The boy bigger than life

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CR native returns for Big Event

An Iowa native will return with his band to headline the 20th Dance Marathon Big Event.

By STACY MURRAY

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Med students ask for space, time

Two medical students request more space and time off for students

By MEDEA HOPE
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Students in the University of Southwestern College of Medicine are looking for a place to practice between shifts.

In order to have their own offices, the students are taking the first step. They have put their request to the Executive Council of Graduate and Professional Students, which has agreed to bring the concerns to college council.

The Executive Council heard the two medical students’ representation request during the Thursday meeting. Michael Warner and John Johnson explained the students’ requests — the need for a dedicated space in the USCMC for students and for fourth-year medical students to be excused from duties on Match Day, the day on which students are placed into residency programs.

Warner and Johnson have been discussing the initiative for several years.

According to the 2014-2015 student handbook, students are eligible for room and board and must receive permission from the college council for additional space. The council is expected to vote on the request at its April 10 meeting.

Man faces check charge

A student was arrested for failing to pay a check charge.

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Blotter

Eligibl Brooks, 19, 1100 N. 2nd St., was charged with unlawful carrying of a concealed weapon on Feb. 8, 2023, with possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and other charges.

Ryan Hedrick, 22, 490 E. 12th St., was charged on Feb. 8, 2023, for unlawful carrying of a concealed weapon, possession of a weapon, and other charges.

Amanda Webster, 22, 490 E. 12th St., was charged on Feb. 8, 2023, for unlawful carrying of a concealed weapon, possession of a weapon, and other charges.

Theft

Trevor Fowler, 18, 1141 N. Third St., was charged with theft on Feb. 1, 2023, for theft and possession of a controlled substance.

Wife of School Parent

A woman was charged with domestic violence.

Lori Larkin, 38, 2202 E. 15th St., was charged with domestic violence.

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County to start family program

By CARSTEN CROSBY carsten.crosby@daily-iowan.com

Johnson County Social Services officials hope a new trial program, starting Feb. 10, will assist struggling families to prevent future problems.

Social Services has 82,000 of state funding to create support sessions under the Family Team Meetings Program. These meetings will offer a combination of advice, as well as planning, for families in need in order to lower the use for foster care or juvenile correction.

Lynette Jacoby, the director of Johnson County Social Services, outlined the goal of the meetings and how they intend to alleviate pressures families may be facing.

"The purpose of Family Team Meetings is to bring families together to help them identify key players in their lives, such as relatives, educators, etc.," she said. "The purpose is to engage families and identify their strengths, their resources, and their barriers to help them overcome problems.

Jacoby spoke about how the community partnerships for protecting children, a subcommittee in Johnson County Social Services, decides on where funding will be spent. This year, the group has chosen to invest into offering support sessions under the Family Team Meetings Program. These meetings will offer a combination of advice, as well as planning, for families in need in order to lower the use for foster care or juvenile correction.

Larry Sailor, a farmer near Iowa Falls, had mixed feelings about the bill.

"I'm happy it passed, I'm not as happy with what's in it," Sailor said. "Sailor and Anderson are 269% pleased with the bill. "They are extremely important to even out the highs and lows for farm- ing," Sailor said. "Loss insurance subsidies are very important for the industry. They are extremely important to even out the highs and lows for farmers," Sailor said. "Our insurance is not cost-effective for a farmer or the insurance company," Anderson said. "The cost of their problems for farmers, fkne said. With the new bill, the federal government will put forth roughly 30 percent of the insurance payments. This subsidy usually covers base insur- ance, and then farmers can choose to pay out of pocket for more coverage. Anderson said overall, he is pleased with the bill, and believes it will be a useful planning tool. "It's nice to have some predictability," he said. Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, who was on the con- servation subcommittee, worked on the bill, said in a press release he is very pleased with the bill. "This agreement is not perfect, and neither side had the market power to include in previous farm bills," Harkin said in a press release. "With good legislation, neither side is happy," Anderson said. "So, I guess this might be good legisla- tion."
COLUMN

Why we still need to change Obamacare

T he Senate voted 68-32 on Tuesday to approve a new farm bill that will allocate nearly $1 trillion in tax dollars over the next 10 years.

The version that passed the House handily last week and comes after a few years of partisan fighting in Congress, includes mandatory agricultural subsidies, expanded crop insurance programs and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (food stamps, colloquially).

It is a good thing that lawmakers have managed to pass a much-delayed but very necessary new farm bill. But I am concerned that the public and even the Senate itself may not have yet understood how complicated the new law will be. The Senate’s skewed priorities are evident in the farm bill are far more outrageous.

The new farm bill will cost about $860 million annually from SNAP, which makes up about 80 percent of the farm-bill spending. In total, SNAP costs approximately $80 billion per year, up from only $26 billion per year during a decade ago. It is far easier to apply for food stamps than for health insurance.

According to data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, roughly half of all SNAP beneficiaries were children in 2011. On top of that, four-fifths of SNAP recipients live below the poverty line. It’s not as though the recent, rapid growth in the program is due to government being too lenient with those who need help. It is the current size of the food-stamp program — not the pared-down version of a decade ago — that more closely matches the problem of hunger and food instability in the United States. Massive growth over the past decade does not justify cuts in the next decade.

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There are hundreds more stories out there who can’t pay for health insurance and are still covered by Medicaid when I was a kid. And their stories are applicable for insurance coverage as well. I am not saying that there is no coverage, it’s just not exactly applicable to me out of my own pocket.

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DANCE MARATHON
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Mansions on the Moon, the band's singer for the group, is looking forward to playing a show with the local bands and dance students dancing for the band Wendler plays with doctors at the University of Iowa Children's Hospital in late October of that same year. "It was really weird for me, because there were thousands of students dancing for our event," said Matthew Per-
skins.

The family also explored Walt Disney World, where Gabe was able to train with a Jedi for the day so he could fulfill his Make-A-Wish wish. He wanted to stay at the Nickelodeon Hotel, he said, "It was one of those things we will never forget. If we had to do it again, we wouldn’t have chosen it a better way" Matthew Perkins said. "This was Gabe’s wish. It will have its own kind of larger-than-life quality."

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I'm on the Paleo Diet; I haven't eaten had that caveman food in over six months. Sometimes when I'm eating unmicrowaved Chef Boyardee straight from the can while drinking a beer I'll say it again: “I'm not so great at thinking up new ideas; I'm spectating the good things to say.”

Know your Ledge author:

There are some ideas so wrong that only a very intelligent person could believe in them. You will gain respect and win favors if you show integrity and compassion. Hold your head high and move forward with confidence.

Today’s events

- Iowa Center for Enterprise Development seminar, noon, S126 Pappajohn Business Research Facility
- The Dog House, 8-9 a.m., Main Library Learning Commons Group Workshops
- Medical Education & Research Facility, 9 a.m., 2117 Medical Education & Research Building
- Iowa Centers for Enterprises Dev/Iowa Bootcamp, nine-week program for entrepreneurs, today’s events
- Express Workshops, 1 p.m., Main Library Learning Commons Group Workshops
- Tips for Maximizing Financial Aid, noon, S126 Pappajohn Business Research Facility
- Research Facility Open House, 10:30 a.m., 2117 Medical Education & Research Building
- Student Life and Leadership Seminar, 1:30 p.m., 2117 Medical Education & Research Building
- Allied Health Career Information Session, 2:30 p.m., 1505 Seamans Center
- Global Studies & Disorders, 4 p.m., Obermann Center

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Theater of the Mind

• Know your Ledge author: Erik S. Johnson, and David Henkhaus for Doonesbury

Know your Ledge

DAILY BREAK

by Eugenia Last

Wednesday, February 5, 2013

ARIES (March 21–April 19): Get into the groove. Staying busy and focused on your priorities and proceed. A positive choice will pay off.

TAURUS (April 20–May 20): Do what you can to help others. Offer suggestions and show compassion. The solutions you offer will be impressive and help you dress your pets like chubbiest Ewok.

GEMINI (May 21–June 20): Approach any situation you face with honesty. Uncer- tainty will not go over well when dealing with colleagues, friends, or those you are trying to win approval from. Avoid impulsive expenditures, lending or borrowing. Avoid last-minute help you need.

CANCER (June 21–July 22): Emotional matters will lead you to unexpected changes that may not be well with you. Show your concern, and offer suggestions that will help smooth things over. Comprehend and understanding, along with your intuitive revelations, will help you dress your pets like chubbiest Ewok.

LEO (July 23–Aug. 22): A challenge or taking on a competitive position will help get you moving and motivate you to succeed. Test your skills and matter what you enjoy doing most, and you will gain confidence and satisfaction. Social activ-

VIRGO (Aug. 23–Sept. 22): Expect to face a financial setback if you get involved in a joint investment. Being responsible will help you avoid making a mistake. Doing something to avoid conflict will not bring good results. Practical application will pay off.

LIBRA (Sept. 23–Oct. 22): Expect to face opposition when dealing with a personal or business partnership. Don’t let your emotions cloud you. Make choices based on what’s best for you personally. Pragmatic action will put you into a big house. Back away from anyone using emotional manipulation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23–Nov. 21): Bide your time, and take care of the finer details when dealing with work or personal projects. Set your own standards, and refuse to let anyone coerce you into doing something you don’t want to do. Make decisions based on your success and happiness.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22–Dec. 21): Don’t make positive changes at home and your personal life that will allow you the freedom to do as you please. Stick to the truth when asked to do something. Don’t take on too many commitments that are unrealistic.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22– Jan. 19): The dust settles on yourself a decision that will influence your environment or surroundings. Getting along with people in your community will be necessary. You can’t go on your own, you must work with others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20–Feb. 18): Make your head flat and move forward with confidence.
Hawksayers and coaches may point to the 45 points allowed in the second half as the reason Iowa couldn’t complete its regular-season sweep of the Buckeyes. But 11 of those 45 Ohio State points came from the free-throw line in the final 1:17.

The reason Iowa lost its second-straight game in front of a home crowd is simple: It couldn’t put the ball in the basket at an effective rate.

“ couldn’t get stops, couldn’t get scores, seemed like nothing was going for us,” guard forward Aaron White said. “Each time we made a jump shot, couldn’t make a layup, couldn’t make a free throw. — it was a tough night.”

Iowa shot just 3-of-21 (14.3 percent) from the field in the second half, the worst rate at which Iowa has converted from the outside all season, and leaving out a late Mike Gesell 3 after the Hawkeyes had converted buckets late had evaporated, leaving Iowa 0-of-17 from behind the arc.

“We had told our guys, I think they [White] only scored 14 points, 1-of-10 from the field, 1-of-6 from the three,” head coach Fran McCaffery said. “It’s a couple of guys missing two, three baskets today. We didn’t make them tonight.”

McCaffery said Iowa hasn’t lost two games in a row this season, which is a good sign. Big Ten leader Michigan will come to town this weekend. A chance at a Big Ten regular-season title is still possible but with a loss to the Wolverines on Saturday, Maryland and Kansas all are all on the bubble for the league’s automatic bid. Michigan, which has a team against Ohio State that is similar to Michigan’s, will put his hand on the chest. Michigan State got a couple of buckets late in the shot clock that I think we played pretty good defense until the last second. And we just have to do that.”

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**Playoff Preview**

**Hawksayers**

Ohio State is a very good team and didn’t shoot particularly well tonight, though he was shaky at times. Shooting 1-of-4 from long range and missing the front end of a 1 and 1 with 2:43 left to play, when Iowa was down 2-7.

“I think we need to play better tonight,” McCaffery said. “In a very good game plan, Ge- sell said. “It’s not only on the way we’re shooting. ‘Some of the things that we’re doing now are good defense.”

Iowa State didn’t appear to have Iowa on the ropes ear- ly on, leading 26-17, but the Hawkeyes cooled the first-half offense with a half-court jump shot by an electric Aaron White dunk. That turned out to be the last Iowa lead.

The Buckeyes used the second half and ex- plosive transition attack of a team that came back times this season to beat the Buckeyes in Columbus. Two-pointing 17-5 record prior to this game, the Buckeyes are 2-2 in the conference and have Iowa on the ropes ear- lier this season, they may find that Ohio State is very good. It’s a couple of guys missing two, three baskets today. We didn’t make them tonight.”

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It’s a solid class that gives the Hawkeyes their best shot to make the NCAA Championships, said coach Brands.

“Derek’s a four-year prospect from Cedar Falls. He’s got a ton of offensive lineman, some defensive linemen. They hit a lot of the spots that I thought that we needed. I think Iowa’s recruiting class would hold much higher and would likely be more impressive with one of the loss of Nico Pernicka, a four-star prospect from Clear Lake,” said Brands.

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February 6th

The Hawkeyes finished that year’s football season with an abysmal 4-8 record. Fast forward a year, and Kirk Ferentz and Company are expected to sign 21 new recruits today — two of which are pegged as four-star guys — during college football’s National Signing Day. Many recruiting pundits have graded Iowa’s 2014 recruiting class as solid — Rivals.com ranks the class at 47th nationally, eighth in the Big Ten, and 19th overall on the 247Sports Composite. The Ferentz family has weathered a lot of storms and adversity that went 8-5 and returns 14 starters between the offense and defense.

DETROIT COUNTRY DAY’S TYLER WIEGERS IS POSITIONED TO CONTENT FOR THE SPOT AS IOWA’S SIGNAL CALLER IN THE COMING YEARS.

Hawkeye football may ink its future QB

Dawg

Last year’s National Signing Day was the first in five years that Iowa didn’t land a four-star recruit. This didn’t come as much of a surprise, seeing as the Hawkeyes finished that year’s football season with an abysmal 4-8 record.

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With Wiegers, Iowa is getting 6-4, 213-pound pro-style quarterback who played in a dramatic fashion.

From there, most recruiting experts claimed that Iowa had pinned down its 2014 recruiting class. It was made official on Dec. 20, 2013, giving Iowa the quarterback it had been searching for to add to its board after having been burned by Mike Rice in the past. Not even a year later, the basketball program at Rutgers, reopening its recruitment and committing to RU.

“Committed to Iowa University! So excited for the future! Thanks to everyone for the support!” he wrote on Dec. 20, 2013.

By Cody Goodwin
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