’s 6.6 percent increase.

NATION

Maytag voluntarily recalls 1.6M refrigerators

WASHINGTON (AP) — Maytag Corp. said Tuesday that it has voluntarily recalled about 1.6 million refrigerators because of an electrical problem that could create a fire hazard.

The problem has led to 16 incidents ranging from smoke damage to major kitchen damage, Maytag said.

The company and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission said the recall involves some Jenn-Air, Amana, Admiral, Magic Chef, Maytag, Performa by Maytag, and Crosley side-by-side and top freezer refrigerators. They were sold from January 2001 through January 2004 at department and appliance stores and by homebuilders.

The refrigerators, which sold for \$350 to \$1,600, came in black, bisque, white, and stainless steel. Those with bottom freezers are not included in the recall.

The recall notice said an electrical failure in the relay component that turns on the refrigerator’s compressor can cause overheating and pose a serious fire hazard.

Maytag, a unit of Whirlpool Corp., said 41 refrigerator ignition incidents have been reported, with 16 resulting in various degrees of damage.

Consumers were advised to contact Maytag to find out if their refrigerator is included in the recall and to set up a free in-home repair. Its toll-free number is 866-533-9817.

Critics of Iowa smoking ban push to change law

DES MOINES (AP) — Critics of Iowa’s indoor smoking ban pressed lawmakers Tuesday to back a bill easing the restriction because they claim it violates the state Constitution.

Larry Duncan, who owns a West Burlington tavern and has been a leading critic of the smoking ban, disputed suggestions that the law is popular. He argued that only a handful of politically powerful people are preventing its repeal.

“It seems to me that the powers that be in this state, the governor and a couple of ranking officials, don’t want it to get to the floor,” said Duncan, who joined a delegation of opponents to protest the ban at the Statehouse.

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Fire-station future becomes cloudy

Iowa City city councilors approve the fiscal 2010 budget Tuesday and OK increased fines for underage patrons in bars after hours.

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Despite a pledge to build and staff a fourth fire station in Iowa City, city councilors on Tuesday took the salaries for the firefighters out of a now-approved fiscal 2010 budget, leaving the future of the station in limbo.

Bidding on construction for the North Side station will slow during the prioritization process — a system designed to determine the most important city projects — because the city does not have the \$520,000 to staff it.

"The fire station remains a top priority for me, but rolling this into the prioritization process only seems fair," Iowa City Mayor Regenia Bailey said. "I'm confident that this project will come out on top."

Councilors expect to know the project status by July 1.

The council vowed to build

the station early last year, but the city has less money than originally proposed, leaving some councilors disappointed.

"This has to be one of the most painful things we've talked about," Councilor Mike Wright said. "Birthing this fire station has been one of the hardest things we've done."

But Councilor Matt Hayek, who proposed removing the staffing from the budget, said putting the fire station through the prioritization process was the only just way to move forward.

"I think it makes for better planning and more fairness to talk about the jobs we may have to cut to fund the fire station," he said. "We can't expand our personnel given the current economic and budget climate without removing staff in other areas."

If the council were to fund the salaries of the nine necessary firefighters, 10 to 15 other city employees could be let go. Councilors had already cut \$1 million from their 2010 operating bud-

et at their March 4 meeting in order to counteract economic constraints.

Money from the federal stimulus package would be allocated toward the station, Bailey said. She is hopeful the project will only be delayed one month.

Flood-relief projects such as elevating Dubuque Street, reconstructing the Park Road bridge, and relocating the North Waste Water Treatment Plant will remain in the operating budget for fiscal 2010.

Wright said the only way he could accept the council's decision to hold the station is because of the magnitude of the economic situation.

"This is absolutely not a normal budget year," he said. "I think this would be a much different conversation if it was."

In addition to the budget discussion, the council approved a measure that will fine those under 19 \$500 if they are found in bars after 10 p.m. The fine is double the current punishment.

Colbert in space? Maybe

By **SETH BORENSTEIN**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Earth to Space Station Colbert: The cosmic joke may be on NASA.

Comedian Stephen Colbert, who couldn't get his mock presidential campaign off the ground, is polling better by aiming higher. He's persuaded his many fans to write in his name in NASA's online public vote to name a new room to be added to the international space station.

So instead of NASA's suggested choices — Serenity, Legacy, Earthrise, or Venture — the space station's new addition may wind up with the name "Colbert."

The count by mid-Tuesday had votes for the comedian just shy of 115,000 and Serenity trailing at 98,641. More than 451,000 people have voted.

The to-be-named space station room, currently called Node 3, is scheduled to be delivered to the space station near the end of this year. It will have lots of big windows and a machine that will turn astronauts' urine into drinking water.

The name Colbert doesn't quite fit with NASA's theme,

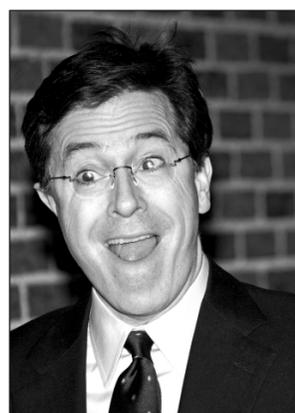
said agency spokesman John Yembrick. Other U.S. rooms in the international orbiting outpost are named Unity, Harmony, and Destiny. However, the space agency hasn't made any decision; voting will continue until March 20.

NASA has a legalistic out. Its contest rules say voting results "are not binding on NASA and NASA reserves the right to ultimately select a name" in keeping with its best interests.

Colbert's guest on "The Colbert Report" Tuesday was the strait-laced NASA official in charge of space station operations, William Gerstenmaier. After taping the show, Gerstenmaier wouldn't reveal what he told the comedian but said he had fun "in an engineer way."

Gerstenmaier said the idea behind the contest was to get people excited about space and he held out hope that NASA won't be stuck or have to ignore the vote: "We've got till the 20th of the month.... I'm looking for folks to be creative and think about what they're doing."

And don't cry for Colbert if



CHARLES SYKES/ASSOCIATED PRESS
Stephen Colbert arrives for a taping of "The Late Show with David Letterman" in New York on Nov. 20, 2008. Colbert, whose mock presidential campaign could not get off the ground, is succeeding at a much higher altitude electoral pursuit: getting the new room of the international Space Station named "Colbert."

NASA uses its regulations to thwart him. He's already managed to get his name attached to an ice cream flavor, a Hungarian bridge, and an eagle, to name a few.

Gunman kills at least 9

By **JESSICA GRESKO**
and **DESIREE HUNTER**
Associated Press

SAMSON, Ala. — A gunman killed at least nine people on a terrifying rampage across two Alabama counties Tuesday, burning down his mother's home, killing members of his own family, and shooting apparent strangers on their porches as he drove by, authorities said. He then fatally shot himself at a metals plant.

Police were investigating shootings in at least four different locations in three neighboring communities, all of which were believed to be the work of a single gunman who had not yet been identified by investigators. At least four other people, including a child, were injured.

The afternoon of bloodshed

began in Kinston, near the Alabama-Florida border, where the shooter burned down his mother's house, according to Coffee County Coroner Robert Preachers. Officials located the woman's body inside the house, but they had not been able to get inside the still-burning house to determine a cause of death or whether she was the 10th victim.

The gunman then headed about 12 miles southeast to the town of Samson, in Geneva County, where he shot and killed five people — four adults and a child — at a home. Then he killed one person each in two other homes. The identities of all the victims were unknown, but Preachers said they included other members of the shooter's family.

"He started in his mother's house," Preachers said. "Then he

went to Samson and he killed his granny and granddaddy and aunt and uncle. He cleaned his family out."

"We don't know what triggered it," Preachers added.

The gunman also shot at a state trooper's car, striking the vehicle seven times and wounding the trooper with broken glass.

He then killed someone at a Samson supply store, and another person at a service station.

Samson contractor Greg McCullough said he was pumping gas at the station when the gunman opened fire, killing a woman coming out of the service station and wounding McCullough in the shoulder and arm with bullet fragments that struck his truck and the pump.

AP writers Garry Mitchell, Bob Johnson, and Anna Varela contributed to this report.



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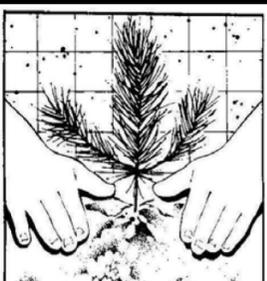
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Some cases take years

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The then-22-year-old was attacked in the early hours of May 3, 2008, in front of the L&M Mighty Shop, 504 E. Burlington St. A group of people across the street saw Brian LaGro fall to the ground, and they called the police, but it is unclear how many individuals were involved in the assault.

Doctors said LaGro was lucky, in a sense. Had he not been taken to the hospital as quickly as he was, he likely would not have survived.

Iowa City police Lt. Jim Steffen, who is in charge of investigations, and Iowa City police Investigator Jennifer Clarahan insisted that the case is being given a high priority in the department. And while Iowa City police Sgt. Troy Kelsay said frustration is understandable in a case such as this, he has more than 40 pages of reports requiring considerable follow-up.

Authorities said witnesses in the LaGro case have been "less than cooperative."

But an open case means there are still leads to follow and still people to talk to, officials said. In many cases, police are waiting for evidence to be processed at the crime lab or searching for witnesses, suspects, or even the victim.

Though a majority of cases are closed by the department, police suspend a case when no more information is available, Steffen said.

This is what happened with Cody Kiroff's case. The UI law student was attacked in September 2008 by a still-undetermined group of men, and he suffered extensive injuries to his face. Though Iowa City police conducted an investigation, the case has been declared inactive, unless police receive additional information.

Many members of the Iowa City community were outraged when authorities were unable to stop a rash of sexual assaults that began in October 2006 and increased after September 2007.

But Kelsay said the police force employed numerous investigative techniques to catch the man, or men, many refer to as "the groper."

Iowa City police, among others, noticed a pattern: A male assaulted a young woman walking alone but fled as soon as the woman resisted.

Besides a well-publicized attempt at putting decoys on the streets, officers initiated surveillance of specific locations and shifted patrols to put more officers in a position to catch the perpetrator or perpetrators.

People should remember there's a cost for these sorts of measures, Kelsay said. Days off were denied to officers, the

department had to pay overtime, and because the police had to focus efforts in one area, they perhaps left others vulnerable.

Kelsay said it wasn't possible to determine exactly how much money the department spent on the groper case, but senior officers earned as much as \$40 per hour in overtime pay. And surveillance can involve numerous officers spending hours at one location, he said.

Overall, Iowa City police spent "thousands and thousands of dollars on this case," and many other agencies also contributed officers, Kelsay said.

One arrest has been made in connection with the attacks on women. On July 19, 2008, Iowa City police arrested Jonathan Schiefer in connection with an assault Kelsay called "an escalation of what we'd seen in the pattern." Police charged him in one case; no similar assaults have occurred since his arrest.

The rest of the cases remain open.

Having investigations stretch over long periods of time is "more common than people realize," investigator Clarahan said.

Iowa City police investigations had 163 active cases as of Monday, Steffen said. These cases range in seriousness and include burglaries, assault, child abuse, domestic violence, and drug cases.

Generally, investigators will only take on a case that is at least a serious misdemeanor — such as possession of marijuana, assault causing injury, second-degree harassment, and fourth-degree theft.

Steffen said the most severe active investigations include some child-pornography cases.

Statistics on unsolved cases are "difficult to sort out," National Center for Victims of Crime spokeswoman Elizabeth Joyce said, because separating routine cases from long-term investigations reported to national agencies is almost impossible.

Steffen could not say how many local cases have been open more than six months.

It's challenging to determine whether a time lag affects the likelihood a case may be solved, said Kevin Winker, assistant director of the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation, which handled more than 100 cases involving deaths in 2008. "Time," he acknowledged, "can challenge the memories of most people."

It's typically easier if the police department has all the information up-front, Clarahan said. But over time, police can find new evidence, new witnesses can come forward, and relationships preventing a witness from speaking with police can end.

"The goal is a fast but thorough investigation," Winker

said. While a quick investigation is ideal, authorities need to ensure they have the evidence for a successful prosecution once charges are filed.

Despite some cases taking longer than others to solve, "there is no set timeline," Steffen said, pointing to what has become known as the Jema Court case as an example.

"I don't think the media and general public appreciated how brutal and violent this attack was," Kelsay said about the kidnapping and sexual assault.

Closing arguments concluded before noon Feb. 19 in the trial, which lasted three days. But it was the culmination of an eight-month police investigation and a year of briefs and motions.

Police arrested Micah Matthews, 33, only after fingerprints and DNA were taken from an unrelated burglary arrest matched evidence left from the assailant in the Jema Court incident.

A 6th District judge found Matthews guilty of first-degree and second-degree kidnapping and first-degree burglary Feb. 25.

The DCI provided assistance in the case, in addition to processing forensic evidence in its crime lab.

Winker said that in 2008, the DCI resolved 60 percent of cases it assisted on in fewer than 30 days. As of Feb. 25, 80 percent of the DCI cases opened in 2008 had resulted in an arrest.

According to experts, victims in cases in which arrests have not been made suffer, knowing their attackers are still out there.

There are always unresolved feelings after a trauma, said Kelly Willson, a senior staff psychologist for the University Counseling Service. But they increase if an arrest hasn't been made.

"If people have been able to press charges or file a report, they're already saying, 'I'm ready for this to be recognized or resolved,'" she said.

Victims may be fearful their attacker will return, and many times offenders threaten their victims, Rape Victim Advocacy Program Director Karla Miller said.

"I think victims would say if the perpetrator gets caught or they know their identity, that goes a long way," she said. Otherwise, the victims aren't able to focus on one person who they know is being held accountable.

Beyond that, there is the psychological nature of "having something hanging over you," she said.

"Concerns about the offenders being out there somewhere and knowing they're not somehow dealing with the criminal-justice system would be a terrifying thing," Miller said. "And from what victims report, it is."

Many witnesses say Fry was intoxicated

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Former Jakes employee Ryan Theis, a UI student, said when he kicked Fry out the first time at 12:35 a.m. for nearly becoming sick, Fry was "100 percent cooperative."

"I did not have a serious problem with him at all," Theis testified. "He didn't appear to be stumbling or falling down at all."

But Jakes bartender Kyle Gayman — who worked as a doorman the night of the killing — said Fry attempted to enter the establishment again three minutes later. Fry wasn't walking straight, calling the situation "bullshit" repeatedly, Gayman testified.

Fry once grabbed Gayman's forearm, "getting a little aggressive about it," Gayman told Rich-Chappell.

"My guard was up," he said, and he anticipated Fry would hit him.

The state played a Jakes surveillance video to affirm Gayman's statements, showing Fry in a hat and a light-colored shirt arguing with the employees before leaving.

Witnesses said the group also visited Bo-James and Brothers Bar & Grill for the third time that night before heading home.

Fry, heavily intoxicated, used Cory Fry and Anson for support as they walked toward Bowery Street, before taking off and running past the Burlington Street and Gilbert



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Former One-Eyed Jakes employee Ryan Theis (left) reads part of a deposition as he's cross-examined by defense attorney Quint Meyerdirk during Curtis Fry's trial Tuesday in the Johnson County Courthouse. Fry is accused of beating to death Patrick McEwen on Feb. 7, 2008, Fry's 21st birthday.

Street intersection, Anson testified. They began a search. Anson said he and Cory Fry called Curtis Fry's cell phone around 10 times, reaching him only twice.

The group next saw Curtis Fry near Anson's residence, wearing no pants and with two unfamiliar jackets wrapped around his body.

"There were two marks," Anson said. "One was on his hand above his knuckles on the right and one on his face. It looked red like there was blood."

Maurer said he also noticed the mark on Fry's hand but didn't notice any other injuries.

"He was very drunk," Maurer said. "His eyes were open, but he was pretty incoherent."

The next morning, Maurer said he exchanged text messages with Fry, who told Maurer that he felt fine and was

"ready to do it all over again." Fry's high-school friend Kyle Marks also spoke to Fry the next day.

"I asked where his clothes were," Marks said. "He had no idea."

Police arrested Fry after finding his wallet, pants, and jacket either in or around McEwen's apartment. He is charged with second-degree murder, a Class B felony.

Autopsy results indicated McEwen's injuries included blunt-force fractures to the face, fractured thyroid cartilage, brain bleeding, a left rib fracture, and wounds to his hands.

If convicted, Fry faces 50 years in prison. Trial will resume today at 9 a.m. It is expected to last until Thursday or Friday.

Health officials will cut pay

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Some UIHC workers said they supported the move.

"If they're willing to sacrifice their own salary, I support them," said child life assistant and UI junior Erin Tuken.

UIHC spokesman Tom Moore said UI Health Care officials have looked into pay reductions for some time and will continue investigating

cost-saving initiatives.

UI President Sally Mason applauded the decision.

"UI Health Care has been working diligently since September to reduce expenses, and it is been planning on how to manage the economic downturn for this fiscal year and next," she said in a statement. "I commend the UI Health Care leadership team for its prompt action in addressing the financial situation."

These most recent money-saving measures come two weeks after UIHC officials eliminated free outpatient parking as a result of the sour economy. The move will save the hospital \$1.2 million annually.

Moore said UI Health Care officials will speak to the state Board of Regents next week about additional ways to reduce expenses.

DI reporter Anna Lothson contributed to this report.

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Davenport man acquitted in IHOP slaying

DAVENPORT (AP) — A Scott County jury has acquitted a man accused in the shooting death of another man in the parking lot of a restaurant in Davenport.

The jury on Monday found Alfred Brown, of Davenport, not guilty of first-degree murder in the slaying of Hano Bailey in May 2008.

Prosecutors claimed Brown drove another man, Oliver Litt Jr., to an IHOP restaurant, where Litt shot Bailey.

The defense argued Litt forced Brown to drive him to and from the restaurant.

In a separate trial, a Scott County jury convicted Litt of first-degree murder last week. He faces a mandatory sentence of life in prison without parole. Sentencing is set for April 2.

Des Moines women arrested, 122 items recovered

DES MOINES (AP) — Two Des Moines women face theft charges after police say they tried to steal 122 items from a Wal-Mart.

Police charged 28-year-old Desiree Dawn Martinez and 18-year-old Paige Updike with second-degree theft Monday after they tried to leave the store with items worth more than \$1,000. Items recovered included shoes, dresses, socks and diapers.

Police say the Updike tried to distract a Wal-Mart greeter at the south doors while Martinez left the store. On off-duty police officer stopped Martinez outside the store and Updike was also detained.

Man dead after van crashes

URBANDALE, Iowa (AP) — Authorities say a man has been found dead after the minivan he was driving crashed into a garage in Urbandale and caught fire.

Sgt. Dave Disney says the man, whose identity wasn't immediately released, did not live at the home where the incident happened late Monday.

When rescue crews arrived at the scene, Disney says they found the minivan and garage on fire. They found the body when the blaze was under control.

Authorities say a 911 call initially reported a vehicle stuck in the mud before another report came in of a glow under the van.

The cause of the man's death wasn't immediately available.

The van, garage, another vehicle in the garage and a car in the driveway were reportedly destroyed in the fire.

Juror in Polk Co. trial dismissed because of wife

DES MOINES (AP) — A judge in the case of a Des Moines man accused of killing his wife and a neighbor has dismissed a potential juror whose estranged wife is at the center of another high-profile murder case.

Jury selection began Monday in the Polk County trial of Nath Inthaboun, who is charged with two counts of first-degree murder and two counts of attempted murder.

He is accused of killing his common law wife and a neighbor, then taking his three children hostage.

During jury selection, prosecutor John Sarcone challenged Michael Anfinson as a juror, saying he might carry animosity because Sarcone prosecuted Anfinson's wife, Heidi, for the 1998 death of the couple's 2-week-old son.

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Editorial

Honor the man, not the program

On Tuesday night, the City of Coralville issued a proclamation co-naming First Avenue as Hayden Fry Way. The new street signs will be unveiled in September before Iowa's first home football game at the first Fry Fest. While the ceremonial street name aims to honor the legendary Iowa football coach's accomplishments, the festival, according to the city of Coralville website, is a "celebration of the Hawkeyes."

Even the most fair-weather Iowa fans would be forced to acknowledge the momentous effect of Coach Fry on Iowa sports. The Iowa football program suffered through 17 non-winning seasons before Fry was hired. He also designed the now famous TigerHawk logo. In Fry's 20-year tenure, he led the Hawkeyes to three Big Ten titles and 14 bowl games, including three Rose Bowls.

Outside the walls of Kinnick Stadium, his character shone as well; Fry served his country as a Marine in the Korean War. He integrated the Southwest Conference in 1966, when he offered Jerry LeVias a scholarship to play at Southern Methodist University. He is a cancer survivor. After retiring he has toured the country in aid of cancer research, leading the UI Hospitals and Clinics to name the "J. Hayden Fry Center for Prostate Cancer" in his honor.

Aside from the recent, and now nationally infamous, "pink locker room" clamor, one is hard-pressed to find any negative events or stories attached to Fry's legacy. Certainly there are a myriad of reasons to co-name, or even name, a street in Fry's honor in the Iowa City/Coralville area. There are no objections here for the premise that he deserves recognition for his strong character and the economic benefits from a strong football program that the area still reaps 10 years after his retirement.

However, underlying the ceremony and the forthcoming annual Fry Fest is an unhealthy obsession in the local com-

munity. Iowa football is more than a program or a group of student-athletes playing a game; it is a religion.

Hawkeye football is god in much of the state, Kinnick Stadium, the altar, and Hayden Fry Way will be the ceremonial promenade by which millions of pilgrims will flock to pay tribute to their autumnal deity. Every Saturday during a home game, tens of thousands of Iowa fans swarm the Hawkeye mecca to pay tribute to their idols. Followers adorn themselves in specifically colored garments and flock en masse to their brick temple on Melrose Avenue. Our thirst for victory is insatiable; Iowa football players are treated more like modern-day gladiators than students.

And yet, it is this same unhealthy obsession with Hawkeye football that will help the Iowa City/Coralville economy next September. The Hayden Fry Way ceremony and Fry Fest 2009, both of which are free and open to the public, will help dozens of local businesses recover from last year's flood by spending money on Hawkeye apparel and other merchandise. With the pending threat of yet another flood this year, Fry Fest may be just what small businesses need to keep their doors open for another year. Is the religion of football a necessary evil for the local economy? Probably. But that doesn't mean that we should ignore the absurdity of our actions — be it the color of a locker room or the amount of alcohol we imbibe — just because Iowa football is involved.

In the end, Hayden Fry Way is being described as an honor for the victories and trophies Fry gave us, not for his sacrifice to our country or for breaking ethnic barriers. Fry is a man worth honoring, but is he being honored for the right reason? When an out-of-towner or a new student on campus asks "Who is Hayden Fry?" What will you respond with? His character and personal accomplishments, or the number of victories he brought us. Hopefully, it's the former.

Getting the ax is awesome

JOEL STEIN
LA Times columnist

I've been fired for stupid reasons. Like that editor of *Entertainment Weekly* who believed — based solely on book sales, Google hits, and other empirical data — that people enjoy reading Stephen King more than me. And I'm sure I'll get fired again for slightly better reasons. Like that no one reads newspapers.

But until Adam Carolla's talk-radio station suddenly changed formats to Top 40 music two weeks ago today, I didn't realize how awesome getting fired could be. The day after his KLSX show was offed, Carolla got two friends to set up a website, and by Sunday night he was doing a nightly podcast from his house. Often in his bathrobe.

Since the middle of that week, Carolla's has been the No. 1 podcast on iTunes, putting it ahead of public radio's "This American Life," HBO's "Real Time with Bill Maher," NPR's "Fresh Air," and President Obama's weekly address. He has gotten more than 500,000 listeners for a single podcast.

I went to Carolla's house to learn how to keep working even after you're fired. He's had no trouble getting a guest to show up every day — Dr. Drew Pinsky, comedian David Alan Grier, ESPN's Bill Simmons — especially because they don't have to get up early, navigate a parking structure, or check in with security. Seriously, you can rob Adam's house really easily.

On Tuesday evening, he and comedian Dana Gould sat on two leather couches in front of a huge stuffed pony and toy box, and after about 10 minutes of trying to make the microphones work, started to curse. They dealt with important issues, such as the thesis that people engage in adventurous lovemaking because "90 percent of sex is because it feels good; the other 10 percent is 'prove you love me.'"

Carolla is still getting paid from his talk-radio contract until the end of the year, but he isn't getting paid to podcast — in fact, it's costing him about \$2,000 a month for broadband, equipment, and tech help. And all the sound cues, song snippets, sound quality, cohosts, phone screeners, and professionalism of his old job are gone.

So far, the only recurring bit is his complaining about feedback, and it turns out it's not a bit.

So Carolla is now just a hobbyist, like all the bloggers, YouTube video directors, and other basement podcasters. Which, as a guy who gets paid by a large, dying corporation to blog on the Opinion page, scares the crap out of me. What he and I do might be so fun that everyone would be willing to do it for free after work, and so would we. Which would mean that I'll finally have to get a different job doing something that is of actual use to people. Like moving imaginary money from the government to banks.

But Carolla told me not to worry. "It will be like sports. Millions of guys play millions of basketball games every day of the week at the playground or the YMCA. But LeBron James gets \$20 million a year because he can jam on all of those guys. We're always going to want to see LeBron and Kobe go at it. Anyone can blog, but can they write an article as well as you?"

I was feeling really good until he brought up that last point.

In fact, he thinks that if the *Times* turns into a Top 40 station, I might be able to charge people for my columns. I told him this would not go over well. He argued with me: "If in 1989 I said, 'I have an idea: Bottle water and sell it. And charge more than a beer,' they would have chased me around with a giant butterfly net. The same with paying to watch a television station. But entertainment I like, whether it's Howard Stern or a lap dance, I'll pay for it."

Carolla, it seems, imagines a wonderful future in which even lap dancers will get to work from their homes in their robes.

But maybe he's right. Maybe I don't need the *Times*. Maybe I can write columns in which I curse and freely explore the two things my editor just deleted from this sentence. Maybe the only people who would suffer from the death of newspapers are the people who own and operate them. And if I had a contract until the end of the year, I'd totally be willing to spend 10 months finding out. ■

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Letter

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The 'DI' problem'

The *DI* Editorial Board has a long way to go in regards to, well, just about everything concerning Holocaust references and who's making them [in their Tuesday editorial, "Clarity should stop the Holocaust references."]

Let's put into perspective just what a legal defense is: a narrative constructed for the purpose of defense. It has nothing to do with what is or is not morally astute.

That's not the crux of the *DI*'s problem, though. Given the particular wording and the dismissive rhetoric regarding anti-Semitism, "Clarity should stop holocaust references" would have you believe we Jews go around willy-nilly claiming all the non-Jews in the world are one and the same as Hitler.

"Their proposed reason for dismissal? Anti-Semitism on the part of grand-jury members ... Please. This case has nothing to do with religion. It's about the law" is incredibly condescending, prejudiced, and reductive. Who could possibly believe that prejudice and bigotry against a very visible minority is possible? The end result would have one believe that now that the Holocaust is history there are no legitimate accusations of anti-Semitism.



Insofar as "historical sympathy" is concerned, clearly the authors of said article are the ones in need of a history lesson; anti-Semitism is systemic, as are other prejudices.

Furthermore, this litany of assertions leads the reader to believe that Jews are the ones arbitrarily throwing around the term Nazi for anything

remotely annoying. Such rhetoric completely bypasses the disconnect between legal defense strategy and other accusations of anti-Jewish sentiment, perpetuating the notion that Jewish people are exceptional and therefore incapable of being victimized by the majority.

The article could have made a

point in regards to real defense strategy concerns, however, by couching the argument in "the Holocaust card" (incredibly prejudiced rhetoric) the *DI* Editorial Board completely undermines any credible argument it attempted to make.

Marni Steadham
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Guest Opinion

Geithner's black hole more toxic than you think

DAVID M. SMICK
Special to the Washington Post

Pity President Obama's economic advisers. The blogs are now demanding their scalps, and Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner and his colleagues face a nasty dilemma: There are no solutions to the banking crisis without extraordinary political and financial risks. Thus, they have adopted a three-pronged approach — delay, delay, delay — in the hope that somebody comes up with a breakthrough.

Here's the problem: Today's true market value of the U.S. banks' toxic assets (that ugly stuff that needs to be removed from bank balance sheets before the economy can recover) amounts to between 5 and 30 cents on the dollar. To remain solvent, however, the banks say they need a valuation of 50 to 60

cents on the dollar. Translation: as much as another \$2 trillion taxpayer bailout.

That kind of expensive solution could send the president's approval rating into a nose dive. Consider: \$2 trillion is about two-thirds of the tax revenue the federal government collects each year.

The logical alternative is to temporarily restructure or nationalize the banks and leave the taxpayers alone. Remove the toxic assets, replace management, and cut the too-big-to-fail financial dinosaurs into smaller, nimbler entities. Then reprivatize these smaller banks and let the recovery begin.

Oh, if it were that simple. I suspect Obama's advisers would like nothing more than to dismantle an irresponsible firm such as Citigroup. They are afraid to do so, for one reason:

All the big banks are connected to a potentially lethal web of paper insurance instruments called credit default swaps.

The theory holds that dismantling a big bank could unravel this paper market, with catastrophic global financial consequences. Or not. Nobody knows, because the market for these unregulated financial derivatives, amounting potentially to more than \$40 trillion (by comparison, global gross domestic product is now not much more than \$60 trillion), is the financial equivalent of uncharted waters.

Geithner also knows that the mood in Congress has changed. Were a global financial brush fire to break out as a result of bank restructuring or nationalization, today's populist Congress might just let it burn. Congressional anger is likely to

intensify when policymakers realize that credit default swaps demand a stream of premium payments like a life insurance policy, not just a payment due at termination.

In addition, Geithner worries that because the troubled insurance giant American International Group is a conduit for the banks' use of credit default swaps, a collapse of AIG (as an unintended consequence of dismantling the big banks) could be catastrophic. AIG's more than 300 million terrified holders of insurance-related investments and pension funds, who have investments totaling \$20 trillion (U.S. GDP is \$14 trillion), could suddenly rush for redemptions — the equivalent of a run on a bank. Geithner would face a worldwide insurance collapse to accompany his global banking collapse.

Or again, maybe not. Nobody knows.

So our Treasury secretary has no choice but to talk of bank stress-testing and other tactics to buy time before the big bank bailout. Notice that the president's budget already contains a contingency fund of up to \$750 billion for a future bank bailout — a politically shrewd number that roughly matches the size of the Paulson bailout. The true cost is likely to be two or three times as much.

The Obama team needs to remember that we got into this mess because of a lack of financial transparency. It's time to tell the American people what the stock market already knows: that the path to recovery will probably be expensive and politically unpopular, perhaps explosively so. This dire situation could take us all down,

which is why Obama should name a proven, world-class problem-solver who is not from Wall Street as his bank workout czar. James Baker, the former Republican secretary of state and Treasury secretary, comes to mind. Other possibilities: former Democratic Sens. Bill Bradley or George Mitchell.

In the end, at least one thing is certain: Our present position is unsustainable. The longer we delay fixing the banks, the faster the economy deleverages, the more credit dries up, the further the stock market falls, the higher the ultimate bank bailout price tag for the American taxpayer, and the more we risk falling into a financial black hole from which escape could take decades.

This commentary appeared in Tuesday's Washington Post.

Marlboro royalty

The nationally recognized sextet Musicians from Marlboro will stop in Coralville tonight to share its music. The members of the touring group are highly accomplished instrumentalists.

By RACHAEL LANDER
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More than just a brand of cancer stick, Marlboro is a quaint town in Vermont. Passion, not nicotine, causes some of the world's best musicians to travel there and dedicate their summers to the Marlboro Music School and Festival.

Musicians from Marlboro, the Marlboro School's touring chamber group, will perform today at the Brown Deer Golf Club, 1900 Country Club Drive, Coralville. The performance is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., and it will feature pieces from Beethoven and Zoltán Kodály, a composer from Hungary.

"The Marlboro Music School and Festival allow musicians of extraordinary talent to gather together for seven weeks to practice chamber music," said Tessa Chermiset, the manager of Musicians from Marlboro.

Marlboro Music got its start in 1951 as a place in which musicians could come together and play without the stress of having to perform before audiences. Despite the program's relaxed environment, gaining acceptance into the school is not easy. Marlboro Music has high standards, and applicants are reviewed by a panel of professional musicians.

The group of selected applicants, which usually numbers around 80 members, move to Marlboro for seven weeks of rent-free living to play together. Marlboro Music's participants, who fall anywhere from teenage wunderkinds to strapping seniors, indicate what music they would like to work on throughout the summer, though whether their pieces will be chosen is up to the school's organizers. Chermiset said the school tries to honor the participants' wishes but cannot always accommodate everyone.

Out of around 250 pieces played throughout the summer, only around 50 are performed. Of those, one group is selected to tour and present its work to



PUBLICITY PHOTO

Musicians from Marlboro's six talented performers will share their gifts at Brown Deer Golf Club tonight.

CONCERT

Musicians from Marlboro

When: Brown Deer Golf Club, 1900 Country Club Drive, Coralville

Where: 7:30 p.m. today

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people throughout the United States. In order to gain a slot on the tour, a musician must have spent numerous summers at Marlboro. The selected performers vary each year, allowing many people the opportunity to do a national tour.

"The Musicians from Marlboro started 44 years ago," Chermiset said. "Basically, during the summer [organizers pick] one piece that we feel is so fantastic that it should be shared with audiences."

This year, the selection is Beethoven's *Serenade in D Major*, opus 25, which is specifically for flute, violin, and viola, with his *String Quintet in C Major*, opus 29. To complement Beethoven, the chamber group members also chose to play pieces from Kodály.

The six touring performers are Rebecca Albers, Maurycy Banaszek, Lily Francis, Soovin Kim, Earl Lee, and Marina Piccini. They are all acclaimed

musicians, many with résumés rivaling the complete works of Leo Tolstoy in length. Some of the touring members are established professionals, while a few are still in their early years, though all have much to be proud of in their careers.

"Rising stars and established professionals play together — that is the beauty of Marlboro," Chermiset said. "It doesn't matter if you have an amazing career or if you're just out of school."

The musicians dedicate five days to practicing the material prior to touring. While that may not seem like a long time, the professional musicians do not spend just a few hours practicing. They take as much time as they need to perfect the music and be ready for the tour.

"If they want to rehearse all day, they rehearse all day," Chermiset said. "It's really the passion for the music — that's why it's done."

The passion behind the music is what has made not only the touring group so successful, but the entire program at Marlboro as well. Chermiset said that since its founding, the school's goal has been the same: to allow instrumentalists the chance to play music.

"In the span of 60 years, not much has changed," she said. "It's a magical place."

All grown up, graphically

When it's time for the grown-ups to talk about literature, the graphic novel shouldn't have to sit at the kids' table anymore.



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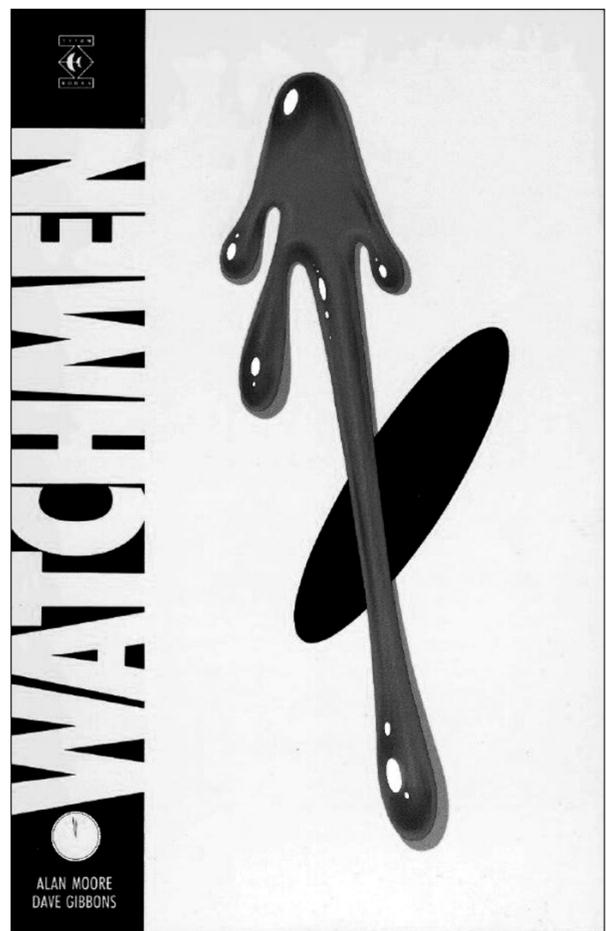
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Once upon a time, the adventures of caped crusaders and boy wonders were available solely at the local convenience store for around 25 cents. Today, the eternal struggle between heroes and villains in ridiculous outfits overflows into nearly every medium. With the theatrical release of Alan Moore's and Dave Gibbons' *Watchmen* — that crown jewel of the graphic novel ranked among *Time* magazine's top 100 greatest English-language novels of all time — comic books and graphic novels alike have surged into the public eye.

So are graphic novels upstanding citizens of literature who make useful contributions to society, or are they subversive henchmen secretly *POW*ing and *WHAM*ing the impressionable minds of America's youth with useless drivel and poor morals?

The question itself is problematic, as are most arguments over the legitimacy of the graphic-novel medium. Not all graphic novels involve costumed crime-fighters like the characters of *Watchmen* or other recognizable figures from comic books. In graphic novels such as *Persepolis*, about a girl growing up in Iran, or *The Alcoholic*, about a man's struggle with addiction, characters are certainly not required to wear capes.

The idea also persists that graphic novelists, such as Moore and Gibbons, could never be counted among great literary figures of Twain's or Steinbeck's caliber. One commentator, Tony Long, discussing the 2006 National Book Award nomination of Gene Luen Yang's graphic novel, *American Born Chinese*, in the "Young People's Literature" category, declared: "It's a comic book. And comic books should not be nominated for National Book Awards, in any category. That should be reserved for books that are, well, all words."



PUBLICITY PHOTO

Don't dismiss a graphic novel such as *Watchmen* just because it has pretty pictures.

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— Tony Long, commentator

And Long admitted he hadn't even read the nominated work. Such an opinion is wrong. The Oxford English Dictionary defines "literature" as "written works, esp. those whose value lies in beauty of language or in emotional effect." The "beauty of language" part is subjective, but graphic novels surely can elicit emotional responses from readers. In fact, the addition of visuals to words adds another layer of resonance that should make for an even more powerful mental and emotional connection.

Terry Cain, the science fiction and graphic-novel buyer at Prairie Lights Books, believes there is a stigma surrounding illustrated novels that leads to an unfair attitude toward the medium. When Craig Thompson's graphic novel *Blankets*, about a child coming of age in a strict Christian family, came out in 2003, Cain displayed it in the New Paperback Fiction section despite some backlash from his managers. However, once the novel was among other literary works, it sold very well. Cain believes the people purchasing the novel weren't "your average graphic-novel reader" and had simply

never given the medium a chance. For them, it was a matter of context, and once *Blankets* was among easily defined literature it was accepted.

Suke Cody, who buys manga (Japanese graphic novels and comics) at Prairie Lights, sees the graphic-novel genre as its own distinctive form of art.

"[Graphic novels] don't look like comic books. If you can appreciate art, there's no reason you can't appreciate a graphic novel," she said.

Ultimately, the graphic novel should be treated just as any other novel. There are plenty of bad ones out there, but when they're good, the stories they tell are just as compelling as those told by any great work of traditional literature. Art Spiegelman's heartrending depiction of the Holocaust in *Maus* or Alan Moore's horrifying portrayal of Jack the Ripper in *From Hell* bleed emotion from every page. Any refusal to believe in the graphic novel's ability to engage readers in an intelligent way merely reflects a stubbornness to cling to old media at the expense of new communicative forms.

ENTERTAINMENT

Restaurants, hotels celebrate Phish's return, too

HAMPTON, Va. (AP) — Tourism officials say Phish heads brought their appetites and wallets — not just dope — to the jamband's weekend reunion.

The Hampton Convention & Visitors Bureau reported Tuesday that the estimated 75,000 fans who flocked to the coastal Virginia city generated \$5 million in hotel, restaurant, and retail sales, a figure that could grow by \$2 million to \$3 million.

A manager at Hooters said the restaurant sold a week's worth of wings and beer over three days.

On Monday, police said they seized \$1.2 million worth of drugs during the encampment of Phish fans. By Tuesday, police revised their arrest total from 194 to nearly 250.

The concerts marked the return of the band after a nearly five-year absence.

Coolio charged with cocaine possession, battery

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Prosecutors in Los Angeles say Coolio has been charged with cocaine possession.

The 45-year-old rapper, whose real name is Artis Leon Ivey, was also charged Tuesday with battery stemming from his March 6 arrest at Los Angeles International Airport. Authorities say he grabbed a screener's arm to prevent a luggage search that turned up the drugs.

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Students cut back on spring break



As the economy continues to fall, UI students are looking for better deals and cheaper alternatives to traditional spring break trips.

By JUSTIN SUGG
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UI sophomore Kendall Kasik is going to Peru for spring break.

In more prosperous years, UI students have fled the dreary and temperamental Midwest weather for warmer climates in exotic locations.

This year, however, students such as Kasik are reconsidering spending big bucks on traditional destinations and instead opting for alternatives.

Instead of taking a trip, she will return to her Illinois hometown.

UI economics Professor John Fuller said even the perception of a recession is enough for people to reconsider their plans.

"This is more than a recession, and it's hard to measure the overall impact now, but you would expect students to cut back," he said.

Fuller, who specializes in transport policy and analysis, said though he's witnessed a recent decline in airfare prices, the gloomy economic climate may be keeping some students from dropping cash on tickets.

For many people, expenses may ultimately be a deciding factor in planning, he said.

Cost was a consideration for UI freshmen Matt McCord and Ryan Grambo, who are going home to Cary, Ill., rather than embarking on a spring-break trip.

"It's just too expensive," McCord said.

And while some people are concerned about the economic situation, others are taking advantage of the recent decline in airfares. According to a recent report by Travelocity, plane ticket prices have dropped an average of \$53 since last year.

Josh Riegelhaupt, a 19-year-old UI student, said he booked a round-trip flight to Arizona for a little over \$180.

To cut back even more on

costs, he said, he will stay with a friend for the entire week.

And cheap airfares aren't the only thing students are taking advantage of.

Alison Kofmehl, a UI sophomore from Storm Lake, will drive to Chicago with a friend and spend the week with her friend's brother.

"Driving is a lot cheaper," she said. "We're doing the downtown thing, touristy stuff."

Part of the "downtown thing" involves attending a Black Hawks' game in the box-seat section. Normally \$200 a ticket, Alison said they paid only \$50 because of a connection.

The economic decline has also led to a drop in gas prices — which have declined to nearly half of last year's prices, according to GasBuddy.com, a website that tracks oil prices across the United States and Canada.

UI student T.J. Connors, from Naperville, Ill., is taking advantage of lower gas prices and driving instead of flying to Destin, Fla., over the break. He'll split gas costs with friends — a "plus," he said.

While some students are making economical break plans, Fuller said, it will be difficult to tell how significant the economy's effect on spring break is until later this year.

Faculty mulls pay cuts

UI faculty leaders continue to question complicated budget-cut scenarios Tuesday.

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Having to speculate on hypothetical financial scenarios may seem to be nearly impossible, but UI faculty have no other choice until final decisions are made.

And that may not be for months.

But in the meantime, lengthy and often animated discussions — such as that of the Faculty Council meeting on Tuesday — will continue as UI officials figure out how to implement Gov. Chet Culver's proposed \$26 million cut from the school's budget.

"There are lots of complexities in this," Faculty Council President Michael O'Hara said after asking the faculty body to debate the logistics of taking across-the-board temporary reductions in pay versus a percentage cut that would vary depending on the qualifications of individual faculty members.

The consensus of the members showed the across-the-board cuts to be more beneficial because it would create less animosity among departments.

But English Professor Adalaide Morris raised concerns about the proportion of the cuts.

"I think it will be an attack on undergraduate education," she said, noting her worry that the College of Liberal Arts and Sci-

ences will be more deeply affected than others.

History Professor Katherine Tachau echoed a similar sentiment, saying she had concerns about departments that don't have the ability to garner many grants, which may cause them to be overlooked.

"It's crazy to have the majority of [the cuts] be in the liberal arts and sciences," Tachau said.

Jeffrey Cox, also a history professor, said the most critical consideration during the budget crisis is maintaining the quality of education, because losing more faculty would harm the UI.

Any official decisions must remain both transparent and quantifiable so faculty can truly understand the outcome, he said — something university administrators have all vowed.

"Then the faculty can see the visible results of their sacrifice," Cox said.

Faculty Council Vice President David Drake acknowledged the UI is just one entity among many in the state that are suffering.

"It's really important that we show the state and Legislature that we will share the pain," he said.

O'Hara said taking a temporary reduction in pay will save the university money, and most budget talk has shown that the cuts will be between 1 and 5

Budget talks packed with options:

With ongoing budget discussions being held, the logistics of many scenarios are being worked out by UI officials.

Some proposals include:

- Temporary reduction in pay
- Furloughs
- Employee cutbacks
- Salary freezes

percent.

But Richard Valentine, a professor of civil/environmental engineering, said given the economic morale of the state, simply a 1 percent cut would look poor for the UI.

"It will not fly very well," he said, and the small number may not seem sufficient to the public. "It's just going to throw another piece of wood on the fire."

Recently, officials have also been discussing furloughs and cutting back on faculty to save money. On Monday, state Board of Regents President David Miles also said he plans to ask regents to freeze salaries for non-bargaining unit employees — UI faculty, professional, and institutional officers — for fiscal 2010.

While the budget talk remained just conversational, O'Hara said Tuesday's discussion will be brought to the administration on Friday.

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Hoopsters keep on fighting

Despite all of its setbacks, Iowa proved it can compete against the best teams in the conference this season.

By **SCOTT MILLER**
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Penn State's Talor Battle had 11 points in the last 2:41 to force overtime against Iowa on March 7. Everyone in Carver-Hawkeye Arena thought the game was over. The Hawkeyes had blown a nine-point lead down the stretch, and it's nearly impossible to recover mentally from letting a lead like that slip away.

It's why Kansas beat Memphis in last year's national championship game, after Mario Chalmers completed a similar nine-point comeback to force overtime. And it's why everyone figured Iowa would lose to Penn State in the extra period.

But everyone should've known better.

After all, this is a team that has fought through a slew of injuries — Cyrus Tate's ankle, Jeff Peterson's hamstring, Jermain Davis' knee, Aaron Fuller's bruised forearm — to earn a near-.500 record. This is a team that has played some of the Big Ten's best — Ohio State, Minnesota, Penn State, Illinois, Purdue, and Michigan State — to losses of eight points or fewer. And this is a team that has faced far greater adversity than an overtime game against the Nittany Lions.

So the Hawkeyes continued to battle during the Penn State game on March 7.



Iowa sophomore guard Jake Kelly shoots a 3-pointer during the Hawkeyes' game against Penn State in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on March 7. The 75-67 victory is one of three overtime wins Iowa has had this season.

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SEE **BASKETBALL**, 3A

ON THE WEB

DI • Todd Lickliter and the Iowa Hawkeyes will head to Indianapolis for the 2009 men's Big Ten Tournament, and *The Daily Iowan* will be there to cover all the action from inside Consecro Field House. • Be sure to visit dailyiowan.com throughout Thursday for complete coverage of the Hawkeyes' first-round contest with Michigan, featuring video reaction from Iowa players and coaches as well as a photo slide show from Thursday's game. If Iowa takes down Michigan on Thursday, then make sure to visit dailyiowan.com again on Friday for coverage of the Hawkeyes' quarterfinal contest against Illinois. If they beat both Michigan and Illinois, then remember to check back during the weekend as the Hawkeyes look to win their third Big Ten Tournament crown this decade.



Katy Klinefelter

MARTIAL ARTS

Klinefelters return

Nearly seven months after winning professional boxing bouts in their hometown of Iowa City, sisters Emily and Katy Klinefelter will return to the Johnson County Fairgrounds on Thursday night.

But instead of boxing in a ring, both the UI students will step into the cage to compete in mixed martial arts.

Emily Klinefelter, who has a 1-0 mixed-martial-arts record, will fight Waverly native Michelle Bond in one of the evening's events. Bond enters with a 12-1 record, and she holds the Cedar Valley Fight Association's title at 135 pounds.

The younger Klinefelter will make her mixed-martial-arts debut Thursday against Jessica Hilger, a native of Lancaster, Wis., with a 2-0 record.

The fights are two of 10 scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, with the weigh-ins for all 10 contests taking place tonight at the Sports Column. Tickets for Thursday's event can be purchased either at Sushi Kitchen in the Old Capitol Town Center or at the door, which is scheduled to open at 5 p.m. Cage-side seats are \$35 each, while second and third row can be bought at \$30 each and general admission at \$25 each.

— by **Brendan Stiles**

GOLF

Women's golf finishes 12th

The Iowa women's golf team finished in 12th place out of 15 teams after shooting a team score of 306 on Tuesday in the final round of the Eagle Landing Invitational in Orange Park, Fla.

The Hawkeyes shot rounds of 318 and 307 on Monday, totaling 931.

Leading the way for Iowa was senior Tyrette Metzendorf, who tied for 27th place. Metzendorf carded a 75 on the par-72 course Tuesday and finished the tournament with 228 after shooting 79 and 74 on Monday.



Metzendorf
 senior

Fellow senior Becky Quinby tied for 31st overall (229), shooting a 77 on Tuesday after two rounds of 76 on Monday.

Sophomore Brianna Coopman and freshman Chelsea Harris tied for 61st, carding three-round scores of 237. Coopman shot rounds of 81, 78, and 78, and Harris carded 82, 79, and 76.

Junior Alison Cavanaugh rounded out Iowa's five-player team in a tie for 68th (83-81-80, 244).

Chattanooga won the team-tournament championship (866) after carding a tourney-low 283 on Tuesday to go with first-day rounds of 291 and 292.

The Hawkeyes will return to action March 16-17 at the Baylor Spring Invitational in Waco, Texas.

— by **Peter Gustin**

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SEE **WRESTLING**, 3B

Beatty works on knee

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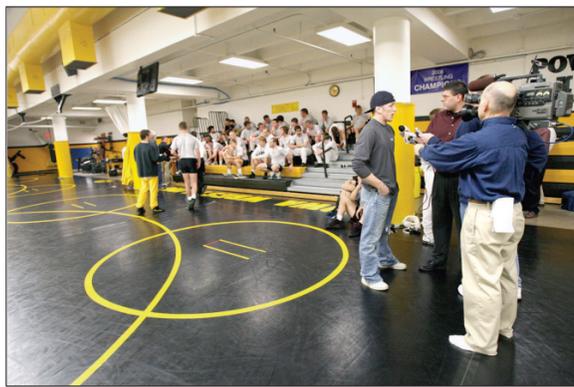
Iowa 197-pounder Chad Beatty is already making good on his pledge to be mat ready by the NCAA championships, which begins on March 19.

Just days after beating Minnesota's Gordon Bierschenk with an injured right knee in the consolation semifinals of the Big Ten championships, the Hawkeye junior is feeling good about his damaged appendage.

Earlier in the week, Beatty said, he was fitted for a brace, similar to the one he wore after first injuring his knee against Central Michigan's Eric Simaz at the Journeyman/Brute Northeast Duals last November.

"It's just to keep it from going side to side," he said of the brace. "It's not really so much pain right now. It's just getting the ligament strong and rehabbing."

But with Beatty eyeing his first NCAA individual title, the recuperation process has begun.



JULIE KOEHN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa 165-pounder Ryan Morningstar is interviewed before practice in the Dan Gable Wrestling Complex on Tuesday. The top-ranked Hawkeyes will head to St. Louis next week for the 2009 NCAA wrestling championships.

ON THE WEB

DI • Go to dailyiowan.com to hear more from the No. 1 Iowa wrestling team as it gets ready for next week's NCAA championships in St. Louis. • Tom Brands and the top-ranked Iowa Hawkeyes will head to St. Louis for the 2009 NCAA Wrestling Championships, and *The Daily Iowan* will be there to cover all the action from inside the Scotttrade Center. • Beginning March 18, be sure to visit dailyiowan.com for pre-meet coverage and then again after every session from March 19-21 for complete coverage of the Hawkeyes' quest for a 22nd national championship, featuring video reaction from Iowa wrestlers and coaches, as well as a photo slide show from every session.

Women's tennis scans the globe

By **ROBBIE LEHMAN**
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There is a culture clash on the Iowa women's tennis team, but, head coach Daryl Greenan says, this is a good thing.

Greenan has eight players on the current Hawkeye roster. Six are from the United States, but freshman Sonja Molnar is from Guelph, Ont., and senior Merel Beelen hails from Grubbenvorst, Netherlands.

Seven of the eight players are on scholarship, meaning Greenan is currently holding one and along with Beelen's, he will have two to lure top recruits for fall. He is looking internationally to find them.

"We recruit the best American student-athletes we can get first," the coach said. "Then we supplement that with the best international kids we can get. We leave no good tennis country untouched."

The signing period will begin



Molnar
 freshman



Beelen
 senior

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April 8 and run through Aug. 1, but the recruiting process is year-round for Greenan. He receives numerous e-mails about international athletes from numerous countries. He goes after foreign players not just because they have talent but also because he has a better chance at selling them on coming to Iowa.

SEE **TENNIS**, 3B

SPORTS 'N' STUFF

Rams release Orlando Pace

By R.B. FALLSTROM
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Orlando Pace, a seven-time Pro Bowl offensive tackle dogged by injuries in recent seasons, was released Tuesday by the St. Louis Rams.

The 33-year-old Pace was the first overall pick of the 1997 draft. The move cleared \$6 million in cap space for the Rams, who were 2-14 last season.



Pace athlete

Owner Chip Rosenbloom said in a statement that Pace would be remembered as "one of the finest Rams of all time." Pace started 14 games last year, but missed half of 2007 and virtually all of 2006 due to injuries.

"I can't begin to thank Orlando for all he has meant to the Rams organization," Rosenbloom added. "It is never easy to end a relationship that has had as much success as ours, but in the interest of Orlando and the Rams, we feel now is the right time."

The Rams signed an offensive lineman at the start of free agency with center Jason

Brown getting a four-year, \$37 million deal.

Pace was the first offensive lineman chosen No. 1 overall since the Minnesota Vikings took Ron Yary in the 1968 draft. The Rams dealt four draft picks — a first-, third-, fourth- and seventh-rounder — to the New York Jets for the right to move up five spots on draft day.

The former Ohio State star was selected to seven-straight Pro Bowls from 1999-2005 and started in two Super Bowls, including the franchise's lone title after the 1998 season.

"Orlando Pace has been a mainstay on the Rams' offensive line since he was drafted in 1997, and he has proven to be one of the most efficient offensive tackles throughout his career," general manager Billy Devaney said.

The Rams also are considering releasing another long-time star, wide receiver Torrey Holt, a move that would save them an additional \$8 million in cap space.

Pace's Pro Bowl haul is tied with Jack Youngblood for fourth in franchise history. Only Hall of Famers Merlin Olsen (14) and Tom Mack (11) and linebacker Les Richter (eight) were selected to more. Pace blocked for three-consecutive MVPs from 1999-2001, quarterback Kurt Warner in 1999 and 2001, and running

NCAA

N. Dakota St. wins Summit League tournament

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Ben Woodside made a 17-foot jumper with 3 seconds left to give North Dakota State a 66-64 win Tuesday night

against Oakland University for the Summit League championship and a berth in the NCAA Tournament.

No. 1 seed North Dakota State (26-6) trailed much of the game — by 14 points in the first half — and needed a rally in the final five minutes to earn an NCAA bid in its first year of Division I eligibility.

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Boston	30	31	.492	17 1/2
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New York	26	37	.413	22 1/2
Toronto	23	41	.359	26

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Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	46	17	.730	—
Atlanta	36	28	.563	10 1/2
Phoenix	34	29	.540	12
Charlotte	28	36	.438	18 1/2
Washington	15	49	.234	31 1/2

Haal excels everywhere

Iowa men's tennis player Reinoud Haal dominates on the court and in the classroom.

By AMIE KIEHN
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Court Eight in the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex has garnered a lot of attention throughout the spring tennis season. The painted asphalt has been worn down by Iowa's Reinoud Haal during the Hawkeyes' six home matches.

For the tall and lean junior, Court Eight remains his territory on game days as he plays No. 2 doubles and No. 3 singles on the hard surface.

Despite consistently competing in long, high-pressure matches, his calm demeanor has assisted him with his work ethic on the court.

"He's very steady. He's got a great mental game," Iowa junior Tommy McGeorge said. "He doesn't let much bother him, and I think it wears on guys. If you can see, he has played a lot of long matches and won most of them because he sticks with it."

The Netherlands native's resoluteness has also helped him dominate in the classroom. Haal, who is currently taking 18 semester hours, has maintained a 3.97 GPA as a finance major in the Tippie College of Business.



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa junior Reinoud Haal serves during tennis practice on Monday in the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex. The Netherlands native has played a key role for the Hawkeyes on and off the court.

ness, alongside his 20-plus-hour tennis schedule.

"I do sleep," Haal said. "I mean, school is going pretty easy for me, but I do have to work for it. Finance is not an easy major, so it is not like I am just sitting around and it's all coming to me."

"I do have to work for it."

Head coach Steve Houghton has had a long history of players

excelling in academics. Last season, six Hawkeyes were named academic All-Big Ten — Haal, McGeorge, Patrick Dwyer, Greg Holm, Mat Sawin, and Bart von Monsjou.

"We've had a lot of really good students over the years, but I think [Haal] is in the upper echelon," Houghton said. "He's in a tough area in business, and he's already getting interviews from

very good companies, especially these days economically, it is really impressive the interviews he's getting.

"He has just been an exceptionally good student since he's been here, and he doesn't do it by taking easy classes or by taking minimal hours — he really goes full blast on it."

Although Haal spoke little English when he arrived in Iowa City for his freshman year, in 2006, his English is now sharp and succinct.

Haal once recruited Dwyer to help him with his homework, but that didn't last for too long.

"I will go to him to edit my English papers now," Dwyer said jokingly. "Freshman year, he would come to us. After a few months, you realized you really couldn't help him anymore."

Haal's steady work ethic has made him a staunch opponent on the court and a champion in the classroom. According to Dwyer, Haal has no limits.

"I mean, if you are getting a Dutch kid to come over from his own country, to come and get A-pluses in American law classes, you know you've got a pretty smart kid on your hands," Dwyer said.

No bidders for Vick's mansion

By PAUL NEWBERRY
Associated Press

BUFORD, Ga. — Anyone in the market for an eight-bedroom, 11-bath home owned by one of the most notorious quarterbacks in NFL history? Well, it's still available.

Michael Vick's gated-community home in suburban Atlanta went up for auction Tuesday with a minimum price of \$3.2 million — a half-million dollars less than Vick paid before he moved into the luxurious dwelling in 2005. But no one showed with the qualifying payment of \$160,000, which was required just to start the bidding.

Vick is in the closing months of a nearly two-year sentence for his role in funding a dog-fighting ring, a criminal case that left the once-celebrated Atlanta Falcons quarterback in financial shambles. He is scheduled to be released July 20, and

he could be transferred to home confinement as early as May 21.

A pair of real-estate agents attended the scheduled auction, held behind closed doors at a lawyer's office amid a sprawl of strip malls, hotels, and office buildings surrounding the Mall of Georgia. But they were merely interested parties, not bidders.

"It is the economy that is hitting the price of the houses," said Narendra Reddy, president of Sterling Realty Services and affiliated with Metro Brokers and GMAC. "I'm sure most people think the \$3.2 million price is fixed higher than the market can fetch."

Vick's lakefront home in Sugarloaf Country Club is being sold as part of his bankruptcy case, with the goal of paying off a portion of his massive debts. He lived in the home for only two years, installing a custom-made bar, workout room, and an indoor golf simulator, before

moving back to Virginia to deal with his dogfighting case.

Attorneys and real-estate agents waited privately for a possible buyer to show, then called off the auction in less than an hour when it became apparent no one was interested.

Ross Reeves, an attorney for Vick's unsecured creditors, said he was disappointed but wasn't expecting the sale to take a big chunk out of the money owed to his clients. He said about \$3 million must go to the mortgage company, a secured creditor, to satisfy the remainder of the loan and related costs.

The company handling the listing, Funari Realty, said in a statement that it could not discuss sale details because negotiations were ongoing.

Meanwhile, federal authorities in Virginia filed court papers Tuesday objecting to a plan to bring Vick from the federal penitentiary at Leaven-

worth, Kan., to testify at a bankruptcy hearing in his hometown of Norfolk.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Frank Santoro said last month that Vick must testify in person at an April 2 hearing, even if the suspended NFL star's attorneys have to get a court order to make it happen. The judge said he would reject Vick's bankruptcy plan if he fails to appear.

But the federal prosecutor's office in Alexandria, Va., said Vick's testimony could be "accomplished by alternative means" and argued that the transfer would raise all sorts of logistical and security concerns.

"Mr. Vick's crime continues to engender strong feelings by members of the society. The possibility of protests has to be evaluated, anticipated and planned for by the Marshals Service," the court papers said.

AP writer Larry O'Dell contributed to this report.

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Iowa stays tenacious

BASKETBALL
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"We just figured, we've done it before," freshman Matt Gatens said at the time. "We've beaten teams in overtime. Let's just go and throw the first punch."

Iowa did more than throw the first punch.

Sophomore Jake Kelly played through a fever and a sinus infection to record a double-double. Tate, a senior playing his last contest in Carver, limped up and down the court on his bum ankle to play 42 minutes and score 15 points. Gatens and junior Devan Bawinkel went the distance in the double-overtime thriller, playing all 50 minutes and helping Iowa secure a 75-67 victory over the Nittany Lions.

"I have been part of some special teams and games through the years, and I am thankful for those," head coach Todd Lickliter said at his press conference March 9. "I have to think that Saturday was one of those because of our guys' determination, perseverance, and team approach."

"The character of our guys has shown over and over because they have responded to the next game with a competitive spirit."

This wasn't the only time Iowa has shown its mettle during the season. After letting Wisconsin erase a five-point lead in the last 26 seconds to force overtime on Jan. 21, Lickliter's squad didn't roll over and give the Badgers the game.

Instead, Iowa again threw the first punch, knocking out Wisconsin 73-69 in overtime.

"I just think we're a young team; we're just maturing," Kelly said. "We don't like losing. We're a competitive group of guys."

It was more of the same



JOE SCOTT/THE DAILY IOWAN
Iowa's Jake Kelly dribbles the ball while head coach Todd Lickliter watches during the Hawkeyes' game against Penn State in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on March 7. Iowa will face Michigan in the first round of the Big Ten Tournament on Thursday in Indianapolis.

against Michigan a month later. With the Hawkeyes up 20-8 early in the first half, the Wolverines exploded for a 14-0 run, gaining the halftime advantage. But it still wasn't enough to keep Iowa down, as it defeated Michigan in overtime, 70-60.

"I would be hard pressed to think of a game where they weren't competing," Lickliter said on March 7. "We have had some setbacks and some tough times, and these guys haven't hung their heads or felt sorry for themselves. They just seize the next opportunity."

"What a great lesson. I hope that people look at them and respect and appreciate the way they have approached it."

The adversity won't stop just because the regular season is over. On Thursday, Iowa will play Michigan in the first round of the Big Ten Tournament. Yes, the same Michigan the Hawkeyes disposed of in overtime two-and-a-half weeks ago.

This time around, Tate

should play more than four minutes, and even Peterson — who has missed six consecutive games after suffering a hamstring injury on Feb. 11 — might get some floor time.

"Whenever we lose a guy or know a guy's going to be out for awhile, you feel like you have a sense of responsibility to step up," sophomore Jarryd Cole said. "I think everybody on the team takes that to heart, and he tries to do everything he can to take up for it."

But even if Peterson doesn't recover in time for Thursday, and even if Tate can't play 35 minutes because his ankle's sore, and even if Kelly gets 101-degree fever and throws up in the tunnel again after halftime, the Hawkeyes will still fight.

They might not win, but they'll always fight.

"We are fighting; we were just fighting the other night to compete and get the win," Lickliter said. "I just think it is a fun to be a part of."



JULIE KOEHN/THE DAILY IOWAN
Iowa wrestling coach Tom Brands talks about his team's preparation for next week's NAAs during a press conference on Tuesday in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Brands led his team to a second-consecutive Big Ten championship last weekend, and he will try to lead the Hawkeyes to a second-straight national title as well.

Beatty tries to heal knee

WRESTLING
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Prior to Tuesday's practice, he underwent a rehab session with Iowa assistant athletics trainer Matthew Doyle, who also works with the Hawkeye men's and women's golf teams. For a workout, Beatty said, he rode one of the many stationary bikes housed inside the Dan Gable Wrestling Complex.

But as far as a timetable for when he expects to be completely healed, the 15th-ranked wrestler in the country said he doesn't have one. He said his deadline is March 19, and he'll compete regardless of how he feels.

"It's not quite as severe as my other one," Beatty said. "My other one took quite awhile, but it doesn't really matter how long it is supposed to take. I have to be feeling good by nationals anyway."

"We're going to do the right things to get it feeling the

best it can by nationals."

At the conclusion of the conference tourney last weekend, Iowa head coach Tom Brands commended his wrestler's efforts to qualify for the national championships, labeling the Wilton native as one of the toughest wrestlers on the team.

The Big Ten's Coach of the Year once again echoed those statements during an afternoon press conference on Tuesday, giving a favorable thumbs up when asked about Beatty's medical progress throughout the past three days.

"It's just very unique when you have a guy who did what Chad Beatty did, and that is wrestle when he really had no business being out there in that consolation semifinal match," Brands said. "But he had to do it — had to — because you don't leave it to chance."

"If you're going to a committee decision, maybe he gets in — maybe he doesn't. But we

wouldn't find out until Tuesday or Wednesday."

Seniors grapple with final NCAA tourney

When Charlie Falck and Alex Tsirtsis roomed together as freshmen during their first season at Iowa, dreams of becoming NCAA champions danced in their heads.

For five years, though, the title has eluded them. The closest Falck and Tsirtsis have gotten is sixth and seventh respectively.

Now as seniors approaching the last stretch of the postseason, they know their last window of opportunity will soon close.

"We haven't reached that, and we have a week and a half to do it," Falck said. "This is it. This is my last chance to do it."

"I just have to perform each match like I can. If I do that and perform like I can, I mean, I'll get what I want."

Int'l accent on tennis court

TENNIS
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"It's not that they are better, it's that we have a better shot at getting them," Greenan said. "American kids have so many schools to choose from."

Beelen follows this model, saying she came to Iowa because she didn't have any other options if she wanted to continue playing tennis.

"I wanted to play tennis, and back home, we don't have college sports or sports at all or high school sports," she said.

Tennis overseas is mainly a club sport in which athletes compete on their own rather than for a school. Greenan said the adjustment to moving to a new country isn't as major as most people think because foreign students are typically very independent. However, there are obstacles when bringing in foreign players, such as speaking English. The NCAA has also made it more difficult by recent rule changes.

"The NCAA clearinghouse dictates academic and amateur status. It used to be the school," Greenan said. "International kids have more opportunity for money tournaments or pro tournaments that can compromise their eligibility. Americans know they can't sign in as

a pro or accept money other than expenses."

Another reason Greenan likes having international players on his team is because of the new customs they bring. He knows because he was one himself. The Ontario native played collegiately at Division-II Valdosta State in Georgia, where he became an All-American.

"I look back on my own experience and appreciate learning the culture of kids from other parts of the world," Greenan said. "It's a nice education in itself. I think it opens the eyes of American kids what goes on outside of the U.S."

Canadian universities don't provide athletics scholarships, which is why Molnar, like her head coach, chose to come to the U.S. for a chance to play tennis.

"It gives the girls a different perspective of the game because they come from a completely different culture and the way the tennis is played," Molnar said.

In the end though, talent and ability are the things Greenan considers most when recruiting

beyond American borders.

"Some people think it takes away opportunities from Americans by giving away scholarships to international student athletes," Greenan said. "But if a kid is at the level where she can play in our lineup and make us better, then we're going after her."

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Alford wins coach award

By **TIM KORTE**
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Steve Alford played on a team that won the 1987 national title at Indiana. He got an Olympic gold medal in 1984. It was a thrill to be coached by his father in high school during the early 1980s.

Being named conference coach of the year at the Division I level?

That was one thing Alford had never experienced, at least not until Monday when he was given this year's Mountain West honor. New Mexico's coach said it ranks among his top basketball memories.

"This one's right up there, just because I know how hard we've worked," said Alford, who left Iowa for New Mexico in 2007. "The guys have just believed."

In only his second season, Alford has revived New Mexico's passionate fan base.

The Lobos (21-10) were picked fifth in the preseason but shared the Mountain West title with BYU (24-6) and Utah (21-9). It's the first regular-season championship at New Mexico since Dave Bliss was the coach in 1994.

Alford started his coaching career with four seasons at Division III Manchester College, where he was a three-time winner of the coach of

the year award in the Indiana Collegiate Conference.

After a successful stint at Southwest Missouri State, Alford landed at Iowa in 1999. Despite a 152-106 record and two Big Ten Tournament titles in eight seasons with the Hawkeyes, Alford went just 1-3 in NCAA Tournament games — including a 64-63 loss to 14th-seeded Northwestern State in 2006.

Iowa missed out on postseason play in 2006-07, and by then, the general consensus was that Alford had worn out his welcome. He jumped at the chance for a fresh start at New Mexico, and now he's got the Lobos on a roll.

Alford's 45 wins in his first two seasons are more than any coach in school history. His teams have gone 9-7 in Mountain West road games and 14-12 overall away from home, another school record for consecutive seasons.

It has blunted a common criticism of past New Mexico teams — tough to beat when fans get rocking in the Pit, soft as putty everywhere else.

"When you can win away from home, especially a home like this, that's saying something," Alford said.

In seven seasons before Alford's arrival, New Mexico was 14-60 on the road, including a 9-42 mark in the Mountain West. Former coach Ritchie McKay, Alford's pred-

ecessor, went 8-41 on the road over five seasons.

That was a different era. New Mexico has won eight of its last nine and is carrying a five-game winning streak into this week's conference tournament, and the Lobos picked up two huge road wins down the stretch.

New Mexico erased a five-point deficit with 13 seconds remaining Feb. 28 in a thrilling finish at Colorado State. Chad Toppert made a 3-pointer with 7.6 seconds left and the Lobos got possession on a held ball with 5.3 seconds to go.

Toppert's attempted 3-pointer was partially blocked, but center Daniel Faris grabbed the ball and scored an over-the-head basket with 0.7 seconds on the clock to tie it at 62.

New Mexico won 81-79 in double overtime. Last weekend, they won 74-73 at Wyoming.

"Our backs were against the wall," Alford said. "We knew we had to win five in a row and two of those were going to be away from The Pit."

Are they good enough to receive an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament? Alford thinks so, but he doesn't want to leave it to chance. He's telling his players they need to win the Mountain West final on Saturday for the automatic berth.

The Lobos will play Wyoming in Thursday night's quarterfinals, trying to break a three-year skid of first-round exits.

"We know we're not a lock by any means," Faris said. "Last year I thought we were going to make it, but we didn't, and it was because of our first-round loss. So I know how important this game is going to be."

Alford said he never put a timetable on New Mexico's turnaround.

Hired in March 2007 after eight seasons at Iowa, he came to Albuquerque excited about what he saw in place: a great home-court arena, an enthusiastic fan base, a good practice facility and supportive administrators.

"The X-factor was not knowing if the guys were going to believe in it," he said. "With 19- and 20-year-olds, it can go either way. They can take what you're saying and buy in or they can think you're crazy and do whatever they want."

The Lobos bought in last season, led by NBA first-round pick J.R. Giddens. This year's team kept the momentum going behind three overachieving seniors: Faris, Toppert, and guard Tony Danridge.

Throw in two-straight years of acclaimed recruiting classes and Alford has things looking up.

Giddy heights for Morehead

By **WILL GRAVES**
Associated Press

MOREHEAD, Ky. — Brian Hutchinson walked to the front of the makeshift stage in Morehead State's cramped student union, looked out at the mix of students, faculty, and fans and let out a small sigh.

"I don't see anybody with a Kentucky shirt on today," Hutchinson, the school's athletics director, said with a laugh as the crowd — most of them dressed in Morehead's blue-and-gold — roared.

Getting kids on the quiet eastern Kentucky campus to leave their Wildcats gear in their dorms is no small feat for a school that's spent years playing in the considerable shadow of Big Blue.

Who knew all it would take to give the program a makeover was a little dose of March Madness?

The Eagles (19-15) earned their first NCAA Tournament bid in 25 years with a 67-65 double-overtime win over Austin Peay in the Ohio Valley Conference finals last week.

The victory — capped by a jumper from the corner by freshman Steve Peterson with 1.6 seconds remaining in the second overtime — has created the kind of buzz normally reserved for the Wildcats or the opening of a diner in a town not known for its gourmet restaurants.

Coach Donnie Tyndall, who turned around a wobbly 4-23 program in three short years, has been inundated with dozens of calls from national media outlets. Charismatic center Kenneth Faried, with his easy smile and seemingly endless string of double-doubles, has become the de facto mayor.

The basketball team did in 40 minutes what the school's marketing program has been trying to do for the last 40 years: make Morehead relevant beyond this tightly knit community on the western edge of the Appalachian Mountains. The school's telemarketing program had its best Sunday in 10 years the day after Peterson hit the shot of his young life.

The campus has found an unlikely spokesman in Faried, a still-growing 6-8 center from Newark, N.J., who decided to take a chance on Tyndall over such schools as Rutgers and Seton Hall.

Those programs wanted Faried to spend a year at a prep school to get his academics in order. Tyndall told him to keep plugging away at his ACTs so he could qualify and play right away, even if it meant trading



Morehead State players celebrate after beating Austin Peay in double overtime in the Ohio Valley Tournament championship game in Nashville on March 7.

the bright lights of New York for a town where street lights are hard to find.

"My mother told me, 'Go somewhere where you can play and make a name for yourself,'" Faried said. "I'm the type of person, I like to bring the little school in the back. I knew Morehead was a nobody for the last 25 years, and I saw what Coach Tyndall was doing, and I thought, 'Hey, let's go be a part of something.'"

Just exactly what, Faried wasn't sure. Then again, he wasn't the only one who asked Tyndall "where?" the first time he called.

Senior captain Leon Buchanan still has to correct his friends sometimes when they mistake Morehead for Morehouse College, a historically black university in Atlanta.

"You have to say Morehead State in Kentucky," Tyndall said. "We're hoping we can get to the point where we don't have to mention the Kentucky part."

Morehead's identity crisis isn't limited to people who can't find it on a map.

While notable alumni include former New York Giants quarterback Phil Simms, the majority of the student body grew up rooting for Kentucky. Outside of its rivalry with nearby Eastern Kentucky, sports at Morehead have long been a diversion, something to do on fall afternoons or cold winter nights.

Playing second fiddle on your own campus can take some getting used to. The Eagles thought if they started winning things would change.

While there has been a slow rise in attendance as Morehead has made steady progress — going from 12-18 to 15-15 to 19-15 in Tyndall's three seasons — winning the locals over remains very much a work in progress.

One hour after beating Eastern Kentucky in the Ohio Valley quarterfinals last week — arguably the biggest win on campus in two decades — Faried went over to a friend's house to relax.

One problem. While the Eagles were winning, Kentucky was losing to Georgia. Faried spent the night trying to calm

his friend down.

"These people, they're really obsessed," Faried said. "... I want that passion here."

If Tyndall gets his way, it'll come soon enough. The excitable 38-year-old, a former guard for the Eagles in the early 1990s, has brought continuity to a program that's had little of it over the years.

It's not that Morehead has been awful the last 25 years, just awfully inconsistent. The Eagles have more single-digit win seasons (nine) than winning seasons (seven) since their last NCAA appearance.

To turn things around, rather than build around stars, Tyndall's plan is to improve the team's depth. His approach was tested earlier in the year when junior guard Maze Stallworth was suspended after being arrested on fraud charges.

The team was just beginning to emerge from an early season funk when Stallworth got in trouble. Yet rather than worry about losing his third-leading scorer, Tyndall urged his players to keep their eyes forward.

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