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Student-loan change called 'huge win for students'

Locally, the changes will mostly affect community-college students.

By **ADAM B SULLIVAN**
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President Obama signed legislation Tuesday that his administration said will help make education more accessible.

While the student-aid shakeup — part of the health-care reconciliation bill — likely won't have much direct effect on students at the University of Iowa, officials from a local community college said

By the numbers

Student loans at the UI come directly from the federal government:

- Last year, 10,181 UI undergrads borrowed a combined \$67.3 million from the federal government
- UI students borrowed a total of \$169.3 million last year, including loans to undergraduates, graduates, and professional students
- Parents of UI students received federal loans totaling \$10.3 million

Source: Mark Warner, UI director of Student Financial Aid

the law is a "huge step" toward the Obama administration's goal to drastically increase the number of Americans with

post-high school education.

Some college students receive federally subsidized loans from private banks, but

the new law will eliminate that lending and all students will borrow directly from the federal government, potentially saving \$68 billion. Officials say the billions of dollars they save from cutting out private loans will be applied to programs which make higher education more affordable, particularly for students at community colleges.

SEE **EDUCATION**, 3A

LAST CALL

PAULA numbers expected to drop

Underage drinking fines contribute to the city's general fund.

By **NICOLE KARLIS**
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If the Iowa City City Council votes to raise the local bar-entry age to 21 next week, officials hope to see police issuing fewer underage drinking tickets.

But that could mean less income for the city.

PAULA tickets cost minors \$330 each if the officers catch them drinking underage the first time. Subsequent PAULAs cost \$735.

A *Daily Iowan* analysis of PAULA tickets issued by the Iowa City police from January 2007 to February 2010 shows that officers issued 2,878 tickets, most of which were handed out at downtown businesses.

That equates to nearly \$1 million in underage drinking fines during that three-year span.

A PAULA offense is broken down into three parts, said Assistant City Attorney Eric Goers:

- The basic fine of \$200, of which the city receives 90 percent.
- The criminal surcharge, 35 percent of the fine, of which the city collects 5 percent.
- And court costs of \$60, which is pocketed by the state.

Funds retained by the city are deposited in the city's general fund, which helps fund general city employees, Goers said.

Since January 2007, the city has collected at least \$518,000 of the total amount paid in first offense PAULA tickets, according to the *DI* analysis.

But the portion of the city's general fund earned from alcohol violations is very small, Goers said. The majority of the money comes from property taxes, grants, and federal funding.

A decreasing number of PAULAs over the past three years has caused revenue from those tickets to fall by roughly 14 percent since January 2007, according to the *DI* analysis.

SEE **ORDINANCE**, 3A



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Still kicking

UI freshman Zach Arenson of Alpha Epsilon Pi kicks a football to his fraternity brothers in Hubbard Park on Tuesday. According to the National Weather Service, today and Thursday will both reach 70 degrees, with Thursday hitting a high of 79 — particularly unseasonable temperatures for this time of year. Today reached a high of 54 degrees last year and dipped to 24.

Same-sex marriage nears 1 year

Same-sex marriage is still changing lives locally nearly one year later.

By **ARIANA WITT**
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April 3 is likely to be an anniversary several husbands and wives in Iowa will not soon forget.

In fact, as the one-year anniversary of the Iowa Supreme Court's unanimous agreement to legalize same-sex marriage approaches, locals are already celebrating the event, reflecting on how the

decision has affected their lives in one year's time.

On Tuesday, Jen BarbouRoske, an Iowa City resident and plaintiff in the historic Iowa case, spoke about her small wedding in a local park to Dawn, her partner of nearly 20 years.

"We told the kids, if you get dirty, that's OK because it was about celebration," BarbouRoske said.

She was among a handful of locals who spoke when

One Iowa, Iowa's largest lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender advocacy group, hosted a press conference at the Johnson County Administration Building on Tuesday. The event was a part of a weeklong celebration leading up to the anniversary.

BarbouRoske said she felt fortunate to be a part of the nearly 1,800 same-sex marriages that took place in Iowa last year. Speaking about her experiences is

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Check out a video from the Tuesday rally celebrating Iowa's legalization of same-sex marriages.

something she hopes others can learn from, she said.

"I'm more than happy to come and talk to people so that they realize our family is a good strong, stable family that contributes to society," BarbouRoske said.

SEE **RALLY**, 3A



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The Rev. Tom Capo talks about his experience with same-sex marriages at the Johnson County Administration Building on Tuesday. Capo said marriage is a civil union, and not about religion, recognizing a love that people share for each other.

DAILY IOWAN TV

To watch Daily Iowan TV, go online at dailyiowan.com or tune into UITV. The 15-minute newscast is on Sunday through Thursday at 9:30 and 10:30 p.m., with reruns at 12:30 and 1:30 a.m. and 7:45 and 8:45 a.m. the following day.

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CLARIFICATION

In the March 30 article "Friday classes mean fewer Thursday ER visits, study contends," the *DI* was not specific in characterizing the 78 patients in 2007 to 2008 and 69 patients in 2008 to 2009 between the ages of 18 and 22 who were admitted to the emergency room on Thursday nights. Of those people, 51 were UI students in 2007 to 2008 and 37 were UI students in 2008 to 2009.



UI mock-trial teams very much for real

The team, on its way to nationals, is ranked third in the nation.

By **BONNIE ERLBACHER**
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For the second-consecutive year, two mock-trial teams will represent the University of Iowa at the national championships in Memphis, Tenn., from April 16-18.

The road to nationals isn't an easy one, said UI junior Vince Geis.

The field of competitors started out as 600 registered teams vying for 48 spots at the championships. After a year of invitationals, teams compete in one of 25 regional tournaments, with the top eight teams from each advancing to a super regional known as open-round championships. Six teams are chosen from each region.

Students play the roles of attorneys and witnesses as they alternately argue both sides of a legal case — a murder case this year.

UI senior Ravi Narayan, the Mock Trial Club president, said commitment and community are key to the teams' success. This is the UI's ninth-consecutive year

appearing with at least one team at the national competition.

"I'm glad I got to be part of a community, after spending so much time with people who share the same interests as me," said Narayan, who is captain of team A.

Being highly regarded — the UI's group is the third-highest ranked team in the nation — makes everyone optimistic about the upcoming tournament, he said.

Neal Schuett, the mock-trial head coach, said this year's teams have a good shot at winning the national title because they have strong leadership and some All-Americans back from last year's fourth-place team.

"Getting to the national level of competition is an achievement itself," said Schuett, who formerly worked for *The Daily Iowan*.

Members agree mock trial has given them many opportunities.

UI senior Kierra Baker, who has been involved with mock trial since she was in junior high school, said the program gives

her the chance to learn about specific law and court rules and expands her persuasive-speaking skills.

"It's a lot of work, but you get really close to everyone on the team," she said. "In the end, we have a lot to show for it."

In the fall, the mock trial student organization holds tryouts to recruit members. Roughly 40 of the approximately 70 hopefuls make up five to six teams of six to eight people.

At the beginning of the season, the teams meet three times a week with each session lasting two to three hours. To prepare for nationals, the teams practice five days a week.

Schuett, a former mock-trial member, said the program has grown during his involvement.

"We used to have three teams, now there are six, and with more teams, it's more competitive, which makes it harder to maintain a national ranking," he said.

Schuett also said the location of tournaments have changed considerably — most of the

On mock trial

The mock-trial teams have argued these cases over the past four years:

- Civil case of wrongful death
- Sentencing of assault conviction
- Civil case of defamation lawsuit
- Criminal murder trial

Source: Ravi Narayan, Mock Trial Club president

competitions used to be in the Midwest, but they now have branched out to both coasts.

According to members, the toughest competition UI students will face likely stem from Northwood University, University of Virginia, the University of California-Los Angeles, and New York University.

Geis, the captain of team B, said it can be stressful going up against the best of the best. But that's not enough to discourage the spirits of Hawkeye mock-trial members.

"The top teams are going to be tough, but we're not scared," he said. "We want to show that we're better than them."

Truly open for questions

Help us help you. Have a burning question about higher education? The Student Aid and Financial Relief Act? Your access to Pell Grants and student loans?

The Daily Iowan can help you get it answered by President Obama's top education czars.

We've signed on to participate in WhiteHouse.gov and the Huffington Post's "Open for Questions". The

forum will allow college students to ask U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and Melody Barnes, the White House's top domestic national-policy adviser, questions about higher-education policy.

But there's a catch. We're competing with other college publications to send University of Iowa students' questions, along with one of our editors, to Washington, D.C., for that

interview, a part of the White House's "Open for Questions" web spot.

So we need your help. Still have that burning question in mind? Send it our way before Thursday at noon. E-mail it to Opinions Editor Shawn Gude at shawn-gude@uiowa.edu, along with a short explanation of why the topic interests you and affects your personal education experience.

The Daily Iowan Editor-

ial Board will pick the top three questions to share with our readers on Friday. Then we'll send them on to the Huffington Post, where readers will vote to choose the best of 25 finalists.

If *Huffington Post* readers choose you, a *Daily Iowan* editor will be flown to ask Duncan and Barnes their response on your behalf during a 30-minute interview live online.

METRO

UITV to air Obama speech, McCaffery appearances

University of Iowa Television is scheduled to broadcast President Obama's March 25 speech in the Field House, and the introductory news conference and public rally for the Hawkeyes' new men's basketball coach, Fran McCaffery.

Obama's speech will be aired at the following dates and times:

- Today at 5:30 a.m., 6 p.m., 8:45 p.m., and 10:45 p.m.
- Thursday at 5:05 a.m.
- Friday at 9:25 a.m.
- Saturday at 5:20 p.m.
- April 4 at 7:30 a.m.

McCaffery's introductory news conference will be broadcast on:

- Today at 8 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday at 12:45 a.m.
- April 4 at 5:25 a.m.

McCaffery's public rally at Carver-Hawkeye Arena is scheduled to air on:

- Today at 6:35 p.m. and 8:15 p.m.
- Thursday at 5:30 p.m. and 9:45 p.m.
- Friday at 12:45 a.m.

— by Joseph Belk

N. Liberty man sentenced to jail, fined

A North Liberty man who pleaded guilty to assault causing

POLICE BLOTTER

Parish Bennett, 22, 1251 Dolen Place, was charged Monday with obstructing an officer.

John Cox, 28, 1004 E. Bloomington St., was charged Sunday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Robert Davis, 43, Ainsworth,

bodily injury and false imprisonment in a 2008 incident was sentenced to 180 days in jail and a \$315 fine for each charge.

On May 28, 2008, Chase Von Lienen, 22, kidnapped a woman and touched her in an offensive manner, according to court documents. He admitted to grabbing her by the neck and pushing her down, causing pain to her neck, back, and face. Von Lienen also confined the accuser against her will, court records show.

Von Lienen was originally also charged with kidnapping and sexual abuse, but those counts were dismissed. He is also required to pay more than \$1,500 worth of restitution. A no-contact order is in place for Von Lienen until 2015.

— by Sam Lane

Legislature ends session

The 2010 session of the Iowa Legislature adjourned Tuesday. Statements from policymakers in Des Moines offered mixed views on the session's accomplishments.

Gov. Chet Culver touted Democratic achievements during the 79-day session, pointing to measures he said will enhance education across the state and boost job creation.

"I now look forward to now working with all Iowans as we implement this legislation and move Iowa forward," he said in a release.

Iowa, was charged Monday with driving while revoked.

Charles Evans, 22, Coralville, was charged Monday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Carly Hurwitz, 18, 829 Slater, was charged March 25 with pres-

Sen. Paul McKinley, R-Chariton, said it was a "session of missed opportunities," noting the state's high level of unemployment and too much spending by the government.

— by Adam B Sullivan

CR man charged with theft

Police arrested a Cedar Rapids man for allegedly stealing two cars by writing bad checks to pay for them.

James Horn, 56, was charged with two counts of first-degree theft.

According to police records, Horn wrote a check worth more than \$60,000 to a dealership on March 20 for a new Mercedes-Benz and warranty items. The dealership accepted the check and Horn took the car, officers said.

But the dealer later found out that Horn's checking account had been closed before the purchase. Horn allegedly attempted to sell the vehicle to an out-of-town car dealership.

— by Regina Zilbermints

Panel sends boundary-change recommendations to board

Iowa City School District redistricting committee members on Tuesday evening voted to send three boundary-change recommendations to the School Board.

ence in a bar after hours, unlawful use of a fake ID, and PAULA.

Paul Kemp, 79, 3051 Wayne Ave. Apt. 62, was charged Monday with OWI.

Deakota Shields, 20, 1502 Dover St., was charged Monday with possession of marijuana.

A majority of committee members agreed to recommend a new scenario presented by RSP & Associates consultants.

The new option includes sending students at Wickham Elementary and Lincoln Elementary to City High instead of West High, and students at Twain Elementary to West instead of City.

But some members said they were concerned the move would lead to unsafe driving conditions for high-school students moving from the Wickham area, 601 Oakdale Blvd., to City High, 1900 Morningside Drive.

Others said the new scenario would help balance the numbers of high-school students receiving free and reduced lunches.

The committee also recommended a scenario including plans for a third high school. Officials estimated operational costs for this plan as roughly \$1.2 million to \$1.3 million. The plan would also include an addition to Shimek Elementary.

Committee members did not reach a consensus regarding an elementary school-related recommendation. They instead agreed officials should reconsider options that could more evenly balance young students receiving free and reduced lunches.

The committee will meet with the School Board on April 8 to present the recommendations.

— by Holly Hines

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2. Locals ask City Council to consider culture in 21-ordinance debate
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EDUCATION

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The 10,000 UI undergrads who borrowed around \$67.3 million from the federal government last year won't be affected because those loans already come directly from the federal government, UI Director of Student Financial Aid Mark Warner said.

However, local officials say the move will be beneficial for students at community colleges.

"It's a huge win for students," said Chris Bowser, an enrollment services manager at Cedar Rapids-based Kirkwood Community College.

Bowser said the student aid legislation will make assistance more accessible, ultimately meaning more people will be able to pursue higher education. Forty percent of Kirkwood students receive Pell Grants — funds for low-income students which will be bolstered by the legislation.

Around 19 percent of UI students receive Pell assistance.

"There will be more resources available to [students]. Some places, you can literally go to school for free," U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan told reporters after the legislation was signed.

Obama's goal to have the world's highest portion of college graduates by 2020 means relying on older Americans returning to school, officials said.

Only around 10 percent of UI undergrads are older than 23. At Kirkwood, that number is approximately 40 percent. And Steve Carpenter, public-information director at Kirkwood, said that population is growing.

A jump in nontraditional enrollees at community colleges doesn't leave the UI unaffected. University officials are working to strengthen their relationship with community colleges across the state.

Despite speculation that the Democrats' student-aid legislation will increase

accessibility, some have criticized the expansion of government power.

While UI political-science Associate Professor Tim Hagle said though the changes will make it easier to get loans, government control over loans could have negative consequences.

"Who's to say what the federal government will do with interest rate? At some point, can they just jack that thing up?" said Hagle, a Republican. "With a bank, at least you have a contract so you know what that rate is going to be."

Additionally, Hagle said there could be political backlash from advocates of small government.

"What this is doing is taking over another section of the country," he said. "The federal government isn't supposed to be in the business of making money."

Your turn. What effect of the student-loan reform do you think will be most effective? Weigh in at dailyiowan.com.

ORDINANCE

CONTINUED FROM 1A

In February 2009, police issued 208 underage drinking tickets compared with 180 last month.

If the City Council passes the pending 21-ordinance, officers will still monitor the drinking scene for underage patrons and issue PAULAs when necessary.

Iowa City police Lt. Doug Hart said reducing underage drinking is one of the goals of ordinance, though it's unclear what effect it will have on the number of PAULAs doled out.

Hart said he thinks, "optimistically and logically," that the number of PAULAs will decrease.

However, the number of designated officers in the downtown area won't change, officials said.

"Hopefully, [21-only] will curb some of the behavior,"



CHRISTY AUMER/THE DAILY IOWAN
A dollar bill lays on the bar at One-Eyed Jakes on Sept. 2, 2009. If the City Council passes the 21-ordinance next week, as many people expect, the number of PAULAs the police issue could decrease.

Iowa City police Sgt. Denise Brotherton said. "These officers could also be doing more proactive things."

Those include, she said, spreading out into the neighborhoods rather than handing out PAULA citations on the Pedestrian Mall.

City officials agree increasing the bar-entry

age will allow police officers to do more than give out tickets.

"Certainly, part of the decision stems from a desire to lessen the burden on the police resources downtown," said Iowa City Mayor Matt Hayek. "I think the situation will improve downtown."



CHRISTY AUMER/THE DAILY IOWAN
Speakers gather on the balcony at the Johnson County Administration Building on Tuesday. More than a dozen people attended to talk about the changes in Iowa since the introduction of same-sex marriage.

RALLY

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One Iowa executive director Carolyn Jenison said people in Iowa City have been active in the organization's efforts.

"There have been such great leaders, specifically in Johnson County, who have really helped to move this forward," she said. "We want to give them the opportunity to share their words of encouragement."

Republicans in the state Legislature attempted to overturn the Supreme Court ruling by introducing bills this session that would amend Iowa's Constitution to define marriage as between a man and woman. Those attempts failed.

But Iowa City has likely seen other changes in the past year related to same-sex marriage, one official said.

Johnson County Supervisor

Janelle Rettig said she's seen an increase in the local economy and some of it may be related to the legalization of same-sex marriages. She said Iowa City should expect to see an increase in population.

"Older generations are moving back to Iowa because it seems to be a more forward-thinking place to live, and I believe we will see dramatic changes in the next few years," she said.

Rettig also said out-of-state couples are contributing to the local economy by making the trip across state lines to have their marriage legally recognized.

In May 2009, a bus of 17 same-sex couples from St. Louis, traveled to Iowa City for one day to tie the knot.

Rettig said groups from Missouri have made the trip at least two other times.

"My wife, Robin, and myself made the trip all

the way to Toronto when she had cancer because we didn't want our time together to end without having been officially recognized as marriage," Rettig said. "Couples coming to Iowa are doing so because they're in love."

In the months following the Supreme Court decision, officials from the Iowa City/Coralville Area Convention and Visitors Bureau traveled to other states to promote Iowa as a same-sex marriage destination.

BarbouRoske said she hopes more locals will grow to realize the importance of Iowa's same-sex marriage decision and will continue to speak publicly this week and in the future to aid the civil rights of gays in Iowa.

"What I hope people learn from meetings like this is that Iowa has become better over the past year," said BarbouRoske.

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A Johnson County clerk works at her desk on Tuesday in the courthouse. Since the institution of state furloughs, the clerks have had to work more with less time.

Furloughs pose some problems for courthouse workers

By SAM LANE
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The sound of printing receipts, clicking time stamps, and constant chatter fills the Johnson County Clerk of Court's office. And because of statewide budget cuts, the noises may now seem a bit more frantic than ever.

As a result of the state's revenue shortfall, the courts system has faced an \$11.4 million budget cut, 7.1 percent of the system's budget. To cope, the state judiciary has ordered a number of furloughs for county courthouse employees.

To make up for time lost, the Johnson County Clerk's office closes to the public two hours early on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Additionally, Lodema Berkley, the Johnson County clerk of court, has decided to enact a time-saving policy that requires individuals in need of assistance to look

up their own case numbers on computers in the courthouse. Before, clerks searched for cases. Reactions to the new policy are split between understanding and frustration, Berkley said.

"People don't quite understand," she said. "They think we can take the four hours we're closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and they believe we can accomplish miracles with those four hours."

Some of the biggest challenges have come from maintaining the court's online records and the twice-a-week trips clerks make to offsite storage areas to retrieve files, she said. The criminal department of the clerk's office has around two feet of shelf space remaining.

"We're trying to do the same amount of work in fewer hours," said Wanda Sedivec, one of the clerks.

Sedivec, who has worked in the clerk's office

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To learn more about the clerks' increased workload, log on to dailyyowan.com.

for 36 years, said the current workload situation is the worst she's seen.

"I don't get my work done as fast as I'd like to," said Wendy Weller, another clerk. "I tend to be on autopilot."

Clerk Mark Stimmel said he goes through 10 to 15 more charges a day than before the furloughs. He said he sent an e-mail to Gov. Chet Culver about the workload, but he hasn't yet received a reply.

State courts aren't the only ones being stretched financially.

Nationally, the federal judicial branch accounts for less than 1 percent of the federal budget. This year, the branch has asked for a budget increase because of an expanding caseload.

Spotlight Iowa City

The business of speaking Chinese

Devon Jarvis wants to use his Chinese skills abroad.

By MICHELLE HILLENBRAND
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As his housemates sat nearby eating Americanized Chinese food, University of Iowa junior Devon Jarvis described eating fried scorpions during his study-abroad trip to China.

Clenching his fingers in an imitation of scorpion claws, he said five of the insects were put on a skewer, still alive and snapping, for people to pick out — "like picking out your lobster at Red Lobster," he said.

Even though he was unsure if he should eat the stinger, he took the plunge. "It tasted like a Gardetto," he said.

Jarvis, who is studying finance and Chinese, was recently selected as one of the Tippie College of Business' "21 Under 21," an award that recognizes leaders in the business school based on scholarship, professional development, leadership, and service.

Jarvis is a member of business fraternity Delta Sigma Pi, Tippie Senate, and the Hawkinson Institute, in addition to the fraternity Phi Kappa Psi.

Fraternity brother and roommate Joe Sheridan said he and Jarvis push one another to succeed.

Because of Jarvis' fascination with Chinese language, Sheridan was inspired to take Conversational Chinese.

"I would say he affects me in a positive manner, broadening my horizons," said Sheridan.

Classmate Jennifer Layer said she is impressed by Jarvis' knowledge of everyone in the business college.

"One time we were walking down the hall together, and practically every two seconds, there was another professor going, 'Hi, Devon,'



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UI junior Devon Jarvis studies in his fraternity house on Sunday. Jarvis was recognized as one of the students in the Tippie College of Business' "21 Under 21" last year.

she said. Eventually, Jarvis said, he hopes to use his finance and Chinese skills at an American firm in Hong Kong or Shanghai.

"With China being a rising economy, if I could become proficient with it, it would be a good skill to have down the road," said the native of Fairfield, Iowa.

But for now, his capabilities in Chinese benefit him in more unusual ways.

"When I was in China, I just assumed most people had a rudimentary knowledge of English, so I would speak in slang if I didn't want people to understand me," he said.

But international students here are somewhat more candid, Jarvis said, not assuming others can understand.

Once, he overheard two Chinese students discussing his bookbag. Another time, he gave a girl directions to Calvin Hall when he overheard her asking a friend in Chinese where it was.

"She had this crazy look on her face, like she couldn't comprehend that I would understand her Chinese," he said.

Next fall, Jarvis will head

Devon Jarvis

- Age: 21
- Hometown: Fairfield, Iowa
- Original pick to win NCAA Tournament: Duke; Now it's West Virginia
- Favorite ice-cream flavor: Cookie dough
- Favorite Chinese word: Pants (pronounced "ku zi")
- Ideal date: Jessica Alba

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to China again, to study language at a university in Shanghai. Nominated for a scholarship from the Chinese government, he hopes to live in an international students' dorm.

Even though Jarvis may have to wait to use his Chinese in China, he can still show off his knowledge by singing *The Lion King's* "Hakuna Matata" whenever he desires — in Chinese.

"It's one of my hidden talents," he said, smiling.

Officials use controlled burning at Reservoir

Controlled burning targets unwanted foliage in attempts to protect native species.

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Controlled burning at the Coralville Reservoir began Tuesday in a joint effort between the AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps and the Army Corps of Engineers in preparation for Earth Day.

Controlled burns will be directed at invasive plant species, including *Alliaria petiolata*, or "garlic mustard," said Brittney Green, an AmeriCorps media representative.

"It's not native, and it takes over an area," said Ryan Schlater, a fire specialist with the Iowa Department of

Natural Resources. "It will spread very rapidly, and it's an invasive plant that will grow on top of other species."

The plant has spread throughout most of the wooded area around the Reservoir, Green said.

Prescribed burns are an annual process done nationwide in part to clear away dead vegetation and mitigate forest fire risk, said spokesman Chris Whitley of the Environmental Protection Agency Region 7.

This is the first year AmeriCorps is doing a controlled burn at the Reservoir. The organization had to wait

for the weather to dry up and officials hope to burn 60 acres before the end of April.

Schlater said he helped to train both members of AmeriCorps and the Corps of Engineers through a certification process, which includes basic firefighter training.

Controlled blazes should take numerous factors into account, Schlater added. High winds or temperatures can create dangerous situations. Every burn should have "a contingency plan in case the burn gets away," he said.

The kindling of flames in certain areas was postponed on Tuesday because of high

winds, Green said.

Despite the proactive applications of controlled fires, Whitley said, there are concerns.

"There are a whole host of issues that go along with prescribed burns," he said, noting the creation of particulate matter — including small particles, dust, and ash — that pollutes the air.

In April 2009, dense smoke from controlled burns on the Flint Hills in Kansas spread to Kansas City and other nearby communities and lingered. Because there were wet conditions for much of the early spring, several private land owners had set land ablaze for beef cattle operations as soon as

there were dry conditions.

"It was a pretty large domino effect," said Jason Hartman, a fire-prevention specialist with the Kansas Forest Service.

However, Hartman said the dense smoke was not a result of the fires getting out of control.

"It was just a matter of the sheer volume of burns going on in the same day," he said.

Kurt Levetzow, an environmental specialist senior with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, said the department will respond to smoke complaints, and he and some of his colleagues are trained twice a year to detect the density of smoke using only their vision.

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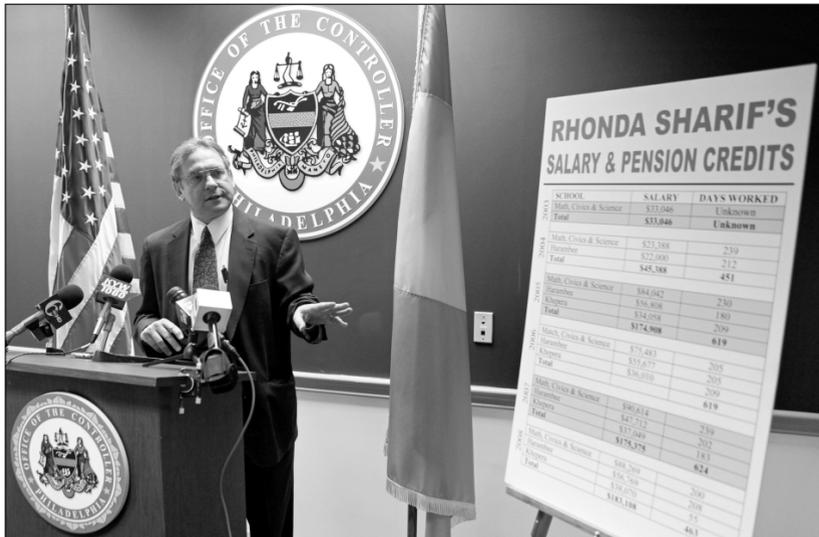
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City Controller Alan Butkovitz makes remarks during a news conference in Philadelphia on Tuesday. Butkovitz is investigating spending practices at the Harambee Institute of Science and Technology Charter School, which is already under fire for operating in a building that doubles as a nightclub.

Charter school also a nightclub

By KATHY MATHESON
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Who knew a school cafeteria could be so much fun?

A space in which hundreds of Philadelphia charter school students have been eating their lunches during mundane weekdays has been doubling in its off-hours as nightclub, offering dancing and drinking despite an expired liquor license.

City and school officials are not happy about the arrangement between Club Damani and the Harambee Institute of Science and Technology Charter School, which serves approximately 450 children in kindergarten through eighth grade.

Superintendent Arlene Ackerman said in a letter to Harambee on Monday that "a school and a nightclub cannot coexist in the same space, and [the arrangement] must cease immediately," according to a School District statement.

As a charter school, Harambee receives around \$3.5 million annually in public funds but operates independently of the district. Officials at Harambee, which is on spring break this week, could not be reached

for comment Tuesday.

A statement on the school's website said recent media reports contain "slanderous and inaccurate allegations."

"This attack on Harambee Charter School is a biased depiction of the true success story that Harambee truly is," it said.

Officers with the state Bureau of Liquor Enforcement visited Club Damani on March 27, a day after WPVI-TV first aired a report on the building's double-life. The segment included footage of liquor bottles and a YouTube video promoting the club in which a man refers to marijuana use.

No alcohol was being served when authorities arrived, bureau Sgt. William La Torre said Tuesday. However, club officials told officers that alcohol had been served in the past and that they thought their license was current, La Torre said.

Club officials denied any drug use on the premises and said the YouTube video was part of a standup comedy routine, La Torre said. Still, officers urged them to be cautious about their clientele, he said.

"Basically, we said we

need you to do what's right for the kids," La Torre said.

Liquor licenses can be denied to establishments within 300 feet of a school. In this case, the school moved into a building that already was licensed, state Liquor Control Board spokeswoman Francesca Chapman said Tuesday.

Harambee's facility in West Philadelphia was once an Italian-American social club that had held a liquor license since 1936, Chapman said. The club transferred the license to the school-affiliated Harambee Institute in 2002, but Chapman said it expired in 2008.

Neighbors also are upset about the situation, said city Controller Alan Butkovitz. He said he has received complaints about discarded drug packaging and liquor bottles near the club.

Butkovitz revealed Tuesday that Harambee is one of 13 charter schools under investigation by his office for questionable financial practices.

La Torre said the enforcement bureau last received a complaint — which was noise-related — about Club Damani in January 2008, when it was still licensed to serve alcohol.

Prosecutor: FBI had to 'take down' militia



MADALYN RUGGIERO/ASSOCIATED PRESS

A gun leans against a washing machine Monday in Clayton, Mich., on property belonging to David Brian Stone, the leader of Midwest Christian militia. Nine suspects tied to the militia have been charged with conspiring to kill police officers and to attack their funeral using homemade bombs.

By COREY WILLIAMS and MIKE HOUSEHOLDER
Associated Press

DETROIT — Federal authorities had been monitoring members of a Michigan-based Christian militia for some time but were forced to "take them down" over the weekend after learning of an imminent threat against police, the U.S. attorney leading the prosecution said Tuesday.

Barbara McQuade's comments came three days after eight members of a small group of "Christian warriors" were arrested in several Midwestern states and a day after the FBI nabbed a ninth suspect, Joshua Stone, following a standoff at a trailer in rural Michigan.

"The time had come that we needed to arrest them and take them down," McQuade told the Associated Press in an interview at her office.

Across the street in Detroit federal court, Stone was arraigned Tuesday and was ordered held without bond until a hearing Wednesday.

McQuade said the "most troubling" finding of the investigation was

that Hutaree members plotted to make a false 911 call, kill responding officers, and then use a bomb to kill many more at the funeral.

The nine suspects were charged with seditious conspiracy — plotting to levy war against the United States — possessing a firearm during a crime of violence, teaching the use of explosives, and attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction — homemade bombs.

Eight appeared in court Monday, with seven asking to be represented by public defenders. It was not immediately clear Tuesday whether attorneys had been appointed.

FBI agents moved quickly against Hutaree because its members were planning an attack sometime in April, McQuade said. Members had been undergoing paramilitary training, including learning how to shoot guns and make bombs, since 2008, according to an indictment. Authorities seized guns in the raids but would not say whether they found explosives.

Prosecutors said the suspected Hutaree ring-leader, 44-year-old David

Brian Stone of Clayton, identified law-enforcement officers as potential targets.

A handful of the group's members were arrested without incident during a Hutaree meeting on the night of March 27 in Ann Arbor, Mich., McQuade said. She said authorities chose that time and place because they knew it would lessen the chance that other people would be around.

Hutaree says on its website its name means "Christian warrior." The group quotes several Bible passages and declares: "We believe that one day, as prophecy says, there will be an Anti-Christ. ... Jesus wanted us to be ready to defend ourselves using the sword and stay alive using equipment."

The website does not list specific grievances against law enforcement and the government.

The site features a picture of 17 men in camouflage, all holding large guns, and includes videos of armed men running through the woods. Each wears a shoulder patch that bears a cross and two red spears.

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Point/Counterpoint

Are UI officials right to push for an increase in Friday classes?

Yes

For many years on this campus, Fridays have been just another extension of the weekend for students. No classes at 8:30 Friday mornings means a long night of partying Thursday that continues into the weekend. However, with the Faculty Council and Faculty Senate's increasing support for more Friday classes, the three-day weekend students enjoy may become nonexistent.

And that's the way it should be.

Last time I checked, Fridays are still considered a part of the school week. I understand the inclination to want more free time. As college students, we are always searching for the next break from tests and term papers. But if having more classes on Fridays will slow the chaos of our drinking culture, then that's an option we should seriously consider adopting.

This potential remedy may not be welcomed by a few people, and their reasons are justified. Students need money to pay for their schooling and may work on Fridays. They have my sympathy, and my argument is not centered on their attempt to survive the burden of college debt. Instead, we need to focus on those who indulge on alcohol to excess on Thursday nights and use their free Fridays to recover from their drunken passivity.

The intentions of the university administration are not to abolish the consumption of alcohol or hinder personal choice. Instead, this will increase accountability.

Thousands of students will graduate in May, and some will move onto jobs that require Friday attendance. Changing social behavior does not happen in a day's time; it needs to start when we first step on this campus. If we are all preparing for our future, what standards do we set when we engage in behavior that will hurt us in the future?

Friday classes are not something anyone enjoys — me included — but if they work to separate us from our issues with alcohol, then it's a step in the right direction.

— by Michael Davis

No

First of all, I admit I am not a saint when it

comes to "Thirsty Thursday." Sorry, I party.

Yet what student can resist Thursday drink specials on a student budget?

Personally, I have yet to miss a single Friday class because of drinking too much. Consequently, I wish the university would respect my educational and work needs and let me create a schedule accordingly.

Many students have numerous jobs, take 15 to 17 semester hours, and participate in many extracurricular activities. With all that, we don't need UI administrators becoming a second set of parents. While someone may only have one class on Friday, such a situation presents a scheduling problem for the student's employer, who cannot schedule her or him in a two- to three-hour time frame.

Scheduling more Friday classes will punish students who streamline their schedules because they need Friday to work, catch up on academics, or make time for those all-important extracurricular activities for their résumés.

Admittedly, scheduling more Friday classes is a better-targeted method for curbing binge drinking than the 21-ordinance. Yet increasing Friday classes leads to unintended consequences — namely, a race to the bottom, through catering to the students who are the least responsible.

If the university did not think a student could be responsible enough to handle a day without class, why did it admit her or him? Why punish those who drink responsibly, work hard, and practice good time management?

I'd like to end this argument with an analogy. All of us have taken classes in which the instructors was completely oblivious to the fact one might be taking other classes and, consequently, could not make their classes a 40-hour-a-week commitment. In the same light, scheduling more Friday classes assumes that all students do nothing but attend class and can commit all five days to solely attending class.

— by Jonathan Groves

Your turn. Do you support increasing the number of Friday classes? Weigh in on dailyiowan.com.

Hysteria over health reform



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There's something especially unnerving about how some of the biggest critics of health-care reform have responded to its passage. I'm not talking about the GOP vowing to repeal it after regaining control of Congress or the rampant protests. Those are all, at least, reasonable responses within the realm of good democratic practice.

I'm talking about the use — and threat of — violence.

Rep. Bruce Braley, D-Iowa, has gotten death threats.

And Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, has received "disturbing messages"; his office wouldn't comment any further.

The passage of health-care legislation has sparked a sense of fear in people unlike anything seen by our generation. It's as if people think the legislation will rescind their right to health insurance or make it less widely available (save that for the Republican platform in November).

Plenty of political rhetoric has painted the legislation as less-than-ideal, from both parties. But, some of the most vehement opposition to the shifts in health-insurance regulation have come in the form of misinformation and downright ignorance.

I won't rehash them all, but here's the quick rundown of "facts" that never were reality: death panels, abortion funds, government takeover, socialized medicine, and illegal immigrants receiving free health care.

All of these things, it turns out, are not true. And yet people are furious about some of them. So furious that they've resorted to violence, vandalism, death threats, and a cornucopia of dubious activities.

People who respond this way to things that are imaginary are usually called insane. But there's something even more portentous surrounding all of the

political outbursts than just the direct consequences of such actions.

The use of fear-mongering and the resulting violence is disastrous to future political discourse. The net effect is one of lasting chilling, turning citizens off from the public discussion of political matters and making levelheaded debate nearly impossible.

A professor of mine recently likened the backlash to the struggle for civil rights in the 1960s. In a class last week, he recounted the days of massive protests and rallies against the integration of African Americans into what was considered white society.

The institution of segregation was, of course, leading to unfair treatment of minorities. But opponents didn't see it that way. To them, including African Americans in their exclusive club was a threat to their way of life — and conservatives capitalized.

We now look back on the civil-rights movement as a progressive step in our nation's history that extended fair and equal rights to a large portion of the population. And those who opposed it so feverishly through physical violence are now seen as ignorant or bigoted to stand in the way of such clearly beneficial changes.

The moral of the story is that history repeats itself. Not that all those who oppose the legislation are ignorant or bigoted, but that the types of threats thrown at our legislators are unwarranted.

Those falling into fits of anger and turning to violence to express their discontent with the legislation are hurting politics. They are damaging the reputation of our country as one deeply rooted in fierce — but civil — debate and free thinking. Those who resort to violence in the face of political opposition only succeed in creating an echo chamber of animosity.

Iowans should use reasonable, meaningful, and democratic forms of protest, not resort to fear-driven reactions. Use your vote as your voice — not violence. ■

Letter

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Enough with the partisanship

Regarding the March 26 editorial piece, "Thoughts on Obama's visit from a health-care reform supporter and opponent," I was particularly disappointed in the representatives you chose to espouse their views on President Obama's recent speech in Iowa City. Two white, college-age males who regurgitated talking points from their respective political camps — Michael Dale-Stein held up the optimistic, shortsighted view, and Jonathan Groves brought up the pessimistic "Armageddon" side.

But it gets better. Both acknowledge Obama's vow to

"fight" the good fight in upcoming months and during the midterm elections — yet neither say anything particularly conclusive on the subject. Will the American public welcome the more accessible health-care plans or reject them in the name of fiscal responsibility (which was conspicuously absent during the Bush years)? Will we all "drink the Kool-Aid" and travel over to the Tea Party's dark side?

This hyper-partisanship is getting tiresome and grating on average Americans. Forget cooperation — I would settle for a government in which representatives voted on personal

convictions rather than lobbyists' whims.

Per Sen. John McCain's sentiments after the passage of the health-care reform bill, when we all forego working together in the name of staying politically viable during the midterm elections, we lose a little bit of what our democratic political system was designed to achieve: Doing the greatest good for the greatest number without treading on the rights of the minority.

When someone can explain to me how extended medical care is impeding upon the "free will" of all other Americans, maybe then I'll buy into the

anti-reform argument. It'll probably take a few of those insurance-company lobbyists' salaries to sway my views, however. Until then, I would like to see a federal government that spends more on public health per month than the war in Iraq and politicians who don't pander to their extremist bases in hopes of short-term gains in November.

Enough with the hate- and fear-mongering; stop spouting rhetoric and start making real change we can believe in. The health-care reform bill is a great stride in the right direction.

Kirsten Jacobsen
UI student

Guest opinion

International views on health-care reform



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"Can anyone explain this health-care bill in simple words?" I heard this question amid the sweet and bitter slogans last week, when President Obama visited the University of Iowa.

My head was also dithered with convoluted questions about the health-care debate; it's troublesome for novice

international students like me to get a clear picture of the United States' health-care system.

After talking with foreign students at the UI and then listening to the views of my American friends on campus, I did some research and found a World Health Organization study on the health-related issues.

The organization estimated in the report for the 5.6 billion people in low- and middle-income countries, more than half of all health-care expenditure is through out-of-pocket payments. This deprives many families of needed care because they cannot afford

it. Also, more than 100 million people around the world are pushed into poverty each year because of catastrophic health-care expenditures, the report said.

Though some international students welcomed the President Obama's health-reform initiative, they were about confused how these reforms will affect international students in the United States. Like many U.S. citizens, many UI international students have no clue about what the real picture of the U.S. health-reform law is.

"I thought it's pretty much like universal health care that essentially incorporates

a public option, but President Obama himself pointed out in his speech at the Field House that the public option is not in it," said Eri Kurniawan, a Fulbright scholar and a Ph.D. student in linguistics. "And I read from the paper that there are still a lot of Americans that would be uncovered by this bill."

Talking about the health-care system in Indonesia, Kurniawan said medical services are quite affordable and lots of medical alternatives are available.

Contrasting the U.S. health-care system with other countries in the world, Etse Sikanku, a graduate student in

journalism and mass communication from Ghana said, "I think it's a great idea that the U.S. government is trying to provide expanded coverage to Americans."

Ghana's system is called the National Health Insurance Scheme, "where it's mandatory for everyone under the law to purchase insurance," he said.

Proud of the country's health system, Sikanku said, "It's worked very well so far, because it helps to provide comprehensive and affordable access to health services by Ghanaians."

"Before these schemes were implemented, many Ghanaians could not afford

health care, and the services provided were usually poor."

And he said that the United States should examine other countries' health-care systems as well.

"Of course, this is a domestic-policy measure, so I didn't really expect any international undertones. Still, we know there are countries with similar public health packages, and it won't be too bad for the U.S. to learn from these best practices," Sikanku said.

Lamia Zia, a freelance journalist, worked in print and broadcast journalism in Pakistan and now writes a regular column for *The Daily Iowan*.

MISSION CREEK 2010

2 musical vets

Two Mission Creek Festival performers can't imagine their lives without music.

By CAROLINE BERG
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Booker T. Jones knows how to take the church marm out of the organ and put in the funk. Nearly half a century after his first hit, "Green Onions" with his band Booker T. and the MGs, Jones creates and collaborates on albums that continue to garner awards for the 65-year-old.

"From an early age, I have had musical ideas in my mind," the winner of a lifetime achievement Grammy Award wrote in an e-mail to *The Daily Iowan*. "At some point, I realized some of [these ideas] were unique."

Jones is now on tour, fresh off a Grammy Award for Best Pop Instrumental Album for his 2009 *Potato Hole*. The Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington St., will host Jones at 8 p.m. today as part of the Mission Creek Music Festival. Admission is \$29.

He spent his childhood not only serving as organist at his church but also tuning up his multi-instrumental aptitude playing the oboe, trombone, saxophone, and piano. Since he first entered into professional music at age 16, Jones has enjoyed mixing rhythms and sounds with such notable artists as Otis Redding, Albert King, Elton John, and Willie Nelson.

The '80s were troublesome for Jones, when he began selling real estate to balance himself financially in a faltering music industry. However, no matter the hurdles and curve balls, he proved his mettle for a long-running career in music.



PUBLICITY PHOTO

Booker T. Jones, who will play tonight at the Englert, continues to look to the future in his music.

"The only one thing you can control is your own abilities, so I try to practice piano, guitar, and voice on a regular basis to either get better or maintain my level of proficiency," he said. "I would hate to have to give up music."

Another star in the Mission Creek lineup, Xiu Xiu's Jamie Stewart also discerns a fundamental need to live a life with music. Despite the societal and personal pressures he observed in his eight years with Xiu Xiu to "move on" from his punk-rock lifestyle, Stewart persists.

"Lately, I've been feeling a lot of self-doubt," he said. "But when I consider quitting [music], I feel even worse."

The band will perform at Gabe's, 330 E. Washington St., at 8 p.m. today. Admission is \$8.

"The personal aspects [of making music] include the opportunity for me to try to clarify the incredibly intense and confusing emotions I

feel," the 38-year-old singer/guitarist/techno programmer said. "Writing songs about these feelings [of self-loathing and self-doubt] is an attempt to be unashamed about feeling that way."

Stewart, who studied social work in school, said the band seeks to incorporate a new benefit for each road tour. Now, Xiu Xiu's goodwill efforts are channeled toward At the Crossroads, an outreach organization for homeless youth and young adults in San Francisco.

The two main issues on Stewart's mind are human trafficking, which he wrote a song about on Xiu Xiu's latest album *Dear God, I Hate Myself*, and global warming. Still, Xiu Xiu concerts are not a picket or activists' rally.

"I really hope that people in the audience find some sort of personal feeling in the music," Stewart said. "But it's never us as a band trying to force a manifesto on anyone."

Channeling an 11-year-old

Author Alan Bradley writes about a mysterious world through the eyes of an 11-year-old girl.

By REBECCA KOONS
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Alan Bradley couldn't have imagined a character like Flavia de Luce.

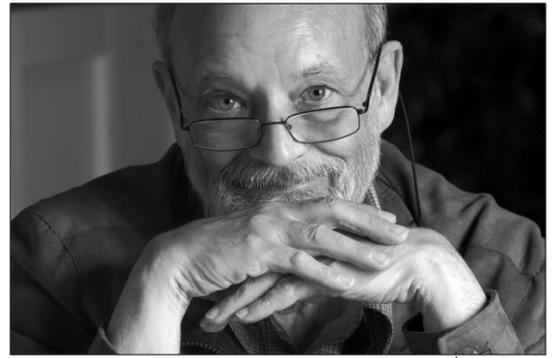
The precocious 11-year-old was first realized in another book he was writing. Flavia "demanded a book of her own, and [he] finally listened to her," he said. Set in 1950s England, she expresses an affinity for chemistry and poisons, which she fully utilizes in her home's abandoned laboratory.

The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie won him the Début Dagger Award from the British Crimewriter's Association in 2007. The second installment, *The Weed That Strings the Hangman's Bag*, continues to follow Flavia de Luce and her unfettered sense of curiosity to an unexplained death in a traveling puppet show. The series follows a large arc that will ultimately take six books to complete, but each edition has its own sense of independence from the project as a whole.

Bradley will indulge fans and newcomers alike in de Luce's world in his reading at 7 p.m. today in Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St. Admission is free.

Growing up in Cobourg, Ontario, Canada, he knew writing was what he wanted to do when he was younger than the character that defines his novels. Challenged by his sister to write a book (he believed anyone could), he wrote one paragraph, which sent his sister into hysterics, falling on the floor laughing.

"I knew then that writing was not an easy life," Bradley said. "It took 50



PUBLICITY PHOTO/JEFF BASSETT

Author Alan Bradley will read from the latest installment of the Flavia de Luce series, *The Weed That Strings the Hangman's Bag*, at 7 p.m. today in Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque.

years before my first book was published."

His works are now making people laugh in the best way. Paul Ingram of Prairie Lights said the Flavia de Luce series is among the funniest he has ever read, primarily because of the protagonist's approach to the mysteries she investigates.

"Once you start reading, you really get a kick out of it," Ingram said. "If Flavia finds a dead body, she doesn't freak out — she thinks, 'Oh boy, this will be interesting.'"

In writing the series, the one thing that propels Bradley is his efforts to "listen" to Flavia and record her thoughts. This, he said, is equally easy and complicated.

To have such a young girl be upfront in an adult novel is a rare occurrence, but one can perhaps liken it to Scout in Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*: a girl with a strong, unique personality providing her perspective on the complex world around her.

When it comes to the Flavia de Luce series and Bradley's unceasing efforts to produce the best product

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he can, the characters are given the room and freedom to develop, along with the story.

"Alan is a master of character and plot, and these are not easy mysteries to figure out," Ingram said. "I think this is why readers will like the characters all the way through."

Though she is only 11, Bradley said, he has heard from readers ranging from ages 8 to 95 who can find some form of relatable quality in de Luce's words and actions. For him, meeting those fans is one of the most rewarding aspects of his writing career.

"They always turn out to be remarkable people," he said. "On the same wavelength, I suppose."

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Kachine Alexander

BASKETBALL

Alexander honored

Hawkeye junior Kachine Alexander was named an All-American honorable mention by the Associated Press on Tuesday. She was one of 46 NCAA Division-I women's basketball players to earn that honor.

She led the Iowa women's basketball team with 16 points and 10.4 rebounds on the season. Alexander is also only one of two guards to average a double-double.

She also averaged 11.1 rebounds in conference games — claiming the Big Ten rebounding title and ranking 22nd in the nation.

The Minneapolis native was a Women's Basketball Coaches Association All-Region pick, a first team All-Big Ten and Big Ten All-Defensive team selection as well. She became Iowa's all-time leading rebounder among juniors with 281 boards on the season.

She is only the third Hawkeye to be honored by the Associated Press. Amy Herrig (1999) and Cara Consuegra (2001) were also honorable-mention picks.

This is the first such honor for Alexander, who helped lead Iowa to the second-round of the NCAA Women's Tournament. She's still in the running to be one of 10 players named to the WBCA's All-America team on Saturday.

— by Evelyn Lau

NBA

Suns clinch playoff berth

CHICAGO (AP) — Jason Richardson scored 27 points, Channing Frye hit a clutch 3-pointer with 41.6 seconds to go Tuesday night, and the Phoenix Suns clinched a playoff berth by beating the Chicago Bulls, 111-105, for their eighth-straight win.

Steve Nash scored seven of his 22 points in the final two minutes and had 10 assists. Amar'e Stoudemire added 21 points for the Suns, 13 in the first quarter.

Flip Murray and Derrick Rose, who kept Chicago close down the stretch with 10 points in the final period, had 23 points each. The Bulls are 1/2 games behind Toronto for the eighth playoff spot in East. Richardson's 3-pointer with three minutes left gave Phoenix a one-point lead, but Rose drove in for a short shot and put Chicago back ahead 12 seconds later.

Nash's turnaround jumper put the Suns up before Rose answered with two free throws to make it 101-100 Chicago with 1:36 to go.

Nash then drove the lane for a lay-up with 1:14 to go, was fouled and sank the free throws to give Phoenix a 103-101 lead. But Rose hit two more from the line with 59.8 seconds remaining for a tie.

Frye then hit a high-arching 3 from the top of the key with 41.6 seconds to go for a 106-103 lead, but Rose drove in for another basket to get the Bulls within one.

Nash then made a nice pass to Grant Hill for a dunk with 23.2 seconds remaining to restore Phoenix's lead to three. After Rose missed a long 3-pointer, Nash sank a pair of free throws with 13 seconds to go.

'I think when parents drop their children off and turn them over to you, they have to know and understand there's going to be a family atmosphere that they can feel comfortable about.'

— Fran McCaffery, head coach



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New Iowa men's basketball coach Fran McCaffery listens to his youngest son, Jonathon, after speaking to a crowd of fans in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Monday. It was McCaffery's first public appearance as the new coach.

Sea change in Hawk hoops

Fran McCaffery plans on selling a family atmosphere to prospective recruits.

By SCOTT MILLER
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These desserts, they're to die for, Margaret McCaffery said.

The wife of new men's basketball coach Fran McCaffery whips up everything from French apple cobbler to brownies with frosting for her husband's players. And the players come over to the McCaffery house in droves — for captain meetings, all-team meetings, and, of course,

for the desserts.

"It happens a lot," Margaret McCaffery said.

At his introductory press conference on Monday, Fran McCaffery pointed out that his spouse and the couple's four kids are at the hub of his off-the-court relationship with his players. The McCafferys sell family to prospective recruits.

"I think when parents drop their children off and turn them over to you," the head coach said, "they have

to know and understand there's going to be a family atmosphere that they can feel comfortable about, and they can sleep well at night knowing that their son is in good hands."

McCaffery recognizes he needs to change the culture surrounding his team.

It's a culture that has produced the worst three-year run in the program's history under former head coach Todd Lickliter. Attendance plummeted, apathy

heightened, and the losses piled up.

An aspect of this culture was Lickliter's seemingly nonexistent off-the-court relationship with players, causing nine scholarship players to leave during his tenure. Even Athletics Director Gary Barta said he was looking for a coach committed to "student-athletes and their personal lives."

"That's something I really enjoyed in high school. I was real close to my high

school coach," sophomore Matt Gatens said. "A lot of people felt like we didn't have that these last few years, and that's probably why some people left the program because they didn't feel real connected to the coaches."

Freshman Cully Payne said, "The first thing [McCaffery] said was, 'I want you guys to be apart of my family.' For a player to hear that is kind of comforting."

SEE MCCAFFERY, 3B

Barta: Indoor football areas outdated

Football officials hope to begin renovations this year.

By EMILY BUSSE
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The Hawkeyes have outgrown their indoor football facilities, which are now "bursting at the seams," Athletics Director Gary Barta says.

The locker rooms, practice spaces, offices, and video-screening rooms have fallen behind their competitors, something he hopes will be remedied with "critical" renovations, upgrades, and expansions starting this year.

"We're desperately undersized in terms of a lot of those spaces," he said.

Barta presented an update on the plans at this month's state Board of Regents meeting,



Barta
athletics director

Athletics renovations

The state Board of Regents has approved several renovations for the self-funded athletics department, and there are potential future projects as well.

- Kinnick Stadium renovations: \$90 million
- Beckwith Boathouse: \$7 million
- New pool in recreation building: \$9 million
- Carver-Hawkeye Arena: \$43 million

Source: University of Iowa Athletics Director Gary Barta

promising to come before the regents again with cost projections and more concrete information.

In 2007, the Iowa athletics department laid out a large facilities overhaul, including renovations to Kinnick Stadium and Carver-Hawkeye Arena and the construction of the Beckwith Boathouse.

SEE FACILITIES, 3B

IOWA 10, SOUTH DAKOTA STATE 12

Baseball comes up short in slugfest

Iowa matched South Dakota State in hits but couldn't post as many runs.

By JORDAN GARRETSON
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Iowa showed no shortage of offense Tuesday night, but South Dakota State ended two runs better.

Despite equaling their opponent's 16 hits, the Hawkeyes (8-13) fell to the Jackrabbits (11-6), 12-10, at Banks Field.

The Iowa bats were alive early. The Hawkeyes scored two runs in the bottom of the first inning.

Juniors Kurtis Muller and Zach McCool grounded into two quick outs, but sophomore Mike McQuillan kept the inning alive, getting aboard with a well-hit single through the middle of the infield.

Senior Ryan Durant wasted little time in taking advantage of the strong wind blowing out to left field. The Eldridge, Iowa, native blasted a shot that carried over the outfield wall down the left-field line for his second home run of the season, putting the



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Starting pitcher Matt Dermody pitches during the Hawkeyes' game against South Dakota State on Tuesday. Dermody pitched the first four innings, then was replaced by Ricky Sandquist.

Hawkeyes up, 2-0.

The 6-1 right fielder went hitless the rest of the night despite continuing to hit the ball well. Misfortune and solid defense didn't allow Durant to see the bases again except for when he was hit by a pitch from Jackrabbit junior Alex Oberle in the fifth inning.

"The way I look at it, I had four quality at-bats," Durant said. "Overall, I'm

very pleased with tonight."

Sophomore Phil Kepler didn't start the game for Iowa at first base, but when he got the call, he delivered at the plate for the Hawkeyes. The 6-4 lefty pinch-hit for sophomore Sean Flanagan in the fifth inning and singled to drive in Durant from third base.

SEE BASEBALL, 3B



POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Did Iowa hire McCaffery too quickly?

Yes

I want it to be known that I'm on board with the "Franimal House," and I fully support Fran McCaffery and his future endeavors at Iowa.

With that said, I argue that though he may be the appropriate individual for the job, I believe Gary Barta was once again a little premature with his hire.

I was hoping that after the last three abysmal years we had with Todd Lickliter, Barta would have been apprehensive to even put his toe in the "coaches for hire" waters. But a mere 13 days later, Iowa has itself a new basketball coach.

Doesn't that sound familiar? Look back to 2007, after Steve Alford resigned as coach of the men's basketball team on March 22, Lickliter was hired by Barta 12 days later, on April 3.

Is it written in Iowa's "Athletics Directors Code of Conduct" that waiting more than two weeks to hire a coach is inconceivable and will result in immediate dismissal? I think when Auburn signed Tony Barbee and Northern Iowa gave Ben Jacobson his lucrative 10-year extension, Barta got a little anxious.

Coaches such as Dayton's Brian Gregory, Vanderbilt's Kevin Stallings, Providence's Keno Davis, and Tennessee's assistant coach Steve Forbes were viable options.

My personal favorite was Forbes, who was still coaching in the NCAA Tournament when rumors started coming through about McCaffery as the new Hawkeye coach.

Forbes is listed as the No. 8 assistant coach in the nation by FoxSports.com for his natural ability to recruit some of the nation's top players.

Add in that he's an Iowa guy, born and raised, and it's a bit frustrating to know that Barta didn't wait a few more days to meet with possible candidates who are (and were) still alive in tournament play.

No matter how the McCaffery hiring turns out, I think Barta should have conducted more research before deciding. It would have been in his best interest to do so, because if this hiring doesn't turn out to be right, Barta might be the next member of the athletics department searching for a job.

- by Jerry Scherwin Jr.

No

Who knew Iowa's hiring of Fran McCaffery would be so reminiscent of the rhetoric from the 2008 presidential election?

By hiring McCaffery eight days after forming his official search committee, Iowa Athletics Director Gary Barta strove for change, not more of the same.

Sure, Barta could have waited more than a couple weeks to choose Todd Lickliter's successor. He could have held out for the big name the Hawkeye faithful wanted, but what would that have done?

Bruce Pearl has explicitly said he isn't leaving Tennessee, and Barta could then have missed out on the coach that led a once-moribund Siena team to 112 victories and three NCAA Tournament appearances in five years.

Instead, the AD moved quickly and snapped up one of the most underrated college coaches in the country. McCaffery may not share a surname with a leading financial publication or a deep-sea treasure, but he has won 251

games as a head coach with three teams.

Yes, Virginia, that's 62 more wins than our previous two coaches combined during their tenures at Iowa.

Some may point out that Iowa's 22nd court general is a guy who spent the last five seasons coaching against teams called the Peacocks and the Purple Eagles, and it's true that only time will tell if McCaffery will actually turn the Iowa men's basketball program around.

After all, it was only three years ago that Barta hired a coach with similar mid-major credentials to McCaffery, and we all know how the Todd Lickliter Era turned out.

Still, for the time being at least, McCaffery appears to be an excellent hire that could not have come at a better time. "Fran the Man" has had success against the Big Ten in the NCAA Tournament, and, perhaps most importantly, he has said he wants to coach at Iowa. When a coach as successful as McCaffery expresses such interest in steering a program in the right direction,

it is foolish not to pick him up as quickly as possible.

The possibility of getting a Pearl or Forbes has been a nice little pipe dream, but Barta's quick move should make winning a Hawkeye reality once again.

- by Seth Roberts

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Hot Hawks head for Ames

Behind catcher Liz Watkins, the Iowa softball team will try to spoil Iowa State's home-opener.

By IAN MARTIN
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Something has come over Liz Watkins. Something maybe even a Cyclone cannot stop.

Watkins has been an opposing pitcher's nightmare at the plate in recent games.

The sophomore catcher went 6-for-7 last weekend during the Hawkeyes' two-game sweep of Michigan State, including a home run and a double in Sunday's game — numbers warranting a Co-Big Ten Player of the Week honor.

"Liz had quality at-bats this weekend and swung with a lot of confidence," Iowa head coach Gayle Blevins said. "And we just want her to keep moving in a better direction."

Watkins and her hot bat will get a chance to push her .342 batting average higher when Iowa (16-12-1) faces Iowa State (21-13) in Ames at 4 p.m. today. The game is the Cyclones' home-opener after 34-straight road games to begin the season.

The Hawkeyes hope to spoil their opponent's welcome home. And they have a history of doing so — Iowa has won five-straight games at Iowa State and



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa sophomore catcher Liz Watkins swings during the Hawkeyes' first game against Minnesota at Pearl Field on May 9, 2009. This season, Watkins is leading the Hawkeyes in several offensive categories.

won six of its last seven games.

The most recent meeting, though, was the one misstep for Iowa.

The Cyclones and the Hawkeyes met once already this year, a Feb. 13 contest ending in a 8-2 win for Iowa State during the Metrodome Tournament. Yet, players don't seem worried about a repeat of that result, stressing the team has evolved from its early season form.

"We have a completely different team going into this game than we did at the beginning of the season," senior infielder

Lindsey Digmann said. "Everyone's starting to click at the same time."

This combination of individual improvement is showing in the win column for the Hawkeyes, a team that has won six of its last seven games, including its last four.

There also seems to be a variety in the style of victory for Iowa, which won two of the last four games via the "mercy rule" but then had a low-scoring 3-1 victory at Michigan State. The team also showed resilience in recovering from allowing five runs in the second inning to defeat

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the Spartans 7-6.

"We're still finding ways [to win]," Blevins said. "If one part of our game struggles, another part picks up."

It is part of a simple team approach, she said: If "they score five runs, we're scoring six."

But Iowa State isn't going to give up those six runs easily. The Cyclones have won eight of its last nine games, although the one loss came last weekend in a road contest at Texas Tech.

"The biggest thing is to keep our bats going," Watkins said. "Our defense always plays well behind our pitchers, and the pitching staff is going great right now."

And while it's not a conference game for Iowa, she said, there does seem to be an added incentive when playing their Ames rival.

"We have to go out there and show them that this is a Hawkeye state," Watkins said.

Infielder learns from mistakes

Second baseman Mike McQuillan comes back from a benched game.

By J.T. BUGOS
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Iowa sophomore Mike McQuillan stroked three base hits in his first three at-bats on Tuesday to effectively respond from his benching on March 28 against Western Illinois.

The second baseman called it a learning experience and said it won't happen again.

"I deserved it," he said. "It's part of the game. You have to know how many outs there are. You have to be able to be active on the field, and in order to be successful, you have to be on the field. So it was just a mental mistake, and I deserved what I got."

After he singled to center in the bottom of the second inning that game, he lost track of how many outs there were. Trevor Willis came to the plate with two outs and hit a fly ball to left.

McQuillan didn't keep running around second base, and Iowa head coach Jack Dahm pulled him

from the game.

"It's one of those things that we talk about to our players is being in the game all the time, and Mike had a mental lapse there," Dahm said after the Hawkeyes beat Western Illinois, 11-2. "If we're going to get to where we want to be, we can't have those mental breakdowns. Unfortunately, he had a mental lapse, and we had to make him accountable."

Dahm was happy with the way his young infielder responded, though, and he will look for him to cut down on lapses between the chalk lines in the future.

"The good thing about Mike is he knows when he makes a mistake, and he handles things very well when he makes a mistake or he's struggling," the seven-year head coach said. "He just goes right back to work. I love his mentality. We need him to limit those mental mistakes, and part of that is going to be maturing as a

player and gaining some very valuable experience."

McQuillan said he accepted blame and moved on. The benching didn't weigh on his mind in Iowa's first game against South Dakota State, he said, and Dahm said he didn't think about the incident, either.

Instead, McQuillan was happy to finally be healthy after an ankle injury that limited him in recent weeks.

McQuillan said he went back to the fundamentals in his offensive approach after not performing the way he did at the beginning of the season.

"I'm able to go through my routine the right way," the Evergreen Park, Ill., native said. "I'm able to prepare better and don't have to hold back so I'm not in pain. It's been five or six games I haven't been healthy, and it's good to be healthy again."

McQuillan said he believes the Hawkeyes have an extremely talented

offensive team — on display on Tuesday with a pair of three-hit games from Chett Zeise and Phil Kepler, as well as a home run from Ryan Durant — and they should be able to put up double-digit run production every time the squad steps onto the diamond.

Dahm said he sees McQuillan as an integral part of Iowa's offensive attack, noting he's one of the best players in the Big Ten and is looking for him to settle into the 2 or 3 spot in the order.

"He's one of our best offensive players, so he needs to be at the top of the order," Dahm said. "We need to get him as many at-bats as we can. I just moved him down that one game to try to get him going again and take a little pressure off him. He responded very well."

He's a talented player, and in order to have some success and score runs, we need Mike to be swinging the bat well."

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Potential plans include rebuilding over the current indoor Bubble facility, building west of the new recreation center, and expanding existing locations.

The Bubble was built in the late 1980s and is clearly outdated, Barta said.

"I jokingly say that the Bubble's going to burst," he said. "There's no doubt we're going to have to replace that in the near future."

It is too early to speculate on what the price tag will be for the renovations, he said, but officials are working with architects to find possible locations for construction.

Although the athletics department is financially self-sufficient — relying on ticket sales, TV, radio, and fundraising — the project still requires the regents' approval.

Regent President David Miles said the board has not yet decided when to take action on the proposal.

"I took it as simply him telling us that this is something he has identified as a need," Miles said. "He's going to go back and do his homework, and at some point, he's expecting to come back and ask us for permission to proceed."

Regent Robert Downer said that although the regents will wait for more information regarding costs, he has "no reason to question" that it will be adequately funded.

"I think it is sort of the final phase of improvements that are needed for football at this point," Downer said.

One way Barta said officials were able to identify renovation needs was by comparison with other schools. After visiting six universities, including Penn State, Louisiana State, Michigan State, and Missouri, he said, officials brought their favorite ideas back to the UI with them.

The next time Barta comes before the board, Miles said, he expects to have important questions answered, including "how this fits into the overall mission of the regent institutions and of the university."

Although coaches and athletes are dealing with outgrown video-screening rooms and crowded offices, Barta said, the facilities are still good and coaches have continued to prepare teams. It's just time for a change, he said.

"Kirk [Ferentz] has done incredible things ... and he's been patient," the AD said. "But clearly, we're at the point where we're doing more with less."

BASEBALL

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Keppler was on top of the ball the rest of the night, recording two hits and another RBI in two more at-bats. The second hit was nearly a home run that instead bounced off the left-field wall for a double, scoring sophomore Chett Zeise all the way from first base in the bottom of the seventh.

The Manchester, Iowa, native said he doesn't think coming off the bench to hit is difficult. Instead, it's a matter of mindset.

"If you're in the dugout and you're in the ball game, you're locked in," Keppler said. "If you're in there, and you're messing around, and you're not paying attention, then yeah, it's going to be tough to go in and play."

Iowa grabbed an 8-7 lead after managing three runs in both the fourth and

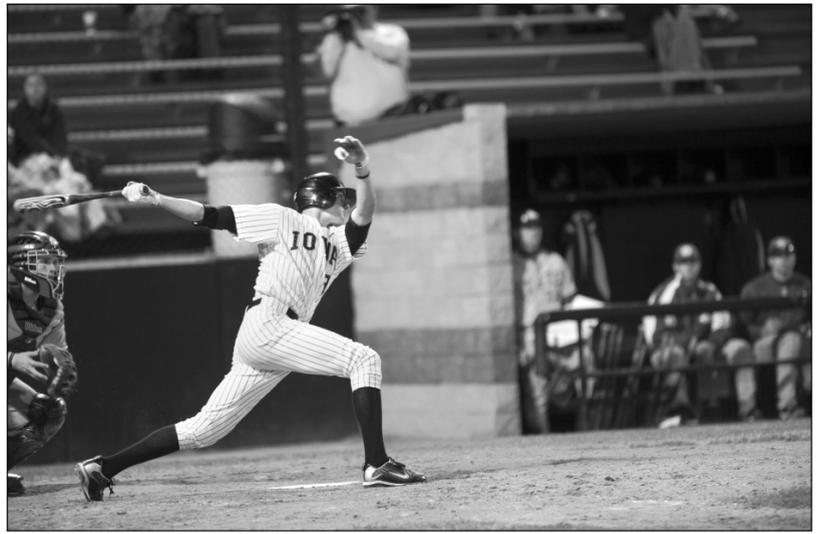
fifth innings, but couldn't string together enough offense to match the Jackrabbits for the rest of the night.

South Dakota State scored at least one run in all but the first and fifth innings.

True freshman Matt Dermody (0-2) earned a no-decision after throwing 3 2/3 innings in his second start of the season for the Hawkeyes. The 6-5 lefty struggled, allowing seven earned runs on seven hits, but he didn't receive much help from his defense.

Iowa committed three errors on the night. Besides the errors, Iowa head coach Jack Dahm said other "mental breakdowns" cost the Hawkeyes as well.

"When you have a young pitcher on the mound, you have to make those plays out there," Dahm said. "We didn't help Matt at all, but from that standpoint, he didn't help himself either."



CHARLIE ANDERSON/THE DAILY IOWAN
Iowa first baseman Phil Keppler takes a swing during the Hawkeyes' game against South Dakota State on Tuesday. Keppler went 2-for-2 with two RBIs.

Dahm called the game a tough loss to a "very talented" team but noted it was also a game that taught his players to be more prepared from the first inning

in today's rematch. "So we have our hands full [today]," Dahm said. "I think our guys realize we tried to warn them what type of team this is. So

we'll be ready to go [today]."

Iowa plays South Dakota State again today at 4 p.m.

MCCAFFERY

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Desserts notwithstanding, perhaps McCaffery's biggest tweak in the Hawkeye system will come with his style of play. A more fast-paced offense — his Siena teams averaged 76.1 points per game over

five seasons — and pressure defense contrasts Lickliter's slow-it-down philosophy.

McCaffery simply said, "We're going to push the ball" — a sentiment current and former players liked to hear.

"It's going to be different, but I think every basketball player really likes to go up and down," freshman

Eric May said. "That's a big part of basketball."

Nearly half a dozen former players showed up at McCaffery's press conference Monday. After the new head coach was introduced, nearly all of them spoke of this change in culture — eager to see an up-tempo team.

Maybe Carver-Hawkeye Arena will sell out again,

they hoped. Winning is at the heart of everything, they persisted.

Indeed, under Lickliter, the wins were seemingly nonexistent — only 38 in three seasons. To revitalize the once-proud program, McCaffery will do it his way, with a little bit of help from his wife, of course.

"With everything that's on the line, it's still really

about the kids," said former Hawkeye Jess Settles, the sixth leading scorer in Iowa history. "You want kids who come to Iowa to have a good time and win and compete. I think a lot of the former players over the last 10 years have had very difficult experiences here.

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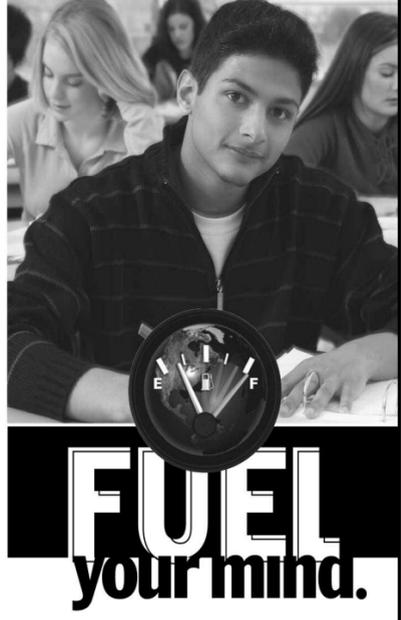
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him feel much better: Willis will open the season as part of Detroit's opening rotation.

Despite struggling Tuesday in a 10-9 win over the Baltimore Orioles, Willis will be the No. 3 man in the rotation. His position became solidified earlier in the day, when the Tigers traded left-

hander Nate Robertson to Florida. Willis gave up five runs, seven hits, and four walks in 4 1/3 innings.

The performance lifted his ERA from 1.20 to 3.26, but Leyland said the lefty wasn't nearly as erratic as his pitching line would indicate. "I thought he was very good today. I don't think that was any-

thing like we've seen in the past," Leyland said. "He was missing down, he was missing close.

"I was actually very pleased with it. I was very encouraged." Willis is a two-time All-Star and the 2003 NL Rookie of the Year, but he's won only one game over two seasons while battling injuries, inconsistency,

and an anxiety disorder. Miguel Cabrera hit two long home runs for the Tigers, and Alex Avila singled in the tiebreaking run in the ninth inning.

Both of Cabrera's home runs came off Brad Bergesen. After hitting a two-run drive to left in the first inning, he added a

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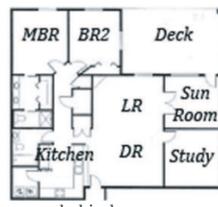
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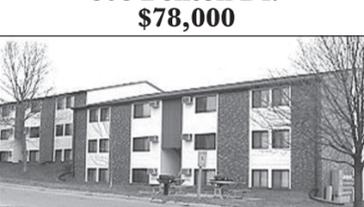
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Helpful homework hints

- Commercials and intermissions create more than enough time to complete any homework assignment.
- *Lilo & Stitch* stickers will live up even the drabest of term papers.
- If you use two computers, you can procrastinate twice as fast.
- You can retain more information if you relate everything to video games, alcohol, or episodes of "The Simpsons."
- Need another source? You can write an article on Wikipedia and then cite it!
- Writing papers can be much more fun if you embed covert messages in them.
- All math problems can be solved using the formula: $42 * (\text{problem number} \wedge 2 * \text{room number}) / (\text{date assigned} + \text{TA weight in grams})$. Because of this fact, math TAs are fired if their weight is discovered.
- Every group project will have a slacker. There's no use in complaining; it's actually part of a good group dynamic and improves teamwork among all non-slacker members. But still, these are group projects, so always be sure to call dibs on the slacker role, unless you want the extra work.
- At this university, any presentation delivered in a British or Australian accent is automatically awarded 5 percent grading bump. Ten percent if it rhymes.
- If you can find one of those elusive No. 3 pencils, do all your Scantron tests with it. The machine will become frustrated when it can't read your answers, but will mark them all correct rather than risk looking stupid.
- All historical figures, from all centuries and locations, are still only seven degrees removed from Kevin Bacon.

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

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UI senior Kelly Vanderstoep leads a tour of prospective University of Iowa students through the T. Anne Cleary Walkway on Tuesday. Vanderstoep has been working with visitors to campus for a little over a year.

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 Wednesday, March 31, 2010
- by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 You cannot let anyone's negativity or pushy nature slow you down. Let your intentions be known and your determination seen. The more active you are, the more attention you will attract and help you will receive.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20 If you aren't happy with the way things are going, pick up some new skills or start sending your resume to companies that will appreciate what you have to offer. Don't follow the crowd; do what works best for you.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Attending an event, taking a trip or surfing the Internet will lead to knowledge and clearer vision concerning your future and what you want to do. Social events and romance are favored and can enhance your relationship or lead to a new one.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22 Get back to the simpler things in life. An opportunity to make a change does look positive but only if you can make it work personally as well as professionally. Consider the effects of any change you make.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 You are clear about what you want and how you are going to get it. Make your move with strength and courage, and you won't need to explain yourself. Don't worry about emotional issues going on at home until you finish formulating your plan and make it happen.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Conversations with people who have experienced what you are trying to do will lead to good advice. Take a look at what you are up against so you will be ready for whatever competition you face.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Gracious action will bring good results. If you handle people with dignity, you will be well-received. Your integrity and patience will pay off when it comes to money matters. You will be noticed by someone who can alter your future.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Go after your dreams. An interesting turn of events will unfold. Use a little intrigue, coupled with your magnetic charm, to capture the attention of someone who can orchestrate positive transformations.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You cannot let anyone meddle in your affairs or stand in the way of your progress. A change at home may be unexpected, but in the end, you will benefit. Look out for your own interests. Don't let love lead to loss.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 You may want to sit back and smell the roses instead of getting involved in situations that will cause anxiety. Don't take on more than you can handle for someone else's benefit. Put yourself first and get some rest.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Do something to enhance your appearance, and you will raise your status and the potential to increase your bank account. Take care of emotional issues quickly, and a love connection will take a serious turn.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 Your unpredictable nature will cause some uncertainty when it comes to partnerships, business, and the options you have in the future. Expect to be cornered by someone who wants you to make a commitment you aren't ready to take. Say no, and move along.

DILBERT



by Scott Adams

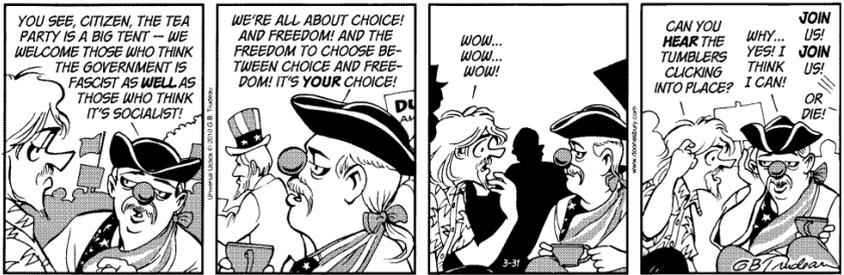
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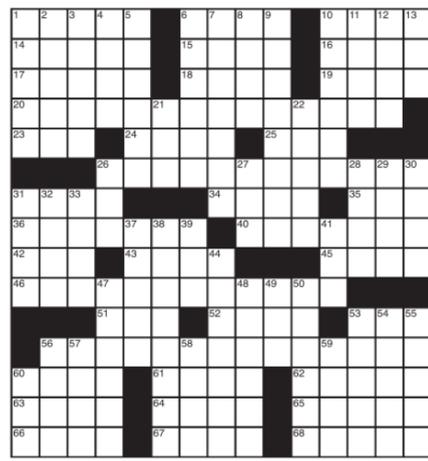
- **Pain Research Seminar:** "How Do Glial Cells Control Persistent Pain?" Ru-Rong Jhi, Harvard Medical School, 9 a.m., 2-322 Bown
- **Preschool Story Time,** 10 a.m., North Liberty Community Library, 520 W. Cherry
- **Preschool Story Time,** 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Web Basics Computer Class,** 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Electronic Tax Filing,** noon, Iowa City Public Library
- **Musical Meditations,** noon, Congregational United Church of Christ, 30 N. Clinton
- **Orion Trio,** 12:15 p.m., Music West Interim Building
- **Inorganic Seminar,** "Polyoxometalate Chemistry: Vibronic Distortions and Organonitride Functionalization," Dean Duncan, 12:30 p.m., W323 Chemistry Building
- **Elder Care Guidance,** Information, and Referral, Spring Schedule 1-5 p.m., University Services Building
- **Marketing, Sales & Management Career Fair,** 1-4 p.m., C130 Pomerantz Center
- **Computer Help Session,** 2 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Open Studio with Mary Wall,** 2 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Kidrobs,** 4:30 p.m., Performance Health & Fitness, 3290 Ridgeway Drive, Coralville
- **Handmade Pom-Poms by Kelly Moore and Amber Morris,** 5 p.m., Home Ec. Workshop, 207 N. Linn
- **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance,** 5:45-8:45 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **PJ Story Time,** 6 p.m., North Liberty Community Library
- **Board Game Night,** Critical Hit Games, 6:30 p.m., 89 Second St., Coralville
- **Public Policy Center's Forken-**

- **brock Series on Public Policy,** "Policy Matters: New Media," Caroline Tolbert, 6:30 p.m., Main Library Shambaugh Auditorium
- **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** Alan Bradley, fiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Peace Making in Burundi,** Alexia Nibona, 7 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **The Road,** 7 p.m., Bijou
- **University Symphony,** conducted by William LaRue Jones, 7:30 p.m., IMU Main Lounge
- **Mission Creek Festival,** Booker T with special guest JJ Grey, 8 p.m., Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington
- **Mission Creek Festival,** Molly Ringwald, with Old Panther, the Wheelers, and Capgun Coup, 8 p.m., Public Space One, 129 E. Washington
- **Mission Creek Festival,** Xiu Xiu, with Tune-Yards, Talk Normal, and Coyote Slingshot, 8 p.m., Gabe's, 33 E. Washington
- **Be a Contestant on "The Smartest Iowan,"** 8 p.m., Public Access Television Studios, 206 Lafayette
- **Tim Costello and Stu McCallister,** 9 p.m., Summit, 10 S. Clinton
- **Karaoke,** 9 p.m., Blue Moose Tap House, 211 Iowa
- **Karaoke,** 9 p.m., Big Ten Inn, 707 First Ave., Coralville
- **Karaoke,** 9 p.m., DC's, 245 Beaver Creek Center, North Liberty
- **The Leathers,** 9 p.m., Blue Moose Tap House
- **Mission Creek Festival,** The Daredevil Christopher Wright, 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Police, Adjective,** 9 p.m., Bijou
- **Talk Art Writers' Workshop,** 9 p.m., Mill
- **Mission Creek Festival,** Mannix, 9:30 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

The New York Times Crossword

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- Across**
- Fix firmly
 - Bust ___ (laugh hard)
 - Colombia's second-largest city
 - Walled city of Spain
 - "Forbidden" perfume brand
 - Service closer
 - Focus of some contemplation
 - Control tower word
 - Cozy corner
 - Hoopsters turn down singer Stevie?
 - Singing the blues
 - Filled fare
 - Taxonomic suffix
 - Misplace comic Costello's privies?
 - "The Square Egg" author
 - Keen on
 - Maximilian I's realm: Abbr.
 - 20-, 26-, 46- and 56-Across, homophonically speaking
 - Yup'ik and others
 - Like a petty officer: Abbr.
 - Martinique et Corsica
 - Org. with a closing bell
 - Apportion hamburgers to track runners?
 - Get-up-and-go
 - Candidates for witness protection programs
 - Secretary Geithner
 - Compose the appropriate ceremony?
 - Austria's capital, to Austrians
 - Kind of tide
 - Rushed
 - Grp. including Nigeria and Venezuela
- Down**
- Admiral and others
 - The first Mrs. Trump
 - Like some imaginations
 - T.V.A. output
 - Have a word with
 - On the double
 - Filled fare
 - Alpine goat
 - Rat race casualties
 - Alternative to "Continue" in an online order
 - In a frenzy
 - 13 popes, so far
 - Tattooist's supply
 - Airline in the Star Alliance
 - "No harm, no foul"
 - Sass
 - Pee Wee Reese, for the Dodgers
 - "Heavens!"
 - Top prizes at the Juegos Olimpicos
 - Zaire's Mobutu ___ Seko
 - Part of many musical notes
 - Former Minnesota governor Carlson
 - Piper's wear
 - The sky, it's said
 - Like some planetarium projections
 - Cause of a turnover: Abbr.
 - Make furrows in
 - Show clearly
 - Heckle or Jeckle of cartoons
 - Haile Selassie's land: Abbr.
 - Sticking points
 - Author Calvino
 - Like most golf woods, nowadays
 - Towellette, e.g.
 - Need a bath badly
 - Take in
 - Blue
 - Doo-___



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