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Happy trails

The Daily Iowan will shuffle off to Buffalo to see some real snow and bad football after today. The business office will close at noon today and reopen Jan. 5 at 8 a.m. Winter break hours will be Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. The DI will resume publishing Jan. 19, just in time for the inauguration. Have a safe break.

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Today's webcast

Watch a story on our pick for female athlete of the semester. Also see a story on the Theatre Building's reopening.

WEATHER

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Cloudy early with a 50% chance of sleet/snow, then partly sunny with falling temps in the afternoon, blustery winds.

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Many at UI saddened by deaths

UI graduate faculty and students remember 'the perfect couple.'

By **KELLI SHAFFNER**
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UI graduate students Sean Connolly and Sarah Pulvermacher had been planning their wedding plans before a Wednesday morning crash killed the couple.

After their engagement this year, the pair had set a date for a fall wedding next year — the weekend of the Iowa-Wisconsin football game, said Jon Hout-

man, Connolly's academic mentor and a UI assistant professor of microbiology.

Because of Connolly's love for the Hawkeyes, and Pulvermacher's Badger-fan family, "it was the perfect weekend for them," Houtman said.

"They were made for each other, a perfect couple," he said. "You saw them together and knew that it was right."

Pulvermacher lost control of the Ford Escort she was driving around 10 a.m. Wednesday and crossed the center lane on Highway 965, crashing into a semi near the Iowa Medical & Classification Center. The crash killed both 27-year-old Pulvermacher and 26-year-old Connolly.

"It's very somber and very sad in my lab," Houtman said.

The families are planning a joint memorial for the couple in Iowa City in January.

Pulvermacher and Connolly went to different undergraduate



Pulvermacher
UI graduate student



Connolly
UI graduate student

schools — Connolly to Buena Vista, Pulvermacher to Luther College — but met in a summer program at the UI.

When it came to choosing graduate schools for the pair, they decided to come to the UI to be with each other, said Jeremiah Johnson, a friend of Pulvermacher's. Connolly was part of the immunology graduate program, and Pulvermacher was in the microbiology department.

"Together and apart, they were really happy people," he said.

On the day of the crash, the couple were likely heading to the UI to work in their respective

SEE STUDENTS, 5A

Tough times for pipe-organ program



JOE SCOTT/THE DAILY IOWAN

Ruth Hurlburt, a former organ graduate student at the UI, sits in front of the organ at St. Mark's United Methodist Church after giving a concert on Wednesday. Area churches have offered their organs for students to practice on after those in the Voxman Music Building were damaged in the flood last June.

The UI's organ program is on life support.

By **KATIE HANSON**
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Students and faculty sandbagged the Voxman Music Building and plastic-wrapped the doors to protect the organ corridor from flooding in June. But those efforts didn't stop the river from filling the hallway with up to 2 feet of water and badly damaging the organs.

Six months after the flood, the pipe organ program's immediate future remains uncertain.

"The No. 1 issue is that none of our organs are usable," said Gregory Hand, who started as

the program's new head in August.

He was a little overwhelmed at first, he said, but "everyone at the university was so upbeat and had their noses to the grindstone, so that's what I did, too."

Five organs were sent to their builders for repairs; they will be returned in December 2009, Hand said. Water did not reach the large organ in Clapp Recital Hall, but it is inaccessible and may have to be removed.

School officials then had to scramble at the end of the summer to provide organs for their students to practice on.

Numerous Iowa City churches have volunteered their organs, but Adjunct Assistant Professor Brett Wolgast said the transition hasn't been easy.

"More than any department, we have been dramatically affected," he said. "Everyone has been affected, but the difference is our instruments are only located in certain places and aren't portable."

Karl Divine-Koch, the pastor at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 123 E. Market St., said the church volunteered to let students practice on its organ because they had space and the organ isn't used during the week.

"We've been happy to be of service," Divine-Koch said. "It's been kind of fun to have students in and out. It's like a constant concert."

Students use Google Calendar to reserve practice times, but the churches' regular business hours don't always mesh with class schedules.

David Crean, a UI graduate student and organist at Gloria Dei, said he mostly practices at night but still can't get enough time in.

"There has been a lot of conflict," he said.

UI graduate student Chad Fothergill said it is also diffi-

SEE ORGAN, 5A

No rush to cite smokers

By **LAURA KLAIMONT**
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Iowa's smoking ban hasn't exactly lit a fire underneath local police to crack down on illegal smokers.

Since the ban went into effect on July 1, people are prohibited from smoking in almost all public facilities, with the exception of casinos' gaming floors.

UI police have responded to 84 smoking calls, 27 of which were complaints, but no citations have been issued.

"I think we have an obligation to allow people to know what this law is and let them know where they can and cannot smoke before issuing citations," said Charles Green, the assistant vice president for the UI police. "I think that's fair because the rules are all very new."

The largest number of complaints came from the UI, Green told the state Board of Regents last week.

UI officials have had the most problems with people complying with the law near university buildings. But after being reprimanded, Green said, offenders have been compliant.

In terms of people smoking inside restaurants and bars, Green expects owners to regulate their own patrons.

"We've never had any problems — maybe a couple of times with people in the back who

Up in smoke

UI smoking numbers since the smoking ban passed last spring:

- 84 smoking related calls
- 27 complaints
- Throughout the state:**
- 1,300 complaints

SEE SMOKING, 5A

UI, other state agencies face more cuts

UI officials say it's too early to tell what specific effect the governor's budget reduction will have.

By **PETER GUSTIN**
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The UI will have to take an additional \$4.5 million out of this year's budget after Iowa Gov. Chet Culver announced an across-the-board budget reduction Thursday.

The newest cut to the UI's budget comes after the university was told in November to slash roughly \$3 million. The \$7.5 million must be cut before June 30.

"We're halfway through a year in which we're dealing with flood recovery and record enrollment, so this presents quite a chal-

lenge," UI spokesman Steve Parrott said. "We're going to have to get people together and discuss the best place to go from here in order to provide a top-quality education."

The state's 1.5 percent across-the-board reduction — estimated around \$91 million with an additional \$10 million in transfer funds — was announced to meet budget challenges in Iowa caused by a global economic downturn.

"Maintaining a balanced budget and staying in front of this national economic crisis requires sacrifice throughout

MORE INSIDE

For more on Culver's budget cuts, see **2A**.

state government, as well as business, workers, urban, rural, and all of Iowa," Culver said in a statement Thursday.

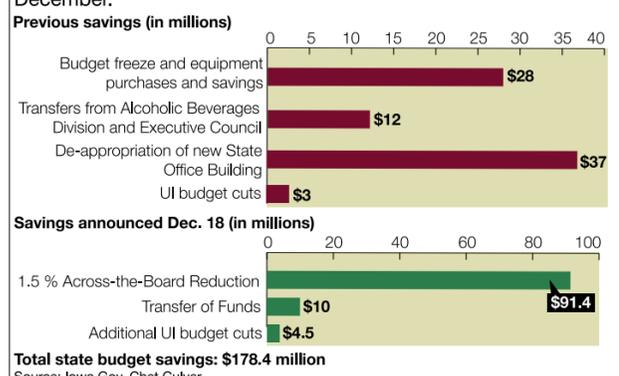
The cuts mean more than \$50 million less will be available for education in the current budget year, one of the largest areas in the state's budget.

"It's not going to be positive by any stretch of the imagination, and, hopefully, it will be short-lived," Regent Robert Downer said. "At this point, until we have a

SEE BUDGET, 5A

Budget Savings

Budget cuts have been implemented across Iowa and at the UI. Iowa Gov. Chet Culver announced cuts in November and December.



Kate Rhomberg/The Daily Iowan



ROBIN SVEC/THE DAILY IOWAN

UI graduate student Lori Raife, 51, sits next to her ceramic artwork depicting pregnant women at her home on Thursday. Raife will receive a master's degree in ceramics.

Grad student reflects on art

A ceramics graduate student reflects on her time at the UI.

By RACHEL GOODELL
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Lori Raife's corner of the Studio Arts Building is filled with the ceramic sculptures she has created. Dressed in an oversized blue sweater, jeans, and cowboy boots, Raife, 51, pointed to several pieces depicting pregnant bodies.

"It seems natural in a way that I find the pregnant form of a woman beautiful or interesting," the mother of four said. She will receive a master's degree in ceramics this weekend.

Raife said she got a late start on college because her husband went to school when their children were young and she waited until they were older. The youngest, Sydney, will graduate from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in the spring.

Fellow graduate student Ben Upchurch said each of Raife's pieces complement the rest.

"They all play off each other in a way. One builds off another," Upchurch said, noting that Raife was a mother fig-

ure to the other ceramics graduate students.

Raife said being a nontraditional student was hard at times because it made first meetings with professors and other students uncomfortable. But she said most people eventually saw her as a normal student.

"My eyes still see the same way as when I was 18," she said. "Sometimes it takes the whole semester for some students to come around."

But she said the hardest thing she has endured was last summer's flood, which heavily damaged the UI's two art buildings.

"They were both just so well suited to the material and physical needs of the space," she said. "It was really hard to see it taken away in the way that it was."

Raife said she planned to work on her art over this past summer when it would be quieter and more relaxing.

But without access to studio space, she was forced to replan everything.

She said she began seeing changes in her art post-flood as well.

"It'll be interesting to see how the work changes with this transition," she said. "I want to think, and I believe my work has to continue and grow."

Earlier this semester, she was invited to show some of her work at AKAR gallery, 257 Iowa Ave., which she said, gave her work a lot of exposure to the art world.

"To have your pieces at AKAR is a very good thing," Raife said. "I was lucky, honored, very privileged to be in that show."

The exhibit was part of art and art history Professor Bunny McBride's retirement show. Raife was one of 31 professional and student artists selected by McBride to take part in the show.

"Her work is especially personal and speaks to her experience as an older student," McBride wrote in an e-mail.

Raife started at the UI as a transfer student from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Lori Raife: What you should know

Here's a peek into Lori Raife's life:

- Age: 51
- Degree: Master's in ceramics
- Husband: Tom Raife, director of the DeGowin Blood Center
- Children: Jessica, Miles, Jay, and Sydney - ages 21-28
- Fun Fact: Originally an elementary-education major as undergrad

Source: Lori Raife

in 2001. She got a bachelor's degree in fine arts in 2004, took a year off to develop her portfolio, and started graduate school in 2005. Raife would have graduated last spring, but she took a teaching position at Grinnell College that semester, she said.

"I really enjoyed teaching," she said. "I've had a pretty good experience at the college level."

Raife said she hopes to get a job as a college professor after graduation. She plans to attend the College Art Association Conference in Los Angeles early next year, which is where "all the hungry people like me go job hunting," Raife said.

Officials say budget cuts needed

State politicians look to break party lines in the upcoming session to dig out of financial burdens.

By ANNA LOTHSON
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When the new Iowa legislative session resumes in January, lawmakers say they will focus almost exclusively on Gov. Chet Culver's recently announced budget cuts.

Culver announced Thursday that the state will see an additional 1.5 percent across-the-board reduction in general-fund expenditures to address the economic downturn — bringing the total reduction to \$180 million in budget cuts for the current fiscal year.

Still in undergoing flood recovery in many parts of the state, Iowa might need to re-evaluate the effectiveness of some state-mandated programs, said Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville.

"We're not hurting as much as other states," he said, "Iowa tends to lag behind the rest of the nation because we tend to be more fiscally conservative."

Regardless, he acknowledged the need for the governor's cuts. "Every month, everyone will feel a little pain," he said, noting



Culver
governor



Jacoby
D-Coralville



Lukan
R-New Vienna



Mascher
D-Iowa City

that the across-the-board approach will help lessen the sting on any particular department.

The Legislature must address the need for economic development when approaching the cuts, Jacoby said.

"We can't attract the bright young minds if there is not something else to go along with it," he said.

And while he does expect the "standard party gibberish," he said, he hopes the economic crisis will help the legislators cross party lines.

On the minority side, Rep. Steven Lukan, R-New Vienna, said the financial cuts are necessary for the inflated budget.

"I feel a bit vindicated after

looking at last year's budget — we saw we've been spending too much," he said. In the next session, the state government must be more efficient in order to garner a more sustainable economic future, he said.

Lukan, an assistant minority leader, said he is looking forward to working together with the new faces in the Legislature.

"There's a lot of new energy and good ideas on both sides of the issues," he said.

Although the budget cuts will place strain on certain programs, Lukan said, infrastructure needs will be addressed when the lawmakers return.

"The longer we wait, the higher the price tag will be down the road," he said.

Culver was also confident about the legislators working together in times of need.

"I don't want to be alarmist or suggest to Iowans that their state government is in financial trouble," the governor said in a release Thursday.

"We have a history, under both Democratic and Republican leadership, of balancing our budget and acting appropriately to economic tough times."

But Rep. Mary Mascher, D-Iowa City, is a bit more skeptical about the economic future.

"The financial picture is really gloomy," she said, "It's going to get worse before it gets better."

While she said she was not yet prepared to say which programs would be hurt the most, she did say this was the biggest financial struggle she has had to face in her 14 years in office.

As the state balances its budget, she said, she was unsure if a feasible option could be reached.

"We could raise taxes, but no one wants that in an economic downturn," she said.

While the federal stimulus package could lessen the budget crisis, Mascher said, such programs often take a long time to have an effect.

"It's too big of a ship to turn on a dime like that," she said.

METRO

Man charged with 2nd robbery

An Iowa City man arrested last month was charged with a second robbery on Wednesday.

Akhinea Cox, 29, was charged with two counts of first-degree robbery and one count of second-degree theft for his

alleged role in an Aug. 17 robbery of a Delimart convenience store at 1920 Lower Muscatine Road.

According to Iowa City police, Cox was armed with a handgun when he entered the Delimart with another male. He reportedly went through the pockets of a female customer and took \$1,000 from the register, officers said.

The two men fled, and officers found clothing that had been worn by the two men during the robbery and were able to recover DNA, police reports show.

Cox was a possible suspect in the robbery, investigators said.

On Nov. 9, Cox allegedly robbed a Gatsby's convenience store and was charged with first-degree robbery, police said.

At that time, officers took a cheek swab, and lab analysis confirmed that Cox's DNA matched the DNA found on the clothing Aug. 17, authorities said.

First-degree robbery is a Class B felony, punishable by 25 years in prison. Second-degree burglary is a Class D felony, punishable by up to five years in prison.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Jacob Baumgartner, 29, Cedar Rapids, was charged Aug. 20 with first-degree theft.

Ebonie Forest, 30, 1307 Cross Park Apt. 2, was charged Wednesday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

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Legislator to try again on drunken boating

Lawmakers are expected to make another attempt to lower the legal blood alcohol concentration for boaters this session.

By SHAWN GUDE
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As nasty weather threatened to pummel the state Thursday, boating was probably the last thing on most Iowans' minds. The Iowa Legislature will reconvene in less than a month, though, and boating — specifically, the drunken variety — remains etched in the head of Sen. David Johnson, R-Ocheyedan.

Located in the lake-dotted northwest corner of the state, Johnson's community has experienced its fair share of inebriated boaters. Drawing from that experience, he has filed a bill before the session begins that would lower the legal blood alcohol concentration for boaters from .10 to .08.

The move would bring the boating level in line with the motor-vehicle law.

"If it's impaired for operators of a motor vehicle, it should be impaired for operating a boat," Johnson said. "Otherwise, we shouldn't be a .08 state."

Last year, Iowa had 52 boat accidents, with 35 percent of those incidents involving alcohol, said Susan Stocker, the boating-education coordinator for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

Additionally, there were nine boating accident fatalities, with six of those involving alcohol. There were 37 boating while intoxicated arrests.

The Hawkeye State has had a total of 40 boat accidents this year; 13 percent of those inci-

dents involved alcohol. None of them resulted in fatalities, but there were 23 drunken boating arrests this year.

Stocker attributed the drop in accidents to the year's intense flooding.

"Boaters did not have the ability to recreate on the water until after July 4 in many areas," said Stocker, whose organization supports the bill.

For Johnson, it hasn't been the first time he's attempted to cut the alcohol level. In the past, however, the two chambers have been unable to agree on the specifics of the bill, save from lowering the blood alcohol concentration to .08.

House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, D-Des Moines, said he's hopeful the

Two other pre-session bills

As of Thursday night, there were 14 pre-session bills on the Legislature's website.

- Filed by Rep. Mark Smith, D-Marshalltown, the bill would lift the casino gaming floors exemption from Iowa's controversial smoking ban.
- Filed by the Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy, the measure would add salvia to the controlled-substances list, criminalizing the drug.

House "can find consensus with the Senate on this issue" during the upcoming session.

The move does have broad support across party lines, including among local lawmakers.

Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville, acknowledged the difference between .10 and .08

isn't vast.

"I think if you're discussing it between .10 and .08, then you're trying to set levels that there's really not a whole lot of difference between," he said, noting the "baseline discussion" should center on whether to allow alcohol on boats at all.

Still, "it just does make sense that it should be consistent," he said, and the bill would send the appropriate anti-drunken boating message.

Sen. Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa, also voiced his support for the move.

"I hope we get a vote on it," he said. "If it comes to a vote, I think it will pass."

Johnson remains determined. "Sometimes you have to be persistent rather than patient, and I'm just going to keep moving on this as long as it takes," he said.

The Iowa Legislature will reconvene on Jan. 12, 2009.

STATE

Democrats back effort to keep kids in school

DES MOINES (AP) — Two key Democratic legislative leaders say they will renew efforts to raise the state's compulsory school attendance age to 18, a change that would require most students to finish high school.

The compulsory age is now 16. House Speaker Pat Murphy acknowledges the idea is controversial but says education officials believe raising the age would reduce the dropout rate by up to 25 percent.

Senate Majority Leader Michael Gronstal agrees and says an increasingly complex economy makes education more important than ever.

Republican leaders indicate they may fight such an effort because requiring students to stay in school could lead to discipline problems.

STATE

Iowa woman pleads guilty in Fla. newborn death

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — An Iowa woman has pleaded guilty to aggravated manslaughter in the Florida killing of her newborn baby at a local hotel. She faces prison time.

A judge in Fort Lauderdale was set later Thursday to sentence 19-year-old Ashley Truitt of Solon. Truitt had faced life in prison if convicted of the original charge of first-degree murder.

Prosecutors said she killed her daughter by throwing the infant down a hotel trash chute after giving birth in a bathroom in June 2007. Truitt was vacationing in Florida with her family at the time.

Waterloo teen charged with stabbing classmate

WATERLOO (AP) — Police say a 13-year-old Waterloo girl stabbed a fellow class-

mate at school Thursday morning.

Officials say Ashley Carpenter stabbed a 13-year-old male classmate with a small knife after a disagreement during class at Hoover Middle School.

Prosecutors have charged Carpenter will willful injury, a Class D felony, and released her to the custody of a parent.

The victim received injuries to his abdomen and arm and was treated at Covenant Medical Center for non-life-threatening injuries.

Former state Rep. Finch dies in car accident

DES MOINES (AP) — Former Republican state Rep. Barbara Finch died Wednesday in a three-vehicle car accident in Minnesota.

A Minnesota State Patrol report says Finch, of Ames, was killed when a truck went through the median and struck the van she was driving. The road conditions were icy at the time of the accident, which happened on Interstate 35.

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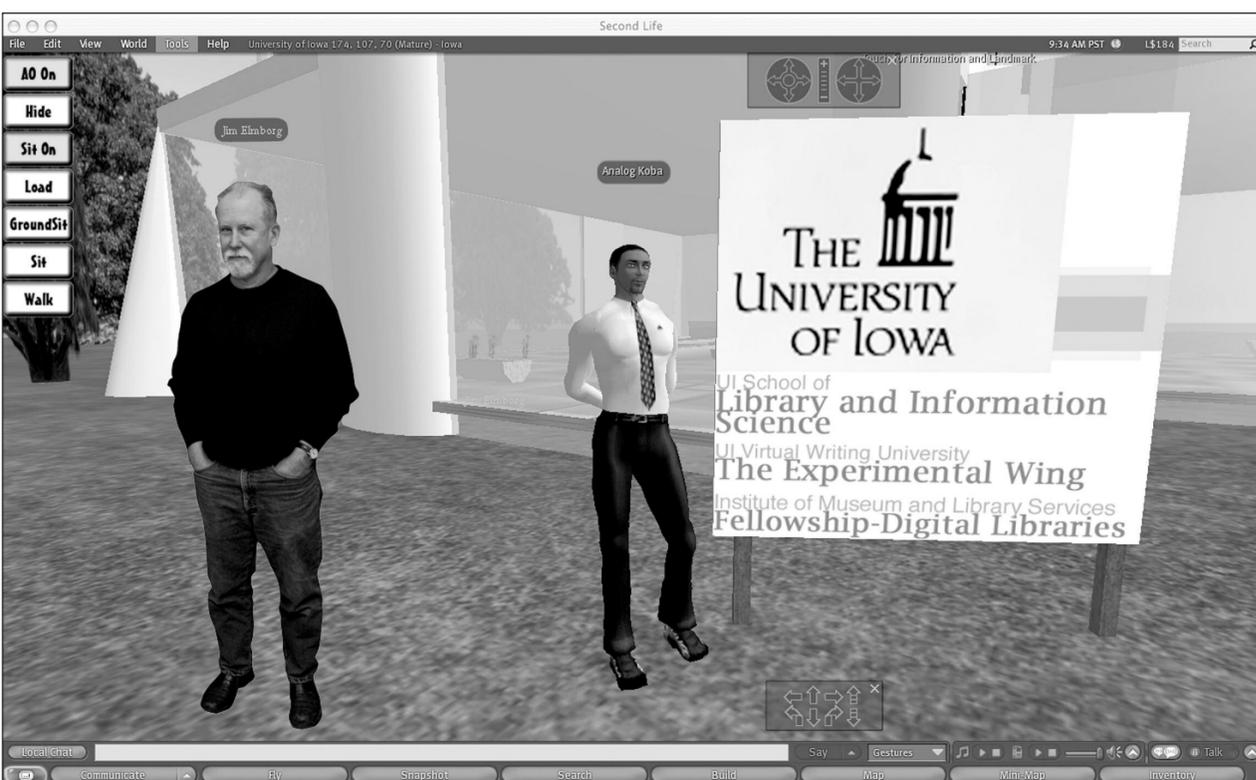
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UI Associate Professor Jim Elmborg stands next to his avatar, Analog Koba, near the UI's virtual School of Library and Information Science building on Thursday. Elmborg, as well as other UI faculty and staff, have embraced the virtual world of Second Life as a tool for learning without the boundaries of the classroom.

Some at UI find 2nd Life

By CAITLIN DICKSON
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The UI bought a private island in another world last year. The world is called Second Life, a three-dimensional virtual network that unites people from all over the globe through server space, or "islands," owned by various individuals, businesses, and institutions.

Five instructors use the UI's island for hosting meetings, speakers, and other educational activities. Students, represented by avatars, can meet in classrooms and interact via instant or voice messaging.

"Faculty seem to be interested in Second Life because it offers students a unique way to communicate and collaborate on class projects, visual-design concepts, role play, and experience information in a visually engaging way," UI Information Technology Services staff member Steven Tomblin wrote in an e-mail.

Jim Elmborg, a UI associate professor of library and information science, uses Second Life in his Literacy in Learning course as a way for his students to experiment with different library designs and programs.

"A lot of the same issues that have to do with libraries in real life have to do with libraries in Second Life, such as how to get people to come to the library," he said. "It's kind of a parallel to the first life professionally."

Elmborg often organizes poetry readings, music events, and guest speakers to come to the Second Life library, trying to see what attracts the avatars in the virtual world.

"I don't think it's better than doing it in person; in fact, I'm sure it's not. But people can participate in ways they couldn't if they didn't do it in Second Life," he said. He noted that one speaker who came to the Second Life library from the National Institutes of Health is, in real life, bedridden.

Alison Oliver, a visiting instructor in the UI School of Social Work, incorporated Second Life into her interpersonal skills lab course for the first time this semester. Instead of regular in-person mock counseling sessions, her students made appointments and counseled one another through the site's messaging capabilities.

"It helps focus the students on the skills they're using, because they have that lag time to think of

The UI has a Second Life

Second Life is a 3-D virtual world owned by the Linden Labs Co.

- Membership to Second Life is free, but private server space, called "islands," can be purchased. The UI rents one of these islands.
- Members, or "residents," build businesses and houses on virtual land.
- Residents can buy, sell, and trade anything they create with one another.

Source: Secondlife.com

what they're going to say," Oliver said. "There's more pressure when [they're] sitting in front of the person and get performance anxiety."

Oliver said the virtual counseling sessions were more realistic because in Second Life, physical appearances can be easily changed to reflect different scenarios.

"In [real-world] role playing, you would have a 22-year-old woman who is pretending to be a 72-year-old African-American male," she said, and making an avatar some of those characteristics in Second Life

is "more realistic."

In November, Tomblin and fellow ITS staffer Kem Saichaie presented the UI's educational use of Second Life at the Association for Educational Communications and Technology "Rays of Change" conference.

Mary Herring, the president of the association, said Second Life is beneficial for educators from large districts, for example, who can conveniently hold conferences without having to travel. As a professor at the University of Northern Iowa, Herring used Second Life to take her students on virtual field trips from the Sistine Chapel in Italy to NASA headquarters in Washington, D.C.

"It gives you the freedom to be creative about education, to do things you couldn't do in the real world because you can't afford it," she said.

Three faculty members have requested space in the UI's Second Life server for next semester, Tomblin said. Elmborg said he will definitely use it again.

"Anything that is inherently enjoyable and makes it fun to figure out a problem, that's educational to me," he said.

100s evacuated from Burge

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Authorities detonated a "suspicious package" at 9 p.m. Thursday at Burge Hall, concluding it was not an explosive device.

"A technician said it looked like someone was trying to make it look like a bomb," said UI spokesman Steve Parrott.

RAs evacuated roughly 700 UI students from Burge at 4:45 p.m. Thursday after residence-hall staff found the package in an elevator and called the police, who responded with the Johnson County Bomb Squad.

Students on the north side of Daum also evacuated, and police closed part of Clinton Street. By 9:45 p.m., students were allowed to re-enter their dorms after police fully processed the area as a crime scene, looking for a possible culprit.

As of Thursday night, no further information was available.

During the investigation, students packed into Currier and the IMU, and some even went across the river to Hillcrest to eat because they didn't have access to Burge Market Place.

Early on, officials did not release any information, and students who waited outside were instructed to go to the east side of Clinton Street.

UI sophomore Angela Schaefer stood outside Burge with a bag of Ruffles and

stared at the yellow police tape and police cars on the other side of the road.

"I don't have any more finals, but I need to get into the building," she said. "No one knows what's going on."

Jun Cai, a UI sophomore, sat on a bench in the Blank Honors Center in her apron and hat sporting the Burge Market Place logo.

"Our supervisor just told us to leave," she said. "We don't know when we can go back."

UI freshmen Samantha Frost and Staci Fosenburg, who were sprawled on a couch inside Currier, said they were told to wait there from one hour to the whole night.

Fosenburg studied for a sociology final while curled in a blue and pink fleece blanket.

"I'm in shorts and flip flops," she said. "The RA came in [to our room] in a sheer panic. We had to leave right away."

Steve Hanzlovic finished his finals Wednesday and was supposed to be in Chicago at 9 p.m. last night, but he had to evacuate Burge right before he was ready to go.

"I really got screwed. I'm supposed to be leaving," he said, standing in a Currier hallway at 6 p.m. Thursday.

"I just told my ride to leave," he said. "[Officials] said it was going to take a few more hours."



Iowa City police cars surround Burge on Thursday evening after someone reported a suspicious package. Officials evacuated the building around 4 p.m.

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Friends remember 'perfect couple'

STUDENTS

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labs, said George Stauffer, Pulvermacher's faculty mentor and a UI professor of microbiology.

Johnson said that Wednesday would have been Pulvermacher's last day, because she had just finished her work for her Ph.D. She was expected to start a post-doctoral fellowship she was looking forward to, and she was very inquisitive and excited about her work, Stauffer said.

"All the grad students would visit her and ask for advice," he said. "She was the ideal person to have working in the lab."

And in a subject in which students can be overly involved, Connolly often found a nice balance and "was very good at what he did," Houtman said.

"Sean liked to live life, and I appreciated this," Houtman said. "He also knew there were other things to do."

Other graduate students went to Connolly for advice as well — or just to talk about sports, friend Alex Boyden said.

"He was the only one I could talk to about the Cubs," said



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

UI graduate students Sarah Pulvermacher (second from right) and Sean Connolly (far right) were killed in a crash Wednesday. The couple met at the UI, and they were engaged to be married next fall. Friends describe Pulvermacher as warm, friendly, and outgoing and Connolly as laid-back, athletic, and extremely nice.

Boyden, who played basketball, golf, and softball with Connolly.

"He was always smiling and always ready to hang out," Boyden said.

Pulvermacher was a wonderfully outgoing person, Stauffer said, and everyone in the

department got along with her.

Johnson, who knew them both, said their positive, joyful attitudes "made you want to be a nice person, too."

"He was quick to offer a nice, kind-hearted joke," Johnson said. "And one of the things I'll always remember is her laugh."

More budget cuts in store

BUDGET

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better idea of how long this might last, it's pretty difficult to say whether or not there will be any job reductions at the university."

The last two fiscal years at the UI were strong, and he said he hopes that will make absorbing reductions easier.

"I'm certainly not of the view that this will be easy at all," he said, noting that prior to the last two years, more \$100 million in annual reductions have been made for budget savings. "If an absorption was needed from that money, it would be

'Maintaining a balanced budget and staying in front of this national economic crisis requires sacrifice throughout state government, as well as business, workers, urban, rural, and all of Iowa.'

— Chet Culver, Governor

truly devastating."

The cuts will call for a reassessment of certain programs, and support functions may be modified at the UI. Downer said the process is going to be difficult, but it is a difficulty present across the board.

While times are tough economically for Iowa's education system and tuition continues to

rise — especially for out-of-state students — Parrott said the newest cut won't cause immediate increases in tuition costs.

"We've gone through all of this before, so we have some processes in place to deal with this the right way," he said. "We just need time to sit down and get our heads together."

Flood of trouble for organists

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cult to stay connected when facilities are spread out over campus and at Gloria Dei, where a weekly seminar is held.

"It's hard not to see everyone every day," he said. Before, "when the organs were in one hallway, we would always see each other."

Wolgast said lacking the on-site facilities may affect enrollment into the program next year.

"Until we have permanent facilities, it's going to be difficult

for the UI to recruit students," he said.

Hand said while facilities have become less fragmented after starting out in 16 different locations at the beginning of the semester, the UI won't decide whether to renovate Voxman until January.

Despite the numerous challenges, graduate student Gail Paarmann-Nikulski said she is confident the organ department will continue to grow.

Although the School of Music started in 1906, she noted, classes were spread out until Voxman was built in 1971.

"Professors and retired professors in the community remember what it was like before," she said. "It hasn't affected us before, and I don't think it will affect us now."

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Police not issuing smoking citations

'I think we have an obligation to allow people to know what this law is and let them know where they can and cannot smoke before issuing citations. I think that's fair because the rules are all very new.'

— Charles Green, assistant vice president for UI police

SMOKING

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didn't know about [the law]," said Patrick Hahn, manager and bartender at Martinis, 127 E. College St.

"We occasionally get some calls from businesses where patrons have to be asked to put out a cigarette," said Sgt. Troy Kelsay of the Iowa City police. "So far, it hasn't been an issue."

Iowa's smoking ban is facing obstacles around the state.

Fro's Pub 'N' Grub in Wilton and Otis Cambell's Bar and Grill in West Burlington are both challenging the ban.

The lawsuits allege that the smoking ban violates equal-protections laws because it allows for different treatment among groups of people and businesses.

A judge will decide the fate of the liquor licenses at both establishments this month.

Approximately 1,300 complaints have been filed with the



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UI junior Caleb Brown lights a hand-rolled cigarette on Washington Street on April 8. While a statewide smoking ban in most public facilities went into effect on July 1, local police have yet to issue any citations.

state, most of which have resulted without issuing fines or revoking liquor licenses.

"The goal of the law and any

police intervention is to modify the behavior, not to write as many tickets as you can," Kelsay said.

FEMALE FREQUENT MARIJUANA USERS are invited for participation in a research study.

Researchers are studying the effects of chronic marijuana use on brain structure, function, and mental abilities. The study involves a lengthy screening appointment, followed by two overnight hospitalizations at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. Volunteers are compensated for participation (and for out-of-town travel). Brain imaging studies are done and volunteers take achievement tests and tests of various mental abilities. Volunteers must be current marijuana users, be from 18 to 60 years old, be right-handed and be within commuting distance from Iowa City, Iowa. Information about the identity of volunteers will be treated confidentially.

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Editorial

What's your problem, City Council?

UI students pump a huge amount of money into Iowa City. Thus, rather than continually looking for ways to alienate all these young people, the Iowa City City Council should focus on making the community more attractive to such residents.

The most recent anti-student measure to come out of the council is an ordinance altering the occupancy limits of downtown residences. The measure, which passed on Dec. 16, decreased the maximum number of non-related people who can occupy a such a residence from five to three. Though buildings having four-and-five bedroom apartments that are already in place are exempt from the ordinance, new projects will not be able to rent out such units to people who aren't related to each other.

Supposedly, the new ordinance will promote diversity in the downtown area, meaning that more families will be likely to move in. However, there's no good reason to believe this will be the case. Most people with young children would probably rather live in residences with yards as opposed to the middle of the Ped Mall, where they would be surrounded by bars and the nightlife they attract. Downtown Iowa City is best suited for student living because of its proximity to the UI campus as well as the bars and restaurants where students spend so much of their money. The most probable result of the city's new ordinance will simply be an end to the construction of buildings containing more than three bedrooms downtown.

Casting the lone dissenting vote against the ordinance, Councilor Mike O'Donnell questioned the need for the change.

"For so long, we decided to let the market determine [apartment occupancy], and all of a sudden, we did an about-face," he said Tuesday. "I couldn't support that."

It's unfortunate that O'Donnell's opinion didn't carry the day, because he was completely right. There isn't a good reason for the council to interfere with the housing market in

this manner.

The UI attracts tens of thousands of young people as students each year. Because all of these people need to attend classes on the UI campus, many of them choose to live as close to campus as possible. Furthermore, because a large percentage of UI students spend a significant amount of time patronizing downtown businesses, many also choose to live near those businesses. Though more expensive than living farther out in residential Iowa City, living downtown is significantly more convenient.

There are also numerous reasons all Iowa City residents should be happy to see as many students as possible living in the downtown area. First, the shorter distance students need to travel on a daily basis, the less they will need to drive. Fewer commuters on Iowa City's roads make them safer and more convenient for everyone else. And there are also the environmental and health aspects to this — walking as opposed to driving not only decreases the size of students' carbon footprints it also trims their waistlines. Second, students who live in the immediate vicinity of the bars are less likely to drive while under the influence of alcohol. And third, the more students who can be packed into downtown, the fewer will need to reside out in residential areas where older residents are more likely to be disturbed by their often less-than-tranquil lifestyles.

Though the new ordinance doesn't prevent developers from offering students more two- and three-bedroom apartments, four- and five-bedroom options can be more affordable, allowing roommates to more efficiently pool their resources. Also, many people may simply want to live with more than just one or two of their friends. Other than ensuring that the city's rental properties are safe, the City Council should stay out of the housing market. If developers are willing to build and renters willing to occupy a type of residence, the city government should not get in the way.

Live and let hate



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Out of all of President-elect Barack Obama's personnel choices thus far, his selection of megachurch pastor Rick Warren to deliver the inauguration's invocation is quickly becoming the most controversial. Given that this minor role in the presidential transition is merely of symbolic significance, I think this issue is being overblown.

Don't get me wrong. I think Warren is an idiotic asshole. Hell, I'll go further than that. I think he's a corpulent poisonous toad who tries (but mostly fails) to pass himself off as a decent human being. Because he's smart enough to recognize that the laughably antiquated fundamentalist ramblings of aging religious leaders such as Pat Robertson and James Dobson aren't selling as well as they used to, Warren has gotten his message a shiny new paint job. Hence his friendlier demeanor and more effective sales pitch. But make no mistake, he's still firmly rooted in far-right wacko land.

The best evidence of Warren's unhinged views comes from his strong opposition to gay marriage. Like so many right-wing religious leaders, he brings up the horrors of incest and child molestation when denouncing marriage equality. If marriage can mean a union of two men or two women, such people ask, then what's to prevent unions between brothers and sisters or children and adults? Or what about animals? Why not allow people to marry their dogs? What perplexes me is not that a few blustering bigots are willing to make such comparisons, but rather that anyone else is able to take them seriously.

It's obvious that the distinction between homosexuality and child molestation or bestiality is that children and animals can't consent or sign contracts. As a society, we protect children and animals from abuse because we don't view them as capable of making decisions about sex for themselves. Adult incest

is more complicated, if no less disturbing. But such circumstances are rare. There's no evidence that anyone is naturally inclined toward incest. And, in fact, the vast majority of people are strongly repulsed at the thought of those relationships.

The situation with homosexuality is quite different.

Though estimates vary, there's no doubt whether at least 2 or 3 percent of the population is gay. Reputable professional organizations such as the American Medical Association and the American Psychological Association have, after decades of study, concluded that homosexuality is not a mental illness, and it is not something that can be changed through therapy. Thus, millions of Americans are and always will be gay. Regardless of whether one approves of this fact, a person needs to be sadly out of touch with reality to deny it.

But back to Obama's choice of Warren to offer a prayer at the presidential inauguration.

As an atheist, I would prefer there not to be a prayer included. However, I'm well aware that the U.S. remains a country in which many people are devoutly religious. This is fine with me. Though I think many of such people's beliefs are tragically misguided, they have the right to believe what they want. And, as the president-elect, Obama is free to invite whomever he wants to pray at his own inauguration. I couldn't care less.

Some gay people are far more sensitive than I am regarding the offensive analogies between homosexuality and child molestation offered up by Warren and his ilk. Of course I take umbrage at such perverse comparisons, but I'm secure enough in my identity to brush off such nonsense and then proceed to throw equally strong invective right back at them. This live and let hate situation could continue forever, for all I care.

But what's not appropriate is allowing these fundamentalists' religious precepts to override the equal-protection guarantees of the federal and state constitutions. Contrary to Warren's claims, civil-marriage equality has nothing to do with religion or sectarian morality. Religious conservative don't have to approve of gay marriage, but they shouldn't be able to block it. ■

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Commentary

Making proverbial lemonade from shit

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I assume it's the weather, but honestly, it's likely a combination of factors.

I'm talking about life. Specifically, a recently gained understanding of exactly what my station in life is.

The bitter cold brings on a host of realizations, second by second, or as author Chris Prentiss would tell me, moment by moment.

Walking to the Adler, I pass a man sitting on the sidewalk with a change cup and a sign that reads "Small penis fund." Likely homeless, surely hungry and cold, he sits and mocks his situation because he has humility. He knows his station in life, and that's not to say he's content with it, but there's something to be said for acquiescence. It's an elixir that remedies every single situation,

smoothing over the rough edges of existence. One hundred percent pure understanding, recipe-ready, will work for any occasion, any individual existence.

We all think we have problems. Some of us bag them up and put them in our trunk to forget about with less effort than others. I've not been one to reticently do this, especially lately. I've always been a cynic. Much as Prentiss and others have helped me to begin to scrape the surface of understanding in regards to Zen, I still carry a bit of each problem in my life into the next day, though I'd love it if I didn't.

One of my best friends this past summer has grown a strong distaste for me, to the point that we can't have simple discussions with each other without arguing. My mother's health is failing, my sister struggles with her demons. My

car shows new signs of age every day, and my body similarly reminds me on a 24-hour basis how I'm closer to 30 than 20. I'm pretty sure my laptop has a virus, and my bills are getting ridiculous lately. The smoking habit that I picked up during the election is tougher to ditch than I expected, and the low humidity and shrinking mercury are turning my hands into 40-grit sandpaper.

Oh, my. Look at the poor little writer. Spoiled, pathetic, I opine on my (mostly) trivial problems. No. I'm lucky, and I know it.

Standing outside the Adler smoking a cowboy killer, I can hear the hollow clanging and rumbling machinery next to the river, where hearty, salt-of-the-earth characters struggle daily in the frigid air and ever-changing elements to install a chilled-water pipeline. They've been working on it for longer than

was expected. They put up with snide columnists and upset administrators on a daily basis ripping them for not living up to deadlines, yet they go back out there every day and continue to make progress. They freeze their asses off in the mud of the river, handling cold metal and wielding arc welders, open to whatever Mother Nature chooses to throw at them, so that some sophomore from Elgin can have better access to chilled water next year in her dorm.

The front page of my Thursday *DI* tells me about student Bill Pitzen, who suffered a stroke that led him to be fully conscious while unable to move, speak, or see. He was trapped inside his own existence; strictly an observer, unable to take part in it. He says he was "frustrated beyond comprehension." He's now walking, talking, out among the rest of us. It's time

for him to write his book.

I'm not Robert Shoff of Des Moines. A few months ago I read the *GQ* article that explained how the 77-year-old was stuck upside-down in his septic tank for hours on Christmas Eve last year. Trying to unclog his system, he slipped and became literally covered in sewage, surrounded by it, unable to move. He got out. He's fine. But instantly I transition to being sympathetic to the men and women of the septic industry. It's catching on for me; I'm feeling that humility, sans "small penis fund" sign.

We've all got problems. It's the human condition. Things aren't always rosy. Sometimes, you get stuck in the septic tank of life and all you can see is the shit and waste that surrounds you, but you'll get pulled out eventually. Chris Prentiss tells me that everything is relative. I'm a smooth pebble in the

stream of time. I can let things make me smoother and more polished, letting my problems flow toward me, then around and past me, and in the end those problems — that chilled water — has passed, and I'm the same stone as before.

So maybe it's the weather, maybe it's the holidays. Maybe it's just some bad bud I smoked, but it's nice, this elixir of humility. I've got warm clothes, food, family, and friends. I've got a black president-elect and my devils-advocate arguments with a friend about why we're headed toward another depression don't seem as convincing as I previously thought. This is life. It's hard sometimes. You deal with it. You make an effort and press on, or if you really have humility you make a sign and just sit down to take it all in. In doing so, you're able to appreciate just what you *do* have, which is not a tiny penis.

Breaking with films, books

Four weeks away from your slightly frigid apartments, annoying roommates, and boring lectures? Sounds great - but boredom is lurking just behind that freshly knitted sweater Grandma made for you this year. What to do? Cue: *The Daily Iowan* Boredom-Fighting Team.

We've compiled the best books of the year to cozy up on the sofa with and the greatest holiday films to enjoy with family. So grab a cup of hot cocoa - or eggnog? - and set aside a few hours for a good read or relaxing flick:

• **White Christmas (1954)**

Certainly the epitome of the perfect, heartwarming holiday movie. Two former Army men (Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye) come back to perform as a singing duo, then save their general's inn from closing by putting on a spectacular variety show. It doesn't hurt that two of the era's best singers and dancers (Vera-Ellen and Rosemary Clooney) are employed to seal the deal.



WHITE CHRISTMAS
1954

• **A Christmas Story (1983)**

Young Ralphie's pursuit of a Red Ryder BB gun leads the hilarity of this film to great heights. If that weren't enough, Ralphie's father's hatred for the neighbors' destructive hounds are sure to have you doubled over. What makes the film unique is its nostalgic cinematography, making it hard to believe that it's only 25 years old.

• **National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (1989)**

Simply the funniest Christmas movie ever. Visions of tree sap, electrocuted cats, bone-dry turkey, and Aunt Bethany reciting the Pledge of Allegiance before dinner are only a few of the disastrous moments that come to mind. All Clark Griswold wanted was a good, old-fashioned family Christmas.



NATIONAL LAMPOON'S CHRISTMAS VACATION
1989

• **"A Charlie Brown Christmas" (1965)**

This special animated classic has been a holiday television staple for decades. *A Charlie Brown Christmas* delivers a bigger message. One can find the meaning of Christmas in Linus's recital of the Biblical story, as well as Charlie Brown's distaste for the commercialism that has tarnished the beauty of the season. Simple, yet effective enough for anyone to stop and take notice.

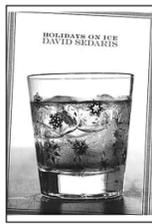
• **The Muppet Christmas Carol (1992)**

An exciting, comedic, and almost completely Muppet-casted version of the Charles Dickens novel. The humor that has come to define the Muppets is ever present in this film, giving the story a modern twist. Still, the timeless tale of living life to the fullest shines through, with Michael Caine a superb fit as the infamous Ebenezer Scrooge.

- by Rebecca Koons

• **Holidays on Ice, by David Sedaris.**

The series of essays is a great starting point for anyone unfamiliar with Sedaris. Among the gems in the work is "SantaLand Diaries," in which he recounts his adventures as an elf at a Macy's department store in Manhattan - his telling of the story on National Public Radio gained him national recognition. The hilarious social satirist was at his best with *Holidays*, because he was still new to the literature world and not as disgruntled with American society as he seems to be in his more recent work.



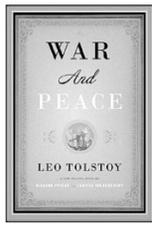
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• **The Last Lecture, by Randy Pausch.**

Possibly the most popular literary achievement of the past year. The computer-science professor wrote the book following his real life "last lecture," which he gave after being told he had terminal pancreatic cancer. The book expands on the lecture's theme of "really achieving your childhood dreams" and concentrates on topics concerning mortality. The topics in the book are overshadowed by Pausch's incredible optimism, which is contagious to the reader. Sadly, he died from cancer this past summer.

• **War and Peace, by Leo Tolstoy.**

OK, so the book is daunting, but you have an entire month to read the 1,500-page Russian epic. Set in the turbulent times of the Napoleonic Wars, the book weaves in nearly every human emotion and condition one can think of to create a transcendental masterpiece. Winter break is the best time to read the book, because in order for you to truly understand what the soldiers in the work are experiencing, it has to be cold and nasty outside.



WAR AND PEACE
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• **Lamb - The Gospel According to Biff, by Christopher Moore.**

Biff is Christ's childhood buddy in this entertaining story of what really was happening during the latter's "lost years." Moore draws from numerous philosophical and religious fields for the narrative, and it will leave the reader laughing while assessing modern religion at the same time.

- by Dan Watson

'We were this broken-down band who managed to make something really awesome, and big, and textural. We're writing a lot more now, and the songs are a lot more thought-through and less impulsive.

We don't want too much of the same'

- Bennett Johenson, percussionist, Daughters of the Sun

Psyched-up folk

Minneapolis psychedelic-folk outfit Daughters of the Sun brings its balancing act to Public Space One tonight.



PUBLICITY PHOTO

Minneapolis-based Daughters of the Sun brings its psychedelic-funk mix to Public Space One, 129 E. Washington St. The once five-, now four-piece embraces the mix between folk and psychedelic.

By JARRETT HOTHAN
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Maintaining the perfect equilibrium is tough to do. You don't want too much brandy in your eggnog, or else you might tell Granny what you really think about her sweet potatoes over Christmas dinner. Or take finals week, for example. You still have to balance sleep and studying, or else you'll end up as that kid asleep and drooling on his Organic Chemistry exam as time expires.

Most music is a key example of sonic steadiness gone wrong, bands either shredding amps at 11 or singer-songwriters quietly strumming away with the confidence of Steve Urkel.

An exception is Minneapolis' Daughters of the Sun, a group that manages to keep its dreamy folk sound intact while still working in eager psychedelia. The band will perform today at Public Space One, 129 E. Washington St., at 8 p.m.

Formed as a five-piece in 2005, the Daughters crew lost its drummer to up-and-coming Minneapolis act Vampire Hands (no hard feelings) and saw a guitarist move away.

After the shakeup, the remaining three members saw their "standard rock and roll" sound slowly transform into something softer and subtle, thanks to the absence of instrumentation.

"We had a point where we thought, 'Man, what are we going to do? Should we get a new drummer?'" percussionist Bennett Johenson said. "We went back to our practice space and used minimal equipment. It just kind of spiraled from there and turned into our distinct sound."

Armed with a new musical approach that blends subtlety with salvation, Daughters of the Sun released its first record, *Visions of the Ocean Head*, one year ago last week. Since then, the group has been on the road and in the studio and also recruited a multi-instrumentalist to diversify the group's sound. "We were this broken-down

band who managed to make something really awesome, and big, and textural," Johenson said. "We're writing a lot more now, and the songs are a lot more thought-through and less impulsive. We don't want too much of the same." Just the right amount of restraint - like with your eggnog, kids.

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GIVE A LISTEN
Daughters of the Sun
Visions of the Ocean Head

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See
DAUGHTERS OF THE SUN
with Sarah Johnson and Chambers, today at Public Space One, 129 E. Washington, at 8 p.m.

TRENDSPOTTER

CONVERTIBLE GLOVES

Each week, the *DI* serves its mission of being Iowa City's hot spot for culture (which includes fashion) by bringing our fabulous readers *DI* Trendspotter. This week, we're giving you a helping hand for the cold weather.

It's cold out - so cold that you're a fool if you're not wearing gloves.

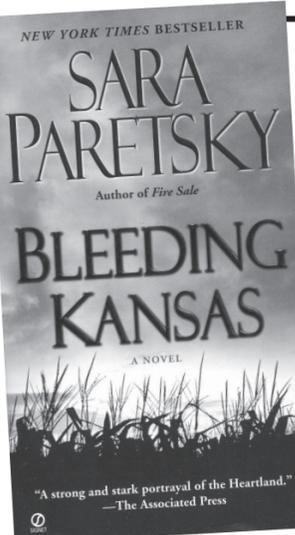
But gloves create a problem at times though. What if you need to pick your nose? Smoke a cigarette? Change a song on your iPod? Answer your cell phone? Give the finger? Administer the five-pointed palm heart exploding technique on some Minnesota Vikings fan?

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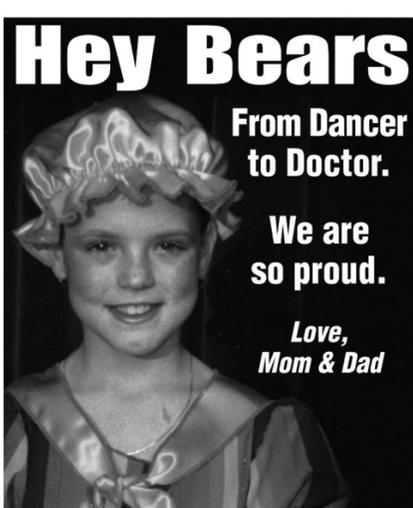


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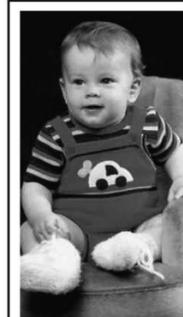


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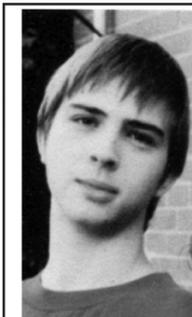


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LINDSEY WALTERS,
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JAY KNOLL & MEGAN BEACOM

Rare snowfall beats spread in Las Vegas

By KEN RITTER
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Flights resumed in and out of Las Vegas, but schools and highways were closed Thursday after a record-setting snowfall coated marquee on the Strip, weighed down palm trees, and blanketed surrounding mountain areas.

The city awoke to clear weather after a storm that left 3.6 inches at McCarran International Airport. It was biggest December snowfall on record there and the worst for any month since a 7 1/2-inch accumulation in January 1979, forecasters said.

The storm Wednesday and early Thursday also dumped snow or rain and snarled trav-

el in other parts of Nevada, much of southern California, and parts of northern Arizona.

"It looks like Whoville, all snowy, but with less joy and more extreme misery," said Calen Weiss, 19, who was stuck Wednesday when snow in the Cajon Pass east of Los Angeles disrupted travel on Interstate 15.

Cajon Pass and another leg of Interstate 15 near the Nevada line both reopened by midday Thursday, while Interstate 5, the major route between Northern and Southern California, partially reopened.

In Washington state, Seattle got a rare 4-inch accumulation, and in Spokane, the 17 inches piled up by 4 a.m. Thursday broke a 24-hour

record total of 13 inches set in 1984. Spokane declared a "Condition Red" snow emergency, meaning crews will work around the clock until they complete a full city plow.

For Las Vegas, the storm left heavy wet accumulations of snow along the famed Strip. At least one carport toppled under the accumulated weight, authorities said, and motorists in Henderson parked their cars and walked home when tires spun as they tried to navigate slippery uphill climbs.

Thursday was the first snow day for Clark County schools since the 1979 storm, district spokesman Michael Rodriguez said.

Airlines resumed flights Thursday after canceling

dozens of them late Wednesday, McCarran airport spokesman Jerry Pascual said.

"Visibility has lifted. The outlook for the day is much better," Pascual said as the sun rose Thursday. Pascual said just one flight had gotten out overnight and stranded travelers were forced to sleep on lounge seats and floors at the nation's sixth-busiest airport.

In Arizona, snow was widespread in the state's higher elevations, with 24-hour accumulations reaching 10 inches in Flagstaff by daybreak. By 10 a.m. Thursday, official weather service measurements had 18 inches of snow on the ground in Flagstaff. Authorities said major high-

ways were open but advised drivers to be careful of packed snow and ice.

In western Washington, the Seattle School District had been mocked by some for closing schools Wednesday with just a threat of snow. The threat became a reality Thursday, and 4 inches of snow by midday left many drivers spinning their wheels on slippery roads.

The National Weather Service said the city even had an episode of "thundersnow" when a storm cell moved across Puget Sound.

Rachel Bjork, 36, waited in vain for a downtown bus at a stop in north Seattle as four outboard buses passed.

"I'm getting a little annoyed. It's cold," Bjork said.

"I would suspect there's probably going to be four people at work. Usually there's 30."

In Kitsap County, across Puget Sound from Seattle, authorities said freezing weather may have claimed the life of a 36-year-old man who wandered from his house wearing only light clothing. Deputies said he had been ill and there was no evidence of foul play.

Even Malibu, Calif., got a dusting of snow Wednesday, as the usually balmy city saw a half-inch in the afternoon.

"It's kind of cool if you think about it, said Craig Levy, director of a juvenile detention camp. "It's kind of unusual to see snow in Malibu."

AP writers Robert Jablon, Elliot Spagat, and Nicholas Geranios, contributed to this report.

NATION

Arkansas family welcomes 18th child, a girl

ROGERS, Ark. (AP) — An Arkansas woman has given birth to her 18th child.

Michelle Duggar delivered the baby girl by Caesarean section Thursday at Mercy

Medical Center in Rogers. The baby, named Jordyn-Grace Makiya Duggar, weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and was 20 inches long.

"The ultimate Christmas gift from God," said Jim Bob Duggar, the father of the 18 children. "She's just absolutely

beautiful, like her mom and her sisters."

The Duggars now have 10 sons and eight daughters.

Jim Bob Duggar said Michelle started having contractions Wednesday night. She needed the C-section, her third, because the baby was lying sideways. Jim Bob said

both baby and mother were doing well Thursday night.

"We both would love to have more," he said.

The cable network TLC broadcasts a weekly show about the Duggars, called "17 Kids and Counting." Chris Finneegan of TLC

— which handles public relations for the Duggar family — said the show's name would be updated to account for the latest addition to the family. He said TLC also will air a show Dec. 22 on the baby's delivery.

Jim Bob Duggar is 43, a year older than his wife. Their oldest child, Joshua, is 20.

The other Duggar children, in between Joshua and Jordyn-Grace, are Jana, 18; John-David, 18; Jill, 17; Jessa, 16; Jinger, 14; Joseph, 13; Josiah, 12; Joy-Anna, 11; Jeremiah, 9; Jedidiah, 9; Jason, 8; James, 7; Justin, 6; Jackson, 4; Johannah, 3; and Jennifer, 1.

Todd Lickliter's squad looks to make it four in a row when it visits Drake on Saturday. **2B**



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Phoenix 2, Nashville 1



The Iowa Hawkeyes are going to the Outback Bowl, and *The Daily Iowan* will have you covered.

Starting Dec. 29, make sure to visit dailyiowan.com for complete coverage of the 2009 Outback Bowl from both the *DI* and Daily Iowan TV. The *DI* will put up stories on its website daily, in addition to exclusive photo slide shows, from all the events in Tampa before, during, and after the game. In addition, Daily Iowan TV will have 15-minute webcasts from Tampa.

Check out dailyiowan.com immediately following the 2009 Outback Bowl for a recap of what transpires inside Raymond James Stadium and then again on Jan. 2 for complete postgame coverage, including a photo slide show as well as video.

BASEBALL

Big Ten moves baseball tourney

For the first time in 15 years, the Big Ten Baseball Tournament has been moved to a "neutral" site for the upcoming season, conference officials and the Greater Columbus Sports Commission announced on Thursday.

Newly built Huntington Park, home to the Cleveland Indians' Triple-A affiliate in Columbus, Ohio, will serve as the host site in 2009 May 20-23.

With the exception of the 1993 and 1994 seasons, the end-of-season tourney has been played at the home field of the Big Ten regular-season champion or the champion of a pre-determined division, since its inception in 1981. Last season, Michigan hosted the event for the third-straight time at historic Ray Fisher Stadium in Ann Arbor, Mich.

"We are very excited about the Big Ten Tournament moving to a neutral site," Iowa head coach Jack Dahm said in a statement. "It gives us an opportunity to draw more interest and larger crowds, which will create a better environment for the student-athletes."

Iowa has played in seven conference tournaments, two of which have come in the last four years. The Hawkeyes' last trip was in 2007.

— by Ryan Young

Two aces, \$243.5 million, and a lot of hopes

NEW YORK (AP) — Most teams triumphantly unveil a new ace. The New York Yankees presented a pair.

The sign board outside Old Yankee Stadium beamed with an unusual message Thursday for a ballpark that already has seen its final game: "LET'S PLAY TWO," read the top line. "CC & AJ 1 PM TODAY," said the lower.

For \$243.5 million, a lot in most places but a trifle in a city where a financier is accused of swindling billions, the Yankees signed two pitchers they hope will restore the franchise's glory when it moves across the street to the new \$1.3 billion Yankee Stadium next year.

TV TODAY

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• Cleveland at Denver, 9:30 p.m., ESPN

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• Chicago at Calgary, 8 p.m., CSN+

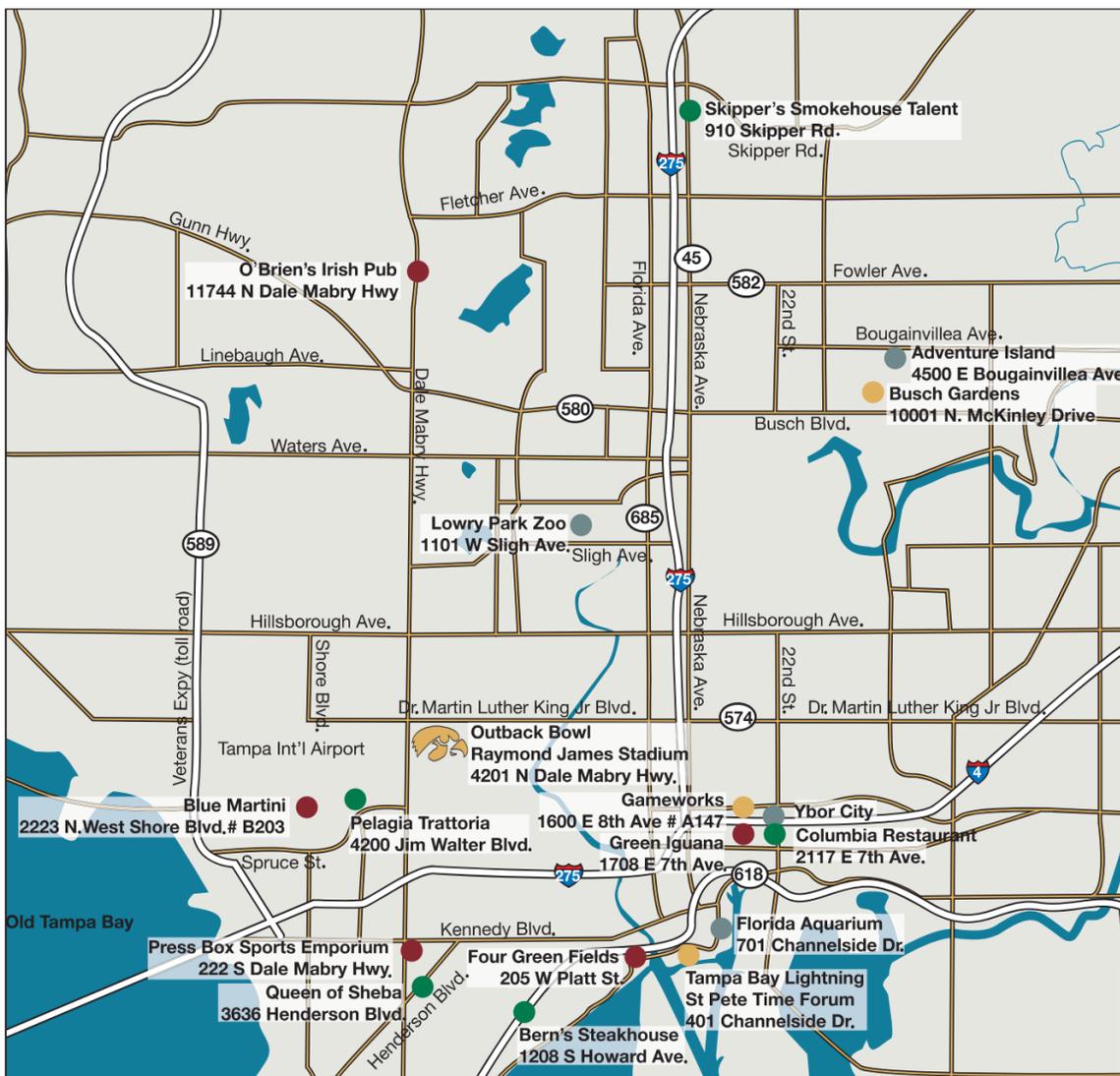
NCAA FOOTBALL
• Football Champion Series, national championship, Montana vs. Richmond, in Chattanooga, Tenn., 7 p.m., ESPN2

Welcome to TAMPA

Jan. 1, 2009 Outback Bowl

Rejoice, football fans. As you've surely heard, the Hawkeyes are headed to Tampa to take on South Carolina in the 2009 Outback Bowl. So you booked your flights (or scraped together some gas money from between the cushions of your couch), ordered your tickets, and purchased a new pair of swim trunks.

But how are you going to spend your time in Florida beyond the three hours in Raymond James Stadium? Relax, we here at the *Daily Iowan* have you covered. Below is a map detailing the best places the Tampa area has to offer. Go ahead, cut it out and take it with you. We won't be mad, that's what it's there for. Enjoy your trip, and go Hawks!



Places to eat:

- Bern's Steak House**
Rated as one of the best steak houses in the U.S., it also boasts the world's largest wine list.
- Skipper's Smokehouse**
Enjoy "Floribbean" food and nightly live music.
- Columbia Restaurant**
Established in 1905, this is the largest Spanish restaurant in the U.S.
- Queen of Sheba**
Ethiopian cuisine, rated 2008's "Best new Restaurant" by Best of the Bay.
- Pelagia Trattoria**
Authentic Mediterranean food, rated among America's top restaurants by Zagat in 2005 and 2006.

Places to drink:

- Four Green Fields**
A thatched-roof Irish pub featuring traditional Irish music and spirits.
- Press Box Sports Emporium**
Catch all the sports outside the Outback Bowl at this sports bar.
- O'Brien's Irish Pub**
Relaxed atmosphere with live music on the weekends.
- Green Iguana**
Voted Tampa's best bar by the *Weekly Planet* with live music every night.
- Blue Martini**
Florida's "premier" martini lounge, for those of you with a little class (and a big wallet).

Cultural attractions:

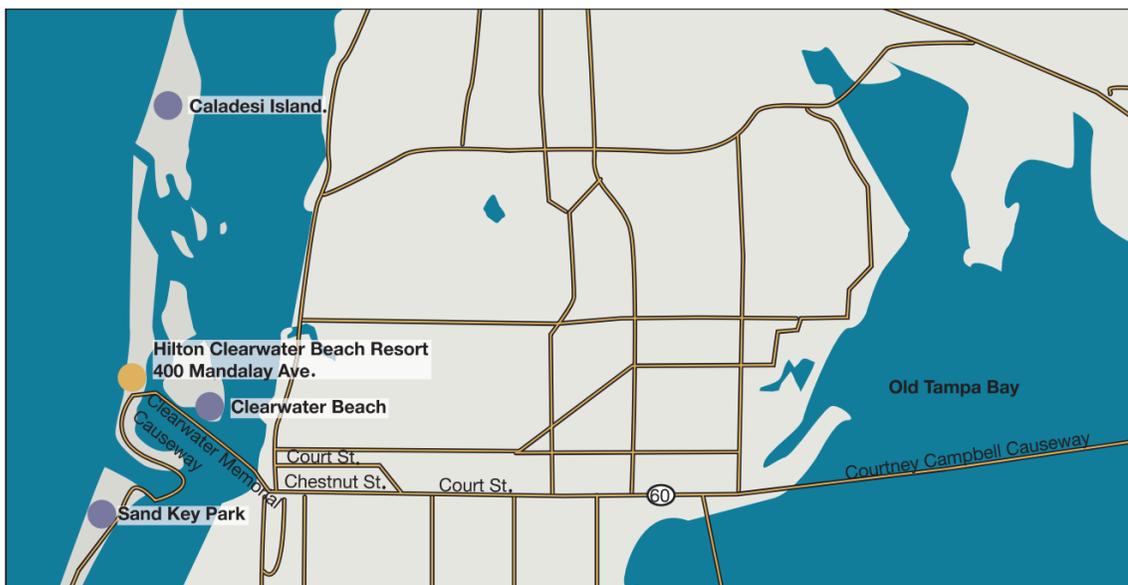
- "Light Up Tampa Bay" Dec. 31**
Live entertainment and a midnight ball drop with fireworks show over the waterfront downtown.
- Lowry Park Zoo**
Named the #1 family-friendly zoo by *Child Magazine*.
- Florida Aquarium**
("Aqua Eve" Party Dec. 31)
Boasts over 20,000 aquatic plants and animals.
- Ybor City**
Founded in the 1880's by cigar manufacturers, Tampa's "Latin Quarter."

For Iowa fans:

- Busch Gardens Dec. 28**
This Africa-theme park provides your roller-coaster and thrill-ride fix.
- Hilton Clearwater Beach Resort Dec. 30**
Join the Hawkeye Marching Band and cheerleaders for a day at the beach.
- Team night at Tampa Bay Lightning game Dec. 27**
Playing the Montréal Canadiens at 7:30 p.m.
- Player's night at GameWorks Dec. 29**
The teams will compete on the virtual field before they compete on the real turf.
- New Year's Eve Parade & Pep Rall in Ybor City**
Featuring floats and twenty marching bands, starts at 5:30 p.m.

Beaches:

- Clearwater Beach**
Take in a real Florida sunset at Pier 60 at least once before you leave.
- Caladesi Island**
"Dr. Beach," or Stephen P. Leatherma, ranked it as the second-best beach in America this year.
- Sand Key Park**
Near Clearwater Beach, but with less tourism so it's a good place to avoid the crowds.



Jessica Baker, Brian Dau and Kate Rhomberg/The Daily Iowan

SPORTS 'N' STUFF

Tucker might return Sat.

By CHARLIE KAUTZ
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Second-year coach Todd Lickliter could give Hawkeye fans an early Christmas present if he chooses to unwrap sharpshooter Anthony Tucker on Saturday against Drake.

Eleven days after Tucker was indefinitely suspended for a violation of team rules, the freshman guard returned to practice Thursday, and he will likely play against the Bulldogs in Iowa's bid for a fourth-straight win.

"I think Saturday would be a rushed timeline, but I'm not going to rule it out," Lickliter said. "I'm not going to say it's a guarantee, either."

Initially calling Tucker's situation a "lapse in judgment," Lickliter has been pleased with his leading scorer's response to an alcohol-related incident that kept him out of wins over Northern Iowa and Iowa State.

"He has met a lot of the responsibilities," Lickliter said. "He was suspended from team participation, but he's always been a part of the team. He's been at every practice and been involved."

"... I really respect his approach to this point."

After a grueling stretch of schedule that included six games in two weeks and a trip to Las Vegas, players enjoyed a week of light workouts and heavy workloads in preparation for final exams. If Tucker returns Saturday, the time off could prove especially beneficial for a team with seven players approaching their first experience against Big Ten competition.

"I think some time off is going to help," sophomore guard Jake Kelly said. "We've played 11 games so far, and maybe some legs were a little tired."

At 9-2 overall, Iowa is just four wins away from matching last year's total of 13, and it



JULIE KOEHN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa fans watch as junior guard Jermain Davis shoots a free throw against Iowa State in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Dec. 12. The Hawkeyes look to cap the in-state trifecta on Saturday when they visit the Knapp Center in Des Moines to play Drake.

ON THE WEB

Go to dailiowan.com to hear what members of the men's basketball team think about their in-state showdown with Drake on Saturday in Des Moines.

could complete a sweep of in-state opponents Saturday.

Last season, the Hawkeyes struggled against the Bulldogs' zone defense, finding themselves outmatched physically in a 56-51 home loss. Drake's first win in Iowa City since 1967 was led by returning starter Josh Young, who torched Iowa's guards for game-high 14 points.

"None of the losses were good, but especially that one," sophomore guard Jeff Peterson said. "It wasn't fun."

Perhaps the only positive for Iowa, who ranks 10th nationally in 3-point percentage (.421), is that the Bulldogs have struggled to defend distance shooting. The Hawkeyes made nine 3-pointers in the loss to Drake last year and look to Tucker's return as a spark for another hot shooting night.

"I'm excited about it," Kelly said. "Anytime we can have a guy like [Tucker] spread the

floor, it's going to help us."

If the absence of its emerging top scorer has served any benefits for Iowa, it's been the continued development of unselfish attitudes on the floor. The team's most recent victory, a 16-point undressing of Iowa State on Dec. 12, saw four players score in double figures as the Hawkeyes shot a combined 48 percent from the floor.

Hoping to eclipse the 10-win landmark before a brief holiday break, the Iowa players

EVENT

Iowa (9-2) at Drake (8-3)

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Projected starting lineups

Iowa Hawkeyes (9-2)

F Jermain Davis	6-4	200	Jr.
F Cyrus Tate	6-8	255	Sr.
G Matt Gatens	6-5	215	Fr.
G Jeff Peterson	6-0	192	So.
G Jake Kelly	6-6	200	So.

Drake Bulldogs (8-3)

F Brent Heemskerck	6-8	225	Sr.
F Jonathan Cox	6-8	225	Sr.
G/F Adam Templeton	6-5	225	Jo.
G Craig Stanley	5-11	190	Jr.
G Josh Young	6-1	170	Jr.

believe that team-first focus could pay big dividends later in the season.

"All that matters at the end is the 'W,'" freshman guard Matt Gatens said. "That's what pretty much everyone on this team has bought into."

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(75-29) (2ND)

OUTBACK BOWL

IOWA — Do I really need to justify this selection?

IOWA — Shonn Greene's NFL try-out: Take one.

IOWA — Doak + Johnnie = 2 good Walkers celebrating together in Tampa.

IOWA — Hopefully, the Minnesota stomping wasn't a fluke.

IOWA — The Gamecocks seriously might only score three points.

SOUTH CAROLINA — Women at South Carolina have the best college T-shirt slogans.

IOWA — I'm not an idiot. Never have been.

ALAMO BOWL

MIZZOU — Northwestern's not stopping Jeremy Maclin.

MIZZOU — Welcome to Heartbreak, Wildcats.

NORTHWESTERN — Revenge of the Nerds. Truly.

MIZZOU — Northwestern is not better than a Big 12 team.

MIZZOU — Well, this one won't be close.

NORTHWESTERN — In a cat fight, pick the one with a lake view.

MIZZOU — Remember the Apostrophe? Mizzou wins battle of top J-Schools.

CAPITAL ONE BOWL

MICHIGAN ST. — Javon Ringer will run all over Georgia's horrendous defense.

GEORGIA — Knowshon isn't a word; he's a football player. You're cheating.

GEORGIA — If I were a runner-up, I'd be a RB in this game, too.

GEORGIA — Enter Knowshon Moreno and the Dawgs from the Dirty South.

GEORGIA — Ditto here.

GEORGIA — Dogs love Spartan diet. Who knew?

GEORGIA — Ringer no Iowa.

ROSE BOWL

USC — I hope this is better than the last couple of Rose Bowls.

USC — Joe Paterno stars in Discovery feature, "When Dinosaurs Roamed America."

PENN ST. — Trojans burst under pressure. Just ask Snoop Dogg.

PENN ST. — Yeah, I am that crazy.

USC — The Rose Bowl has turned into USC's annual demantling on the Big Ten's premiere team.

PENN STATE — Penn St. uses Trojan Lion to trick Troy. (Well, it worked with a horse.)

USC — Heart says JoePa, but USC too stout on defense.

ORANGE BOWL

CINCY — Watching Virginia Tech's offense is like watching water boil.

VA TECH — "Macho" Harris snaps into a Slim Jim.

CINCY — At least the best of the (Big) least is good.

CINCY — Bear + Cat = giant sloth-like mammal from South-East Asia.

VA TECH — Worst BCS game ever.

VIRGINIA TECH — It's a Hokie time of year.

VA TECH — Bearcats? Seriously? Drop the cat, Cincy.

SUGAR BOWL

ALABAMA — I'm seeing Julio Jones having a big game.

ALABAMA — I would like to throw a shoe at Nick Saban.

ALABAMA — Ute 12-0 start deserves a better finish... oh well!

ALABAMA — Formerly undefeated Tide should be a shoe-in.

ALABAMA — If I'm Utah, I'm not too happy about facing an angry Nick Saban with a month to prepare.

UTAH — No Ute at all for Red Tides.

ALABAMA — From No. 1 to playing Utah... how the mighty have fallen.

FIESTA BOWL

TEXAS — Colt McCoy SHOULD HAVE won the Heisman.

TEXAS — Nothing says "Merry Christmas" like a Maurice Clarett jersey.

OHIO ST. — When I think Big 12, I think HORRIBLE DEFENSE.

TEXAS — Terrelle Pryor gets schooled by Colt McCoy.

TEXAS — Mack Brown isn't the happiest coach right now, either.

OHIO STATE — Read my lips: No new Texas.

TEXAS — Big Ten's in for a rough bowl season.

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FLORIDA — St. Tim Tebow, Gators part Crimson sea of defenders.

FLORIDA — Thank you Gators, you'll prove the Big 12's overrated.

FLORIDA — Tim Tebow shows Sam Bradford why he should have won a second Heisman.

FLORIDA — Bradford's Heisman curse doesn't help OU's chances here.

OKLAHOMA — Later, Gator.

FLORIDA — Worst-Heisman-Speech-Ever deliverer Bradford fails again.

MEN'S BIG TEN BASKETBALL

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Minnesota	0	0	.000	9	0	1.000
Ohio St.	0	0	.000	7	0	1.000
Illinois	0	0	.000	9	1	.900
Northwestern	0	0	.000	7	1	.875
Iowa	0	0	.000	9	2	.818
Penn St.	0	0	.000	9	2	.818
Purdue	0	0	.000	8	2	.800
Wisconsin	0	0	.000	8	2	.800
Michigan	0	0	.000	7	2	.778
Michigan St.	0	0	.000	7	2	.778
Indiana	0	0	.000	5	5	.500

Utah	16	11	.593	2
Minnesota	4	21	.160	13
Oklahoma City	2	24	.077	15%
Pacific	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	21	3	.875	—
Phoenix	15	10	.600	6%
L.A. Clippers	7	18	.280	14%
Golden State	7	19	.269	15
Sacramento	7	19	.269	15

Thursday's Games
Orlando 90, San Antonio 78
Phoenix at Portland, late
Today's Games
L.A. Clippers at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 6 p.m.
Chicago at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Golden State at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Utah at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Memphis, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Miami, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Denver, 9:30 p.m.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	East		T	Pct	PF	PA
	W	L				
N.Y. Jets	9	5	0	.643	385	319
New England	9	5	0	.643	350	302
Miami	9	5	0	.643	283	269
Buffalo	6	8	0	.429	306	306
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Tennessee	12	2	0	.857	344	197
y-Indianapolis	11	4	0	.733	354	298
Houston	7	7	0	.500	319	343
Jacksonville	5	10	0	.333	295	340
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Pittsburgh	11	3	0	.786	302	192
Baltimore	9	5	0	.643	325	213
Cleveland	4	10	0	.286	232	305
Cincinnati	2	11	0	.179	174	358
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	8	6	0	.571	326	353
San Diego	6	8	0	.429	346	302
Oakland	3	11	0	.214	205	348
Kansas City	2	12	0	.143	254	386

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	East		T	Pct	PF	PA
	W	L				
x-N.Y. Giants	11	3	0	.786	374	246
Dallas	8	6	0	.571	362	288
Philadelphia	8	5	1	.577	369	273
Washington	7	7	0	.500	231	266
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Carolina	11	3	0	.786	353	264
Tampa Bay	9	5	0	.643	313	251
Atlanta	9	5	0	.643	336	281
New Orleans	7	7	0	.500	390	353
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	9	5	0	.643	342	290
Chicago	8	6	0	.571	331	302
Green Bay	5	9	0	.357	371	339
Detroit	0	14	0	.000	240	444
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Arizona	8	6	0	.571	368	353
San Francisco	5	9	0	.357	295	341
Seattle	3	11	0	.214	260	355
St. Louis	2	12	0	.143	189	417

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Arizona at New England, 12 p.m.
San Francisco at St. Louis, 12 p.m.
San Diego at Tampa Bay, 12 p.m.
Cincinnati at Cleveland, 12 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Seattle, 3:05 p.m.
Houston at Oakland, 3:05 p.m.
Buffalo at Denver, 3:05 p.m.
Atlanta at Minnesota, 3:15 p.m.
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Iowa quarterback Ricky Stanzi is congratulated by Hawkeye fans at the Metrodome in Minneapolis on Nov. 22. Stanzi will lead the Hawkeye offense against a stingy South Carolina defense during the 2009 Outback Bowl on New Year's Day in Tampa, Fla.

Expect game 'D'

By BRENDAN STILES

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Before he became South Carolina's head coach in 2005, Steve Spurrier spent 12 seasons in Florida, where he was considered one of college football's elite coaches, and his Gators dominated the SEC competition.

During Spurrier's tenure in Gainesville, Fla., Iowa defensive coordinator Norm Parker was at Vanderbilt, trying to concoct schemes to slow down the fun-and-gun implemented by the Ol' Ball Coach.

A decade later, the man senior defensive tackle Mitch King consistently calls "a genius" will try to devise a plan for the Hawkeyes to slow down Spurrier's Gamecocks in the 2009 Outback Bowl.

While South Carolina may not be as talented now as any of Spurrier's Florida teams, Parker still believes the Gamecock coach can pull off anything at any time.

"Spurrier is a confident guy, so he's not afraid to line up in any kind of crazy formation," Parker said during a press conference Thursday. "I think when he goes golfing and hits a ball in the trap, he goes in the trap and draws plays in the sand."

Three members of the defense Parker noted as leading by example this season are the three starting seniors who are playing their final games as Hawkeyes on New Year's Day — King, defensive tackle Matt Kroul, and cornerback Bradley Fletcher.

Those three players, as well as the remaining Iowa defenders, put together one of their finest performances of 2008, blanking Minnesota, 55-0, in the Metrodome on Nov. 22. But even though it doesn't get much better than shutting out a conference rival on its home turf, Parker's expectations are even higher for this upcoming game against South Carolina.

"We should get better," he said. "We're a couple weeks older, we're a couple weeks

stronger, we're a couple weeks more mature. So I guess in theory, everybody should be a better football player."

On the offensive side of the ball, the play of two individuals this season seems to stand out: sophomore quarterback Ricky Stanzi, who took over as the full-time starting signal-caller when Big Ten play opened up in late September, and junior running back Shonn Greene, who went from hauling furniture in 2007 to hauling off the Big Ten's Player of the Year in 2008.

It's no secret that handing the ball to Greene has been the Hawkeyes' recipe for success, but given that the Gamecocks possess the third-best pass defense in the country, it's also clear South Carolina plans to load the box and force Stanzi to win the game with his arm.

The challenge South Carolina presents against the pass is one the Mentor, Ohio, native said he's ready for, adding he has already noticed how effective the Gamecocks have been defensively with disguising different looks.

"It's something you always want to have playing a great team," Stanzi said. "We knew that their defense would be really good, and they have a good pass defense. It will be a good challenge for us."

Meanwhile, offensive coordi-

2009 OUTBACK BOWL

Iowa (8-4, 5-3) vs. South Carolina (7-5, 3-5)

When: Jan. 1, 2009

Where: Raymond James Stadium, Tampa, Fla.

Kickoff: 10 a.m. CST

TV: ESPN

Radio: KKIC-AM 800

nator Ken O'Keefe got to publicly praise his star running back on Thursday, emphasizing how his biggest attributes as a runner are getting yards on his own, making defenders miss tackles, and most importantly, being able to finish plays.

"When you can score a touchdown from 75 yards out, that makes things a lot easier for everybody," O'Keefe said. "The one thing that makes him different to me is that he has great patience in the run game and he sees things extremely well. He'll tell you exactly what the lineman did and what the defender did in most situations."

The 2009 Outback Bowl will take place in Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Fla., with kickoff scheduled for 10 a.m. CST. The game can be seen on ESPN.

'As a coach, he's a young guy, he's energetic, he's a motivator, and he's just an amazing coach.'

— Mitch King, senior defensive tackle

Aide once worked Gamecock sideline

A reunion of sorts is in store for Iowa defensive-line coach Rick Kaczenski.

By BRENDAN STILES

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As football teams, Iowa and South Carolina are as unfamiliar to one another as it gets.

When the Hawkeyes and Gamecocks square off in Tampa on New Year's Day morning, they'll be lining up on the gridiron against each other for the first time.

But on the Iowa coaching staff is a connection between the two programs — defensive-line coach Rick Kaczenski.

Long before joining Kirk Ferentz's staff as a graduate assistant in 2005, the former Notre Dame offensive lineman got his first collegiate coaching gig in 1999, when Lou Holtz took the reins at South Carolina.

Kaczenski, who played during Holtz's final seasons in South Bend, Ind., spent three years as an assistant, coaching the Gamecocks' offensive line and receivers.

His reaction to hearing Iowa would face South Carolina was mellow, mainly because the majority of people he worked with before are no longer there. But given the parallels he drew between the two programs, his excitement level is high.

"South Carolina is the same type of state as Iowa — there are no professional teams," Kaczenski said. "The Gamecocks are the team, and they get all the support in state. They have the same type of fans. They got great support, a great following."

"I know Columbia is buzzing, and I know Iowa

City's buzzing, the whole state of Iowa. It's going to be great. It's going to be a great experience."

Much like the Hawkeyes' first year under Ferentz (when Iowa finished 1-10), South Carolina's 1999 season was one many Gamecock fans attempt to forget; the team finished 0-11.

Even through the growing pains, Kaczenski noticed continuing improvement as each week passed.

"We knew exactly what we were getting, and we knew we had a bunch of guys that believed in the system that we were doing," Kaczenski said. "Throughout the whole season, we just stayed the course. On the inside, we felt good about the direction we were heading, even though we went 0-11."

The two ensuing seasons in Columbia were the Gamecocks' most memorable of the Lou Holtz era. In both 2000 and 2001, South Carolina found itself playing in the Outback Bowl pitted against Ohio State.

The Gamecocks won both meetings with the Buckeyes. The first was a 24-7 win in what was John Cooper's final game as Ohio State's coach, and the latter was a last-second 31-28 victory over Jim Tressel.

"We were excited about going both years," Kaczenski said. "It's just a great bowl, a first-class bowl, and playing on Jan. 1, there's nothing better."

Seven years later, Kaczenski returns to the Outback Bowl, ready to coach his fourth game along the sidelines at Raymond James Stadium.

Instead of firing up the Gamecocks' offense, he'll be across the field, implementing Norm Parker's defensive

schemes for such players as Matt Kroul and Mitch King.

King said he was grateful to have Kaczenski as a coach and is glad he's on the Hawkeyes' side this time around — his first time as a defensive line coach, though in 2005 he worked the sidelines at the same bowl for the Hawks against Florida as a graduate assistant.

"Coach Kaczenski is an amazing guy," the senior defensive tackle said Dec. 7, the day the match-up was announced. "As a coach, he's a young guy, he's energetic, he's a motivator, and he's just an amazing coach."

"He's not going to make it a personal vendetta against [South Carolina] or nothing like that. He's just going to try to make us better every day. That's what kind of guy he is."

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Hoopsters take aim at Drake

By JEFF PAWOLA

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No break for the Hawkeyes just yet — the Iowa women's basketball team will face off against Drake in its final non-conference game of the year Saturday at 11:05 a.m. in Des Moines.

The Hawkeyes (6-4) will match up against Drake (6-3) in the third-consecutive game against an in-state team. Having won their first two contests — against Iowa State and UNI — the Hawkeyes will attempt to claim Iowa as the Hawkeye State for the first time since 2004.

"It's very important. It's always been one of our goals, and we've never accomplished it," senior captain Kristi Smith said. "This year, we can, we have the potential to do so, and we can't take [Drake] lightly."

The Bulldogs are undefeated in the Knapp Center this season, standing 4-0. Despite that, the Hawkeyes have a history of recent success against the Bulldogs, having won six straight and three times having caught the Bulldogs knapping. Iowa's seventh-straight victory would result in head coach Lisa Bluder's third "state championship," with the first coming in 2002.

"We have goals; [the first] goal that we have is to be the state champions," she said. "It's a great motivation for us. We really want to be able to accomplish that."

Before claiming the title of "state champs," the Hawkeyes need to address Drake's strong suits, primarily, its full court press.

"We know they're going to press us, deny me and Kamille [Wahlin]," senior Wendy Ausdemore said. "We're working on breaking the press and other people bringing the ball up the court in practice."

Bluder made Drake sophomore and leading scorer Kristin Turk a point of emphasis in her Tuesday press conference.

"I think their strength is their guard play," she said. "Turk is shooting the ball very well; she rebounds well."

Iowa's first two victories against the in-state foes were by an average margin of 23 points, which is a quick turnaround from the two losses that preceded — each by 30 or more points to No. 12 California and No. 8 Duke. After Saturday's game, Iowa will need to have another quick turnaround in order to prepare for its first Big Ten contest of the season in Madison, Wis.

Iowa will tip off against Wisconsin on Dec. 22 at 7:05 p.m. in the Kohl Center. The Badgers finished eighth in the Big Ten last year and lost both of their contests against the Hawkeyes. Last year's contest in Madison, an 87-78 Iowa victory, gave the Hawkeyes a share of the Big Ten regular-season title with Ohio State.

Wisconsin has won 10 straight after losing its season-opener, and it is fresh off its own "state championship" after victories against Marquette, Wisconsin-Green Bay, and Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

HAWKEYE SPORTS

Kuczek honored

Iowa junior Christine Kuczek was named Big Ten Swimmer of the Week this week after playing a large part in the Hawkeyes' victory over Iowa State on Dec. 12.

The Hawkeyes defeated the Cyclones 196-104, with Kuczek winning the 100 and 200 freestyle events with times of 51.81 and 1:52.54.

She also picked up four points for the Hawkeyes by finishing second in the 50 freestyle (24.13) behind teammate junior Julie deBruin.

Kuczek has been enjoying a successful 2008-09 campaign, touching the wall first on five occasions in the 100 freestyle, as well as three times in the 200 freestyle.

The honor is a first for Kuczek, as well as the first in just more than two years for Iowa; current senior Alison Gschwend won the honor as a sophomore on Dec. 12, 2006.

Iowa will return to action Jan. 10 in a meet against Florida Atlantic, Florida International, and New York University in Miami.

— by Matt Leitzke



ROBIN SVEC/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa sophomore Kachine Alexander tries to regain possession as Iowa takes on UNI in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Dec. 11. The Hawkeye women will play Drake in Des Moines on Saturday.

IOWA (6-4) AT DRAKE (6-3)

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Projected starting lineups

- Iowa Hawkeyes (6-4)**
- G Kristi Smith 5-6 Sr. 11.0
 - G Kachine Alexander 5-9 So. 7.2
 - F Wendy Ausdemore 6-2 Sr. 9.2
 - F JoAnn Hamlin 6-3 Jr. 8.0
 - C Megan Skouby 6-6 Sr. 14.7
- Drake Bulldogs (6-3)**
- G Jordann Plummer 5-6 Jr. 11.2
 - G Kristin Turk 5-8 So. 14.2
 - G Kanieasha Agee 5-8 Jr. 0.4
 - F Kelsey Keizer 6-2 Sr. 2.1
 - C Lauren Dybing 6-3 Sr. 10.7

ON THE WEB

Go to dailyiowan.com to hear what members of the women's basketball team have to say about their showdown with Drake in Des Moines on Saturday.



Wood inks Indians' deal

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Kerry Wood thinks switching leagues will go as smoothly for him as his transition from starter to closer.

After agreeing to a \$20.5 million, two-year contract with the Cleveland Indians, Wood toured chilly, snow-covered Progressive Field on Thursday for the first time and said he couldn't wait to take the mound.

"I'm excited to get going," the 31-year-old right-hander said. "Coming to Cleveland is a challenge. I enjoy challenges."

"It never crossed my mind about switching leagues when I entered free agency. What was important was coming to a solid organization. All I heard was great things about the fans, the front office, and everything top to bottom."

A year ago, Wood embraced another move — into the closer's role with the Chicago Cubs. He responded with 34 saves and made the NL All-Star team.

"That move was great for me," Wood said. "The more I worked, the better I felt. I have no desire to ever start again. I'd like to keep closing as long as I can."

Wood's career as a record-setting starter was sidetracked by 11 trips to the disabled list in his first nine seasons. At one point, he spent 22 months rehabilitating from shoulder surgery that was expected to keep him sidelined four months.

"I was ready to hang it up a few times, but my wife kept me going," Wood said. "She went through a lot of pain, too. Not in her shoulder, but from dealing with me. She believed in me."

Indian manager Eric Wedge has full confidence that Wood will prop up the team's weakest link from a disappointing season. Cleveland came within one win of the 2007 World Series before slipping to 81-81 this year.

"A closer was our No. 1 priority," Wedge said. "Signing Kerry is exciting. It's more than just saves. Everyone else in the bullpen feeds off the closer. It has a huge effect on all the position players, too."

Wood said he relishes working with the game on the line.

"To have the bases loaded and none out is not the greatest situation to be in," Wood said. "I look at it as, hey, I'm out here. There were times when I wasn't sure I'd pitch again. Now that's pressure."



MARK DUNCAN/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pitcher Kerry Wood tries on his new Cleveland Indians jersey and hat with general manager Mark Shapiro on Thursday during a news conference in Cleveland. Wood got his first look at his new home ballpark after signing a two-year, \$20 million contract with the Indians.

As a rookie starter in 1998, Wood tied a major league record with 20 strikeouts in a game. He knows Cleveland fans will expect a lot and said that's no different from his time in Chicago. While the

Cubs haven't won a World Series since 1908, Cleveland's 60-year drought has been just as frustrating to Indians fans.

"Fans want to win," Wood said. "So do I, and I'll try my best to meet the challenge."

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Easily resolved New Year's resolutions to help you jump-start your self-actualization

- On Jan. 1, I resolve to wake up hung-over, amnesiac, both, or neither. I resolve to finish reading this sentence.
- I resolve to finish reading the previous sentence.
- I resolve to not have a polite conversation with Ann Coulter.
- I resolve to make a disgusted face every time I take a shot of tequila.
- I resolve to leave all my dirty (and clean) clothes piled up on, strewn near, and leading up to my Total Gym.
- I resolve to limit my intake of pizza to no more than 20 meals per week.
- I resolve to think about being a nicer person.
- I resolve to wake up every day, before or after noon.
- I resolve to look out for my own best interests, even when I outwardly appear to be altruistic.
- I resolve not to develop a taste for human flesh.
- I resolve to not admit how much I enjoy the Lifetime Movie Channel.
- I resolve to not get tasks or assignments done until one minute before they are due, or to spend that time finding flimsy excuses for my procrastination.
- I resolve to have better taste in music than you, no matter what you think.
- I resolve to quit drinking alcohol between sips.
- I resolve to not contract polio.
- I resolve to be smug if I own a TiVo or a hybrid.
- I resolve not to kill and inhabit the corpse of the noble, majestic tauntaun for warmth.
- I resolve to make *Star Wars* references.
- I resolve to not achieve at least one of my real resolutions.

- Andrew R. Juhl wishes you a fun, safe, and productive holiday break-or any one of the three.

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Campus channel 4, cable channel 17

- 12:30 p.m.** News from China-Beijing (in Chinese)
1 "Prairie Lights" Archives, John Marks
2 News from Germany (in German)
3 "Know the Score," music and talk, Dec. 5
5 Piano Sundays from the Old Capitol, Nov. 2
- 6:30** Iowa Brass Quintet in concert at the Old Capitol
8 "Java Blend" Encore, Mike Mangione
8:30 "Know the Score," Joan Kjaer hosts
10:30 Iowa Brass Quintet in concert at the Old Capitol

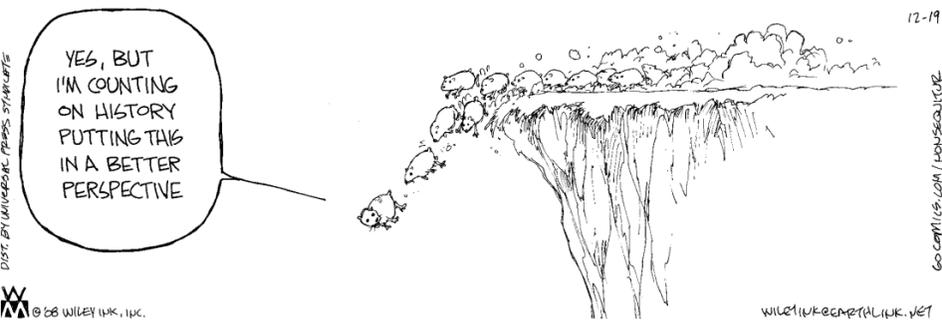
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- **Shop the Shelves**, 9 a.m., Bagolitas by Janice Llc, 315 W. Cherry St., North Liberty
- **"Java Blend," She Swings She Sways**, noon, Java House, 22 1/2 E. Washington
- **Noon Knit**, noon, Hardin Library
- **Turkana**, noon, UIHC Colloton Pavilion
- **Knitting Nurse**, 2 p.m., Home Ec. Workshop, 207 N. Linn
- **UI College of Education Teacher Education Convocation**, 4 p.m., IMU Main Lounge
- **School of Management (M.B.A.) Graduation Celebration**, Coralville Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, 300 E. Ninth St., Coralville
- **Fish Fry**, 5:30 p.m. Eagles Lodge, 225 Highway 1 W.
- **Karaoke at the Eagles**, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 225 Highway 1 W.
- **Nuncrackers**, 7:30 p.m., Old Creamery Theatre, 39 38th Ave., Amana
- **Santaland Diaries, City Circle Acting Company**, 7:30 p.m., Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington
- **Nick Stika**, 8 p.m., Roadies, 720 Pacha Parkway, North Liberty
- **The Beaker Brothers**, 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Daughters of the Sun, Sarah Johnson, and Chambers**, 9 p.m., Public Space One, 129 E. Washington
- **Friday Night Karaoke, with Gemini Karaoke**, 9 p.m., American Legion Post No.17, 3016 Muscatine Ave.
- **happyGolovely, the Anti, and Cygnus Bell**, 9 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
- **The Mayflies**, 9 p.m., Industry, 221 Iowa Ave.
- **Love Handles**, 9 p.m., Drinks Neighborhood Pub, 245 Beaver Kreek Center, North Liberty
- **Retro Club Night**, 9 p.m., Speak Easy, 171 Highway 1 W.
- **Top Shelf Karaoke**, 9 p.m., Roadies, 720 Pacha Parkway, North Liberty
- **Commencement Ceremonies: College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Tippie College of Business, College of Nursing, College of Education, and Carver College of Medicine**, 9 a.m. Saturday Carver-Hawkeye Arena
- **College of Law Commencement**, 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Boyd Law Building
- **College of Engineering Commencement**, noon, Macbride Hall
- **Graduate College Commencement**, 2 p.m., Carver-Hawkeye Arena

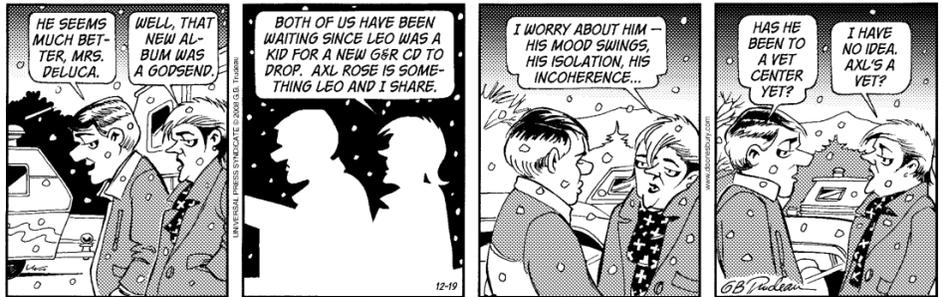
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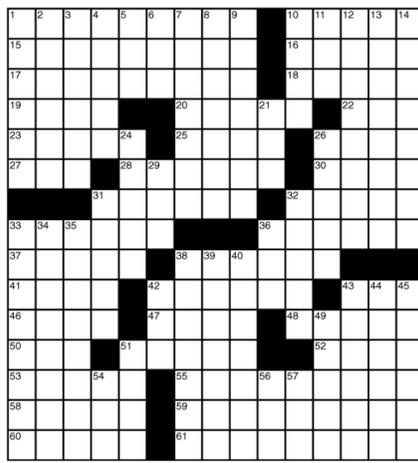
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- Across**
- A&W offering
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 - Ken McLaughlin's filly
 - "Eden Concert" artist
 - Locale for an outdoor party
 - ripper (historical romance)
 - Kind of tuner (Italian red wine)
 - "The Godfather Part II" Oscar winner
 - Crane operator's spot
 - Resort near the Rio Grande Gorge
 - Bookmarked collection
 - Box at the gym?
 - Land that's around 16% Muslim: Abbr.
 - Thing fit for a king
- Down**
- Record holder
 - Is out on a limb, maybe
 - Capable of generating heat
 - Edible mold
 - Mercurio speech subject
 - Warning in a school zone
 - In some way
 - Comparatively corrupt
 - Not so fast
 - Fresh
 - Certain pitcherful
 - Sourness
 - Pasta source
 - A sole might get caught in it
 - It stops the swinging, briefly
 - Uniform choice
 - Star of old horse operas
 - Legis. introduced into every session of Congress from 1923 to 1970
 - They often take people in



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LEICA HONG SCUD
 EXCEL EMIR CINE
 SPERM ROTO ANDA
 TICTACTOEWINNER
 ERA NEZ TATARS
 REPEAL JOHN MDI
 MCLEAN MOOR
 POISONWARNING
 CANT DENIAL
 OME PROD GISELE
 SPLISH BEL MAX
 THIRTYINOLDROME
 ULNA TRAX OATER
 MEET HAZE WREST
 ETRE MEIR NESTS

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