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**Tau Kappa Epsilon house dad Paul Jermihov looks through the mail at the fraternity house on Tuesday. Responsibilities of a house dad vary from helping with problems to setting up chapter meetings to risk management.**

## FRATS GETTING LIVE-IN 'DADS'

Other regent universities don't require house parents in all chapters.

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**D**ecades ago, UI fraternities had house mothers. The older women swept, cooked, and maintained the houses. The times have changed. Now, many UI fraternities will select young, fresh-out-of-college men to serve as their house dads. No cooking necessary.

Next semester, all UI fraternities and sororities will be required to have a "house parent" living in their chapters' home. This decision stems from a 2006 assessment of the UI's greek community, an effort to better serve chapter members.

Most UI sororities have a house mother, while a handful of UI fraternities, such as Beta Theta Pi, are already benefiting from a house dad.

"To us, it wasn't even a question of whether the university wanted us to have one or not," said Kevin Lindenberg, the president of Beta Theta Pi.

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**The reflection of Tau Kappa Epsilon house dad Paul Jermihov in a bookcase in the fraternity house Tuesday. Jermihov serves as a bridge between the board of advisers and the rest of the chapter.**

## Some turning eyes to November

Some UI students readying for midterm elections.

### 2010 congressional races

**Three Republicans are vying to run against Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa:**

- Mariannette Miller-Meeks
- Christopher Reed
- Steve Rathje

**Three Democrats are competing to run against Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa:**

- Bob Krause
- Roxanne Conlin
- Tom Fiegen

Source: Candidate websites

By **ADAM B SULLIVAN**  
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Chinese across the globe rang in the Year of the Tiger earlier this week. But for politicians on campus, 2010 looks more like the year of the underdog.

Still 8½ months from the general election, some UI students are gearing up to support candidates in November's congressional races. Both Rep. Dave Loebsack,

D-Iowa, and Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, are up for re-election.

While the opposing parties have fielded competitors in both races, most analysts aren't chalking up much of a chance for the challengers.

According to the nonpartisan Cook Political Report, both Grassley and Loebsack have a "solid" chance of being re-elected. In fact, Grassley — who was seated in the Senate at the same time Ronald Rea-

gan assumed the presidency — would likely beat any of the Democratic hopefuls by a 2-to-1 margin, according to a recent Rasmussen poll.

Those odds don't stop two Democrats who spoke on campus Tuesday.

Both Bob Krause and Tom Fiegen stressed the importance of generating interest among young people with the UI Democrats.

SEE **NOVEMBER, 3A**

## Leach pushes for civility

The former congressman discusses campaign negativity and the importance of research.

By **KRISTIN LUTZ**  
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Universities have a vital role in encouraging an active debate of how political issues affect society, former Iowa Congressman James Leach told a crowd on the UI campus Tuesday night.

"The UI has a responsibility," he said, "because a university is where you study issues, have debates among faculty, staff, roommates, students ... and one gets confronted with new ideas and then is tested and challenged within their individual views."



**Leach**  
ex-congressman

SEE **LEACH, 3A**

### LICENSE TO SERVE

## Council reverses on 2 licenses

One-Eyed Jakes and a new bar will receive their liquor license after all.

By **KATHRYN STINSON**  
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Keeping a liquor license hasn't been an easy task for some Iowa City bar owners these days. In five months, Iowa City officials have recommended denying them to five establishments.

But two of those found a different fate on Tuesday night. The Iowa City City Council granted a liquor-license renewal for downtown bar One-Eyed Jakes and a new license for the yet-to-open Sidelines.

Councilors approved both unanimously without any discussion.

Mike Porter, who owns One-Eyed Jakes, 18-20 S. Clinton St., was denied a license two weeks ago at the advice of Iowa City Fire Chief Andrew Rocca.

Rocca said the establishment failed to meet the stairway-width standards of the International Fire Code. Since then, Porter has widened the staircase to meet the requirement.

Heather German, the former owner of the bar Los Cocos, 1921 Keokuk St., which closed after a stabbing in its parking lot, was denied a license for her new establishment, Sidelines, last month.



**Porter**  
bar owner

SEE **COUNCIL, 3A**

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The 2010 general election isn't until November, but opposition to Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, isn't taking down time. Check out our web edition to watch two opponents stump for his seat.



# Other schools eye UISG administrator forums

By **JORDAN FRIES**  
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As budget cuts threaten universities nationwide, the UI Student Government is trying to keep students in the loop with regular public forums.

But turnout has been low. Roughly 15 students showed up for the first forum on the semester, on Feb. 10, to discuss student-related issues with university administrators. At a forum last semester, attendance also hovered around a dozen.

UISG officials maintain that most students are interested in bypassing complicated jargon when receiving answers to their educational concerns directly from school administrators. So they're hoping to boost awareness of the forums.

UISG President Michael Currie said despite attendance having improved since last semester's forum, future sessions need better marketing — beyond e-mails and posters.

Developing a "less sporadic" event time and setting a date at the beginning of each month would attract greater interest, he said.

"I think the consistency will draw more people in, and simply by word of mouth, we will have more attendees," he said.

Those who attend the events can ask President Sally Mason and Provost Wallace Loh questions about the dwindling budget, the recently released task-force reports, and binge drinking, among other concerns.

"I really hadn't heard about it, honestly," said UI senior A.J. Schmidt. "But I definitely would have attended. Being a student in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, I'd like to ask some questions about certain programs that might be cut."

Other universities are also looking to involve students in town-hall style discussions to provide transparency on administra-

tive decisions.

Iowa State University's Government of the Student Body will hold four to five meetings this semester to gauge student opinions on key issues.

The University of California-Berkeley, where cuts have forced talk of layoffs and prompted significant tuition hikes, will hold a special session focused specifically on student reception to budget cuts, according to the school's website.

The University of Wisconsin-Madison has an all-student voting board that recommends and reviews proposals for school officials to consider. Student representatives held a meeting with school administrators last month to discuss a recent tuition hike for undergraduates.

But the UI is unique among many of its peers by allowing students to directly question high-ranking officials.

"I really applaud the UISG for lessening the

distance between student and administrator," said Ken Harris, press director for Wisconsin's student-government body. "It wouldn't be unprecedented for Wisconsin to take a page from the UI's book, either."

Currie said plans are in place for another forum in March, with a different set of topics on the agenda. He said there is a "wealth of motivating factors," most notably the budget, spurring the forums.

And Eric Kaiser, the president of the Executive Council of Graduate and Professional Students, said he wants to conduct a separate forum focused specifically on the uncertain future of some graduate programs.

"There is a lot of change happening on campus, and we want students to ask the important questions," said Kaiser, who attended the Feb. 10 forum. "We want to have a two-way street between students and university officials."

# Activity-fee debate finally resolved

A new committee will now allocate some funds for both UISG and the graduate-student council.

By **MICHELLE HILLENBRAND**  
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A roughly yearlong debate over how to allocate the UI's Student Activity Fee funds could finally be wrapping up.

The UI Student Government approved a new committee at its meeting Tuesday evening that would serve as the joint financial committee for both UISG and the Executive Council of Graduate and Professional Students.

Student Governments at Iowa will replace an interim policy created by Thomas Rocklin, the interim vice president for Student Services, in March 2009 that split the funding responsibility between both governments.

The new group will allocate money to student groups that affect both the undergraduate and graduate schools, including such large student groups as SCOPE, UISG Vice President JD Moran said. The

new panel will also set the budget cap for such organizations as KRUI and Homecoming.

Student Government at Iowa will have members from both UISG's and the Executive Council's allocating committees.

Funding for undergraduate groups will still be through UISG's Student Assembly Budgeting Allocating Committee, and allocations for graduate organizations will be under the Executive Council's equivalent.

The Executive Council also approved the new committee at its meeting Tuesday, UISG officials said.

The new group would only function with the cooperation of both parties, officials said. Group members are still working to define the specifics of the new arrangement, said Patrick Cebrynski, UISG's financial officer.

UISG senators approved giving roughly \$65,000 of Student Activity Fee funds to campus

groups. The allocations were determined by the budgeting committee before being approved.

Several student groups requested additional funding at Tuesday's meeting. For instance, the newly created Students Consulting for Nonprofit Organizations garnered money for a professional trip to Chicago.

Earlier in the meeting, Jane Meyer, the senior associate athletics director, delivered bad news to UISG members: Construction could hinder the group's hopes of bringing concerts to Carver-Hawkeye Arena before 2012.

"Carver's primary use right now in the current state is to hold the athletics events and practices," she said.

The facility is undergoing a \$43 million renovation, set to be completed in late 2011. Because construction workers need access to the facility at certain times, scheduling concerts could be challenging, she said.

Meyer emphasized that arena officials are not opposed to holding concerts in the future — as long as they do not interfere with Hawkeye teams' schedules or graduation ceremonies.

In the past, musical groups including the Backstreet Boys graced the arena.

Former UISG President Maison Bleam ran on a platform that included bringing concerts back to the arena. While not officially on their platform, UISG President Michael Currie and Moran, the vice-president, said they hoped to do the same.

"It's something that I feel like all students get behind," Moran said. "I think it's nice that we've talked with them and made steps to have them in the future at all."

UISG officials plan to talk about the idea with Meyer again in August 2011, around when the arena's construction would wrap up.

## METRO

### Council OKs 'electronic participation'

The Iowa City City Council passed a resolution at Tuesday's meeting to establish a ruling for electronic participation in council meetings.

At its Jan. 25 work session, the majority of the council expressed interest in pursuing the establishment of an electronic meeting procedure.

Councilors would use the electronic mechanism if a councilor were unable to attend a formal meeting. Councilors said they're hopeful the electronic outlet will allow for a decrease in split voting.

The council noted they only wanted to use the new technology rarely.

The service is open to all groups who hold meetings in Harvat Hall.

— by Kathryn Stinson

### Council moves against electronic signs on cabs

The Iowa City City Council approved its second consideration of an ordinance that would ban the use of electronic signs on Iowa City taxis.

Councilors split on a vote to amend the ordinance to only include flashing lights. Three councilors were concerned the ordinance is too restrictive.

Councilor Regenia Bailey reminded local cab companies that the city had to align with the Iowa Code and suggested the companies contact their state representatives.

"We don't want local businesses to invest in the signs and then have them be in violation of the state code," Bailey said.

The council will review the ordinance for its third reading

at its March 2 meeting.

— by Kathryn Stinson

### Council knocks fee back 1 percent

The Iowa City City Council voted to pass and adopt a reduction of the city's franchise fee from 2 percent to 1 percent at Tuesday's meeting.

Councilors unanimously passed the reduction after requesting the suspension of the third reading and moving to adopt the ordinance.

The original fee was proposed at 2 percent. Councilors wanted to reduce the charge from 2 to 1 percent in December but the vote split, 3-3. Then-

The council decided to suspend the vote until the new councilors took office in January 2010.

— by Kathryn Stinson

### City annexes land near I-80, Highway 1

The Iowa City City Council voted to allow for a voluntary annexation of land for the Moss Green Development at Tuesday's meeting.

The land is approximately 132 acres located near the intersection of Highway 1 and Interstate 80.

Jeff Davidson, the director of planning and community development, said the developers offered to pay for utility infrastructure and utility access, "a large financial commitment." It was in the city's best interest to annex the property, he said.

The block of land will be used for the Moss Green Urban Village Development, a business park built using environmental sustainability methods.

"We are happy to approve it," Councilor Connie Champion said.

— by Kathryn Stinson

## POLICE BLOTTER

**Matthew McLaughlin**, 18, 126 Stanley, was charged Feb. 12 with possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. **Stephanie Ryerson**, 20, 521 N. Linn St. Apt. 4, was charged Feb. 12 with PAULA. **Sarah Cammoun**, 20, Waterloo, was charged Feb. 12 with PAULA. **Robert Madsen**, 20, Brookfield, Ill., was charged Feb. 12 with pub-

lic intoxication, interference with official acts, and PAULA.

**Paul Lee**, 20, Cedar Rapids, was charged Feb. 13 with public intoxication.

**Mitchell Lemaster**, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Nov. 22, 2009, with second-degree theft.

**Haley Luensman**, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Feb. 13 with OWI.

**Jamie Gubbels**, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with OWI and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**Kevin McCullough**, 46, address unknown, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

**David McClish**, 47, address unknown, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

**Joseph Moore**, 34, 203 Myrtle

Ave. Apt. 312, was charged Jan. 10 with second-degree theft.

**Delmar Robertson**, 41, 58 Westside Drive, was charged Tuesday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

**Nicholas Roughton**, 24, 228 E. Bloomington St., was charged Sunday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

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2. Proposal would link professor performance to pay
3. Group wants Ped Mall cameras
4. Hawkeyes look to avenge loss to Wolverines
5. Snow emergencies illustrate need for new city parking policy

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## FRATERNITY

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Cody Kiroff, the organization's current house director, offers advice to Lindenberg and helps foster communication between active members and the housing corporation.

"It's a huge support network, just a huge resource," Lindenberg said.

Kelly Jo Karnes, an associate director of the Office of Student Life, said the position of a house director will be a trustworthy adviser whom members will be able to consult in difficult situations.

"It's difficult to hold your peers responsible at all times," she said. "It's difficult to be a student and a leader."

In one instance, Karnes said, a fraternity member was threatening harm to himself. When chapter members weren't sure what to do, the house director stepped in and said the student needed to get help.

Of the UI's 13 fraternities with a house in Iowa City, the seven without

house dads are making plans to select one before next year.

Phi Kappa Psi officials have been in contact with a recent alumnus, who will receive free room and board in addition to the fraternity meal plan, said member Steve Pasdiora.

Most fraternities plan to compensate their directors, who will most likely be alumni, in this way, several fraternity members said.

Mark Rigby, the Interfraternity Council president, said he thinks having alumni as house directors will be beneficial to active members.

"It's definitely another mentor," he said. An alumnus has been through the fraternal experience and can help members live out the fraternity's values, he said.

While some fraternity members might think the requirement is aimed at curbing underage drinking, Karnes said this wasn't the main reason for implementing the change.

"I don't think suddenly we will have no underage drinking," she said. "I don't

think we ever thought that in a million years."

Statewide, other universities are more lenient when it comes to house directors.

Iowa State University leaves requirements up to each chapter's national base, said Jenn Plagman-Galvin, the director of greek affairs. However, about 85 percent of structures do have a house director, she said.

The University of Northern Iowa doesn't require house parents because its greek chapters don't have official houses, said Jessie Stinson, the program coordinator of greek life.

While roughly half of the UI's fraternity community has yet to reap the full benefits of house directors, current Greek leaders said they are hopeful about the outcome.

"This is something that is a long time coming," Pasdiora said. "It will do a lot of good things on our campus."

## LEACH

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Tuesday evening's speech in the Old Capitol marked Leach's Iowa segment of a 50-state tour to address "a tone of American political discourse that continues to degrade from informative argument to personal attacks and innuendo," according to a UI release. Now serving as the chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, Leach emphasized the university culture also creates more knowledgeable people, who in turn influence society and the government.

His organization offers grants to institutions — which can be used for research or other study that will help educate students and the public.

In line with that philosophy, the UI could offer undergraduate and graduate courses, along with research, that would spread knowledge about humanities and create a better

understanding of topics such as health care and environmental issues, said Jay Semel, a UI associate vice president for Research.

"The general public gets very excited about new sciences when regarding health and other topics," he said. "However, when it comes to new discoveries in humanities, it becomes unsettling to people because it becomes a matter of faith. It isn't welcomed as 'Wow' but more so a violation of their American faith and belief in which most people don't want to change their mind."

In his speech, Leach also discussed the role politicians play in society.

On a lot of issues, the idea that Republicans cannot support a Democratic viewpoint and vice versa can influence voting, he said, and that "leads to people not being able to think of the common good for the people."

He also discussed the negative atmosphere often created during elections.

"Just as athletes compete to win, they learn to respect

their opponents," he said. "Is it too much to ask the same for candidates?"

Leach, who served as a Republican congressman for three decades, made headlines when he crossed party lines to support Barack Obama on the first night of the Democratic National Convention. Before then, Leach was known to go against his party on one key issue: authorization of military force in Iraq.

Iowa City resident Jeff McDowell said after Tuesday's speech that Leach is "the most honest and most fair man" and compared him with Abraham Lincoln.

"What you get with Leach is an honest politician," he said.

Today, Leach will join the UI Symphony Orchestra to narrate a performance of Aaron Copland's *Lincoln Portrait*. The piece combines classical orchestral music with the narration of segments from President Abraham Lincoln's documents and speeches, like the Gettysburg Address.

## COUNCIL

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Iowa City Police Chief Sam Hargadine had submitted the negative recommendation to the council because German didn't fit the Iowa Code's "good moral character" criteria.

Despite past offenses, Porter and German's liquor-license requests were approved because of their willingness to comply with the requests of city officials.

"Both of those denials were basically contingencies," Councilor Mike Wright said on Tuesday afternoon. "And both were resolved."

To qualify as a person of

good moral character, the applicant must have a solid financial standing and a good reputation, according to the Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division.

German had an outstanding court fee and banking debt. Though the license approved Tuesday was in Oscar German's name, City Clerk Marian Karr said both applications were the same.

Iowa City police Sgt. Denise Brotherton said the financial obligation the Germans had was taken care of. The Germans were free to reapply after paying any outstanding fees, Brotherton said.

Though issues at Los Cocos provided trouble for the city, Wright said he doesn't foresee any prob-

## Cracking down on the bar scene

Bars that have received a recommendation for denial in the past five months:

- Summit, 10 S. Clinton
- One-Eyed Jakes, 18 S. Clinton
- Et Cetera, 118 S. Dubuque
- 3rd Base, 113 E. College
- Sidelines, 320 E. Burlington

Source: DI archives

lems with the Germans' new establishment, Sidelines, 320 E. Burlington St.

"She voluntarily surrendered her license for Los Cocos," he said. "Barring any new evidence, in my opinion, I don't think there would be any new problems."

## NOVEMBER

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"Any one of you people in this room can do the same," Krause said after rattling off the accomplishments of his youth, including winning a spot in the Iowa Legislature at age 22. "You can go out and change the world. All you need is focus, focus, and focus."

He also noted that he was a member of the UI Democrats in the early 1970s.

The candidates were both optimistic about bringing down Grassley, a 30-year veteran of the Senate. Even Fiegen, admittedly the underdog in a field of underdogs, said he's in a good spot.

"I would rather surprise people than be the

favorite," he said.

Krause, Fiegen, and another Democrat, Roxanne Conlin, will compete in a June primary to decide who will run against Grassley.

Campus Republicans are in the game, too; UI freshman Will Gries is leading a campus effort to lend support to Mariannette Miller-Meeks, a Republican on the prowl for Loebsack's seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. Miller-Meeks will face off against Republicans Steve Rathje and Christopher Reed in June's primary.

Iowa's 2nd Congressional District is deep blue — 7 percent more Democratic than the national average, according to the Cook Partisan Voting Index. In 2008, Loebsack handily defeated Miller-

Meeks, grabbing almost 60 percent of the vote.

But Gries isn't fazed. He said the area isn't as liberal as some of the numbers indicate.

"Just from talking to people here, I get the sense that most people at their core are very moderate and will give anybody a chance to say their viewpoints and tell how they can help," said Gries, a self-described moderate Republican.

A bigger challenge, Gries said, is dealing with apathetic students. The remedy? Explaining the importance of the election.

"I think students have the same things at stake in 2010 as they did in 2008," Gries said. "Because we are the future of this country, we should have an interest in how things go."

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## Editorial

## Task-force recommendations a good start for UI's budget problems

Money is tight at the UI, and graduate programs are no different. Releasing their respective reports and recommendations on Monday, six UI task forces underscored that sobering reality.

The Task Force on Graduate Education found that 14 programs required "additional evaluation." Some notables: film studies, German, and health and sports studies. The report concluded that in order for these 14 to continue, program leadership must look at restructuring or merging.

Another task force proposed tying faculty's salary to performance. Professors would be compensated based on how well he or she met certain criteria established by her or his department. Faculty members who surpassed expectations could be given bonuses along with their base pay.

We support both proposals, with a few reservations.

Merging programs is by far the most egalitarian option and would avoid unnecessary and austere program cuts. But while we support the idea in principle, it's also important to recognize the possible downsides of such a strategy.

"I have seen nightmare scenarios at other institutions, where programs were mismatched together, and they ended up falling apart," said Russell Valentino, the chairman of the cinema and comparative-literature department.

Increasing efficiency and productivity in certain programs can allow for continued growth, and measured merging is a positive option as well. We strongly urge UI officials to make phasing out programs a last resort — or not an option at all.

John Keller, the dean of the Graduate College, listed two graduate programs as necessities for the UI and the state.

"Regardless of quality, we probably are not going to get rid of the master's of science in nursing or public health," Keller said. "These are programs that are targeted for our workforce in the state, so it behooves us to have these programs."

Naturally, we cannot quibble with the argument that nursing degrees are vital to our state's welfare and workforce. Nevertheless, we

believe program size — one category the task force used — is a fundamentally poor, specious evaluator.

If we begin to evaluate graduate programs by size, we disregard programs' unique characteristics. As a Tier-1 institution, we must provide the most thorough and comprehensive education possible. Discontinuing any graduate program not only makes that goal impossible — it lowers our reputation in the academic world.

The best-case scenario for the coming months is an equal partnership between each graduate program and the UI administration to solve the underlying budget issues. We can all take this opportunity to craft a better university. But a better university does not mean cutting programs. Agreeing on that is a first step toward success and prosperity.

The proposal to tie professor pay to performance is also a good one. Our one caveat: We urge departments not to include student grades in performance evaluations. Faculty Council President David Drake told *The Daily Iowan* he didn't think departments would ever tie evaluations to students' grades.

We hope he's right. On its face, student grades may seem to be the most logical area to consider. If a professor teaches well, students will receive better grades, right? Not quite. It is a common fallacy to judge professors in this manner. Instructors can control their level of preparedness, attitude, and work ethic. But student involvement and participation is often beyond their control.

In programs with smaller class sizes, such as English and journalism, student grades are a clearer reflection of professor quality. But even in this instance, it's never assured that student grades will correspond with teacher efficacy. In addition, linking performance to grades could give professors an incentive to hand out higher scores or lower course standards.

The UI is in undeniably tough times. Still, we're encouraged by Monday's reports and welcome further discourse. With a few tweaks, these proposals could be successful in reforming the university and averting more drastic cuts.

Your turn. Which task force proposal was the best one?

Weigh in on [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com).

## GOP oblivion

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Judging by their campaign platforms, they wouldn't be out of place in the 5th District, home to Iowa's arch-conservative representative, Steve King.

But here they are, in the 2nd District Republican primary, jostling for the chance to unseat Democratic incumbent Dave Loebsack.

There's Steve Rathje, who proudly proclaims on his website, "I will not support amnesty, and I will not trade one single American life or the life of a legal immigrant for that of some common criminal or potential terrorist who chooses to sneak across our borders."

And then there's Mariannette Miller-Meeks, who ran against Loebsack in the 2008 general election and has adopted a sharper, more caustic tone. In an appearance at the Cedar Rapids Tea Party last September, the Ottumwa ophthalmologist questioned the constitutionality of health-care reform and talked of overthrowing elected officials.

Rounding out the Republican field is Christopher Reed, who has a staff member who worked for anti-immigrant demagogue Tom Tancredo during the former Colorado representative's presidential campaign. Reed is perhaps best known for calling Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, the "Tokyo Rose of Al Qaeda" in his 2008 run for Senate.

Moderate bunch, huh?

It goes without saying that this cadre of conservatives holds political views unlike my own. But, ideological differences aside, I question the political viability of the primary winner in the general election.

I'm not one to shill for conventional wisdom, especially in politics. Too often it centers on the standard Democrat-versus-Republican dichotomy and, in doing so,

underplays the nuances in politics. This can fuel perfunctory participation with easy-to-categorize analyses and hackneyed paradigms.

But you'd think GOP candidates would at least be cognizant of what plays politically in the area they hope to represent. It's politics 101: Candidates have the best chance of winning

when their positions are closest to that of the median voter.

In the 2nd District, where Democrats outnumber Republicans by almost 60,000 — and where Johnson County, arguably the most left-of-center county in the state, is located — the political ethos is decidedly liberal. So GOP candidates must run as moderates, much like Republican and longtime 2nd District Rep. James Leach successfully did.

Candidates in both parties always appeal to their respective bases in primaries (the median voter is decidedly more liberal or conservative depending on the party primary). Then, in effort to appeal to more moderate voters in a general election, they often temper the ideological slant of their positions and rhetoric.

But Republican-primary candidates will have to employ more than a measured jaunt back to the political center when they're out in Steve King territory.

"Unless anti-incumbent fever is pandemic in 2010, if the GOP veers too far to the right, it would probably not only lose but lose in a landslide," Iowa State University political-science Professor Steffen Schmidt told me in an e-mail.

Loebsack, who is vying for his third term in 2010, has an incumbency advantage and is winning the fundraising race. Through Dec. 31, 2009, the former Cornell College professor had \$336,311 on hand, according to the Federal Elections Commission. At most 60 percent of that total came from political-action committees, a dubious distinction for Loebsack, who is on record as supporting campaign-finance reform.

Rathje, the leader among his Republican adversaries, had just \$46,242 on hand, almost entirely from individual contributions. The nonpartisan Cook Political Report classifies Loebsack's seat as solidly Democratic. Still, there's anti-government sentiment across the country. Won't this affect the median voter in the 2nd District? It's likely — but not enough to completely transform the ideological makeup of the district.

I'm guessing that Rathje, Miller-Meeks, and Reed are banking on just that. Naively vivified by Tea Party outrage and zeal, they've apparently forgotten which congressional district they're running in. ■

## Letter

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## Stop celebrity worship

I'm writing in response to the Feb. 10 article, "Hands off Bono, Dude," by Rachael Lander. I will admit to having a bit of a bias on this issue, as I truly despise nearly all of U2's work, mostly because of Bono. But I will put that aside. I would first of all like to argue that celebrity endorsements can be just as

bad as they are good. Lander used the example of all the celebrities helping with the Haiti cause. Obviously, she has seen Wyclef Jean at the forefront of this movement and his organization, Yele Haiti. Does she know about how he personally took \$60,000 of a \$600,000 donation that went to his organization in 2006?

I do not go to rock concerts to hear what musician feelings

are on certain events. I'm getting sick and tired of them spewing their opinions about where all of my money should go, when they are in no position to tell me what to do with it.

If I donate to a cause, it's because I want to, not because Bono says I should. And definitely not because he endorsed a shirt that I don't want and don't need. If I buy a shirt, it's

because I like the shirt and want to wear it.

Why do we insist on taking celebrities' opinions and making them our own? Stop putting these people on a pedestal. Let's stop worshipping celebrities and form our own opinions; the outcome is bound to be just as beneficial — if not more.

Travis Rudd  
Iowa City resident

## Guest opinion

## Federal stimulus money has aided UI research

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Today marks the one-year anniversary of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The act ushered in a new era of research across the nation that will lead us to unprecedented scientific progress. Not since the post-Sputnik era of the 1950s and 1960s have we witnessed such investment in the intellect, drive, and promise of American scientists.

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has received more than \$53 million in funding awards and commitments to span a three-year period. These resources are helping us assemble teams that are addressing such pressing national concerns as the prevention and treatment of human diseases and the remediation of environmental damage. This surge in research productivity is creating hundreds of high-quality Iowa-based jobs that are critical to the state's short-term economic recovery, and it is helping train the next generation of scientists, who will be vital to the state and nation's long-term prosperity.

Let me share with you just a few examples from

the 136 initiatives that are under way thanks to the recovery act's investment.

• Jane Paulsen, in our Department of Psychiatry, and her team are researching the neurobiological predictors of Huntington's disease, which as yet has no cure. Researchers have been able to identify the genetic markers of Huntington's, which is hereditary, and thus inform patients of their condition long before symptoms set in. But until now, that knowledge has never been analyzed in detail and compared across a large number of patients to help identify target moments within the disease process for treatment development.

Thanks to the act's funds, the Paulsen team is continuing PREDICT-HD, a first-of-its kind, international, 30-site study that is helping scientists understand the biological processes that take place in Huntington's disease well before symptom onset.

• George Malanson, in our Department of Geography, is leading research on the ecological consequences of an exotic fungal pathogen that causes blister rust, which kills or damages white pine trees, a species critical to ecosystem stability. White pines in many areas are declining rapidly because of blister rust, which negatively affects the function of

ecosystems.

• Peter Damiano, the director of the UI Public Policy Center and a professor of dentistry, heads a team examining the disparities in needs, costs, and behavior that influence when children have their first preventive dental visit. Racial, social, economic, and other factors are being assessed with a goal of designing an intervention with parents and providers to be certain that children begin preventive dental visits at the most optimal time.

Our faculty and staff at the UI are passionate about the pursuit of knowledge, as well as providing needed services to

Iowans. The act's funding has helped us fulfill our mission of making life better for the citizens of our state and people across the nation and world during these very difficult economic times. This funding also is supporting the jobs, equipment, goods, and services necessary to conduct research, benefiting the immediate economy. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act places us on the road to solid economic recovery, and it builds the foundation for unparalleled learning and discovery for years to come at the University of Iowa.

Sally Mason is the president of the UI.

## Hancher to work with 'master of impossible'

Hancher and Orchestra Iowa announce a collaboration with international performer Tomáš Kubínek.

By **MARISA WAY**  
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SWISHER — The trio standing in the Cedar Ridge Winery in Swisher created quite the visual contrast. The first two men to speak — Hancher executive director Charles Swanson and music director for Orchestra Iowa Timothy Hankewich — were dressed formally in suits.

The same could not be said for the third man. With aviation goggles atop his forehead, and wearing an outfit complete with a navy-blue military jacket with large gold buttons, performer Tomáš Kubínek stood out.

At a press conference on Tuesday, the three were eager to speak about their collaborative project. Titled "An Evening at the Symphony with Dr. Prof. Tomáš Kubínek," the show will consist of Kubínek — whose style of entertainment is described on his website as "a collision of theater and music-hall," — being onstage and interacting with an orchestra. It will debut in November.

"An Evening at the Symphony" will tour in five cities in Iowa and Nebraska over the course of a month. The collaborators hope that Kubínek will

continue on with the project and perform with orchestras on a national and international level.

This style of show will be new for almost everyone involved — including Kubínek. The Czechoslovakian-born performer is used to doing one-man shows involving music, theatrical acts, and comedy.

"This will be different because I will have an audience behind me and in front of me," Kubínek said, referring to the orchestra that will share the stage with him.

Swanson said that a relationship between Hancher and Kubínek was first established in 2006, when Kubínek was one of a handful of performers who traveled around Iowa with Hancher. The project was an attempt to motivate young people to stay in the state.

"The timing couldn't be better," Swanson said when referring to Hancher's second collaboration with the performer. "It's a real opportunity."

Kubínek said he first came up with the idea for a project with an orchestra when he was performing in Italy. He immediately contacted Hancher to see there was interest in the concept. The performer said Hancher has a nationwide reputation for developing new works.

"I knew that [Hancher] had the clout and experience," he said.

After Hancher joined the project, Swanson set out to find an orchestra that would perform with Kubínek. He didn't have to look far. Hankewich immediately agreed to be a part of the collaboration. Swanson knew the pair would work wonderfully on a personal, as well as creative, level.

As the press announcement came to a close, Kubínek decided that he wanted to "propose a toast" to this creative collaboration.

"I will drink a glass of wine with no hands ... while playing the soprano ukulele and humming," he said as he dragged out a large carpet bag filled with various objects.

As he balanced the glass on his forehead, notes from the ukulele began to echo through the room. Slowly, Kubínek lowered himself to the ground. Soon, he was lying down, with his legs sticking straight up in the air. Carefully, his knees clutched the glass resting on his forehead, and lowered it to the ground. After proceeding to do a backwards somersault, Kubínek took the glass in his mouth — and drank it.

He grinned as applause rang out through the room.

## Coal-hearted dirt

An author and journalist takes on coal.

By **ADAM SALAZAR**  
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Investigative journalist Jeff Biggers is not a big fan of coal. Having his family's ancestral home of Eagle Creek, Ill., razed to make way for coal production, Biggers found no other way to illustrate his frustration than to do what he does best — tell the story.

Biggers has written three critically acclaimed books, and his latest memoir, *Reckoning at Eagle Creek: The Secret Legacy of Coal in the Midwest*, reveals not only the dirty past of coal mining but also the story of his family. The author will read from the memoir at Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque, at 7 p.m. today. Admission is free.

A mix of part-memoir, part-investigative history, *Reckoning at Eagle Creek* takes a look back at 200 years of exploitation, slavery, and economic devastation. Biggers concludes that the myth of clean coal as a renewable energy is just that, a myth.



**Jeff Biggers**  
*Reckoning at Eagle Creek: The Secret Legacy of Coal in the Midwest*

"Essentially from the cradle to the grave, coal is dirty," he said.

Although the talk of carbon emissions and renewable energy has been centered on the subject of petroleum, the legacy of coal can be far more shocking than one might envision.

Biggers said more than 45 percent of electricity in the nation is produced by coal, and coal mines are now mostly concentrated in the Appalachians. One might assume that because this region of the country is rich in coal, it would be economically vibrant. However, Biggers explains this is far from reality. Big mining companies often care very little about those they employ because of modern infrastructure and technology, he said.

Poverty levels in southern Illinois are far greater than of the northern part of the state, whose

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electricity is supplied by areas where Biggers' family has lived since 1908. Appalachia is no better.

Ever since the Clean Air Act of 1990, coal mines have become almost non-existent in Illinois and Iowa. But at its height in 1908, Iowa coal mining (mostly concentrated on the Missouri border), brought thousands of immigrants to the state, creating the diverse ethnic fabric that is now the state's legacy.

Mary Howes, a geologist with the Iowa Geological Survey, said that although the dangers of coal mining are many, there were also some benefits.

"Mining was dangerous but employed a lot of people," she said. "Iowa owes a lot to that."

### MUSIC

#### Evening salutes American composers

If President Obama ever suffered a loss of words, Honest Abe's legacy could act as a tag team and spring into the ring.

"The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present," President Lincoln spoke in his annual message to Congress in 1862. "The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise with the occasion."

American composer Aaron Copland also found these words useful in 1942 when he composed his classical orchestral work *Lincoln Portrait*. Narrated excerpts of Abraham Lincoln's speeches accompany this

commemoration of the World War II American war effort.

Today, in celebration of Presidents' Day, the UI Symphony Orchestra and conductor William LaRue Jones will present a patriotic program of music at 7:30 p.m. in the IMU Main Lounge. Admission is free.

"Anytime you listen to the words that Lincoln spoke during the crisis times of his day," Jones said, "[his words] speak of the kinds of topics that are just as relative today as they were 150 years ago."

Jones sought James Leach, a former member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Iowa and current chairman of the National Endowment for the

Humanities, to read the speech excerpts in the UI's performance of *Lincoln Portrait*.

"Chairman Leach has begun giving talks on civility in today's society," Jones said. "What [Leach] has to talk about matches up very well with the speeches Lincoln was giving during his presidency."

Other selections included in the orchestral program include William Grant Still's *In Memoriam: The Colored Soldiers Who Died for Democracy*, Leonard Bernstein's *West Side Story: Symphonic Dances*, and a violin solo to Maurice Ravel's *Tzigane*, rhapsodie de concert, for Violin & Orchestra.

— by Caroline Berg

### NATION

#### Climber's body recovered in St. Helens crater

SEATTLE (AP) — The body of a veteran climber who fell 1,500 feet into the crater atop Mount St. Helens was recovered Tuesday after he spent more than a day in the snow, authorities said.

Clouds and wind had hampered efforts to reach Joseph Bohlig, 52, who was posing for a picture Monday on the rim of the dormant crater when a snow overhang gave way and he fell into the volcano.

"We're sorry that he's gone, that he didn't make it," said Richard Bohlig, the climber's 84-year-old father. "He was doing something he enjoyed very much. That's all I can say."

Family members had gathered in Bohlig's hometown of Kelso, Wash., to await word on the search.

Earlier in the day, Bohlig said his son was an avid mountaineer

who had climbed peaks in many countries, but Mount St. Helens was his home mountain.

"He used to go up even before the eruption as a child, play in the snow and that," he said.

A Navy helicopter found Bohlig on its second pass of the day at the mountain.

The weather cleared long enough to spot his body, which had been partially covered by snowfall, Skamania County Undersheriff David Cox said.

Cox said an autopsy would be conducted to determine if Bohlig died of injuries, hypothermia or a

combination of factors.

Bohlig had taken off a layer of clothing to cool down after reaching the summit and likely wasn't protected against sub-freezing overnight temperatures, Cox said.

Two attempts to reach Bohlig by helicopter were turned back Monday by winds and fading daylight after crews spotted him.

He had reached the summit with his friend Scott Salkovics after a four-hour hike. Bohlig took off his backpack and some clothing then decided to pose for pictures.

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# She really digs her job

Sarah Horgen helps uncover the state's archaeological history.

By **JOSIE JONES**  
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Sarah Horgen likes to dig. Whether it's 120 degrees outside or the ground is frozen and topped with a layer of snow, she said, she loves everything that comes with archaeology.

"It's really not for everybody," the 29-year-old said, sitting in her office framed by golden-painted walls, an *Ice Age* 3-D poster, and pterodactyl that serve, rather fittingly, as decorations. "There are plenty of people who think we're nuts, because we probably are, but we love it."

Horgen created an exhibit in 2004 for the Tarkio Valley Sloth Project, which excavates and analyzes a giant sloth family found in Northboro, Iowa, a small town in the southwest corner of the state. Horgen's role in the dig didn't end there, though.

Archaeologists finished at the dig in September 2009 after six years of labor in which they could only dig four to six weekends per year. They also faced some hardship because the site is on a riverbed, which impeded the project for about a year and a half because of a high water.

Since the discovery of the first bones in 2001, the project has broken records. The dig has resulted in the second most complete adult sloth ever found and the second most complete juvenile ever found. This is also the first time three sloths that have ever been uncovered at the same site.



Education and outreach coordinator Sarah Horgen looks at giant sloth bones in the UI Museum of Natural History on Tuesday. A skeleton of the extinct animal was found in Shenandoah, Iowa, in 2001.

"We're able to look at things that no other sloth site has been able to evaluate just because of the information," Horgen said. "We're hoping that it becomes the most well-researched sloth site ever."

Despite what they have already learned about the rare species, Horgen hopes to become more educated on the growth patterns and social behavior of the sloths

after further analysis.

The 5-8 brunette also finds the amount of student work to be an important element of the project. They participate in the digging process, in the labs, analysis, and facilitating outreach programs.

"It's been a fantastic experience for students that they're not going to get anywhere else," Horgen said.

## Sarah Horgen

- **Age:** 29
- **Hometown:** Ottumwa, Iowa
- **Married:** For four years
- **Favorite color:** Green
- **Favorite food:** Cookies
- **Dream vacation:** Egypt: "I'd like to see the pyramids."
- **Pets:** Dog (Ella) and cat (Lucky)

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When Horgen isn't traveling the state for outreach programs about the Tarkio Valley Sloth Project, she works as the education and outreach coordinator at the UI Museum of Natural History. She is in charge of museum tours and education programming, and she oversees student staff and volunteers.

Despite seeming overwhelmed, Horgen's assistants — Meghann Mahoney and Holly Berg — said she's very fun and easy to work with.

"She creates an exciting atmosphere," said Berg, 26. "We've had days where we're here for 14 hours. And even though I'm tired, during the day it's been a very comfortable commodity."

Helping Horgen with tasks such as writing grants and press releases and training staff, Berg and Mahoney admire all the work she does to make everything function smoothly.

"She's amazingly dedicated," said Mahoney, 23.

# Gov't changes on Alzheimer's

Early onset initiative to help some.

By **MORGAN OLSEN**  
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When UI journalism lecturer Ann Haugland asked her class how many of them had relatives affected by Alzheimer's last fall, she was surprised when nearly half the students raised their hands.

After Haugland's own father died from Alzheimer's, she became involved with the Alzheimer's Association. Officials from the organization asked Haugland if they could test the Quest to Unravel Alzheimer's Scavenger Hunt on the UI campus.

The event became a class project, and it soon spiraled into the formation of Hawkeyes Fighting Alzheimer's, a new student organization that began this month.

"Many of us have been personally affected by the disease," said UI senior and student director of the organization Elizabeth Timmins, whose grandmother died of Alzheimer's. "It's going to affect a lot of students' parents and grandparents eventually."

But until last week, the Social Security Administration placed limits on who could collect disability benefits based on age.

Then one Iowan wrote to the federal office last year to tell his story of losing his job and health after being diagnosed with Alzheimer's at age 44.

He and other Iowans diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's received good news last week when the Social Security Administration

announced those with early onset Alzheimer's — when the disease begins before age 65 — will be eligible for quicker distribution of benefits.

Previously, they were subject to a long process of appeals and denials when applying for assistance through Social Security.

A national conference held last July in Chicago brought Iowans to the forefront of the battle.

"It was emotional and mentally exhausting," said Kelly Hauer, the executive director of the Alzheimer's Association East Central Iowa Chapter. "At the same time, it was empowering to know that we were part of making such a huge decision that would eventually benefit so many people."

Johnson County is home to approximately 1,117 cases of Alzheimer's disease, according to the East Central Iowa Alzheimer's Association statistics.

The UI organization's main focus right now is the Alzheimer's Quest, Haugland said.

However, both Haugland and Timmins agreed the group will work on outreach advocacy issues in the near future. Students often bring up early onset Alzheimer's when discussing their families.

"Here's a group of students working with a national organization to battle Alzheimer's," Haugland said. "It's important because students in this generation will be facing this issue head-on in the coming years."

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# UI to offer unique classes

Philanthropy-focused education is coming for undergraduates.

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Students wishing to pursue a career in philanthropy may soon get a head start.

A \$100,000 gift to the UI Foundation from UI alumnus Kevin Gruneich will be used to fund a philanthropy-centered curriculum and establish a new certificate program on campus.

Similar programs exist at the graduate level, but David Perlmutter, the director of the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, where the certificate is being offered, said he had never heard of such a curriculum for undergraduates.

The Fundraising and Philanthropy Communication certificate will require 18 to 23 semester hours, including some courses from the journalism school, said visiting Professor Richard Nelson, who helped develop the curriculum.

The proposed certificate could be offered as soon as next fall, contingent on several officials' approval. Helena Dettmer, an associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, received the plan to review on Monday.

The certificate is open to all students, but it is grounded in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication for a reason.

"[Those who work in philanthropy] need to have strong communication skills, so we think it is a very good platform," Perlmutter said.

Flynn Andrizzi, a senior vice president for development at the UI Foundation, said communication is a huge part of the foundation's business, which primarily includes fundraising for the UI.

Perlmutter said a philanthropy-centered undergraduate education such as this certificate would be "uniquely Iowa."

With Iowa City's health care, arts, and literature features, he said, it's a good place for people interested in working in philanthropy.

Perlmutter said jobs promoting philanthropic organizations are widely available.

Nelson said there are many regional and county organizations, charities, nonprofit groups, and other philanthropic organizations that need people to raise money for them and communicate how they make a difference.

According to the National Center for Charitable Statistics, there were 1,569,572 nonprofit organizations nationwide as of October 2009. This included 997,579 public charities, 118,423 private foundations, and 453,570 other types of nonprofit organizations, including chambers of commerce, fraternal organizations and civic leagues.

Nelson said there are benefits of working for a philanthropic organization beyond bringing in funding.

"It's not just raising money to raise money," he said. "It's raising money to do good."

# Traffic fatalities drop

In 2009, officials saw just 11 fatal crashes in the county.

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Bob Thompson remembers when he was a young driver in Iowa.

"We were really having a bloodbath on Iowa's and the nation's roads," Thompson, the traffic-records coordinator for the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau said in describing the 1960s.

But now, he and other Iowa traffic officials can happily report a 60-year low in traffic fatalities. Pending a few cases that may not have been tallied yet, Iowa only had 373 traffic fatalities in 2009, down from an average 427 per year in the last six years.

In Johnson County, numbers have fluctuated over the past five years, but officials saw 11 fatal car crashes in 2009, down from 13 in 2008. Iowa City saw only one fatal crash, a number that has been steady for four years. And through Feb. 15 this year, there have only been 33 fatalities, fewer than in 2009.

A key contributor to the fatality decrease, some say, is the economy. As the country's economic situation worsens and gas prices rise, people are driving less, Thompson said.

"If you track employment trends and fatalities over the last several

decades, they track together. When employment is down, so are fatalities," Tom Welch, Iowa's safety engineer, wrote in an e-mail.

But the same economic downturn that may have caused the decrease in fatalities in 2009 had some worried about the state's ability to keep the number down in coming years.

Despite a 10 percent reduction to the state's public-safety budget as a result of Gov. Chet Culver's statewide budget cuts, the Iowa State Patrol has been spared any layoffs. This is largely thanks to redirected grants from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Jessica Lown, a spokeswoman for the State Patrol, said cuts have caused some refocusing within the patrol. Almost 50 troopers will be exclusively focused on patrolling Iowa's roadways during high-traffic times.

"I think only time will tell," Lown said. "Iowans know there are hazards on the roadway. They're taking note and being smart about it."

While much of the decrease can be attributed to efforts of the state, officials say drivers are also responsible.

"They can take a lot of pride in that," said Scott

## Traffic fatalities

### National traffic fatality statistics, 2009:

- Quarter 1 (January to March): 7,541
- Quarter 2 (April to June): 8,968
- Quarter 3 (July to September): 9,067
- Total (first 3 quarters): 25,576

Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Falb, a driver-safety specialist in the Iowa Department of Transportation. "They need to take a moment and pat themselves on the back for living in a state where we do stuff like that."

Thompson said vehicles on today's roads are much safer, from cars' physical builds to their air bags. In addition, safety-belt and booster-seat use have increased dramatically. Now, roughly 93 percent of Iowans wear seat belts, compared with 20 percent in 1985.

At the same time, state efforts — such as rumble strips, cable barriers, and road repaving — have helped keep drivers safe, officials said.

Nationally, traffic fatalities decreased roughly 8 percent from the first three quarters of 2008 to the first three of 2009.

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# Alleged shooter killed brother in '86

By GREG BLUESTEIN  
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Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — When a young woman in Massachusetts killed her brother with a shotgun blast in 1986, no ballistics tests were done, and authorities waited more than a week to question family members.

The death was ultimately ruled an accident. Now, a quarter-century later, Amy Bishop is accused in another shooting — an

attack that killed three fellow biology professors at the University of Alabama-Huntsville.

In the days since the Feb. 12 shooting, revelations about Amy Bishop's past have raised questions about whether much of the violence could have been prevented.

The story starts when police were called to the Braintree, Mass., home Bishop shared with her parents. Authorities found her 18-year-old brother, Seth, dead of a shotgun wound to the chest.

Bishop's father later told police he and his daughter had a disagreement, and she went to her room. She said she had wanted to learn to load a shotgun her parents had bought after a recent break-in.

Bishop said she accidentally fired the gun in her bedroom as she tried to unload it, then went downstairs to ask her brother to help, according to a police report.

She said the gun went off again as Seth, a Northeastern University freshman and a

virtuoso violinist, walked across the kitchen.

She told police she thought she had ruined the kitchen but did not realize she had hit her brother. She said she ran away and thought she dropped the gun, which went off a third time. She did not remember anything else until she was taken to a police station.

But police and witnesses say she fled with the gun to a car dealership, where she pointed it at employees and demanded a getaway car.

She told them her husband was going to come after her and she needed to flee.

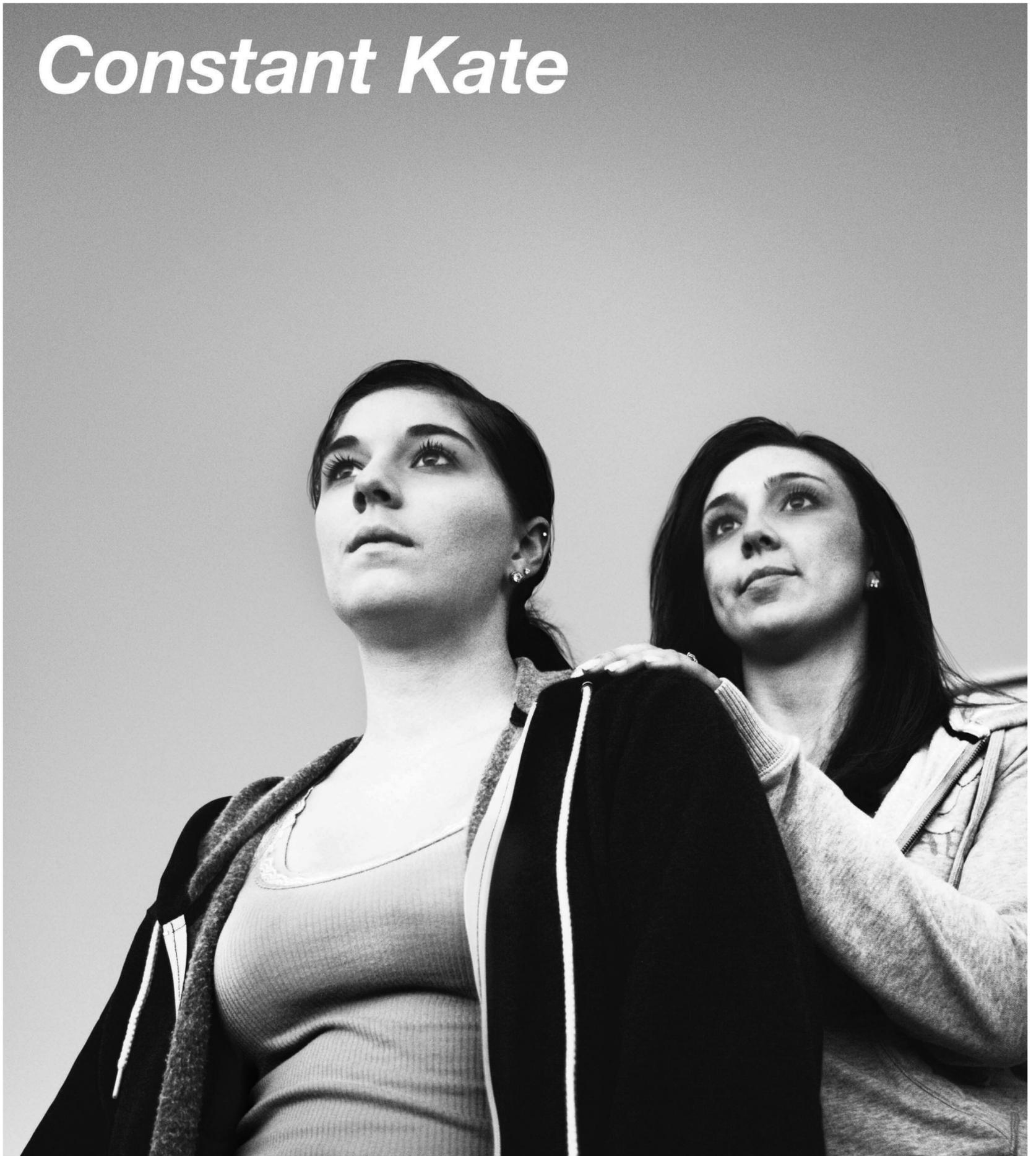
She was caught but never charged. Police said it took 11 days before they could interview family members because they were so distraught. When they finally did, authorities decided to let her go, declaring the whole thing an accident.

John Polio, who headed the Braintree police force at the time, at first defended the handling of the case. The 87-year-old

said Tuesday that he recently read a 1987 report on the investigation written by a state trooper. At the time, he had not seen the document. But now, he says, "I would have wanted a lot more questions answered."

The Norfolk County district attorney at the time was William Delahunt, now a Democratic congressman from Massachusetts. He was traveling in the Middle East and did not reply to repeated requests for comment.

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# Michigan stings Hawks late

The Hawkeyes fall to 3-11 in the Big Ten after an 80-78 overtime loss to Michigan.



Luol Deng

## BASKETBALL

### Bulls dump Knicks

CHICAGO (AP) — Derrick Rose made it look easy despite a bruised right hip, hitting his first nine shots and scoring 29 points to lead the Chicago Bulls to a 118-85 victory over the New York Knicks on Tuesday.

Still sore from a hard foul by Orlando's Dwight Howard last week, Rose shook it off with a dominant performance as the Bulls matched their most lopsided win of the season and handed the Knicks their fourth-straight loss and 13th in 17 games.

Rose buried all seven shots while scoring 15 in the first quarter, and he was 14-of-18 in all, just missing his sixth 30-point game.

Luol Deng added 18, Kirk Hinrich scored 14, and Chicago shot a season-high 60.5 percent.

David Lee led New York with 24 points and 12 rebounds, but the Knicks were simply overmatched by Rose and the Bulls.

Both teams could have a different look by the end of the week, with the trade deadline approaching. For the Knicks, that might not be a bad thing, considering they've dropped 13 of 17.

The Bulls weren't exactly lighting it up either, dropping four of six before the All-Star break, but they certainly got the job done this time.

Particularly Rose. After taking the big hit from Howard, the All-Star guard was the one connecting this time.

### Spartans dispose of Indiana

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — Draymond Green scored 14 points, and Kalin Lucas added 13 to lead No. 11 Michigan State past Indiana, 72-58, on Tuesday night.

It was the second-straight win for the Spartans (21-6, 11-3), who took over sole possession of first place in the Big Ten. No. 9 Ohio State trails Michigan State by one-half game; it will host No. 4 Purdue today.

Verdell Jones had 20 points, and Christian Watford added 14 for the Hoosiers (9-16, 3-10), who lost their seventh straight. Indiana coach Tom Crean has lost all three head-to-head matchups with Tom Izzo, who had Crean on his Michigan State staff for four seasons.

This one was a slugfest with the teams combining for 43 fouls.

Indiana went the final 10:16 of the first half without a field goal, and yet Michigan State couldn't pull away until the game's final seven minutes.

The Spartans dominated inside, outscoring Indiana 40-18 in the paint. They converted 16 turnovers into 23 points and limited the Hoosiers to 34.9 percent shooting from the field.

The teams combined for 24 fouls, 24 free-throw attempts, and 24 field goals in a slugfest of a first half.

The Hoosiers took advantage, making 13-of-14 from the free-throw line to stay within 23-21 with 7:45 to go in the half. And going the final 10:16 of the half without a field goal, Indiana trailed 40-30 at halftime thanks to Michigan State's closing 9-2 flurry.



RYAN MILLER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa freshman Cully Payne soars to grab a rebound with only minutes to go in Iowa's game against Michigan in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Tuesday. Iowa lost, 80-78 after going into overtime tied at 66.

By **BRENDAN STILES**

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It looked real.

Not even three weeks after getting crushed in Ann Arbor, Mich., it appeared the Iowa men's basketball team would conquer a Michigan squad it had previously struggled against.

But in a blink, what looked like a Hawkeye victory on Tuesday night in Carver-Hawkeye Arena disappeared.

A 3-pointer by Michigan's DeShawn Sims with seven seconds left sent the game to overtime, and there, the Wolverines did enough to escape Iowa City with an 80-78 win over the Hawkeyes.

The loss now puts Iowa at 9-18 overall, and more importantly, leaves the squad 3-11 in Big Ten play.

Iowa lost despite solid efforts from sophomores Aaron Fuller and Matt Gatens. Fuller finished with career-highs in both scoring and rebounds — 30 points on 11-of-13 shooting and 13 boards.

Gatens had 21 points on 8-for-13 shooting for the Hawkeyes and also hauled in eight rebounds.

"We felt like we had something to prove in this game," Fuller said. "I thought we played great this whole game, and they

'With a 3, it goes to overtime, and you have a chance to probably score, whereas if you foul, and they make two free throws, they foul you, and you miss, now they got a chance to win in regulation.'

— **Todd Lickliter**, head coach

just made some tough shots. I really wish it had gone our way. I felt like we did everything right for the most part."

Early on, it was all Fuller; he scored the first eight points of the evening for Iowa. In fact, the Mesa, Ariz., native finished the first half with 16 points, matching his total in the Hawkeyes' previous meeting with Michigan on Jan. 30.

For the Wolverines, the dynamic Detroit duo of Sims and junior Manny Harris came up big for Michigan. Sims finished with 27 points and 10 rebounds, and Harris notched 20 points and 10 boards.

Sims, who has developed a reputation for being a Hawkeye killer, struck in the final minutes of regulation. When Iowa built a 61-57 lead and 1:29 left on the clock, Sims scored the last nine points in regulation for the Wolverines, including the game-tying 3-pointer that silenced an excited crowd.

## COMMENTARY

# A shade short again

Three aces aren't enough for the Hawkeyes.



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I've always called basketball an individual team sport. It's an inherent contradiction, of course, but it's true.

Think about it: Basketball is the only team sport in which an individual's singular statistics overly affect the team's success.

Peyton Manning can have one of the most glistening seasons of his picturesque NFL career and still fall short of the Super Bowl.

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## Big Ten Swimming and Diving Championships

WHEN: TODAY THROUGH SATURDAY WHERE: WEST LAFAYETTE, IND.

# Showdown in the pool begins for Hawks

Hawkeyes hope to 'let the performance come out' today at the Big Ten championships.

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Today is what the Iowa women's swimming and diving team has built toward all season. Everything comes down to the next four days.

When the Big Ten championships begin this evening in West Lafayette, Ind., the Hawkeyes hope to improve on last season's ninth-place performance. However, it's another star-studded field this year, with six Big Ten schools ranked in the top-25.

Despite the low finish last year, Iowa saw seven

school records fall.

While the conference is deep, Iowa head swimming coach Marc Long said he likes where his team is at right now. The squad closed out the regular season with wins against Western Illinois and Northern Iowa.

"We like the challenge of being in this conference," Long said. "This is just another step in the program's development this year and on to next year. Our goal is to step up and have our peak meet of the season."

In order to have a stand-out meet, senior Christine Kuczek said, the Hawkeyes

need to listen to the advice of Long and "let the performance come out."

"Everyone kind of knows that we've put in the work, and we deserve to swim fast," she said. "It's really easy to swim fast. You just have to let it come out and trust in all the work we've done this season."

The Hawkeyes' objectives will be twofold. The squad needs strong performances from its veteran swimmers in individual events, as well as being effective in the relays.

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ROB JOHNSON/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa swimmer Katarina Tour swims the 100 individual medley against UNI and Western Illinois in the Field House on Feb. 6.



INTRAMURALS

# Ex-walk-on pins way to title

Once an Iowa walk-on, Christopher Johnson captured the 141-pound intramural wrestling title Monday night.

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Christopher Johnson pinned his way to the 141-pound intramural wrestling championship match and defeated Seth Epliny Monday night in the intramural wrestling championships in Dan Gable Wrestling Complex in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.



Christopher Johnson (above) practices wrestling with a friend during intramural wrestling championships in the Dan Gable Wrestling Complex in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Monday. Johnson won the 141-pound intramural wrestling title.

Johnson performed his ritual of listening to "Lunatic Fringe" by Red Raider as he warmed up. But it wasn't until he noticed a group of 10 swimming and diving athletes, his parents, and his older sister in the audience that he got fully pumped.

Johnson's parents said they and others love to watch him wrestle because he is full of surprises and capitalizes on others' mistakes.

"So many wrestlers have one key move that they rely on in most matches, but Christopher has such a variety of moves he always surprises everyone," mother Debbie Johnson said. "This causes his matches to be very nerve wracking for us, as parents but he always keeps everyone's attention."

Christopher Johnson has

been wrestling since he was 2 years old in West Burlington, Iowa. During his youth wrestling career, his parents made it possible for him to travel around the country.

Father John Johnson said they traveled as far as Tulsa, Okla., for wrestling tournaments in a bus his family purchased. When

Christopher Johnson neared high school, however there was no prep program to compete on.

"I went to the School Board and asked if I bought the mats, uniforms, and gave them the necessities if they would incorporate a wrestling program into West Burlington, they said yes," John Johnson said.

This occurred in the summer before Christopher's freshman year.

After that, John Johnson said, the program exploded.

Christopher Johnson qualified for the state championships in Des Moines during both his sophomore and senior years in high school, bringing back a third-place

medal with each trip.

Despite scholarship offers from Division-III schools, such as Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa, Christopher Johnson elected to follow his brother, Chad, to Iowa City.

Although, Christopher Johnson didn't consider walking on to the Iowa program until his sophomore year, when his roommate at the Lodge asked him for help during a workout.

"When I started working out with my roommate, all of the passion came back right away," Christopher Johnson said. "I just thought, 'All right, I have to have this back in my life now.'"

Christopher Johnson joined the Iowa wrestling team during the 2005-06 season under former head coach Jim Zalesky. In his first tournament as a Hawkeye, Debbie Johnson said, Christopher Johnson scored pins in five of his seven matches.

"One thing about him when he's wrestling is that he isn't one of those

wrestlers who goes for the points," John Johnson said. "He always tries to go for the pin. It's all about the pin."

He only wrestled for one season before he was accepted into the athletics training program at the UI. Then, reality set in.

A tough decision was now in his hands because he had been wrestling for his entire life.

"I ultimately ended up having to choose between having a job and making money versus something I am very passionate about," Christopher Johnson said. "My future career won."

# Wrestler carries on tradition

The winner of the intramural wrestling 165-pound class comes from a storied Iowa town.

By ETHAN SEBERT  
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Diet Mountain Dew, the drink of champions.

At least that was the case for sophomore Trevor Olsen when he won the intramural wrestling 165-pound weight class Monday night.

Roughly five minutes before every match, the Osage, Iowa, native chugs a bottle of Diet Mountain Dew. Olsen began the tradition of guzzling the low-calorie beverage his freshman year in high school, while wrestling for the Osage High Green Devils.

"It just gets me going," the 19-year-old said. "Diet Mountain Dew just hits the spot in me and fires me up."

Olsen won his 165-pound match by forfeit, after his opponent didn't show. He made it to the finals by beating sophomore Ben Morrow, 6-4, in overtime.

The semifinal matchup was a revenge match for Olsen. Morrow had pinned him in the intramural wrestling competition last year.

Olsen was a four-year starter for the tradition-rich Green Devils. He won his conference tournament twice and qualified for the Class 2A State Wrestling Tournament at 135 pounds his senior year in 2008.

The business major also helped Osage win the Iowa High School Class 2A State Dual Team Wrestling Tournament in 2006 as a sophomore.

Osage also has a long history of championship wrestling, producing two Olympians in Gerry Leeman and current Iowa assistant wrestling coach Doug Schwab.

"I'm a big fan of Doug Schwab," Olsen said. "He's done so much for Osage and for the state of Iowa."

Olsen began wrestling in kindergarten, and he has been in love with the sport since, despite the rigorous training the sport requires.

"Training for wrestling is like no other training," he said. "I like the feeling of almost dying, and that happens just about every match I wrestle."

He admitted he didn't do too much training for the intramural competition but said he worked out with the City High wrestling team. He thinks his fan support gave him the extra push he needed to win against Morrow.

However, some of his fans had different ideas about what gave him the edge.

"I think his roommate, Vinnie Wagner, probably helped him," friend Abby Julius said. "I'm sure he gave him some tips."

Wagner, who is also Olsen's cousin, is another

product of the Osage wrestling program and a sophomore 184-pounder for the Hawkeyes.

Another one of his fans, roommate Nick Ellerbroek, did more than just cheer for Olsen. He helped him train for his matches, lifting with Olsen in their makeshift weight room in their basement on Friday nights before going out.

The combination of lifting sessions and a diet full of burritos, pizza, and Diet Mountain Dew were the main factors behind the 30 pounds Olsen gained in the two years since high school.

However, he said, he had to skip a couple of meals to make weight for this year's competition. But going hungry was a small price to pay for the shirt he won.

"Those T-shirts are sweet," Olsen said. "You can't just buy one. You have to earn it."

# Throwing his weight around

Throwing coach Scott Cappos has built a powerhouse at Iowa.

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Men's track and field head coach Larry Wiecezorek let Scott Cappos slip through his fingers once before.

He wasn't going to let that happen again.

Wiecezorek initially recruited Cappos out of high school, then eventually chose to pursue a more highly regarded athlete instead.

"That was a big mistake," the 23-year head coach said. "[Cappos] ended up going to Indiana and becoming an All-American."

Wiecezorek said he likes to right the wrongs in his life, and when the opportunity came around again to get Cappos — this time as a coach — he didn't hesitate.

Wiecezorek, who mainly serves as Iowa's track coach, was forced to also become the throwing coach when he arrived at Iowa, and he had some mixed

results.

When Cappos, then coaching at Western Michigan became available, Wiecezorek knew it was the right fit.

"Throwing was something I wanted to design the program around," Wiecezorek said. "And now he's built Iowa's into a really great one."

Cappos came to Iowa in 1997, and he has produced 17 All-Americans, 20 Big Ten champions, and a respected and feared program.

"When I first got here, I had already had a little coaching experience," he said. "But at Iowa, I did a lot of research and brought in some recruits who had success right away. It's kind of snowballed from there."

Cappos' own athletics success as a thrower, coupled with his high-school and college coaches' training, has put him on the fast

track to success in the Big Ten.

But it's not just on-field results that matter to him.

"One of the things I really preach is to get a meaningful degree from the University of Iowa," he said. "You need to work hard and do it the right way. Patience is a big thing, too. I tell the kids that it's a long journey to success."

One of those kids, sophomore Matt Banse, has taken to his coach's philosophy since he came into the program.

Banse's older brother went through the program and threw for Cappos — a big reason Banse committed to Iowa — and the budding Hawkeye said he has really enjoyed throwing for the coach because he brings so much knowledge to the table.

"He wants us to do well in the classroom," Banse said. "If we are struggling in the classroom and need a

day off to study, he'll let us skip practice. That, along with a laid-back atmosphere in practice, has really helped us succeed."

Now, with the men's program stabilized and strong, Cappos gets to take on another daunting task — building up the women's program from scratch.

However, he is excited about the challenge and believes, along with Wiecezorek, the women can achieve the same success as the men somewhere down the road.

The future for the throwing program seems to be secure, despite Cappos having been presented with other coaching job opportunities.

"I've been offered other higher paying jobs in the Pac-10 and the SEC," he said. "And it's flattering, but I really see no reason to leave Iowa. I'd stay forever if they let me."

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**MEN'S HOOPS**

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In the extra five-minute session, Iowa moved ahead, 72-70, before Michigan's Stu Douglass hit a go-ahead 3-pointer for the Wolverines with 1:45 remaining. From there, the Wolverines sank free throws and move ahead, 78-75, with 13.3 seconds left.

Iowa then called a play for Gatens to cut to the basket.

"We thought we still had time to lay it in," Lickliter said. "If he lays it in and gets fouled, there's three the old-fashioned way. We thought we still had time to attack."

The Hawkeyes now have the next eight days off before returning to the court on Feb. 25 at Northwestern, which Iowa beat, 78-65, on Feb. 10.

"It's been a grind here, and to get the eight days off I think is really going to help us out," Gatens said.



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Iowa sophomore forward Aaron Fuller drives to the hoop in the first half of Iowa's game against the Michigan Wolverines in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Tuesday. Fuller led Iowa with 30 points and 13 rebounds, but the Hawks came up short, 80-78.

**COMMENTARY**

CONTINUED FROM 1A

Albert Pujols can bat no lower than .314 in his nine-year MLB stint, win three National League MVPs, and slam 387 home runs, and have only one championship to show for it.

Indeed, football and baseball are true team sports, ones in which the best players aren't always rewarded with championships.

Why else would Ted Williams never win a World Series or Dan Marino a Super Bowl?

Basketball could not be more different. Halfway through the NBA season, the league's two best players — Kobe Bryant and LeBron James — have their teams positioned to compete for a championship. And Michael Jordan, the greatest player to ever hoist a jumper, won six.

The point is, the best players usually win in basketball.

And on Tuesday night, Aaron Fuller was the best player on the floor. He was, quite simply, masterful. He wheeled through the lane at will, launched off-bal-

ance shots that careened in, and soared high above the rim for boards.

Thirty points on 11-of-13 shooting and 13 rebounds (including six offensive).

Like I said, masterful. "He's good, isn't he?" head coach Todd Lickliter said. "He was really good tonight."

Sophomore Matt Gatens proved to be a worthy sidekick, outdueling the Wolverines' Manny Harris for 21 points on 8-of-13 shooting, including 5-of-7 from 3-point range. The Iowa City native made it look easy against Michigan's soft perimeter defense.

And in typical Gatens fashion, he did everything else well, snagging a key offensive rebound late in the contest to give Iowa a 61-57 lead with 1:29 remaining.

With the Hawkeyes up one, Gatens — the second-best Hawkeye on the hardwood Tuesday — found a crease in the Michigan defense and hit a running lay-up. And to no one's surprise, a Fuller rebound followed by two free throws put Iowa up five with 22 seconds remaining.

Somehow, the game was tied with seven ticks left,

and a no-call on Fuller's aggressive drive yielded overtime.

Gatens and Fuller scored all six of Iowa's 12 points in the extra period. It was the best game a pair of Hawkeyes have played in quite some time.

But it wasn't enough. Michigan had a few masterful performances on their side, too — namely, DeShawn Sims' 27-point, 10-rebound game and Harris' 20-point, 10-rebound, seven-assist night. And that's the thing about basketball: One great player can cancel out another.

Michigan 80, Iowa 78.

With five game left in the season, Iowa (9-18, 3-11) isn't an especially good basketball team. The Hawkeyes have three good players (freshman Eric May, Gatens, and Fuller), two guys who know their roles (Jarryd Cole and Devan Bawinkel), and two players who should not get playing time on a Division-I team (Andrew Brommer and John Lickliter).

If Tuesday night proved anything, it's that you need more than three good players to be a successful Big Ten program.

motivates everyone to do well in her individual race."

The Hawkeyes best mark in the relay events was also eighth-place. Iowa finished eighth in all five relay events last year.

While the physical aspects of the meet are significant, the team also needs to stay strong mentally. Keeping a positive

mindset and not letting one bad race affect the rest is imperative.

"We need to keep our attitudes up," Feingold said. "We're up against really great competition, and sometimes it's intimidating. I know we can do it, it's just a matter of continually thinking positive."

**Young diver awaits his turn**

Men's diving team expects to be young, but competitive.

By **PATRICK RAFFERTY**  
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When the Iowa men's diving team finishes its season after Big Ten championships next week, the only two divers who scored points for Iowa this season will be gone.

Without seniors Michael Gilligan and Frank Van Dijkhuizen, the Hawkeyes are left with Jay Bell, a redshirt freshman who has yet to compete.

However, even with the departure of the two senior divers, experience will not be hard to come by for the men.

"The good thing is that the women coming back are really good," Iowa diving coach Bob Rydze said.

Returning next season for the women are senior Deidre Freeman, junior Veronica Rydze, as well as freshman Mary Sue LeMay.

Rydze said although the men's team doesn't have any experience, the women might actually be the key to the men's success.

"They're seasoned veterans," he said. "The men will be learning more by watching them next year. We're going to have one of the best women's team in the Big Tens. Whoever comes in with the guys, that will motivate them."

Meanwhile, Bell isn't in need of motivation. His coaches and teammates said the freshman is one of the hardest workers.

"Jay really tries hard," Van Dijkhuizen said. "When he came here, he had no idea what diving was like at this level of participation. He's come a long way so far, and if he keeps progressing like this, he'll get to score some points in the future."

Rydze said Bell is adamant about doing well. Sometimes, he's even too hard on himself.

"He's come a long way mechanically, but he still gets down on himself a little bit," Rydze said. "I would say he has more of a wrestler's mentality. When something doesn't go right, he likes to put his hand through the wall."

After not competing this season, Bell will be thrust into the limelight next year, expected to compete for the Hawkeyes. He understands the pressure to perform well. But he's not letting himself lose focus of his training.

"I would say there would be pressure if you looked at it that way," Bell said. "But with diving you just want to not think about stuff like that because as soon as you get your head up your butt, then you're not going to have a good meet."

Gilligan has been a mentor to the freshman. He



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Senior diver Michael Gilligan dives in the Field House on Jan. 25. Redshirt freshman Jay Bell, who didn't compete this season, will replace senior divers Gilligan and Frank Van Dijkhuizen after they graduate.

said he thinks Bell is ready to take on the challenge and start being successful.

"There are improvements to be made, but he's working at it," Gilligan said. "He has the new facility, and Bob; with that, they should be able to do great things together."

Over the last couple weeks, the Hawkeyes have been entertaining a few recruits with the hopes of

replacing their seniors. However, Rydze said, in diving, experience can do more than talent.

"I'm optimistic that we're going to have a couple of really good divers, but there is nothing in diving like experience," he said. "I don't care if you are one of the greatest freshman in the United States. You just can't teach experience. That's the bottom line."

**SWIMMING**

CONTINUED FROM 1B

Six swimmers had top-25 finishes in the Big Ten meet last year — seniors Julie Feingold and Kuczek, juniors Katarina Tour and Verity Hicks, and sophomores Daniela Cubelic and Danielle Carty — the best finish being an eighth-place mark in the 100 breaststroke by Tour.

The relay events also hold importance since they are worth double the points and serve as a momentum booster for the swimmers if the relays are going well.

"Relays tend to be kind of like a groundwork for how the meet is progressing," Kuczek said. "It kind of

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## COMMENTARY

# Hoops fans need signs of times

Let the basketball student section hold up signs. Attendees will respect the rules that come with the change.



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At every men's basketball game, there are *maybe* 100 people in the student section.

Typically, two friends and I occupy the front row in the corner, with three other people always behind us.

On the other side is the kid in the Kernels' baseball jersey, along with an assortment of people deciding to use at least one of their season tickets

for the year.

Yet, no matter how many people are at a game, there is one thing you'll never see: fan-made signs.

Currently, holding up a homemade banner or sign is illegal in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Not even a small sign. Not even during time-outs.

This is just another reason students don't want to go to Iowa basketball games.

I, like a few faithful others, pine for the Hawks Nest to one day become a legitimate basketball student section. Having sat in more vocal groups, such as the Hoya Blue at Georgetown and the 'Hoo Crew at the

University of Virginia, it just makes me curious what could be done to enhance the student section tucked in the south corner of Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

While a successful team is probably the best way to attract new students to the Nest, letting those who are there now have signs could enhance the experience.

Tim McLaughlin, the president of the Hawks Nest, who supports signs in the student section, said "from a fan's perspective, it's discouraging because you want to show your support, and it's a popular way to do that."

That's right. It's one more thing preventing kids from attending basketball games.

One reason I was told the rule is in place is that the signs may interfere with other patrons. But even if there are people behind the student section — and at most games there are not — many wouldn't hoist signs during play, just during pregame and time-outs.

This is not the policy at some Big Ten schools; several have embraced signs in their sections.

At Indiana, the Crimson Craziess use "Famous Faces" to support their team — large heads of either players, coaches, or celebrities to excite the crowd. They're humorous, creative, and held up only when play stops.

At Minnesota, signs are allowed the entire game, although there is a size restriction.

Both of these ideas work. There is no obstruction, and it doesn't interfere with the game. It just gives students something to do during time-outs.

Scott Arey, an assistant athletics director at Northwestern University, having signs in the student section is positive.

"[Having signs] typically led to humorous results," he said. "In general, it think it adds a little bit of value to our student fans experience."

Another concern is that signs may be vulgar or inappropriate. While subjective,

if something is too vulgar, security can simply tell students to put their signs down.

This could even be a clause in the new rule about offensive signs and how signs should not attack the opposing team or any one player.

It may seem like nit-picking, but signs could help the student experience in our current abomination of a section.

Some schools even supply their sections with signs or set up tables with the materials for signs, while we're preventing people from being clever and supporting the team.

## VIRGINIA TECH 87, WAKE FOREST 83

## Hokies topple Wake

By **HANK KURZ JR.**  
Associated Press

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Malcolm Delaney scored 10 of his 31 points in the decisive final seven minutes Tuesday night, and Virginia Tech rallied past No. 23 Wake Forest, 87-83.

The Hokies (21-4, 8-3) remained unbeaten in 14 home games this season, moved into second place in the Atlantic Coast Conference, and got the kind of victory they sorely need down the stretch to help offset one of the nation's weakest nonconference schedules.

Wake Forest (18-6, 8-4), which moved into the Top 25 for the first time this week, led most of the game until a 15-4 run by the Hokies pulled them even with 8:30 to play.

Then Delaney got hot, and the Hokies held on for their fifth-consecutive victory.

Al-Farouq Aminu led Wake Forest with 25 points, but he scored only four on limited touches in the second half. L.D. Williams added 19 on 9-of-11 shooting, and Ishmael Smith had 18.

Dorenzo Hudson added 21 points, and J.T. Thompson had 16 for Virginia Tech.

The Hokies took their first lead since very early in the game on Delaney's 3-pointer that made it 70-69 with 6:43 left. The teams



Virginia Tech's Terrell Bell (left) grabs a rebound against Wake Forest's Al-Farouq Aminu (right) during the first half in Blacksburg, Va., on Tuesday.

traded the lead twice before Delaney put Tech up with a drive, then followed a miss by Wake Forest with a 3-pointer that made it 78-74. After another miss by the Demon Deacons, Thompson's two free throws gave the Hokies a six-point lead.

Smith scored seven points in final 44.5 seconds for Wake Forest, but the Hokies made 3 of 6 free throws — just enough to never let the Demon Deacons closer than three points.

The Hokies will play at league-leading and sixth-ranked Duke (21-4, 9-2) on Feb. 21 with the Blue Devils holding a half-game lead.

Trailing 61-50, the Hokies used a 15-4 run to pull even. Hudson scored eight in the spree, including a highlight-reel dunk after a block by Cadarian Raines, and Delaney had a three-point play with 8:54 left that was the fifth foul for Demon Deacons 7-footer Chas McFarland.

## JAZZ 104, ROCKETS 95

## Jazz keep humming along

By **CHRIS DUNCAN**  
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Deron Williams scored 17 points and dished out 15 assists, Mehmet Okur scored 21 points, and the Utah Jazz continued their midseason surge with a 104-95 win over the Houston Rockets on Tuesday night.

Paul Millsap scored 20 points and grabbed 12 rebounds, helping the Jazz win for the 14th time in 16 games. Utah finished with 30 assists to offset 21 turnovers.

Backup center David Andersen and Aaron Brooks scored 18 points apiece for Houston, which committed a season-high 24 turnovers. The Rockets shot better from 3-point range (42.3 percent) than they did from the field overall (40.5 percent).

The teams were tied at 82 at the 8-minute mark, and they had combined for 37 turnovers to that point.

Williams and Boozer returned from a rest for

Utah, but Houston coach Rick Adelman stuck with his bench players for a few more minutes.

Andersen sank two 3-pointers a minute apart to give the Rockets a 93-90 lead. But Millsap scored inside and Kyle Korver hit a jumper to put Utah back in front.

Andrei Kirilenko intercepted a pass by Andersen near midcourt and raced for a dunk to give the Jazz a 96-93 lead with 2:08 left. Houston matched a season high with its 23rd turnover.

Brooks and Trevor Ariza missed potential tying 3-point tries in the last minute, and Williams' free throws with 17.8 seconds left put it away.

The Rockets have lost six of their last eight home games and seven of 10 overall.

The Jazz led by as many as 10 in the first quarter, hitting 10 of their first 13 shots. The Rockets sank three 3-pointers in the first eight minutes to stay close.

They finished 11-of-26 from 3-point range in the game.

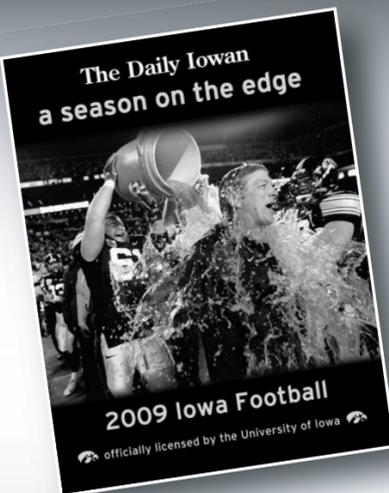
The Jazz missed their first seven shots of the second quarter, and 3-pointers by Ariza and Chase Budinger helped Houston build a 36-30 lead. The Rockets made eight of their first nine shots in the second quarter — four of them 3-pointers — with mostly reserves on the floor.

Houston went 5 for 6 from 3-point range in the second quarter and led 55-49 at the break. Williams delivered 10 of Utah's 18 first-half assists.

The Jazz opened the third quarter with a 16-7 run. Williams scored on a drive then fed Ronnie Brewer for a dunk to give Utah a 65-62 lead.

The teams gave away 13 combined turnovers in the first 10 minutes of the second half, and Houston retook the lead. Another Rocket turnover led to Ronnie Price's breakaway dunk, and Utah led 76-74 after three quarters.

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## the ledge

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### Some summer movies I'd like to see

- **2013: Zulu Bobo Fang** (Tag line: Africa was just the beginning of the End Times.)
- **Transformers 3: The Rise of Jennifer's Body** (Tag line: Dudes, we put her in a nurse's uniform and a bikini for this one! Oh, yeah, and there's some robots, too.)
- **Titanic 2: The Edmund Fitzgerald** (Tag line: When the gales of November turn deadly...)
- **Pong: Dark Side of the Paddle** (Tag line: When space invaders demon attack Atlantis, can E.T. stop Missile Command from going Kabloom?!!)
- **Hannah Montana: All Knocked Up** (Tag line: Which one's the mommy?!!)
- **Harry Potter: The Next Generation** (Tag line: In space, no one can hear you cast Expecto Patronum.)
- **James Bond 23: Sex is Not Enough** (Tag line: Can Bond possibly handle both Ana Leigh-Hertz and Ima Tranny?)
- **Michael Bay & M. Night Shyamalan Present: An Explosive Twist** (Tag line: The ghost alien tree kamikaze transformer butler did it. Or did he?)
- **Baywatch 3D** (Tag line: More like Baywatch 36DDD, amirightoramiright?! But seriously, we promise we didn't let the Hoff near the set for this one. There were shoot-to-kill orders.)
- **American Pie Presents: Leftovers** (Tag line: This one doesn't even have a plot; it's just 82 minutes of naked breasts and some bank surveillance footage of an erection-clad Eugene Levy depositing a check from the studio.)
- **Thriller 2: This Time it's For Real** (Tag line: Wacko Jacko's Backo!)

— Andrew R. Juhl thanks Nathan Wulf for collaborating on today's Ledge.

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### AT THE IMU



AMY OLESON/THE DAILY IOWAN  
**Silhouettes appear in the lobby of the second-floor ballroom in the IMU on Tuesday. The IMU closed on June 13, 2008, due to flooding of the Iowa River. It reopened on November 1, 2008, though the basement still remains closed.**

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## horoscopes

Wednesday, February 17, 2010  
— by Eugenia Last

**ARIES** March 21-April 19 You'll be tempted to blurt out how you feel and make moves that you will regret. You will do far better putting your energy into helping or entertaining instead of complaining. Put stubbornness aside.

**TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Avoid getting involved in any formalities with authority figures who can influence what you can and cannot do. Bend and give a little. A democratic approach to whatever you want will far surpass trying to bully someone into something.

**GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Do things because you want to do them, not because someone else is involved. Show your enthusiasm by offering your services, but don't let others take advantage of you. Don't let emotional stress stand in your way.

**CANCER** June 21-July 22 You have so much going for you, and if you show a little restraint when it comes to your sensitivity and emotions, you will impress the people around you with your capabilities. Don't let an added responsibility at home stand in the way of professional productivity.

**LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 You can formulate your ideas and start the process of getting things rolling. Don't get angry with someone for not wanting to take part in your plans. Any indiscretion with money matters will meet with opposition.

**VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Don't be tempted to make a fast move that, because of emotional reasons, will disrupt your home life and future. Love is in the stars, but you must move slowly and nurture the relationship if you want it to be lasting.

**LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Don't let depression get you down; get moving. There is a lot to be gained through networking and socializing with people in the same industry as you. Your ideas will be respected if you share them with colleagues.

**SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 You cannot fix some of the personal things going on in your life right now, but you can focus on making the right changes for a brighter future. It's a waste of time to get angry. Travel will bring you greater clarity.

**SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You may be feeling optimistic about your surroundings, but before you empty the baggage you brought with you, think about what you have left unfinished. You should probably backtrack and clear the air with someone before you move on.

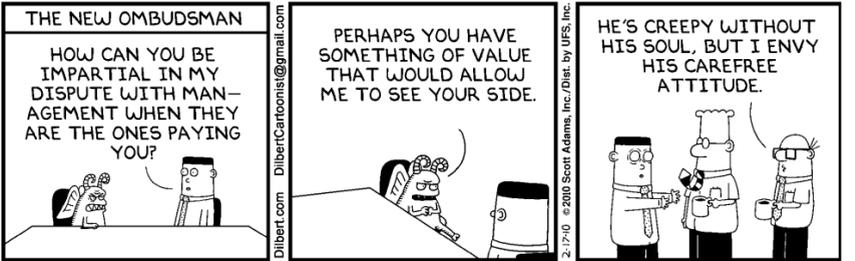
**CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 If you rely too heavily on others, you will fall short of your goals. You should put more effort into your past and present relationships. You cannot move forward until you have taken care of unfinished business.

**AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Be honest with yourself and others if you want to make positive moves. Embrace what ails you, and get rid of any habits that have been causing you to stagnate. You'll meet someone special while tending to your problems.

**PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 Pushing too hard will cause problems in an important partnership. The more open you are about your likes, dislikes, and needs, the better the reception you will receive. Romantic opportunities will develop.

## DILBERT

by Scott Adams



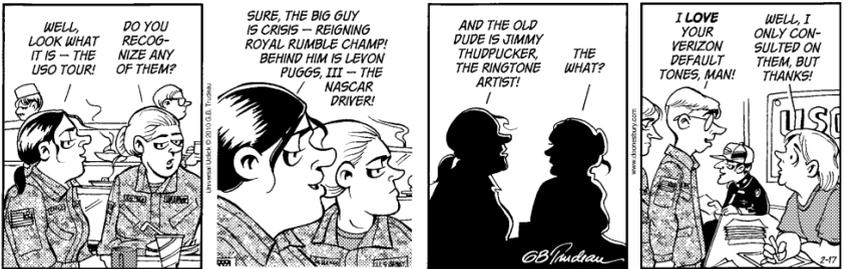
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BY WILEY



## Doonesbury

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## today's events

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- **Cardiac Risk Assessment**, 8:30 a.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Pain Research Seminar**, 9 a.m., 2-322 Bowen Science Building
- **Preschool Story Time**, 10 a.m., North Liberty Community Library, 520 W. Cherry
- **Preschool Story Time**, Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Fahrenheit 451 Book Discussion**, Kirkwood Community College, 1816 Lower Muscatine Road
- **Health, Science & Biotech Career Fair**, noon, C310 Pomerantz Center
- **WorldCanvass Studio**, A Conversation with Jim Leach, noon, 1117 University Capitol Centre International Commons
- **Tasty Crochet: Apple or Pear**, 1 p.m., Home Ec. Workshop, 207 N. Linn
- **Business Planning Workshop**, 4 p.m., S410 Pappajohn Business Building
- **How to Make the Fair Work For You Session**, 4 p.m., C230 Pomerantz Center
- **Kidrobics**, 4:30 p.m., Performance Health and Fitness, 3290 Ridgeway Drive, Coralville
- **Black History Month: Dinner & a Movie Night with Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity**, 6 p.m., site TBA
- **PJ Story Time**, 6 p.m., North Liberty Community Library
- **Tasty Crochet: Apple or Pear**, 6 p.m., Home Ec. Workshop
- **Board Game Night**,

- 6:30 p.m., Critical Hit Games, 89 Second St., Coralville
- **Policy Matters: Agriculture**, 6:30 p.m., Main Library Shambaugh Auditorium
- **The Gray Nights Chess Club**, 6:30 p.m., Senior Center
- **Free Pool**, 7 p.m., Nickelodeon, 907 Second St., Coralville
- **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** Jeff Biggers, fiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
- **"Creating an Environmentally Friendly Yard,"** Mary Crooks, 7 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Society, 10 S. Gilbert
- **The House of the Devil**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **UI Symphony Orchestra**, conductor William LaRue Jones, 7:30 p.m., IMU Main Lounge
- **Be a Contestant on "The Smartest Iowan,"** 8 p.m., Public Access Television, 206 Lafayette
- **Teen After Hours**, 8 p.m., North Liberty Community Library
- **Karaoke**, 9 p.m., Blue Moose Tap House, 211 Iowa
- **Karaoke**, 9 p.m., DC's, 245 Beaver Kreek Center, North Liberty
- **Midwest Dilemma**, 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Talk Art Writer's Workshop**, 9 p.m., Mill
- **Wings of Desire**, 9 p.m., Bijou
- **The Jam**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

## The New York Times Crossword

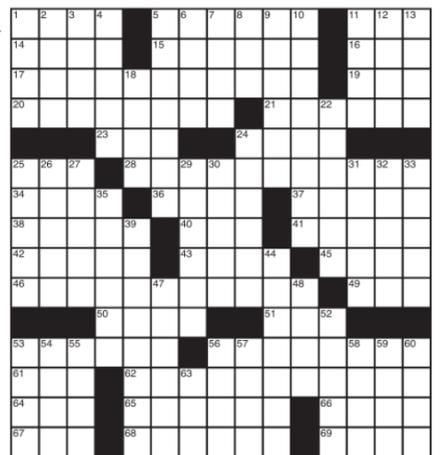
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- Across**
- Pond film
  - Relaxed
  - Candy in a dispenser
  - Noted archbishop
  - Cigarette additive?
  - Like
  - Author of "The Sea, the Sea"
  - One likely to be taken in
  - Films have them
  - Harvard and Yale, e.g.
  - Internet address ending
  - Friction fighter
  - [It's chilly!]
  - Henry James heroine
  - Regretted
  - English facilities
  - Immune system agent
  - Playground retort
  - Mid sixth-century year
  - Morton who founded Morton's steakhouses
  - Latin stars
  - College in New Rochelle, N.Y.
  - Plains Indians
  - Noted mother of nine
  - Notations on some game scores
  - Unit of cultural information
  - Anatomical duct
  - Francis' home
  - Unsolved crime
  - Something you might jump for

- Down**
- fry
  - Fix
  - Elec., e.g.
  - Paris's — d'Orsay
  - By tradition
  - Tucker (out)
  - What circles lack
  - From — Z
  - Pelvis part
  - Early trial presentation
  - "Qué —?"
  - Airline whose meals are all kosher
  - Microwaves
  - Org. with a "Designate a Driver" program
  - Zipper alternative
  - Certain amino acid
  - Prickly shrub
  - Gibson's "Ransom" co-star, 1996
  - Certain wedding participants ... or a hint to 17-, 28- and 46-Across?
  - Massachusetts' Cape —
  - Gretzky's team from 1979 to 1988
  - Dart
  - Marks (out)
  - Band aide
  - Jot

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

LOBE APPT ARBYS  
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AREWE BASE ODIE  
TEDDY APEX MEGA



- Puzzle by Kevan Choset**
- Flat rates?
  - First-aid item
  - Ancient lawgiver
  - Slowly
  - "Silas Marner" author
  - Like non-oyster months
  - Start of a musical series
  - Assumes to be
  - Opposed
  - James Bond antagonist — Largo
  - Masculine side
  - Film genre
  - Role in "Troy"
  - Loudness unit
  - Dict. offerings
  - Was in the red
  - Actress Gilpin of "Frasier"
  - Folkie Guthrie
  - Narrow cut
  - It is, in Peru
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